



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

As announced in our last Mosaic, we are moving to a **digital Mosaic** in 2017, starting after this issue. You can still get the Mosaic in print form at the church, and you can still get a printed Mosaic mailed to you each month—by requesting to be put on the Mosaic mailing list. You can make that request by contacting Adam Alderson at 330-673-5879, ext. 10, or adamalderson@kentmethodist.org. Otherwise, look forward to the same informative Mosaic in digital form! You will get the Mosaic emailed to you each month. The key is that **our office needs your email address**. If we do not yet have your email, please email or otherwise contact Adam Alderson. Many of our members are already receiving the digital Mosaic, so if you are already in that group this means no change.

There are several reasons why we are moving to a digital Mosaic:

- We get past print difficulties. The high speed duplicator we use to print the Mosaic is aging, and we can no longer get it repaired. There has been such a transition in recent years to digital communication that these machines are no longer being made. Running our Mosaic on a normal copier would be very expensive and slow.
- We save costs. It now costs almost \$.40 per copy to print and mail the Mosaic (postage, paper, ink, printing machine costs). It costs nothing to send it digitally!
- Going digital enables us to be better stewards, both of our church resources and our environment.
- The world is going digital. In the United Methodist Church, communications from our District and our Conference offices have been in digital fashion for several years.

The other advantage of being on our digital mailing list is that you can get other digital communications, such as the Weekly Word. You will also find all of our MosaiCs for the past few years on our web site.

In worship this month, we look forward to the following special elements:

Sunday, January 1: On New Year's Day, we will have a **single unified service at 10:00 a.m.** in the gymnasium. The service will use a contemporary form of John Wesley's service of covenant renewal—designed to lead us to renew our relationship with God as we enter into a new year. There will be a multi-age children's activity in Pierson Hall during the service, plus child care for infants and toddlers.

Sunday, January 8: Our regular schedule resumes. We celebrate **Epiphany** at all three worship hours, remembering the visit of the wise men. Worship will include the sacrament of Communion.

Sundays, January 15, 22, and 29: A three-part sermon series entitled, "**River of Life—opening our lives to the healing streams of God's grace,**" will provide the focus for our worship through the balance of January. Did you know there is a "river of life" that flows through the Scripture? From the Garden of Eden to the heavenly vision of the book of Revelation, the river appears as an image of life, abundance, cleansing, healing, and passage. We will journey in this series through many points where the river appears in God's Word—and discover how we can experience the cleansing and renewal of God's grace.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous New Year,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

January 2017

Happy New Year! And what an exciting year we have planned. We have completed our spring calendar and are very excited about our upcoming events. Here are a few of the highlights of what to expect this spring:

- The weekend of February 3 and 4 the youth will participate in World Vision's 30 hour famine. Once the details are finalized packets and important information will be distributed so see Rick and watch the mail if you need more information about this exciting weekend.
- January 16 we will be planning an activity to celebrate Martin Luther King Day
- March 12 is Youth Sunday.
- And the Time and Talent Auction is scheduled for Sunday, April 23.

Overall, I am very excited about our plans and hope that everyone will take advantage of one or more of these events. Additionally, don't forget youth group is every Sunday from 7-8:30. Make sure you plan to come and bring a friend to any or all of these events.

Shalom,
Rick 

Calling all performers:

Youth Sunday is an annual day when the youth of our church lead our Sunday morning worship service. It is characterized by a focus on the music of our youth musical groups Resurrection and the ZAMARingers, liturgical dance, drama and teaching by a senior member of our youth group.

On Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 in the sanctuary there will be an informational meeting and open try outs for anyone interested in being a part of this year's Youth Sunday. At this meeting we will explain this year's theme, talk about ways to be involved and discuss rehearsal times. We need both actors and dancers for this annual event. If you would like to be involved, please plan to attend this important meeting as part of the Youth Sunday preparation process.



