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Dear Friends,

This month we move through the season of Lent to the high point in the Christian year, as we conclude the month with Holy Week and the celebration of *Easter*. We look forward to the following very special services of worship:

SUNDAY, MARCH 6—Communion at all three worship hours. The Children’s Choir will sing at the 9:30 and 10:30 services. The sermon series on “Ten Truths that Change Life” will continue through the month.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13—Youth Sunday: This service, led entirely by our senior high and middle school youth, utilizes a lively mix of drama, dance, word, and music to present the gospel message. There will be two worship hours on March 13, at 8:30 and 10:30, in the sanctuary. Contemporary service worshipers should choose one or the other hour. At the 9:30 hour in the gymnasium, I will be presenting a Sunday Seminar entitled *The Truth and World Religions*; see the article about this below.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20—Palm Sunday: Our children will process with palms at the 10:30 worship hour. All children are invited to participate; children should meet in Pierson Hall prior to the service in order to be a part of the palm parade. Dr. Jonathan Smith will be preaching.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24—Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary: We remember Jesus’ Last Supper in Communion, and our Sanctuary Choir will present *A Service of Darkness* by Dale Wood. This service includes a *tenebrae*—a “service of shadows”—a powerful way of reflecting about Jesus’ journey to the cross. Child care will be provided during the hour-length service in room 107.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25—Good Friday Service, 7:30 PM, Gymnasium. This service features our praise band in a contemporary setting. Experience Jesus’ journey to the cross through a cycle of Scripture and contemporary Christian music, with the poignant symbolism of Good Friday. Child care will be provided during the hour-length service in room 107.

EASTER, MARCH 27—We rejoice in the good news of the Resurrection! Services are held at the usual hours of 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30, except that the 8:30 service is in the sanctuary. At the 8:30 and 10:30 hours, New Spirit will sing an extended prelude, beginning at 8:20 and 10:20; and Chancel Ringers will present the offertory. Our praise band leads the 9:30 service in the gymnasium. The sermon, entitled, “What Is Your Destiny?” will be the conclusion of the “Ten Truths that Change Life” series.

There will be a **Paschal Breakfast** throughout the morning in Pierson Hall, beginning at 9:00 AM, so that people can stop any time before or after any of our three worship hours. Please note that there is additional parking available at Henry Wahner’s restaurant. Sunday School classes and Children’s Choir are in session as always on Easter.

I look forward to sharing with you in worship!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

March 2016

Matthew 25:40 reads *“Then the king will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*

Every day, nearly 8,000 kids are dying from hunger-related causes. On the weekend of February 5 and 6, 34 of our youth participated once again in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine. For 30 hours, the youth of our church went hungry to raise funds to help hungry children around the world. This annual event creates an opportunity for our youth to make a huge impact on the continual problem of hunger and poverty both locally and worldwide, while at the same time experiencing in a small taste of what hunger is like. During the course of the weekend hundreds of canned goods were collected and donated to the food pantry at Kent Social Services. Students were also given the opportunity to experience homelessness sleeping outside on cardboard in 32-degree weather. Additionally, students participated in a variety of games and activities designed to teach us about the issue of hunger on a global scale. Over all the weekend was a fantastic learning experience and our youth went away with the understanding that they can make a difference for the world.

March Acolyte Schedule

MAR 6	Abbey Poole	Olivia DeVries
MAR 13	Faith Kaminski	Josh Thompson
MAR 20	Rhiannon Lewis	David Richardson
MAR 24	Abbey Poole	Faith Kaminski
MAR 27	Brandon Harvey	Nathan Palmer

Another way we give opportunity to your youth to make a difference in the world is through our mission trips. As many of you are aware the youth will be traveling again this summer to Mountain T.O.P. located in Altamont, Tennessee to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Plateau. Additionally we will return to the Leech Lake Reservation to be in ministry with the children of the Ojibwa tribe of Northern Minnesota. We are very excited to have 39 members of our youth group registered to attend Mountain T.O.P. and 16 registered to attend this year’s mission trip to Minnesota.

