



The Methodist Mosaic



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December 2014

Dear Friends,

As we enter the season of Advent, we look forward to a particularly inspiring series of special worship celebrations. Our calendar includes:

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, NOV. 30 – The beautiful symbolism of our church Christmas decorations, the music of carols, and the lighting of the Advent wreath all help us to reflect about the coming of our Savior. Rev. Douglas Denton will be preaching.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DEC. 7 – Handel’s Messiah at 10:30, Communion at 8:30 & 9:30
Our sanctuary choir with a small orchestra will share the Christmas portion of Handel’s Messiah as the major element in the 10:30 worship hour. At 8:30, we will have a Lessons and Carols service – a traditional service that takes us through the Christmas story by means of a cycle of Scriptures and carols. At 9:30, we will have a Story and Song service, which likewise takes us through the Christmas story but uses contemporary praise music on an Advent theme. The 8:30 and 9:30 hours will include Communion.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DEC. 14 – Children’s Christmas Musical at 10:30
At the 10:30 hour, our Children’s Choir will be sharing with us the musical, “The First Leon.” Resurrection will sing for the offertory and will also sing for the 9:30 service. I will be preaching a shorter sermon at all three worship hours entitled, “No Room.”

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DEC. 21 – New Spirit Christmas Musical at 8:30 and 10:30
Youth Drama at 9:30**

At the 8:30 and 10:30 worship hours (both hours in the sanctuary), the New Spirit singers and band will proclaim the Christmas message through the cantata, “Images of Adoration,” by Pepper Choplin. Plan also to come at least ten minutes early, as our Chancel Ringers will present an extended prelude of Christmas carols on handbells. ZAMARingers will also play for the offertory.

At the 9:30 worship hour, our youth will present a delightful Christmas drama entitled, “The Swing.” This 40 minute play, which includes the singing of Christmas carols, features a cast of fourteen of our middle school and senior high youth and will comprise most of the worship service.

**CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 -- CANDLELIGHT SERVICES, 7:00 & 9:00 P.M.,
CHRISTMAS PRELUDE AT 8:30**

These two services are essentially identical, except that we have a children's time and the children's choir at 7:00, and the sanctuary choir at 9:00. The Christmas Prelude, starting at 8:30, features a variety of soloists and ensembles. Child care is provided at the 7:00 service only.

SUNDAY, DEC. 28 – Prepare for the New Year! The last Sunday of the year is a time to focus on spiritually preparing ourselves for the New Year. Rick Stout will be preaching. Rick brings the message weekly at our Wednesday night youth worship service, and in the past he preached regularly at “Stand” – the contemporary service that we used to have in the evening, before we transitioned into our current format with the Sunday morning contemporary service. We welcome Rick into the Sunday morning pulpit!

I look forward to joining with you as in many ways we rejoice and share in the good news of Christmas!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

ADULT RETREAT 2015

The Adult Retreat is scheduled for April 17 – 19, 2015 at the Wallhouse Hotel in Walnut Creek, Ohio. Walnut Creek is about 4 miles east of Berlin and 4 miles west of Sugar Creek so we can visit either or both during our free time. The Wallhouse Hotel was built last year and has the same amenities as the Berlin Grande Hotel where we have stayed before. The hotel website is <http://www.wallhousehotel.com/> where you can see pictures of the facility.

All adults in the church are welcome and rooms with a king bed or two queen beds are available. We have had singles share rooms as well as couples. A deposit of \$20.00 per room is asked. Make checks payable to the church with Adult Retreat on the memo line.

We will begin the weekend on Friday evening with supper together and end Sunday morning with a worship service led by Dr. Palmer. The other details are yet to be determined and will be set by a planning committee that will be formed in early 2015 after we have a list of participants. Please let Roger Stiller know if you plan to attend. See him at church or call at 330-297-8933.

Christmas Concert

We are pleased to have the Stan Hywet/Goodyear Concert Band open the holiday season for us with a great Christmas sound.

