



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friend,

One Sunday this past month I wore a hard hat in the pulpit (just briefly). It was to dramatize a situation in our church sanctuary—there are large sections where the plaster is peeling off from the ceiling, the result of slow water seepage through roof across several years. One particularly bad section of loose plaster is over the pulpit! But paint is flaking off in various places. Our Trustees are thinking about handing out hard hats to everyone at 10:30 worship!

Of course, the real solution is to fix the roof and ceiling! We did the exterior sanctuary roof project this summer—a months-long project that involved a complete renovation of the tiles, the underlayment, the drainage channels, and the flashing on the entire roof. We are hoping to do the interior project during the two weeks that immediately follow Christmas (worship on New Year's Day, a Sunday, will be in the gymnasium).

The total project cost—for both exterior and interior work—amounts to over \$200,000. We have been raising the funding for this through the Raise the Roof Campaign, a two-year capital campaign which began this year and extends through 2017. After what has been given so far in 2016, we still need \$154,000 for the project; we currently have \$81,000 in outstanding pledges, which means we still need to raise an additional \$73,000 in gifts or commitments.

You can contribute toward the Raise the Roof campaign by marking a gift towards it at any time; or you can make a commitment to give in 2017. There are pledge cards around the church, which can be used to make a commitment to the general work of the church in 2017, and which also have a section for the Raise the Roof campaign. Pledge cards (such as the one found on page 5) can be turned into the church office or placed in an offering plate on any Sunday.

In the book of Haggai, the prophet lamented that “God’s house lies in ruins,” (Haggai 1:4), and then Haggai issued a call to the people to “rebuild God’s house, so that God may be honored.” (Haggai 1:8) May we follow that same call today!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

November 2016

It's always amazing to me how fast the fall goes. At the time of this writing the youth are planning to host their annual Halloween party. While this party is always well attended (last year we had over 100 in attendance!) we hope everyone will mark their calendars and bring their friends for this exciting event! The hallway to the PIT will be transformed into a haunted house, 12 feet of Subway party subs will be eaten, there will be a costume contest, prizes for the person who brought the most guest, games and much, much more! I want to thank everyone in advance for coming out and especially thank the adults who plan to make this party happen; Staci Stout, Mike Goff, Alex Knoble, Erin Moore, Caitlin Stephenson, Amanda Reed, Kelsey McKinney, Derek Stout and Hanna Kester. Without the dedication of these people our youth group would not be able to host events such as these. You are all a blessing to me!

While the month of October has been full of fun November is just as jam packed. I want to announce that the youth this year will be again performing a Christmas play. Rehearsals for this year's play will begin on Wednesday, November 2 at 7 PM in the gym. Anyone interested in being a part of this production is strongly encouraged to come to this rehearsal.

In conclusion, I want to update everyone about our mission trip being offered next summer. As many of you are aware the YSM/DC side of our trip to Mountain TOP is completely full. However, if you are a junior up to age 100 we have lots of room on the MHR/Quest side of things! Confused? Please see the Mountain TOP article in this newsletter or call Rick on his cell 330-283-4838 or at the church office.

Shalom,
Rick ☞



Have you ever wondered what it was like to go to Mountain TOP? Did you go as a youth and always wanted to go back? Good news; this year you can!

Beginning the summer of 2017, Mountain TOP is offering a unique opportunity for anyone 17 and older, and our church is looking to take full advantage of it! While the youth trip is completely full there is room for anyone 17 and older to participate in one of two other mission opportunities being offered this summer, Quest and Major Home Repair.

Quest started during the Summer of 2010 as an adventure style camp for teenagers who live in Grundy County. Our goal is to provide an experience where youth are able to explore character building through challenging events such as rock climbing and ropes course elements.

Is major home repair and large scale construction more your style? Then Major Home Repair is the place for you. You will be able to work with an incredible family for an entire week. You may choose to work alongside your youth or other youth that are participating.

Both of these opportunities are open to anyone in our church who wants to go! You do not have to commit to chaperoning students in order to participate. Sound interesting? Contact Rick at the church office by cell 330-283-4838 or at rickstout@kentmethodist.org.