JANUARY	
	Last day for youth to join Mission Trip Team (Adults can still join)
1	No Youth Activities
4	7-8 Youth Sunday rehearsal
8	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
11	7-8 Youth Sunday rehearsal
14	9:30-12 Confirmation
15	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
16	MLK activity TBA
18	7-8 Youth Sunday rehearsal
22	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
25	7-8 Youth Sunday rehearsal
27?	Confirmation to Temple TBA
29	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

January Acolyte Schedule	
JAN 1	Mya Syphrit Abbey Stiller
JAN 8	Zane Ferrara Mallory Moldvay
JAN 15	Kevin Ina Jaden Lepp
JAN 22	Desmeal Leigh Will Stresing
JAN 29	Kyle Schmidt Maren Seaholts

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism for children will be offered at any of our worship hours on Sunday, January 22. Parents desiring to have their child baptized can register online at www.kentmethodist.org (go to Baptism information under the Links tab) or by contacting Adam Alderson at 330-673-5879, ext. 10, or adamalderson@kentmethodist.org. There will be a 45 minute orientation for parents on the previous Sunday, January 15, at 11:45 a.m. in the church Conference room.

Campus Ministries Update

Jesus comes early at UCM! On December 7, (the week before finals) UCM students gathered for the traditional Advent banquet—comfort foods to fill their hungry bodies for the tribulation of Finals Week. After dinner the students moved to Wesley Chapel for a student led worship service. Students process carrying the flame of God's presence, the Bible, and communion emblems. The Advent wreath was lit and the story of Christmas was shared. Students hauled in their offering to be dedicated—big boxes of toys and gift cards for the children served by Kent Social Services. Communion was led by students and shared in the name of Jesus Christ. Then quietly they formed a circle. The light of Christ coming into the world is passed and everyone sings "Silent Night". You see, these University students consider themselves "church". As church they long to share the joy of Christmas worship together—however early it might seem. Jesus comes early to these faithful young people, and their hearts are ready for Jesus whenever he comes! UCM hopes you have a Merry Christ-mas!

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation will be offered Saturday, January 14 at 6 PM in the Parlor. Those attending will be welcomed into full membership the next morning, Sunday, January 15. If you would like to participate in this new member class, please visit www.kentmethodist.org/join for full details, or fill out one of the new member registration forms available throughout the church and return it to the office.

MAKE YOUR RECEIPTS COUNT!

We are nearing the close of the 2016 Acme Community Cash Back program from August 11 through December 31. 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! 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!

Canal District Leadership Training Saturday, January 28, Wadsworth UMC, 9:00–2:45

The Canal District leadership training event this year features our new Bishop Tracy Malone, as keynote speaker. There are numerous morning and afternoon workshops to choose from, with a luncheon in between. You will find a description of the full event posted on our church bulletin board. You can register for the whole event or part of it. The church will pay the registration fee; you would pay just \$8 for lunch. Register by speaking to Adam in our church office. This event is open to all church members.

RAISE THE ROOF

Our Raise the Roof project—to repair and renew the sanctuary roof and ceiling—has moved into its final phase with the repair and repainting of the sanctuary ceiling. The sanctuary is closed from December 26 until January 7. Thanks to all who have assisted with getting the sanctuary ready!

Donations are needed to help fund the project! We have moved forward in faith, trusting that our congregation will meet the need. If you give electronically, either online or through the kiosk at church, you can designate your gift for Raise the Roof; or you can give to the project by marking a check or envelope "Raise the Roof." Thanks for all contributions!

Year-End Contribution Statements

Year-end contributions statements for 2016 will be available for pickup in the Atrium beginning January 22. If you contribute through our online giving app or webservice, please visit the giving website to print your statements. Contact the financial coordinator, Lynnette, at lynnette@kentmethodist.org with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 10:00 am Service in Gymnasium only	2 Office Closed	3 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	4 9 am Miriam Circle/ Parlor 1 pm Mary Reed Circle/ Parlor 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8 pm Youth Sunday rehearsal/Sanctuary	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7 pm Disciple Fast-Track/ Room 208 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	6	7 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
8 Regular Schedule Communion	9 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	10 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	11 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8 pm Youth Sunday rehearsal/Sanctuary	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7 pm Disciple Fast-Track/ Room 208 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	13	14 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
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29 Regular Schedule	30 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	31 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7 pm Young Adults/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 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:30 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						

Our Sympathies Go to:

- Garth Holman and family on the death of his grandmother



USHERS AND GREETERS		
Date	10:30	8:30/9:30
January 1	5	1
January 8	6	2
January 15	1	3
January 22	2	4
January 29	3	5
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.		