The Stan Hywet/Goodyear Concert Band will be presenting their Christmas Concert at 4 pm Sunday, December 7.

The hour-long concert will include music for the holiday season with a combination of Christmas Carols and holiday music in the sanctuary.



Christmas Offering

The Christmas offering will go to a variety of mission projects. A letter will be sent out in early December.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNOUNCE DECEMBER MEETINGS

Miriam Circle of Kent United Methodist Women will meet at **9 AM on December 3rd**, in the church parlor. A program entitled “God’s Love” will be presented by Christa Weiss, author of a book by the same title. Kathy Coltrin will serve as Hostess assisted by Co-Hostess Diane Dinkens. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be led by Jean Booth.

An afternoon of “Christmas Season Fellowship” will be held at **1 PM on December 3rd** by Mary Reed Circle in the parlor of the Kent United Methodist Church. Hostess Pat Gynn will be assisted by Sally Myers and Trudy Pierce, Co-hostesses. Phyllis Neel will present Devotions and the Mission Moment.

Kent UMW’s Rebecca Circle will meet at **6:30 PM on December 3rd** at the home of Hostess Judy Smith. Co-hostesses will be Gail Closs and Judy Price. The evening will begin with a Christmas Salad dinner followed by a White Elephant gift exchange. Members are asked to bring toys for Kent Social Service and/or socks for the County Clothing Center. Devotions will be led by Judith Nedel and Pat Farley will present the Mission Moment.

On December 1 Janus Circle will meet at Rebekah Kulis’ home at 7pm for the Janus Circle Christmas gathering. Rebekah Kulis will serve as Hostess. The Circle is selling Christmas cookies as a fund raiser for their scholarship fund.

50th Anniversary Celebration

On December 7, 2014 from 2-4 pm, Tom and Dottie Emerick will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with an open house in the Parlor. Your presence will be the only gift necessary.

Youth Ministry News

December 2014

On January 3 of 2006 I first walked into our church as the newly hired director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. A veteran teacher for almost 17 years I had no idea how much I would be blessed by this job over the years to come. It truly is a blessing for me to be in ministry each day with this congregation and I thank you for the trust you have put in me to direct your children's lives spiritually during their high school years.

Reflecting on 2014 the word "inviting" comes to mind as our youth have done an excellent job of inviting their friends to come to church and church related activities. Examples being the fact that once again our Mountain TOP trip was completely full, the nearly 60 who came to our Fifth Quarter and the 84 who showed up on Halloween.

As we look ahead to 2015 my heart is filled with excitement for what God has planned for our youth group. For the first time TWO mission trips highlight our summer activities. Along with all the other activities we do as a youth to give students the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Christ.

All these activities make my heart smile and fill me with thankfulness again that I get to continue to serve God through our youth ministry and look forward to many years to come.

Shalom,
Rick <><

DID YOU KNOW?

Crocodiles and alligators are surprisingly fast on land. Although they are rapid, they are not agile. So, if being chased by one, run in a zigzag line to lose him or her.

The 2015 Mountain TOP trip is currently full as we plan to send 36 people to be in ministry on the mountain this year.

A rainbow can be seen only in the morning or late afternoon. It can occur only when the sun is 40 degrees or less above the horizon.

December Calendar

Wednesday	3	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Saturday	6	Confirmation 9:30-3 County Clothing Center
Wednesday	10	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Wednesday	17	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
Thursday	18	4-6 Serve at KSS
Wednesday	24	NO YOUTH GROUP
Wednesday	31	NO YOUTH GROUP

WE WILL BE COLLECTING MITTENS AND HATS



And we would like to invite the entire congregation to help. There is a mitten tree on the second floor of the Education Wing to place the mittens on. In Portage county there are many families in need during the current economic times.

Please help by bringing mittens! Also, please keep the adults in mind as well by supplying gloves and hats in adult sizes.

Advent Devotions For Adults, Youth, And Children

Our Advent Devotions book, which contains meditations for each day of Advent written by members of our church, is being mailed out to everyone on our newsletter mailing list. Additional copies will be available at the church.

