



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

This month we look forward to a number of very special events in worship, with the following schedule:

Sunday, May 1—Handel’s Messiah Our sanctuary choir, accompanied by a small orchestra, will present excerpts from parts II and III (crucifixion and resurrection sections) of Handel’s Messiah at the 10:30 worship hour. There will be Communion at the 8:30 and 9:30 hours only (there will be a Communion opportunity later in the month at the 10:30 hour on May 15). The sermon series on “Christ Versus the Powers of Evil” continues at all three hours.

Sunday, May 8—Mother’s Day and Children’s Choir Musical Our Children’s Choir will present the delightful musical, “Spend a While on the Nile,” at the 10:30 service. Resurrection will also sing at 9:30 and 10:30. New Spirit will be doing the prelude for the 10:30 service. The sermon series concludes with a sermon entitled, “Ghostbusters.”

Sunday, May 15—Confirmation/Pentecost We celebrate Confirmation at the 10:30 hour, which also includes Communion. ZAMARingers will play the offertory. At all three hours we celebrate Pentecost—the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and the birthday of the church.

Sunday May 22—Graduate Recognition We will recognize our high school graduates at all three worship hours. Seniors are asked to communicate to Rick Stout which service(s) they are planning to attend. The recognition at the 10:30 hour will be prior to 10:50, so that seniors will be able to depart from the service in time for Baccalaureate. There will also be a recognition of senior ZAMARingers. The Chancel Ringers will play for the final time this spring. There will also be a *brass quintet* playing at the 10:30 hour.

Sunday, May 29—UMW Sunday A team of our United Methodist Women will present the message, using a lively mix of drama, word, and song. Since this is also Memorial Day weekend, we will have geraniums adorning the sanctuary (given in honor or memory of veterans), and we will have a moment of recognition for veterans during worship. There will be a Blanket Sunday offering on this day.

We are blessed to have so many people who share their gifts in various ways in worship!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

May 2016

April has been an exciting and very busy month for our youth. The month began with the confirmation class completing their final service project for the year by moving and stacking logs at Camp Asbury. On the 17th, our Mountain TOP mission team completed its training session in preparation for our trip. April 24 will be our Annual Time and Talent Auction. We are very excited to be sending 40 to the mountain to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau and 16 are going to the Leech Lake reservation work with the people of the Ojibwa tribe. I look forward to sharing our experiences upon our return. Please pray for our group as they prepare for another exciting yet challenging trip.

Shalom,

Rick

Boy Scout Troop 252

Troop 252 is in full swing this Spring! April was the annual "Good Turn" campout at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation. Scouts attending summer camp spent the weekend doing a "good turn" by preparing the grounds for summer campers. Our troop is famous for wood cutting! For several years, the camp administration requested we cut/prepare a week's worth of wood. With strong backs, a splitter and some determination, the Troop has been preparing enough for the entire summer!

Several of our Life Scouts are preparing for their Eagle projects this summer. Keep an eye out for activity in the woods and updates along the way!

The troop continues to appreciate the congregation's support of our Pancake Breakfasts. The funds from February's breakfast helped purchase new tents to replace some of the original, well-used tents, which lasted over five years and many nights of use!

Spring is a great time to join Scouting! Preparations for summer camp are underway. If you know any 6th or 7th graders who are interested in Scouting, please encourage them to join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 in Room 200 in the Education Wing.

MAY

- 1 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship resumes
- 8 Mother's Day
7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
- 14 2:30-8 PM Confirmation
- 15 Confirmation Sunday
7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
- 22 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
(End-of-the-Year Picnic)

May Acolyte Schedule

MAY 1	Brandon Harvey	Nathan Palmer
MAY 8	Abbey Poole	Olivia DeVries
MAY 15	Faith Kaminski	Josh Thompson
MAY 22	Brandon Harvey	Nathan Palmer
MAY 29	Rhiannon Lewis	David Richardson

Congratulations!

Several members of our church and Boy Scout Troop 252 have been selected for special honors this year. Ross Adair, Will Kulis, and Kyle Patrick were selected by Kent Roosevelt High School and the American Legion to attend Boys' State at Bowling Green State University this summer. Ross, Kyle, and Bailey Collier were also on the 1st Place team at the state competition for DECA, a marketing and advertising club. They will continue on to Nashville for the National Competition.

Vacation Bible School

Registration for Vacation Bible School has begun! Please complete the included registration form and return it to the church office to reserve a spot for your child this year. If you are reading the digital version of the newsletter, or would prefer to register through our website, just visit KentMethodist.org/VBS for details and online registration.