While each student attending is responsible for more than half of their individual cost for the week at Mountain TOP and 100% of their cost for Minnesota, we need to raise the funds to cover the remaining costs, including travel. Additionally, there are students from some families who will have difficulty paying their required portion. Therefore, we would like to ask the congregation to consider getting involved in our quest to raise the required funds for this year’s trip by participating in one of the following financial opportunities to help:

1. **Scholarships.** As mentioned above there are several families who may have difficulty in today’s economy paying for the required portion of their trip. Monies given go toward the required portion from each student, and full sponsorships are a wonderful way to help.
2. **Buy a brick.** At the time of this writing, our annual telethon brick sale will be **Sunday Afternoon, March 6 beginning at 3:00.** When the youth call please prayerfully consider supporting their efforts by purchasing a \$25 brick in support of these trips. Remember every gift, no matter how big or small, goes to make a difference in the lives of another.

While these trips may seem like huge undertakings, with God’s grace and your generous support we can make it happen.

Shalom,

Rick ∞

MARCH

2	Youth Sunday rehearsal 7–8 PM
6	7–8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
9	Youth Sunday rehearsal 7–8 PM
12	Confirmation 9:30–12
12	Youth Sunday rehearsal 12–2
13	Youth Sunday; no evening youth activities
20	No youth activities (Spring Break)
27	No youth activities (Easter)

Vacation Bible School

From June 13–17 (please note the week) our kids will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible School, SURF SHACK: Catch the Wave of Gods Amazing Love! Children in attendance at SURF SHACK will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to catch God's amazing love. During Vacation Bible School at SURF SHACK: CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD'S AMAZING LOVE, your students will become Surfers and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

After a high-energy opening assembly at the Surf Shack, the Surfers make their way to the Story Deck. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Wave Words for following God's plan for our lives, and your Surfers will discover Pop-Up Verses (Bible memory verses) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Hut, singing new music at Tidal Tunes, exploring science activities at Discovery Dunes, participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Shack Snacks. Along the way, the Surfers will hear about our mission project and enjoy being active!

We hope you will mark your calendar for June 13–17 (please note this is not our traditional week) and plan to attend VBS at the SURF SHACK!

Sincerely,

Your SURF SHACK VBS TEAM

Altar Flower Sign Up Available

The sign-up sheet for altar flower sponsoring is available in the Atrium. The cost is \$35 per week. The altar flowers will be displayed during the 8:30 and 10:30 services with your dedication in the bulletin. After worship on Sundays, the flowers are delivered to ill or grieving members of our congregation by volunteers from our UMW Circles. Please contribute to this important ministry by signing up for an upcoming Sunday. Payment can be made by writing "Altar Flowers" on your check or envelope.

United Christian Ministries Update

United Christian Ministries at Kent State University will host their Spring Fundraising Dinner on Friday, March 11 at 6:00 PM in Pierson Hall of the Kent United Methodist Church. Adult tickets are \$20 and children 12 and under eat free. Childcare will be available in the gym after the kids eat. The Italian Bistro themed menu includes Sparkling Punch, Salad & Bread, Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Vegetable, Mint Chocolate Cake. *Request Vegetarian Meal (eggplant parmesan) when placing reservation* Reservations are required and can be made on our website at www.myucm.org, by calling the office at 330-673-5687, or by purchasing tickets from a UCM student in local churches on March 6. If you are unable to attend, but would like to support our campus ministry, please consider purchasing a patron ticket or making an online donation. Proceeds from the dinner support UCM's student programs.