A *Children's Advent Calendar* also will be distributed to all children's families through Sunday School classes on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30th. The calendar has a tab for children to open on each day of Advent.

We also will have children's *Advent activities* available. These will be available for \$1 each in the atrium.

Kent UMC Janus Circle Christmas Cookie Sale 2014

	QTY	Price	Total Cost	
COOKIES per DOZEN:				
Iced Cutouts		\$8		
Peanut Butter		\$8		
Snowballs		\$8		
Mixed Dozen (6 Iced Cutouts, 6 PB)		\$8		
Unfrosted Cutouts		\$8		
BISCOTTI per HALF DOZEN:				
Mocha Almond		\$8		PAID - List below "Cash" or Check #
Lemon-Glazed		\$8		

Print Name (First & Last) _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Orders must be **PREPAID** in Full
 Cash or checks payable to **UMW (United Methodist Women)**
 Orders must be turned in by **Sunday, December 7th**
 Orders must be picked up on **Sunday, December 14th at UMC**
 Cookie orders that are not picked at designated time up will be donated
 If needed, contact Julie at her email address juliez0@yahoo.com

***** Thank you for supporting our service missions! *****



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 24th, after the 9:00pm service or later. Please complete the information below, 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 by **December 7.**

I/WE _____

WISH TO DONATE _____ PLANTS(S) AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR (CIRCLE ONE AND PRINT NAMES(S))

IN HONOR OF: _____

Ushers

December 7 - Team 1

December 14 - Team 2

December 21 - Team 3

December 24 7pm - Team 4

December 24 9pm - Team 5

December 28 - Team 6

If you are unsure of what Team you are on please check the website at

www.kentmethodist.org

> Calendar > Service Team Schedule

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

December 7 - Jack Miller

December 14 - Gary Mote and Eric Wertz

December 21 - Brittany Brode

December 24 - 7pm - Eric Wertz

December 24 - 9pm - Eric Wertz

December 28 - Brittany Brode



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go

To:

Family and Friends of Eva Conard.

Family and Friends of Kay Condley.

Family and Friends of Geneva Wood-McGrew.

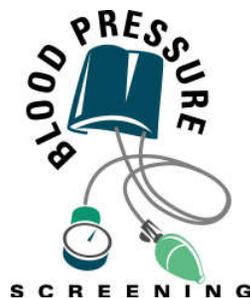
Family and Friends of James Clark.

Margie Miller on the death of her sister.

Bob Dean and family on the death of his father.

Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Bryan Coia, Alex Seed, Jennifer Emerick, Nancy Johnson, Kathryn Lucken, Betty Coleman, Taylor Hamilton, Beth Jordan, Maynard Jordan, June Ake, Marie Knauss, Jill Beer.



