



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

A year ago they were living in Mt. Vernon, Ohio; before that Wadsworth was home. Now they are in Kinshasha, Congo. They are our new missionaries—Aaron and Mary Vandersommers.

Aaron retired two years ago from a 37-year career with Goodyear. Mary, an ordained United Methodist minister, was working with the United Methodist Church in Mount Vernon. Why exactly would they leave the comfort of Ohio for one of the most dangerous and impoverished places on earth? Mary says she was inspired by the example of other missionaries, who “served God and others, living out the great commandment. Because of them, I was able to see how faithful, humble service transforms the world. I feel called to continue this path of service with others in response to the love and grace I have received in Christ.”

Mary now serves in a church agency for community development, focusing on ministries with the poor. Aaron serves as an administrator for The Church of Christ in Congo, an umbrella organization which coordinates the mission work of the United Methodist Church, along with that of other denominations, in the fields of education, economic development, and women’s and children’s services. The Church of Christ in Congo, founded in 1912, oversees 18,720 schools, 48 colleges and universities, and sixty percent of the medical centers in the Congo. The Diakonia Department of the Church of Christ in Congo, which focuses on refugee and emergency outreach and the transformation of poor communities, is the department for which Mary works.

Our church is beginning support for the Vandersommers since our former missionary, Beatrice Gbanga, retired from her position as a medical director in Sierra Leone. Technically, we are providing missionary salary support for Mary Vandersommers; but since Aaron and Mary are a missionary couple, we are really entering a relationship with both.

Living in Kinshasha, in the far west of the country, they are at least at a distance from the violence-plagued eastern Congo. The United Methodist News Service reports that bodies are still being recovered from an August 13 massacre in Beni, in the eastern Congo, where more than one hundred persons were killed by an Islamist group with links to Uganda. United Methodist families in Beni have been hosting survivors of the massacre in their homes. The United Methodist Church has a very strong presence in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where there are well over one million United Methodists.

Aaron and Mary Vandersommers are an inspiring example for all of us—how we are called by Christ to reach out beyond ourselves, and beyond our own comfort zones, to be in mission to others. We will each have a particular opportunity to do that this month, as we will be invited to make a financial commitment to the overall mission of this church for the coming year. You will find more details about that below.

We rejoice in the opportunity to be in mission together!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

October 2016

What a great start to the school year it has been! Youth Group has enjoyed great turn outs: in the four weeks since we have started we have averaged 25 in attendance but there's always room for more. Have you been to one of our Sunday nights? If not... why don't you come? And if you come why don't you bring a friend? Additionally, at the time of this writing we are preparing to host our first **5th Quarter** party of the season on Friday, September 16 following the Roosevelt and Aurora game. I'd like to thank in advance those who will be there and all their friends for turning out. We have a great night planned of fun, food and fellowship!

Looking forward to October, be sure and remember **Sunday the 30th** is our annual **Halloween party!** On this fantastic evening the PIT will be transformed into a haunted house and everyone is invited to be a part. So get a costume, grab your friends and get ready to have a great time.

Believe it or not we have already started thinking about next year's youth mission trip. We will again this year be partnering with Mountain T.O.P. in order to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range. The trip is scheduled for July 8–15, 2017. This year, students will again get to choose between Youth Service Project and Day Camp. However, something new this year, those students 17 and older will have the opportunity to choose to participate in "Major Home Repair" or "Quest". And even more exciting is the fact that this opens up the trip to the entire church! The two new programs will be open to everyone of all ages, so if you've ever wanted to go to the mountain, or if you went as a youth and long to go back **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!** Preparation for both our trips began with a parent/student interest meetings in early September. Additionally, the application process started at these meetings, so get your application from Rick and get them in as soon as possible so you don't miss out on these amazing opportunities.

Shalom,

Rick ☞

Grundy County Fall Festival Coat Drive

On October 20–23 our church will again be sponsoring an adult trip to Mountain T.O.P., and again this year participants will get to choose between participating in the major home repair program or the Grundy County Fall Festival! Soles for Souls has agreed to return to the mountain to distribute shoes to the needy in the area, and Mountain T.O.P. will be distributing winter coats, books and school supplies to the people of Grundy County. Towards this end Mountain T.O.P. has asked our church to sponsor a coat collection for the fall festival. Bins have been placed around the church for you to drop off new or gently used coats and jackets of various sizes to be given out to the people of Grundy County. If you have questions please contact Rick Stout in the church office.