ADULT RETREAT 2016

All adults in the church family are invited to participate in the Adult Retreat. It will occur on April 15–17 at the Berlin Grande Hotel in Berlin, Ohio—the heart of Amish Country. We meet for dinner Friday evening at the Farmstead Restaurant adjacent to the hotel and wrap up with breakfast and a worship service led by Dr. Palmer on Sunday morning. We try to schedule a special dinner experience for Saturday evening. The activities of the weekend are yet to be planned but we always have a good time including some free time to enjoy the area. The total cost will be about \$250.00 per room including the Saturday evening dinner (two persons) plus meals on your own Friday night and Saturday noon. The hotel gives us a fine conference room for our meetings and has a great Breakfast Buffet. To participate, make out a deposit check for \$20.00 to the church marked "Adult Retreat Deposit" and give it to Roger Stiller or put it in the offering plate. For more info call Roger at 330-297-8933.

Spiritual Gifts Inventories

Spiritual Gifts Inventories are brief surveys that let the church know your particular talents and help you reflect on the gifts that God had granted you. If you did not have a chance to complete this survey at worship, Inventories are available throughout the church and are always accepted in the office.

Prayers & Squares A Prayer Quilt Ministry

The idea behind these quilts is simple, yet powerful. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is offered for someone in special need – someone who has asked us to pray for them. The quilt is then given to that person. What makes each quilt so special is not the pattern, color or workmanship, but the fact that prayer is symbolically tied into each one and the recipient is “covered in prayer.” **These comforters are a statement of faith, and a testimony to our belief in God and in the power of prayer.**

Since bringing this ministry to our church in the spring of 2006, we now have quilts that have been dedicated to individuals and others that are in the process. If you would like to be a sponsor for someone who is in need, you can contact Judy Smith at judytype@aol.com or Lynnette Begue-Lavery at lynnette@kentmethodist.org. Since this is an outreach ministry, you do not need to be a member of the church to either receive a quilt OR participate in the ministry.

We meet once a month to work together, plan and fellowship. **The Prayer Quilt Ministry meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM in Room 207.** If you plan to attend the meeting, or have any questions, please call. If you are unable to attend, but would like to participate by working at home, please contact Judy. Sewing ability is not required, but a willing heart and working hands are (there are many tasks). We are currently in need of someone to be the Prayer Quilt Co-Coordinator. This person will be responsible for finding recipients and getting their prayer request. If you might be interested, please contact us.

Here’s how you can support this ministry: participate in the group, tie a knot and offer the recipient’s silent prayer request, be a sponsor for someone you know who is in need of the special healing power of prayer, or make a monetary contribution to the UMCK designated “Prayer Quilt Ministry.” Funds are used for the purchase of materials.

KENT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNOUNCE MARCH MEETINGS

On March 2 at 9 AM, Miriam Circle will meet in the church Parlor. The program will be led by Sandra Andrews and will involve making cards to accompany the altar flower deliveries, which are taken to ill and shut-in members of the church. Kathy Coltrin and Gerry Strawman will serve as Co-hostesses. Devotions and Mission Moment will be presented by Ruthe Loughridge.

At 1 PM on March 2, Mary Reed Circle will meet in the church Parlor. Continuing with the program theme of the year of “Knowing More about Our Church” the program topic will be “Meet the Business Manager” and will be presented by Adam Alderson. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be delivered by Pat Gynn. Margaret and Phyllis Neel will Co-hostess.

Rebecca Circle will meet at 7:30 PM on March 8 in Pierson Hall for a program presented by Andrea Denton entitled “Blessed Are They Who Mourn.” Co-hostesses will be Sue Abbott, Judy Smith, and Donna Stiller. Devotions will be lead by Lee Hall and Gail Closs will present the Mission Moment.

Janus Circle will meet at 9:15 AM on March 13 in the Parlor. Devotions will be led by Janeen Phillips who will also serve as Hostess. The program will be a continuation of the study theme “Everyday Women—Ever Faithful God” and is entitled “Rahab—A Past and a Future.”

The Executive Board of the Kent United Methodist Women will meet at 7 PM on March 14 in the church Conference Room. President Denise Mote will preside.