NOVEMBER

6	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
12	9:30-3 Confirmation Haven of Rest
13	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
20	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
26	Ohio State beats T.U.N.
27	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

November Acolyte Schedule

NOV 6	Zane Ferrara Abbey Stiller
NOV 13	Aron Kooijman Will Stresing
NOV 20	Kyle Schmidt Mya Syphrit
NOV 27	Kyle Schmidt Jaden Lepp

Young Adult Group

The Young Adults Group is a group of 20-somethings looking to grow in faith and service. We are a combination of college undergraduates, graduate students, and young professionals. We sometimes refers to ourselves as SASS—Sort of Adults Searching Scripture (spend an evening with us and you will see the name fits well).

You will find us every Tuesday night at 7 PM in the parlor discussing our current book, praying, and just hanging out together. Currently we are reading Shane Claiborne's book "The Irresistible Revolution". A major goal of our group is to be actively involved in service to the community. In the past we have volunteered at Haven of Rest, Freedom House, and Kent Social Services. We are committed to finding big and small ways to show love in a tangible way.

Our group also enjoys spending time together outside of study with game nights, hikes, attending shows, and whatever other fun things we can come up with. If you can't attend Tuesday nights, we love to have people join us in our service projects and social events. Hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving Canned Goods Drive

Once again the Sunday School department will be collecting canned goods during the Thanksgiving season to be given to Kent Social Services. Canned goods may be brought to your children's Sunday School classes starting November 6 and continuing until our annual Thanksgiving parade on November 20.



Altar Flower Sign Up Available

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. Please contribute to this important ministry by signing up for an upcoming Sunday in the Atrium. Payment of \$35 can be made by writing "Altar Flowers" on your check or envelope.

University of Life Classes for Adults Sunday mornings, 9:30 – 10:15

Starting November 6: "Surprised by Hope"

Location: Conference room

"Surprised by Hope" is a video Bible Study by N.T. Wright, one of the world's leading New Testament scholars and the bishop of Durham in England. This engaging and enlightening study is a good follow-on to the "Story of Heaven" study that we had in the University of Life in October; but everyone is welcome on any Sunday – no prerequisites required! The topics of each week are:

- The Hope of Resurrection – Nov. 6
- The Hope of Heaven – Nov. 13
- The Hope of the Second Coming – Nov. 20
- Rethinking the Soul – Nov. 27
- The Hope of Salvation – Dec. 4
- The Hope of the Church – Dec. 11

Each week features a twenty minute video followed by class discussion. All adults invited!

Become a Member of the Church

Have you been attending for a while but have never actually joined the church? There is an opportunity this fall 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 September, but if you missed that one, you can get on board with the next orientation, which will be on Saturday, November 12 (new members will be received on Sunday, November 13). 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, 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.

Janus Christmas Cookie Fundraiser Sale

It's that time again when Janus Circle members start their annual Christmas Cookie fundraiser! This is the major event to raise money for missions, projects, and the Janus Circle Scholarship fund. On November 13, Janus Circle will host the coffee hour and provide free samples of this year's selection of Christmas cookies to order. This year, in addition to the popular and delicious Christmas-shaped Cutout Cookies (which may be ordered frosted or unfrosted), Lemon Cookies and Chocolate Crinkles will be offered. Also available to order is an Assorted Mix, which includes six Cutouts, three Lemon Cookies, and three Chocolate Crinkles. Each dozen is \$8 and payment can be made in cash or by check payable to "United Methodist Women". Payment in full is due when ordering. The last date for placing an order is Sunday, December 4. Cookies will be distributed on Sunday, December 11 at the church after each service.

These make great gifts for the Christmas season and money raised goes towards missions and good causes! Please support the Janus Circle fundraising project and place your order for Janus Christmas cookies! Thank you!

Kent UMC Janus Circle Christmas Cookie Sale 2016

	QTY	Price	Total Cost
COOKIES sold by the DOZEN:			
Iced Cutouts		\$8	
Lemon Cookies		\$8	
Chocolate Crinkles		\$8	
Mixed Dozen (6 Iced Cutouts, 3Lemon, 3CC)		\$8	
Unfrosted Cutouts		\$8	
Grand Total			

PAID—
Write "Cash"
or Check #
below

- Order must be PREPAID in Full
- Please pay with cash or checks payable to **UMW (United Methodist Women)**.
- Orders must be turned in by Sunday, December 4.
- Cookie orders that are not picked up at the designated time will be donated.
- If needed, please contact Denise at her email address dmote@kent.edu, using the subject line "Janus Cookie Sale."