OCTOBER

2	7–8:30 Youth Fellowship
9	CROP Walk 7–8:30 Youth Fellowship
16	7–8:30 Youth Fellowship
20–23	Adult Mountain TOP trip
23	7–8:30 Youth Fellowship
30	7–9 Youth Halloween Party

October Acolyte Schedule

OCT 2	Zane Ferrara Kevin Ina
OCT 9	Kyle Schmidt Abbey Stiller
OCT 16	Mallory Moldvay Maren Seaholts
OCT 23	Aron Kooijman Jaden Lepp
OCT 30	Desmeal Leigh Will Stresing



BOY SCOUTS
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Boy Scout Pancake Brunch

Troop 252 will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 23 in Pierson hall from at 9 am to 1 pm. There is no charge for the brunch: a free-will donation will be welcomed. Everyone is invited!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF KENT TO HOLD GENERAL MEETING

The annual General meeting of the four Circles—Janus, Mary Reed, Miriam, and Rebecca—of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) will be held on Wednesday, October 5. The evening will begin at 6:15 PM with a Pot Luck Supper in Pierson Hall at the Church. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and table service. The program will follow at 7:15 PM. Several individuals will be recognized for Special Membership and a Memorial Service will also be held for recently deceased members. The Mission Moment will be presented by a member of Janus Circle and Miriam Circle will lead Devotions.

On October 12 at 7 PM a meeting of the Kent UMW Executive Board will be held in the Conference Room of the Church. President Denise Mote will preside.

Kent CROP Walk

The Kent CROP Walk is Sunday, October 9 at 2 pm. Registration is at 1:30 pm. The event is being held at Lake Brady United Methodist Church. The walk will begin at the Portage Bike and Hike Trail.

The CROP Walk is a symbolic walk to help understand and appreciate what people around the world must do as they walk for miles to provide for their basic needs.

Our Confirmation Class are among the walkers each year. Plan to be a walker or a sponsor. Donations by check can be made payable to CWS/CROP. All funds collected go to fight hunger, locally and world wide. Twenty-five percent of all money collected will go to our local Kent Social Services.

“MAKE YOUR RECEIPTS COUNT!”

Acme announced the dates for its 2016 Community Cash Back program, which runs from August 11 through December 31 (please note the date changes from past years)! Your Acme receipts can be placed in the collection envelope in the kitchen on the refrigerator and will be submitted to the Cash Back program for our UMW mission donations. UMW received \$435 for missions at the beginning of this year, nearly 50% more than previous years due to more and better receipt submissions! Unfortunately, last year, we also received several receipts that could not be used because they did not have the **ENTIRE** receipt included. Receipts that are acceptable must be the entire receipt and have “Community Cashback” listed at the bottom followed by a dollar amount. Receipts that are missing this information or those that are partial receipts cannot be submitted. The UMW appreciates your efforts to collect and bring these receipts to us, so please let’s make sure that they count!”

UCM Fall Fundraising Dinner

United Christian Ministries at Kent State University will host their Fall Fundraising Dinner on Friday, October 14 at 6:00 pm in Pierson Hall. Adult tickets are \$20 and children 12 and under eat free. Childcare will be available in the gym after the kids eat. The blue-and-gold themed menu includes Chicken, Side, Vegetables and a BIG dessert. Vegetarian meal is available upon request at time of 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 October 9. 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.

Thank you for your continued support of campus ministry!

Acolyte Recognition

We had a wonderful team of acolytes from last spring's Confirmation class who just completed their year of service at the end of September. These eight young people (now eighth graders) will be recognized for their service as acolytes on Sunday, October 16, during the 10:30 worship hour. They will be presented with a gift from the church as we honor their leadership in worship!

Sager Brown Donations Requested

A team is preparing to work at the Sager-Brown UMCOR depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. We will be attending from October 23–28. If you would like to contribute directly to the depot for their relief efforts, you can drop donations in the offering plate during any of the three services. Or, you can stop the church office during business hours by Sunday, Oct 2. Please mark your check or envelope with "Sager-Brown/UMCOR depot". Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Mark your calendar! This fall the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, September 29, from 7 to 9 pm. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, September 27, after 2 pm.



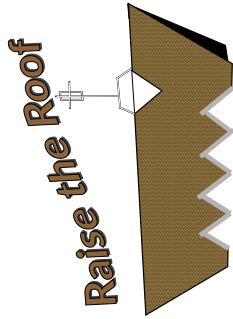
Trash & Treasures Sale

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 two-year pledge of:

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

Name _____
Email _____
My envelope number is _____

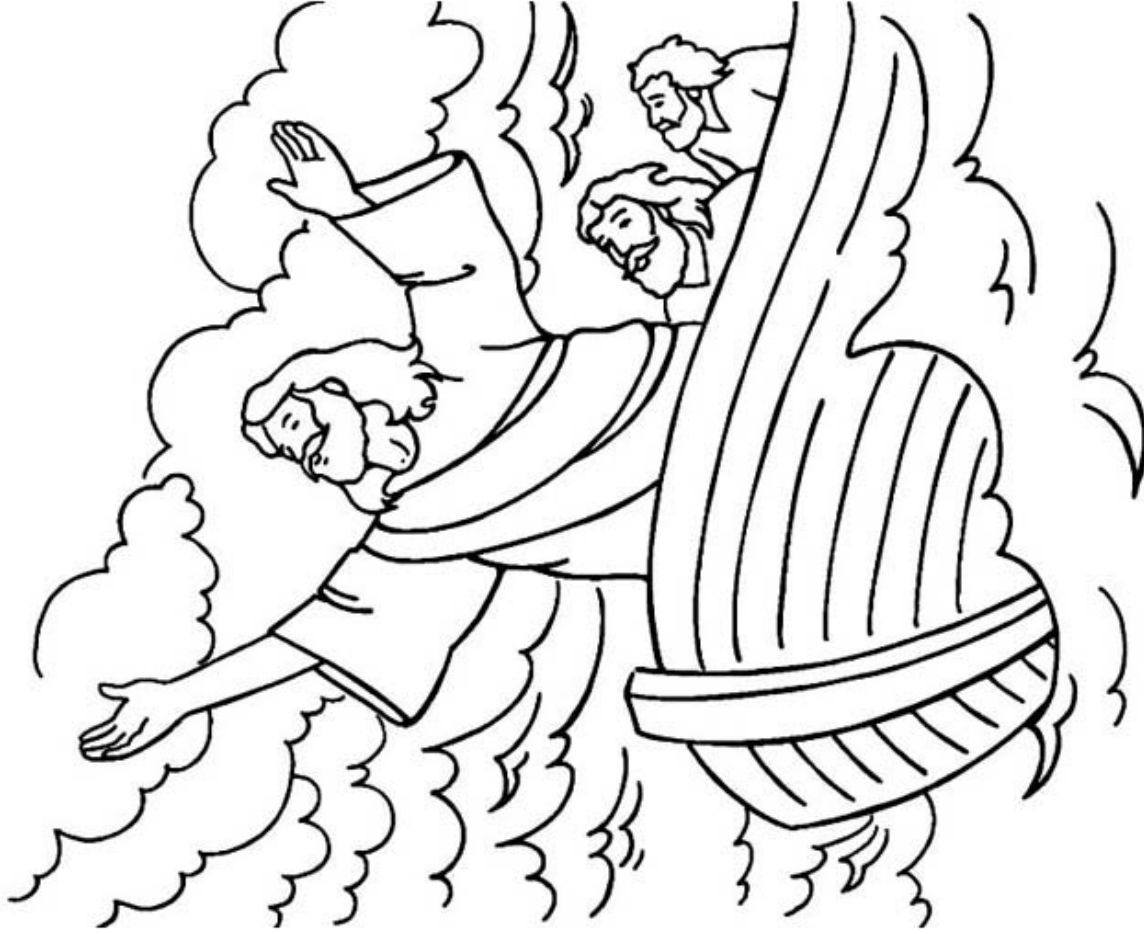
I would like giving envelopes:

Yes _____ No _____

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 \$ _____



Jesus Calms the Sea

The winds and the waves shall obey my will;
Peace, be still! Peace, be still!

BRIDGE THE GAP

Christ bridges the gap between ourselves and God.

We are inspired to bridge the gap between ourselves and others, as we join in the community of the church.

We are led to bridge the gap between where we are and where God calls us to be, as we step forth in commitment to Christ.

And in our financial goals for Christian mission, we look to bridge the gap between where we are now and what it takes to do God's work.

“Bridge the Gap” is the theme of our stewardship campaign that starts this month, as we are invited to reflect about Jesus' call to us. There will be skits and videos in worship plus mailings (such as this Mosaic!) which will help us to consider our personal role as stewards of God's gifts.

The month culminates on Consecration Sunday, Oct. 30, when we will have an opportunity to turn in a financial commitment card for 2017. One is provided on the facing page to be mailed back, or pledge cards will be available at the church on Consecration Sunday. There will be a special “pie celebration” in a fellowship time after each worship hour.

Please be in prayerful consideration about how God is leading you in your own life of giving this month.

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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.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !

Nov. 5–12 is “Make-a-Difference” Week. Each year, able-bodied men and women volunteer their time to help some of our church members prepare their yards and homes for winter. It usually consists of cleaning yards and/or gardens or minor home repairs. If you are willing to offer your services to church members unable to prepare for winter on their own, then sign up today on the sheet in the atrium. If you have further questions, call Doug Denton at 330-673-5879.

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.

RAISE THE ROOF

One cause to which we are invited to make a particular commitment is the “Raise the Roof” capital campaign. The campaign is funding a thoroughgoing renewal of the sanctuary roof. Exterior work was done from June through early September of this summer.