Special Thanks from UMW

Great job everyone! This year we collected \$435.45 from your donations of Acme receipt tapes. This money is used exclusively for our Mission projects. This is a big jump compared to last years \$298.95, so keep up the good work! We will let you know when Acme begins the “Community Cash Back” fund raising for this calendar year. Please remember we need the entire cash register tape for it to be accepted.

Thank you,
United Methodist Women Board members.

2016 Janus Scholarship Announcement

It is that time again to apply to The Janus Circle Scholarship! The Janus Circle Scholarship was established in 2014 to recognize student members of the United Methodist Church of Kent, Ohio for their active involvement in our church and service to the community and who plan to pursue post-secondary education the following school year. Last year, the first scholarship was awarded to two members of our church.

The Janus Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have demonstrated an exceptional level of service in the church during their teen years. The application calls for a listing of all the points of a student's involvement; however, there are no GPA requirements or essay! Please note that although no initial essay is required, an essay may be requested by the Selection Committee at their discretion. In addition, any college-bound or other educational pursuit is eligible!

Applications are available from the church office or may be completed on-line on the UMC of Kent website. More details are also available on the website. Applications may be mailed or delivered in person to the church office to the attention of Adam Alderson, postmarked or received in person by April 15, 2016.

The award recipient(s) will be announced at Senior Recognition Sunday and it is possible for the award to be shared among multiple recipients.

Through this scholarship, the Janus Circle is tangibly recognizing the youth members who demonstrate their commitment and service to our church and community. For more information, please contact Denise Mote at 330-678-6048. Donations to the Janus Scholarship Endowment Fund are welcome; please mark your envelope Janus Circle Scholarship Fund! Good luck, seniors!

East Ohio Summer Camps

Our church has wonderful summer camp opportunities for elementary-aged children up through high school youth. A full description of this summer's camp opportunities may be found online at www.eastohiocamps.org.

To help enable young people to go to camp, our church will pay half the cost for any camper from our

The Truth and World Religions

March 13

9:30–10:15 AM

Leader: Dr. David Palmer

Location: Gymnasium

In the ongoing sermon series, "Ten Truths that Change Life," Dr. Palmer has been highlighting transformational truths that are proclaimed through God's Word. In the process, Dr. Palmer has often noted that there is among human beings a general spiritual awareness and a basic perception of spiritual truths, while at the same time he has lifted up distinctive and revolutionary truths that become clear in Christ.

In all this the question arises: What "truth" is to be found in non-Christian religions and philosophies, and if non-Christians perceive something of God, how do their beliefs relate to the truth of the gospel? Dr. Palmer will address this whole area in this fast-moving and enlightening seminar.

University of Life – Lenten Term Classes for adults—Sundays, 9:30–10:15 February 14–March 20

"John, the Gospel of Light and Life"

Leader: Rev. Douglas Denton

Location: Conference Room

During the 6 Sundays in Lent we are invited to join Adam Hamilton, by means of video presentations, and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while exploring major themes from the Gospel of John. One person writes that Adam Hamilton "invites us to find our own place in the Gospel story and to follow a fresh path to God".

No study book is needed. Just come to the Conference Room at 9:30 AM Sundays!

church for any one of our United Methodist camps. We call this financial assistance a "campership."

For full details on applying for and receiving a campership, please visit our website at www.kentmethodist.org, or contact Dr. Palmer or Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator.

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-8 pm Young Adult Group/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	2 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6:15 pm Potluck Supper/Pierson Hall 7 pm Lenten Program/PH 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	3 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	4	5 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
6 Regular Sunday Schedule Communion	7 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	8 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm Young Adult Group/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	9 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6:15 pm Potluck Supper/Pierson Hall 7 pm Lenten Program/PH 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	10 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	11 UCM Fundraising Dinner 6 PM/Pierson Hall	12 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
13 Youth Sunday Regular Sunday Schedule *No evening youth activities*	14 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	15 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm Young Adult Group/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	16 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6:15 pm Potluck Supper/Pierson Hall 7 pm Lenten Program/PH 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	17 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	18	19 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
20 Palm Sunday Regular Sunday Schedule *No evening youth activities*	21 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7:30-8:30 pm Ed. Committee/Conference Room	22 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm Young Adult Group/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	23 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	24 Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM/Sanctuary 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	25 Good Friday 7:30 PM/Gym	26 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
27 Easter Regular Sunday Schedule *No evening youth activities*	28 6 pm Kent Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	29 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm Young Adult Group/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	30 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	31 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:00 Holy Donut Shoppe/Kitchen 9:15 Children's Choir—4 years-6th grade 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School—Preschool-6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:45 Chancel Ringers/Sanctuary 5:00 pm Club 56/Gym 5:00 pm Resurrection (Youth Choir)/Choir Room 6:00 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit	

