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Dear Friends,

The summer sermon series, entitled *Bless You—experiencing God's blessing in a life full of challenge*, will continue this month, with a number of special worship elements, as follows:

- July 3 Independence Day weekend/Communion.** Celebrate Independence Day in worship! Our service will have a “fourth of July” theme; the sermon will be entitled, “Blessed Is the Nation Whose God Is the Lord.” Worship at all hours will include Communion, and there will also be a commissioning of the Mountain T.O.P. mission team. There will be a joint choir at the 10:30 service including Resurrection and adult singers.
- July 10 Disciple Sunday.** The sermon, based on Jesus’ teaching, “Blessed are the peacemakers,” will be entitled, “How to Be a Peacemaker When They Never Stop Fighting.” Does that apply to world events...or perhaps to your kids, or your co-workers, or your broader family, or your neighbors?! Jesus’ teaching on peacemaking has a message for many areas of life! The service will include a recognition of those who completed Disciple Bible Study this past year.
- July 17 New Member Reception.** The sermon, entitled, “The Blessing of Mercy,” will deal with one of the most important areas of life—how to receive, and show, God’s forgiveness. Worship will include the “One Great Hour of Sharing,” or “UMCOR Sunday,” offering, which supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief, our disaster response agency. This is the second opportunity of the summer for persons to join the membership of the church; see the relevant article below.
- July 24 Guest preacher: storyteller Bil Lepp.** At all three worship hours we will have a guest preacher who has gained a national reputation for creative, meaningful, and entertaining storytelling. Bil Lepp, who is the cousin of our member, Andy Lepp, prepared for the United Methodist ministry at Duke Divinity School, but ultimately felt called to develop his gift for storytelling, which he shares at all sorts of corporate events and conferences. On Sundays he uses the gift for preaching, and we look forward to his unique approach!
- July 31 Derbytowntown Gospel Harmony Singers; Rev. Douglas Denton preaching.** At the 10:30 hour, we will have special music from the Derbytowntown Gospel Harmony Singers, a group of 15 to 20 singers who are all members of the Akron Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The group applies the barbershop style of four-part, a cappella, close harmony to a repertoire of old-time gospel songs. They will sing at several points during the worship hour. Rev. Denton’s sermon will be entitled, “Ask Anything?”—based on Jesus’ teaching that if his followers ask anything in His name, He will do it.

God Bless!

Dr. David Palmer

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# Youth Ministry News

## July 2016

Summer is a busy time for our youth, and this year is again an exceptionally busy year. For the second year in a row, our youth will be taking two missions trips. The first is to the Leech Lake Reservation in Cass Lake, MN. While the 16 members of our team are there, we will partner with Youth Works to serve the Native Americans of the Ojibwa band of the Chippewa Nation. This trip promises to again be an enlightening and rewarding cultural experience. Then in July, 40 of our youth and adults will again travel to Mountain TOP in order to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau.

As I eagerly look forward to both of these trips, I ask that you will pray for both groups as we travel and be in ministry this summer. It's a blessing to be able to serve this church and so many others through missions, and I look forward giving our congregation detailed reports regarding both trips early in the fall.

Shalom,

*Rick* ✂

### Now Seeking Interns

Starting late summer/early next fall our church will again be supporting two ministry interns. These interns will focus on youth ministry, and Christian Education respectively.

The goal of this program is to offer college age students and young adults the opportunity to explore ministry in a hands on way, answer questions about ministry as a vocation, and explore the idea of "call" in a person's life. And better still, they get paid to do it!

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to learn more about or if you know of someone who you feel might be interested in this opportunity please contact Rick Stout on his cell 330-283-4838 or at the church office 330-673-5879, ext. 12, to learn more about this exciting program!

### JULY

JUNE 25- JULY 2	Youth Works trip to Minnesota
9-16	Mountain TOP Mission Trip

### July Acolyte Schedule

JULY 3	Rhiannon Lewis	David Richardson
JULY 10	Abbey Poole	Olivia DeVries
JULY 17	Faith Kaminski	Josh Thompson
JULY 24	Rhiannon Lewis	David Richardson
JULY 31	Brandon Harvey	Nathan Palmer

A great big **THANK YOU**, to all the people who helped with Vacation Bible School this year! From sharing your time and talents to donating supplies, you are all truly a blessing to the many children who come and spend the week with us. Without you, our VBS would have never been a success!

Rick Stout,  
Director of Christian Education

### WE LIKE TO GET MAIL!

It's always exciting to get mail, letters, cards and care packages while you're away on a mission trip and this year is no exception. If you would like to support this year's mission trip through the gift of sending mail, please feel free to write us while we are gone. The following is the address where we can be reached.

Our Addresses is:

Participant's Name  
Camp Cumberland Pines  
Mountain T.O.P.  
480 Old Highway 56  
Coalmont, TN 37313



## Graduation Party

Eighteen years ago, our church held a surprise baby shower for Rachel Palmer. Now the Palmer family would like to invite the entire congregation to the party celebrating Rachel's graduation from high school! The party will be on Sunday, July 3, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM in Pierson Hall.

### You Are Invited!

Friends of Charley Nichols are invited to help him celebrate his 90th birthday. There will be an open house in Pierson Hall on Saturday, August 13 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. A memory book will be given to Charley. We encourage you to send your special memory contribution to Ed Nichols, 900 Marilyn Dr., Kent, Ohio 44240.

## Mountain TOP Adult Trip:

This year we are again planning an **ADULT TRIP** to the mountain on October 20-23. Participants will be once again given the opportunity to participate in either the Major Home Repair Program or the Fourth Annual Fall Festival with Soles for Souls. If this sounds like **YOU** or if **YOU** feel called to be a part of this ministry, please contact Rick Stout about how you can be a part of this amazing opportunity.