Kent Interfaith Alliance for Reconciliation and Justice

Statement Against the Language of Hate and a Call for Civility in Public Discourse

The Kent Interfaith Alliance for Reconciliation and Justice is a group of local, faith-based leaders in the Kent and Portage County area. Brought together by our concerns about racism, injustice, cross-cultural conflict, and inter-cultural conflict, we believe in the power of constructive, faith-based action.

As such, we are disturbed by the rise of violence and destruction of human life around the globe and are concerned by the lack of civility that we witness in public discourse.

Daily, we are confronted by the people or groups who use ideologies, policies, systems, and even religion to bring about the destruction of human life. We are witness to a convergence of a massive global refugee crisis, a sentiment of fear resulting from heinous terrorist attacks, and the rise of a rhetoric of exclusion and vilification that runs counter to our faith understandings.

As people of faith, we recognize and affirm that all people are created in the image of God, and therefore, heeding the words of many sacred scriptures, we are disturbed by language that vilifies, excludes, or in any way negates the worth of all peoples.

We believe that since all human beings are made in God's likeness, that an offense against our neighbor is an offense against God. We believe that violence begets violence, in speech and in action.

Therefore, as members of the Kent Interfaith Alliance for Reconciliation and Justice, we call on all leaders and civilians to:

- Work for and promote policies that embrace the understanding that humans created in the image of God all have worth and value
- Work for justice and equity for all people irrespective of race, ethnicity, religion, economic status, ability, or other human differences
- Work for inclusion and participation of all peoples in the life of society
- Work to end and condemn all language used by public officials that debases, vilifies, or in any way promotes hate

- Work for and support policies that condemn all acts of terrorism and violence perpetrated in the name of religion

- Work for and support practices of humane and inclusive welcome for refugees

As an organization, we live in hope that peace and justice will prevail for all of God's children

There are several ways of getting additional information about this group, in which our church participates. You can contact church member Judith Nedel at 330-678-5858, you can send an email to the Alliance directly at kentinterfaithalliance@gmail.com, or you can visit them on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KentInterfaithAlliance. We will provide links to this contact information on our website.

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 church for any one of our United Methodist camps. We call this financial assistance a "camper-ship." To receive a campership, follow this process:

- Go to www.eastohiocamps.org and register online for the camp of your choice.
- Print the confirmation.
- Bring in or mail a copy of the confirmation, to our church office, PO Box 646, Kent, OH 44240 (specifically to Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator). The church will then send in a payment to the camp's office for half of the Tier III price of your camp, and that office will bill you for the rest.

If you need further financial assistance, see Lynnette about receiving application materials for a District or Conference campership. It is possible to get nearly the entire cost of camp covered if you have the need.

Summer camp is a fun-filled time of spiritual growth and making new friends in God's great out-of-doors. For more information, contact Dr. Palmer.

Order Your Geraniums



You are invited to donate geraniums to beautify the church sanctuary for Memorial Day. We will be honoring our loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. These flowers will then be planted here at the church to beautify our grounds for summer. Please complete the information below (**please print** to avoid any errors), and mail it to the church office or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent and marked "Geraniums" in the memo line. Please return money with the form by **Monday, May 16**.

I/WE WISH TO PURCHASE _____ PLANT(S) AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

I don't know where to begin to thank everyone for all the love and support you have shown to Dave and me since my open heart surgery in February. I can tell you it did my heart good to have the sanctuary flowers and visits from Margaret and Phyllis Neel and Judy Hayden. Thanks to Doug Denton for all your calls and visits. I was surprised at receiving so many cards from our members—a bright spot in my day. Thanks to all our generous friends who have brought delicious food for us during this time when I have been so weak. So many people have come by for visits, have run errands, driven me to doctor's appointments, and even been personal shoppers. And thanks to Dave for being there, doing dishes, washing laundry, and for all his moral support, care and encouragement.

Pat Gynn

Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, and thought since my surgery. Thanks too for the calls from so many of you and to Rev. Doug for his prayers and calls. It's so nice to belong to such a caring and thoughtful church family.

Sincerely,
Linda Thomas

To our gracious UMC family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits. Thanks to Pastor Denton. I also want to thank the Miriam Circle for the beautiful flowers delivered by Christine and Richard Pryor. (What a nice visit.) Keeping all of you in our thoughts as I recover from my fractured hip surgery.