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
March 6	1	5
March 13	2	1
March 20	3	2
March 24/25	3/24 4	3/25 3
March 27	5	4

If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x10 or email Adam at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org.

- March 6-Sharon Coia
- March 13-Don Ashton
- March 20-TBA
- March 27-Janice Anderson



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go to the Friends and Family of:

- Jim Boodley
- Ken Hurd
- Leona Griffith
- Donald Moore

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Donna Byttner, Dottie Emerick, Tom Emerick, Marilyn Falkenberg, Pat Gynn, Louise Klein, Bob Meeker, Charlie Nichols, Tom Pierson, Karen Zeager

MARCH LAY READERS

MAR 6	Judith Nedel
MAR 13	Youth Sunday
MAR 20	Kathy Hardy
MAR 27	Douglas Denton

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

MARCH 6	Jack Miller
MARCH 13	Gary Mote/Eric Wertz
MARCH 20	Eric Wertz
MARCH 24	Gary Mote
MARCH 27	Brittany Brode

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. Flowers always lift my spirits.
 Most of all, thank you for your prayers. The power of group and individual prayer is ever apparent in our everyday lives and times of special need.
 This knee replacement recovery seems to be moving along at a snail's pace. I try to celebrate each small step toward recovery.
 I sincerely thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Pat Gailey

P.S. Thank you Rev. Denton for taking the time to come to the hospital.

Thanks to all who donated to my retirement. Your donation was a delightful surprise and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
 Margie Stahl

I am truly grateful to Phyllis and Margaret Neel for taking their time to take me to my doctor visits over the past several months. Thanks also to Rachel Slippy for delivering me the altar flowers. They added sunshine to the day!

Ever Grateful,
 Margie Stahl

Thanks to the United Methodist Women for their generous donation to my retirement. It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to work for you.

Sincerely,
 Margie Stahl

I would like to send a big thank you to the Kent Methodist Church, also I would like to thank Doug Denton for the phone calls and visit when I was in the hospital with my illness. It was very nice to meet Mavis Palmer when she brought flowers and a card to our home. Thank you, we enjoyed the flowers very much.

Scott Hershiser

Dear Friends,

Tom and I want to thank all of you who have been there for us during our surgeries. Especially, Doug for his visits and phone calls, Margaret and Phyllis Neel for bringing flowers, Janis and Mark Anderson and Janelle and George Wargo for the loan of helpful apparatus, and many others for calls, cards, and offers of help. We know how truly blessed we are by having such a strong Church Family.

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. You are also in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom and Dottie Emerick



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Mailed February 24

Alleluia! Easter is March 27!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
March 6	"Am I My Brother's (or Sister's) Keeper?"	Genesis 4:1-15 Matthew 5:43-48	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, Children's Choir
March 13		Youth Sunday		Resurrection, ZAMARingers
March 20			Rev. Jonathan Smith	Palm Sunday
March 24	Maundy Thursday	7:30 pm Service in the Sanctuary	<i>A Service of Darkness</i> by Dale Wood performed by the Sanctuary Choir	
March 25	Good Friday	7:30 pm Service in the Gym	Musical selections performed by the praise band	
March 27	"What Is Your Destiny?"	Mark 10:35-45 Matthew 18:1-4	Dr. David Palmer	Chancel Ringers



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