December 7 - Sharon Coia

December 14 - Don Ashton

December 21 - Betty Sweet

December 28 - April Hinkle

Lay Readers

December 7 - Handel's Messiah

December 14 - Jill Beer

December 21 - New Spirit

December 28 - Tim Smith

December Acolyte Schedule

December 7 Katie Kulis
Marek Seaholta

December 14 Mason Moldvay
Zach Holman

December 21 Adriane Stranathan
Cole McDougal

December 24 7:00pm Arijana Kooijman
Caroline Stiller

December 24 9:00pm Erik Martin
Hallie Fritsch

December 28 Marek Seaholts
Katie Kulis



December 2014

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal 7pm Janus Circle Meeting/ Rebekah Wright Kulis Home 7pm Cub Pack	2 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	3 9am Miriam Circle/Parlor 1pm Mary Reed Circle/Parlor 6pm Yoga/Parlor 6:30pm Rebecca Circle/Judy Smith's Home 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	4 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	5	6 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
9	7 2nd Sunday of Advent Communion at the 8:30am and 9:30 am services 4pm Goodyear Band Concert in the Sanctuary	8 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	9 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	10 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	11 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	12	13 9:30am to 3pm Confirmation class 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
	14 3rd Sunday of Advent	15 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	16 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	17 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	18 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	19	20 10am to 1pm Haymaker Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
	21 4th Sunday of Advent	22 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	23 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 7pm and 9pm	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
	28	29 7-9 pm New Spirit Rehearsal	30 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	31		Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship/Chapel 9:00 Holy Donut Shop/Kitchen 9:15 Children's Choir, 4 yrs-6th grade 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30-10:15 University of Life Classes 9:30 Youth Class & Children's Hour, Child Care 10:30 Worship/Nursery 10:40 Sunday School Preschool-6th Grade 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:45 Chancel Ringers/Sanctuary 5-6 pm Club 56/gym 5 to 6 pm Resurrection/Choir Room 6 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells) Sanctuary	

Thank You Notes

A Big thank you to Dave and Sherry Vanderneut and Sterling Bradley for raking my leaves. It was very much appreciated!

Dorothy Meyer

To Chris Ryan and Christine Howard,
Thank you for helping me rake fall leave and especially cleaning the gutters. That keeps me off the roof this year. I appreciate your kindness.

In Christ love,
Betty Sweet

I would like to thank the church and especially the Biggin family for the help I received during Make A Difference Week. Brice, Jennifer, Austin, Alexandria, and Addison really made a difference. They raked all my leaves and did a super job. My yard looks much nicer as a result of their work.

Thanks to all!
Charley Nichols

Thank you for the use of Pierson Hall and your support thru the years.

The Friday Night Al Anon Group

To the United Methodist Church,
I so very much appreciated the work of Ralph Darr and Joe and Carol Pozuc to brave the cold, miserable morning to clean out my flower beds. They were so gracious to help me out.

Sincerely,
Marie Knaus



Stewardship Update

We had an uplifting Consecration Sunday on the last Sunday in October. If you were not able to be present that day and have not yet turned in an "estimate of giving" card for 2015, you are invited to do so! Cards are available around the church building.

If you would like an update on where you are in your giving to the church for 2014, please contact our Financial Coordinator, Lynnette Begue-Lavery, at 330-673-5879, ext. 11, or lynnette@kentmethodist.org

Adult Classes – Sundays at 9:30

John and Sandy Kerstetter are continuing a very popular study entitled, *Six Things You Should Know about God*, through the first two Sundays in December. The class runs from 9:30 to 10:15. Our "University of Life" will then break for two weeks on December 21 and 28 and will resume on January 4 with a class led by Rev. Dr. Jonathan Smith.

Preschool Director Position Opens

Judy Dobbins, who has provided outstanding leadership for decades as the director of our Tree City Preschool, has announced that she will be retiring at the end of this school year.

We are beginning to take applications for the position, which includes both the director position and the position of lead teacher for the four year old class. Job descriptions are available in the church office. Resumes can be submitted to davepalmer@kentmethodist.org. For more information, contact Dr. Palmer.

Connect with Worship Online

Did you know that you can view a video of each week's sermon on our web site, or hear an audio recording of the entire worship service? Many members of our church who are out of town or who have to miss a Sunday are connecting with the worship service via the web. Go to www.kentmethodist.org to the sermon tab. You can get sermons from the past several months. Each Sunday's service is available no later than the following Thursday (often earlier).



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WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
December 7	8:30 Lessons and Carols 9:30 Story and Song 10:30 Handel's Messiah			8:30 and 9:30 am will have Communion
December 14	"No Room"	Luke 2: 1-7	Dr. David Palmer	10:30 Children's Musical Resurrection
December 21	8:30 and 10:30 am 9:30 am	New Spirit Musical "Images of Adoration" Drama "The Angel Swing"		ZAMARingers
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service "How to Find Peace"	Luke 2: 1-20 Isaiah 9:6	Dr. David Palmer	7pm Children's Choir 9pm Sanctuary Choir
December 28	"A Call to Commitment"	Ephesians 4: 1-6 Jeremiah 33: 3	Rick Stout	Festival Choir