Thank you for supporting our service missions!

Print Name (First & Last) _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____



You are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Flowers will be distributed by Circle members to shut-ins from our church. Circle members may pick up the poinsettias December 25, after the 10:00 AM service or later. Please complete the information below, printing legibly, and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sundays. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent and returned with this form by **December 4**.

I/WE _____

WISH TO DONATE _____ PLANTS AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF KENT NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Kent United Methodist Women's Miriam Circle will meet at **9 AM on November 2** in Pierson Hall at the church for a Chinese Auction and program entitled **"Shoes on My Feet."** Hostess will be Becky Head and Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Carol Taylor.

On **November 2 at 1 PM** members of Mary Reed Circle will meet in the church parlor. A program entitled **"Missions of Our Church"** will be presented by Beth Jordan, chair of the Missions Committee. Pat Gynn will lead Devotions and the Mission Moment. Lois Mauck and Jane Hornyak will serve as co-Hostesses.

Rebecca Circle will meet on **November 2 at 7:30 PM** in Pierson Hall at the church. The program, **"Blessed are the Poor in Spirit,"** will be presented by Bill Childers, Director of the Portage County United Way. Tina Ballentine will lead Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Judy Price. Tina and Judy will also be co-Hostesses.

On **November 13 at 9:15 AM**, Janus Circle will meet in Pierson Hall. Devotions will be lead by Laurel Stiller and Denise Mote will be the Hostess. The program is entitled **"Two Widows: Single with Children"** and is a continuation of the year's study of **"Everyday Women: Ever Faithful God."**

Thanksgiving Offering

Our Thanksgiving offering this year will support a wide range of missions. A letter about the offering and the mission goals will be mailed out in early November.

Advent Booklet

This year, our Advent devotional booklet will once again be an e-book! It will include, as in years past, short devotions and Bible passages (about 2-3 minutes of reading) for each day leading up to Christmas, written by congregation and staff members.

This year, instead of mailing the book, it will be available at no charge as an e-book through Amazon.com for Kindle devices and apps and Apple iBooks for the iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch. In order to receive a link and announcement when the e-book becomes available, or to volunteer to contribute to the book, please contact Adam at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org.

Stewardship Campaign

The Bible talks in many places about how we are stewards of God's gifts—we have been entrusted by God with what we have in this world, in order that we might use those gifts to carry out God's purposes.

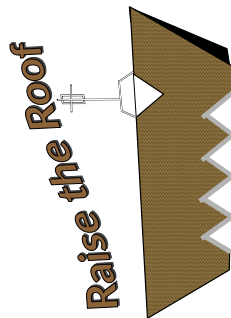
Our Consecration Sunday provides an opportunity for us to respond to God's call by making a financial commitment to the work of Christ through this church for the coming year. Articles in the October Mosaic and the cover letter detail the this year's Raise the Roof and stewardship campaigns. If you were not able to join us for Consecration Sunday, please complete and mail in the card below to make your commitment for 2017.

2017 GENERAL FUND PLEDGE CARD

I/We intend to support the ongoing Ministries & Missions of the UMCK in 2017 by pledging to give:

\$ _____ per week/month/year
(please circle one)

Use as needed: _____
General Operating Fund: _____
Building Maintenance Fund: _____



I/We intend to support the Raise-the-Roof Campaign (see the article in the October Mosaic for details) with my pledge of:

\$ _____ per week/month/year
(please circle one)

Name _____
Email _____
My envelope number is _____
I would like giving envelopes:
Yes _____ No _____

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DETACH AND SAVE

My pledge to the Ongoing Ministries and Missions of the United Methodist Church of Kent for 2016 is \$ _____