Respectfully,
David Munn

I would like to thank the members of the United Methodist Church for the lovely Easter lily that was delivered to my home by a Mary Reed Circle member, Jan Hambleton. My thanks also to Doug Denton for his visits and phone calls during my chemo treatments and before my recurrence of cancer. Our son and daughter-in-law Eric and Andrea Stevens introduced us to your welcoming church and we so enjoy hearing the sermons on Sunday when I am able to attend.

May God bless you all.
Pat and Jon Stevens

I wish to thank my church family for their prayers, cards, and calls during my recent shoulder accident. Thanks to Rev. Doug Denton for his visits and calls. Thanks to Rebecca Circle for their prayer quilt. Thanks to Jan Hambleton for delivering the Easter Lily and her nice visit. Also to Sue Webb for delivering the altar flowers and her nice visit. Thanks to Margaret and Phyllis Neel for taking me to the hospital and many doctor visits and sharing their dinners with me. It was greatly appreciated.

Very gratefully
Margie Stahl

Dear Members of Kent UMC,

Greetings from Paraguay! On behalf of New Horizons School, I would like to thank you for your donation of \$300 sent in December of 2015 to help students in a low income area receive a quality Christian education.

Thank you for your past support and your continued prayers. May God bless you!

Sincerely,
Sue Givens,
Missionary with United World Missions

KENT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNOUNCE MAY MEETINGS

Miriam Circle of Kent UMW will meet at **9 AM on May 4** in the Parlor for a book review presented by Becky Head. The book is entitled *The Underground Girls of Kabul* by Jenny Nordberg. Co-hostesses will be Diane Dinkins and Donna Dietz. Kathy Coltrin will present Devotions and the Mission Moment.

At **1 PM on May 4**, Mary Reed Circle will meet in the church parlor. Continuing the year's theme of learning more about church programs, Lisa Dile and Judy Dobbins will discuss "Tree City Preschool." Co-hostesses will be Sally Myers and Maryalice Seaholts. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be led by Lela Irving.

Kent UMW's Rebecca Circle will meet at **7:30 PM on May 4** in Pierson Hall. The Hostess will be Dottie Emerick assisted by Co-Hostesses Judith Nedel and Jane Smith. The program is entitled "Blessed Are the Peacemakers for They Shall Be Called Children of God" and will be presented by guest Fatina Shendy who will be discussing new understandings between Islamic and Christian faiths.

Janus Circle will meet on Sunday morning, **May 15 at 9:15 AM** in the church parlor. The program topic will be "Naomi and Ruth: Mother and Daughter" a continuation of the study of women in the Bible.

The Executive Board of Kent UMW will meet at **7 PM on May 18** in the Conference Room at the church. President Denise Mote will preside.

United Methodist Women Sunday will be held on **May 29**. All three worship services at 8:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM will be led by members of UMW. The worship theme will be "The Pursuit of Happiness: Is There Room for Jesus?"

The Canal District United Methodist Women (UMW) Membership Committee cordially invites all Methodist women to a **Spring Time Tea at 2 PM on Sunday, May 22** at the Woodland United Methodist Church, 444 North Hawkins St. in Akron. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and fellowship with other UMW women of the region so mark your calendar, bring your favorite tea cup, and plan to attend. For more information contact Davina Gosnell (gosnell@hiram.edu /330-678-3412).

Rachel Palmer Receives United Methodist Peace with Justice Scholarship

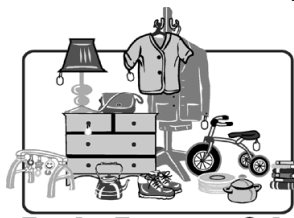
Rachel Palmer has received the 2016 East Ohio Conference Peace with Justice Scholarship, which is awarded to one high school senior each spring. A second Peace with Justice scholarship is available to students already in college. The scholarship is a competitive, essay-based scholarship available to United Methodist students in east Ohio. Applicants must articulate an understanding of the Biblical concept of peace with justice, showing how that understanding applies to today's circumstances, and must demonstrate a commitment to the work of peace with justice. Rachel lifted up the Biblical concept of "welcoming the stranger" (foreigner), and focused on the problem of Syrian refugees; she identified German Chancellor Angela Merkel as a model of exemplary leadership in response to the refugee crisis. Rachel also wrote about her intention to study international relations in college, with the hope of working in a field relating to human rights.

The Peace with Justice Scholarship is one of several essay-based scholarships that are available each spring through the East Ohio Conference. A full listing can be found at the conference website, www.eocumc.com/scholarships.