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Pat Gynn, Sue Harvey, Tara Jackson, Louise Klein, Peggy Kurtz, Ray Loughridge, Lois Mauck, Westin Nebelsick, Linda Thomas, Cindy Vaughan

- Jan 1-Sharon Coia
- Jan 8-Don Ashton
- Jan 15-Betty Sweet
- Jan 22-Janice Anderson
- Jan 29-Mavis Palmer



VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

JAN 1	Eric Wertz
JAN 8	Eric Wertz
JAN 15	Cheryl Brode
JAN 22	Brittany Brode
JAN 29	Gary Mote

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear UMC of Kent,

Thank you so much for the prayer quilt you made for David. He was very surprised and touched when Sandra brought it to him last Saturday. It has a place of honor on the back of our living room couch where he has taken up residence. I walk by it a hundred times a day and see the knots lovingly tied, and I know there is a prayer in each one of them. We know prayer conquers mountains. It has given David a feeling of peace and joy knowing there are so many thinking of him and our family during our new journey. God bless each and every one in your amazing congregation.

Love and prayers,
David Nixon and his loving family

A big thank you to John Baesemann and Darah Rubio for raking leaves and coming back the second time. Also, to Donna Dietz for the lovely flower arrangements from the Sanctuary and her pleasant visit.

In Christian Love,
Dorothy Meyer

Thank you to Tina Ballentine and Rebecca Circle for the lovely flower arrangement they sent to my mother, Louise Baker. Though she is unable to send this to you, she loves flowers and was very happy to receive them.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness,
Sandra Stout

I have completed my treatments; now I'm on the road to recovery. I reread over 200 cards and continue to be impressed with your words of inspiration, encouragement, faith, and hope. I am truly blessed to be a member of this congregation. Hope to see you soon on Sunday mornings.

Sally Hershiser

Thanks so very much to Doug Denton for visits and prayers during my hip replacement surgery, recovery, and rehab. Thanks too to Lois Enlow for delivering altar flowers, Dottie Emerick, Judy Smith for the use of a prayer quilt, Tim and Judy Price, and Gail Closs. Your visits were gratefully accepted.

I'm so blessed to have a great church family. Blessings to you and yours,
Linda Thomas

Please extend our many "thank you's" to all the folks who helped with the reception after our father, Bob Meeker's, funeral. The cheese/crackers, veggie and cookie trays were perfect.

Thank You!
Merry Ann Hauser

Thank you to all who sent cards and prayers our way as you helped us deal with the loss of Bob. Thank you also to those who provided the meal after the funeral. It was much appreciated.

The family of Bob Klein

The UMC of Kent,

I would like to thank Rev. Douglas Denton for the visits and prayers during my illness. Also, thanks to the Miriam Circle for the beautiful flowers and vase which were delivered by Mr. Ralph Darr and Mr. Bill Darr.

Again, thanks very much,
Amelia Parsons

Thank you so much for all that you do for our foundation. We would not be a success without the help of kind people like you!!

Fondly,
Ben, Candace, Diane, and Sara
The Ben Curtis Family Foundation



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“And now, glorious and blessed God... You are mine and I am Yours.”-Covenant prayer

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
January 1	Special combined 10:00 AM Covenant Renewal Service in the gym (see cover letter for details)			
January 8	“The Inauguration” New Sermon Series: “River of Life”	Matthew 2:1-12	Dr. David Palmer	Epiphany
January 15	“River of Life”	Isaiah 41:17-18 John 4:13-24	Dr. David Palmer	New Members, <i>Resurrection</i>
January 22	“River of Healing”	II Kings 5:1-14 Mark 1:4-11	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children’s Choir, ZAMARingers, Baptism</i>
January 29	“River of Promise”	Joshua 3:14-17 Joshua 4:1-7	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Resurrection, Chancel Ringers</i>



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