My pledge to the Raise-the-Roof Campaign for 2017 is \$ _____

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7 pm Church Council/Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	2 1 pm Mary Reed Circle/Parlor 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7:30 pm Rebecca Circle/Pierson Hall	3 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Disciple Fast-Track/Room 208 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, & Investments/Conf. Room 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	4	5 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
6 Regular Schedule Communion	7 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	8 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	9 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm AV Committee/Conference Room	10 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Disciple Fast-Track/Room 208 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	11	12 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall 9:30 am Confirmation/Haven of Rest 6 pm New Member Orientation/Parlor
13 Regular Schedule	14 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	15 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	16 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Education Comm/Conference Room	17 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Disciple Fast-Track/Room 208 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	18	19 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
20 Regular Schedule	21 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	22 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	23 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
27 Regular Schedule First Sunday of Advent	28 6 pm Garden Club/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	29 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	30 6 pm Yoga/Parlor			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 12:00 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
Nov 6	1	1
Nov 13	2	2
Nov 20	3	3
Nov 27	4	4

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.

- Nov 6-Sharon Coia
- Nov 13-Don Ashton
- Nov 20-Betty Sweet
- Nov 27-Janice Anderson



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go to:

- family and friends of Bob Meeker
- family and friends of Dick Abbott
- family and friends of Tim Barber
- Ami Curtin on the death of her father
- Laing Kennedy on the death of his brother
- family and friends of Ethal Simon
- family and friends of Bob Klein

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Lee Hall, Ray and Ruthe Loughridge, Lois Mauck, Westin Dean Nebelsick, Julie Zeager

NOVEMBER LAY READERS

NOV 6	Roger Stiller
NOV 13	Carol Taylor
NOV 20	Donna Stiller
NOV 27	Judith Nedel

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

NOV 6	Cheryl Brode
NOV 13	Gary Mote
NOV 20	Brittany Brode
NOV 27	Eric Wertz

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, calls and flowers when I had my recent shoulder surgery. Also, many thanks to Doug Denton for his visit and calls. We are moving near Sarah on October 18.

Our new address is:
6153 Stonepath Circle
Centreville, VA 20120

You are always welcome to visit.
Margie Miller

A big thank you to the UMC for your generosity and support of my Eagle Scout project. People at all three services were very willing to contribute and I appreciate every dollar I received. The project is underway so feel free to stop and see the progress.

Sincerely,
Ross Adair, Troop 252

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and the lovely card made by Miriam Circle. And for Phyllis and Margaret Neel who delivered them to my home.

They are very much appreciated.
Pauline Yohe

I would like to express my thanks for the cards and flowers, thoughts, prayers and kind words at the time of the passing of my mother, Edna Bromley. We are very fortunate to have such a caring church family.

Sally Ruckman

Janus Circle,

Thank you so much for selecting me to be one of the recipients of the scholarship. That money will help aid the continuation of my education, but the support of the church and the confidence you gave me by selecting me as the recipient, and your belief in me, is what pushes me to do great things.

Thank you,
Kylee Thompson

United Christian Ministries would like to thank you for your faithful support at our Fall Blue and Gold Dinner. We were able to raise money for student programming and mission trips. It would not have been possible without all of you! We hope to see you at our Spring Italian Feast, keep an eye out for the menu and ticket sale dates.

Sincerely,
The staff and students of UCM

Many thanks to my church family for all the support you provide during my treatments. Adam brought flowers, Gretchen brought communion for Bill and me, Doug stopped for a visit. The cards continue to come. I am so blessed. A card I received from Wendy Seed had a powerful impact on me—and you can learn from it, too. She and I have never had a conversation, just greeted each other. She wrote, “You have been missed by people like me who look forward to seeing you in the congregation. You always look so happy to be there.” How easily we can positively impact other people.

Sally Hershiser



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“Give thanks in all circumstances.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
November 6	“Navigating the Political Storm”	I Kings 21:1–20 I Kings 22:2–17	Dr. David Palmer	All Saints’ Sunday, <i>Resurrection</i>
November 13	“God Will Provide”	Exodus 17:1–7	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children's Choir,</i> New Members Join
November 20	“Move Forward with Faith and Thanksgiving”	II Chronicles 20:1–23, 27	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
November 27	“How Absurd”	Psalms 65: 5–8 Luke 21:25–28	Rev. Doug Denton	<i>Chancel Ringers</i>



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