Inside the sanctuary, you will still see large sections peeling off the ceiling—the result of water seepage through the roof. With the roof itself now fixed, the next project will be to repaint the ceiling—no small task!

The total two-year campaign goal is \$225,000—enough for the roof and the ceiling work, with any extra put toward further renovation of church rest rooms. From January through August, 2016, we have received \$40,665 in contributions, so we have a good ways to go in order to reach the goal by the end of 2017. You can help us “bridge the gap” by making a gift or pledge to “Raise the Roof.”

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Regular Schedule World Communion Sunday	3 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	4 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	5 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6:15 pm UMW Joint Meeting/Pierson Hall 7:30 pm Stewardship Comm./Conference Rm	6 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Budget Committee/ Conference Room 7 pm Disciple Fast-Track/ Room 208 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	7 1-7 pm Blood Drive/Gym	1 8-1 Trash and Treasure/ Pierson Hall 8
9 Regular Schedule	10 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	11 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	12 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm UMW Board Mtg/ Conference Room 7 pm A/V Committee/ Room 208	13 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Disciple Fast-Track/ Room 208 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	14 6 pm UCM Fundraising Dinner/Pierson Hall	15
16 Regular Schedule	17 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	18 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	19 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Education Comm/ Conference Room	20 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	21	22
23 Regular Schedule	24 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	25 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	26 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Comm/ Conference Room	27 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Disciple Fast-Track/ Room 208 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	28	29
30 Regular Schedule	31 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	1 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	2 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	3 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Disciple Fast-Track/ Room 208 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	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
Oct 2	2	1
Oct 9	3	2
Oct 16	4	3
Oct 23	5	4
Oct 30	6	5

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:

- family and friends of Maynard Jordan
- Sally Ruckman on the death of her mother
- Carol Pozuc on the death of her father
- Christine Pryor on the death of her brother

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Westin Dean Nebelsick, Winona Garrett, Elsie Joy, Marie Knauss, Ruthe Loughridge, Bob Meeker, Tom Pierson, Ethal Simon, Kathi Smith, Scott Swan

OCTOBER LAY READERS

OCT 2	Ted Parsons
OCT 9	Andrea Denton
OCT 16	Mavis Palmer
OCT 23	Michelle Ronowski
OCT 30	Judith Nedel

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

OCT 2	Eric Wertz
OCT 9	Gary Mote
OCT 16	Brittany Brode
OCT 23	Cheryl Brode
OCT 30	Eric Wertz

- Oct 2-Sharon Coia
- Oct 9-Don Ashton
- Oct 16-Betty Sweet
- Oct 23-Janice Anderson
- Oct 30-Mavis Palmer



THANK YOU NOTES

Many thanks to my church family for your continued support during my illness. Your cards, calls, and emails lift my spirits each day. A special thank you to Gretchen Laflin for driving me every week to my treatment in Akron. I will never forget your kindness.

Sally Hershiser

On July 26, my 88th birthday, I returned from dinner to find a beautiful flower arrangement on my shelf outside my door. I really didn't know if they were for sympathy for the death of a grandson at the age of 44 or for my birthday. A phone call verified they were for sympathy. Mike was a real "Mr. Mom" to his 4 children—boys 8 and 6 and twin girls 4 years old. He had surgery for cancer 2 weeks before. His wife took him to Dover Hospital. They wanted to "life flight" him to Columbus, but it

was foggy that night. We miss him dearly. Thank you for both the flowers and the sympathy.

Elsie Joy

I would like to thank Rev. Doug Denton for the visits and prayers during my recent hospital stay, and the Janus Circle for the lovely flowers. It is a blessing to know ones spiritual needs are always addressed whether we are in Ohio or in Florida.

Thank you so very much.

Winona Garrett

I am grateful for the flowers from the church for my 93 birthday delivered by Gail Pytel. I miss coming to church, but my physical condition makes it difficult. May God continue to bless the United Methodist Church of Kent!

Al Smith



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The Trash and Treasure Sale is September 30 and October 1!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
October 2	"Good and Bad All in a Mix"	Matthew 13:24-30	Dr. David Palmer	World Communion Sunday
October 9	"Fear"	Psalm 23 I John 4:16-21	Rev. Doug Denton	<i>Children's Choir, Chancel Ringers</i>
October 16	"Voyage through a Raging Storm"	Acts 27:9-26, 27-44	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Resurrection</i>
October 23	"What's in a Name?"	Genesis 32:22-32 Luke 18:1-8	Rev. Doug Denton	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
October 30	"When Life Throws You Overboard, It's Time for Serious Thinking"	Jonah 1, 2	Dr. David Palmer	Consecration Sunday



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