Donations Sought

We are looking for a donation of funds for an electronic keyboard that we could give to the church of Theo Appiah, a Ghanaian who is here at Kent State with the International Leaders in Education program and who has been participating in our choir this semester. If you can help with this need, please contact our church office.

May 6-7



Trash & Treasures Sale

Mark your calendar! This spring the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, May 5, from 7 to 9 PM. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, May 3, after 2 PM.

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Regular Sunday Schedule Communion at 8:30 and 9:30	2 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	3 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm #Skwawd/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	4 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Trash and Treas- ure Presale/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	6 9 am-5 pm Trash and Treasure Sale/Pierson Hall	7 9 am-2 pm Trash and Treasure Sale/Pierson Hall
8 Regular Sunday Schedule Children's Day	9 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	10 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm #Skwawd/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	11 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Leadership Committee/Room 207 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	13	14
15 Regular Sunday Schedule Confirmation Sunday Communion at 10:30	16 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	17 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm #Skwawd/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	18 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Leadership Committee/Room 207 7-9 pm UMW Board Mtg./Conference Room 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	19 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	20	21
22 Regular Sunday Schedule	23 6 pm Kent Garden Club/ Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	24 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm #Skwawd/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	25 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	26 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	27	28
29 Regular Sunday Schedule UMW Sunday	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	31 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm #Skwawd/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym				

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
May 1	4	4
May 8	5	5
May 15	6	1
May 22	1	2
May 29	2	3

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



Our Sympathies Go to the Friends and Family of:

- Betty Harrington
- Barbara Hawsman

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Dick Abbott, Marilyn Falkenberg, Sue Hassler, David Kurtz, Sandy Leeper, Tom Lundberg, David Munn, Kathy Munn, Trudi Pierce, Tom Pierson, Maryalice Seaholts, Margie Stahl

May 1-Sharon Coia

May 8-Don Ashton

May 15-Betty Sweet

May 22-Janice Anderson

May 29-Mavis Palmer



MAY LAY READERS

MAY 1	Pam Hickson-Stevenson
MAY 8	Tom Emerick
MAY 15	Confirmation Class
MAY 22	Kathy Hardy
MAY 29	UMW Sunday

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

MAY 1	Eric Wertz
MAY 8	Gary Mote
MAY 15	Eric Wertz
MAY 22	Brittany Brode
MAY 29	Jack Miller

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.

Digital Ministry Update

We have been fortunate to reach several exciting milestones in our digital ministry, and have several developments in store. We just finished the Windows Wednesday series on Facebook, but all the posts will be hosted permanently on our website at kentmethodist.org/windows-wednesday. We also have an interactive view of our South Façade Window available. Visit kentmethodist.org/southwindow for an in-depth examination. You can even visit on your smartphone or any other mobile device to study the window in person any Sunday!

The Lenten Photo-a-Day Challenge was such a success on Instagram that we will have another photo challenge this summer. Psalms of Summer will pair the beauty of our church with inspirational quotes from the Psalms. Watch Facebook and Twitter for further updates!

Prayer Quilt Update

Please give a big shout out to ALL those who have volunteered their time with the Prayer Quilt Ministry! Thank you for working so diligently to replenish our cupboard with lap quilts ready to give! On that note, anyone who may be looking for some prayers and comfort is eligible to request a prayer quilt; or if you know of someone (they do not need to be a member) who you would like to "cover" in prayer and love, just let us know!

United Methodist General Conference

Our General Conference—the top decision-making body of the United Methodist Church—meets this month, from May 10 to 20 in Portland, Oregon. General Conference meets every four years and sets the basic policies and missional direction of the church. You can download a free General Conference app to keep up-to-date on the proceedings; or go to www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2016.



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Mother's Day and Children's Sunday is May 8!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
May 1	"Victory over Evil"	I Peter 5:6-11	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, <i>Messiah</i> at 10:30
May 8	"Ghostbusters"	Acts 19:13-16 Luke 10:17-20	Dr. David Palmer	"Spend a While on the Nile" by the <i>Children's Choir</i> , <i>Resurrection</i>
May 15	"Coming to a Personal Faith"	Matthew 25:1-13	Dr. David Palmer	Confirmation Sunday, <i>ZAMARingers</i>
May 22	"God's Calling for Your Life"	Jeremiah 1:4-8	Dr. David Palmer	Graduate Recognition, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
May 29	"The Pursuit of Happiness: Is There Room for Jesus?"	UMW Sunday		Blanket Sunday



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