## Instagram Contest

This summer we are holding a new Instagram contest we're calling "Psalms of the Summer." We want all our members with Instagram accounts to connect in and participate! The contest rules are simple: First, take a beautiful, inspiring photo and post it to your Instagram account (you probably do that all the time!); then, in the caption, quote a passage from your favorite psalm, tag us (@kentmethodist), and add the hashtag #PsalmsOfSummer. The winner each week will have their submission featured during the prelude of all three Sunday worship services. We will announce the winner of the week on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram each Friday. Join in the fun!

## Become a Member of the Church

Have you been attending for a while but have never actually joined the church? There are two opportunities this summer to take the step of becoming a full member!

You join the church by attending a **New Member Orientation**, which takes place on a Saturday evening from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. The orientation, led by Dr. Palmer, provides a helpful overview of our church life and who we are as United Methodists. Those attending the orientation are then received into church membership at any of our three Sunday worship services the following day.

We offered a New Member Orientation in June, but if you missed that one, you can get on board with the next orientation, which will be on Saturday, July 16 (new members will be received on Sunday, July 17). Child care is provided during the orientation, which also includes a dessert.

You **register** for the New Member Orientation by filling out a New Member Registration form, which you can find in the church atrium, the sanctuary narthex, the chapel vestibule, or the tables at the entrances to the contemporary service. The form can also be filled out on-line at [www.kentmethodist.org/join](http://www.kentmethodist.org/join), where you can begin to learn more about our church. For more information, please contact Dr. Palmer at 330-673-5879, ext. 21, or [davepalmer@kentmethodist.org](mailto:davepalmer@kentmethodist.org).

## 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.

# July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Summer Schedule Communion	4 Independence Day (Office Closed)	5 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	6 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	7 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	8	9
10 Summer Schedule	11	12 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	13 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	14 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Trustees Meeting/ Conference Room	15	16
17 Summer Schedule	18	19 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Finance Committee/ Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	20 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Comm./ Conference Room 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	21 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	22 1-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	23
24 Summer Schedule	25	26 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	27 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	28 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	29	30
31 Summer Schedule	<b>Summer Sunday Schedule</b> 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School—Preschool-6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall					

**USHERS AND GREETERS**

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
July 3	1	3
July 10	2	4
July 17	3	5
July 24	4	1
July 31	5	2

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.

- July 3-Sharon Coia
- July 10-Don Ashton
- July 17-Betty Sweet
- July 24-Janice Anderson
- July 31-Mavis Palmer



**Our Sympathies Go to:**

- the family and friends of Jack Salter
- Joanne Yarnall on the death of her mother
- Debbie Kilgore Eichler on the death of her father

**Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:**

Reed Beck, Hal Hall, Sally Hershiser, Bob Klein, Ray Loughridge, Kathy Munn, Gail Wolfe

**JULY LAY READERS**

JULY 3	Rachel Palmer
JULY 10	
JULY 17	Janet Sessions
JULY 24	Dottie Emerick
JULY 31	Tom Emerick

**VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE**

JULY 3	Eric Wertz
JULY 10	Jack Miller
JULY 17	Brittany Brode
JULY 24	Eric Wertz
JULY 31	Eric Wertz

**THANK YOU**

Dear Doug and church members,  
Sincere thanks for the phone call, cards, prayers and flowers during this extremely difficult and sad time.

Fondly,  
Joanne and Bruce Yarnall

There are so many from the Kent United Methodist Church to thanks, that I can't begin to name everyone. So please accept these words of gratitude for all that have helped me and thought of me. From the deliveries of flowers to the trips to the doctors' appointments to visits by members and Reverend Denton, I thank you so very much for your time, your prayers, and your thoughtfulness.

Very truly,  
Marie Knauss

Your show of support during my illness is appreciated by my entire family. Megan Lantz brought flowers which lasted a long time and made me smile every time I looked at them. Calls, cards, and visits have been in abundance. My family cannot believe the number of cards I have received. My treatment has begun and it's very debilitating, so visits are not allowed at this time. I know I can count on your prayers and support and I thank you very much for your love.

Sally Hershiser

Dear United Methodist Church of Kent,  
Thank you for your generous donation of \$121.40 to Kent Social Services, a program of Family and Community Services. Your gift has been put to immediate use helping children and adults who are experiencing crisis or poverty.

We are grateful for your generous and ongoing support. Quite simply, without you, and other who support us, our agency would be unable to assist the children and adults who come to us for assistance.

Sincerely,  
Mark Frisone,  
Executive Director

Dear friends at the United Methodist Church,  
Thanks to your generous donation of \$100, when veterans experiencing homelessness living in the Portage County area and across Ohio turn to Freedom House for help—we are here to give them the critical programs and support they so desperately need.

The thoughtful donation that you recently made couldn't have come at a better time. The demand for shelter continues to rise, and you have made it possible for us to continue to provide safety and comfort to veterans.

With heartfelt thanks,  
Jason Davis,  
Program Manager





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Happy Independence Day!

### Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
July 3	“Blessed Is the Nation Whose God Is the Lord”	Exodus 19:3–6a; I Peter 1:9; Psalm 33:12	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Festival Choir Communion</i>
July 10	“How to Be a Peace- maker When They Never Stop Fighting”	Matthew 5:9	Dr. David Palmer	Disciple Recognition
July 17	“The Blessing of Mercy”	Matthew 5:7	Dr. David Palmer	New Member Reception
July 24			Bil Lepp	
July 31	“Ask Anything?”	John 14:1–14; I John 5:14	Rev. Doug Denton	<i>Gospel Harmony Singers</i>



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