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United Methodist Church of Kent - A Place to Grow

May 2015

Dear Friends,

With the coming of spring, nature is bursting forth with activity! Birds are singing, flowers bloom, leaves are appearing, and the grass is growing. Our church in May is likewise full of activity! Please take note of the many events described in this issue of the Mosaic. In our worship, some of the special elements this month include:

Sunday, May 3 – Communion – Resurrection will sing at both 9:30 and 10:30. Our 10:30 hour will also include a **string ensemble** playing during Communion.

Sunday, May 10 – Festival of the Christian Home (Mother’s Day) – We celebrate on Mother’s Day the “Festival of the Christian Home” – a time when we recognize and rejoice in the ways in which God is at work in our families. The **Children’s Choir will sing** at both 9:30 and 10:30, and our youth will be handing out Mother’s Day gifts at the end of each service. We are celebrating the **sacrament of Baptism** for children; interested parents should speak with Dr. Palmer immediately (if you have not already done so). The 10:30 hour will also include a **recognition of the Tree City Preschool leadership of Judy Dobbins (see the article below)**.

Sunday, May 17 – Confirmation – It is a high point of our year when young people stand up to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and become full members of our church! Confirmation will take place at the 10:30 service, which will also include an abbreviated service of Communion. **ZAMARingers** will play for the final time in this school year.

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost and Memorial Day weekend – Geraniums in our worship spaces will “set our church on fire” with the color red – reminding us of the fire of the Holy Spirit that came upon the first disciples on Pentecost. The geraniums also are a memorial for veterans, and our services will include a moment of recognition for all the veterans in our congregation. **New Spirit** will provide the prelude at 10:30, and the **Chancel Ringers** will play for their final time before they break for the summer.

Sunday, May 31 – Children’s Day at 10:30 – The 10:30 service will feature a musical entitled *What’s Up Zach?* performed by the children. **Resurrection** will sing for their final time this spring at both 9:30 and 10:30. I will be preaching at all three worship hours, as the sermon series, entitled *Call on His Name – the Names and Titles of Jesus (and what they mean for us)*, continues through the month.

I look forward to sharing with you in the many opportunities of this month!

In His Service,
Dr. Palmer

Ushers and Greeters

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
May 3	2	3
May 10	3	4
May 17	4	5
May 24	5	1
May 31	6	2

If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x 10 or email Adam at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org



Our Sympathies Go To:

- ◆ The family of David Barber, including his sons Tim, Rick, and David Barber
- ◆ Judith Nedel and family on the death of her niece

Recent or Upcoming Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Mark Anderson, Nancy Birk, Wilda Henry, Nancy Johnson, Darlene Kousaie, Laurel Ludick, Candace Thaxton



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

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

May 3	Jack Miller
May 10	Brittany Brode
May 17	Brittany Brode
May 24	Gary Mote
May 31	Gary Mote and Eric Wertz

New Member Classes Starting

New member orientation will be offered for all persons who are potentially interested in joining the membership of our church. The orientation takes place in two sessions – on Sunday, May 31, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday, June 13, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. (this session includes a dessert). Participants will be received into membership on Sunday, June 14, at any of our worship hours. The orientation classes, which provide an overview of our church, are led by Dr. Palmer. If you are interested, please let the church know by calling 330-673-5879, ext. 10, by sending an email to adamalderson@kentmethodist.org, or by speaking directly with Dr. Palmer. Child care is available during the sessions.



Visit the newly updated Facebook page and click "like" for reminders, devotionals, news articles, church announcements, and photos. Through this page, you can share church events and photos with our fellow members, friends, and family, wherever they may be! Watch in the coming weeks for a series of images and devotions based on our beautiful stained-glass windows.

Stop by our webpage for a link, or visit facebook.com/UMCofKENT to join this growing online community!

University of Life

Classes for adults, Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 AM

Spring term, April 12–May 17

"Six Ways We Encounter God"

Leaders: John and Sandy Kerstetter

Location: Conference Room

When we live, when we worship, when we pray, do we really encounter God? What are God's qualities, and what effect does God have on us? This study is the third in a popular trilogy by United Methodist pastor and teacher, Tom Berlin. (We did the previous two parts last fall.) Join us as we consider what it means to encounter God today. No study book is required; just come to any class session!

May Lay Readers

May 3	Randy Smith
May 10	Karen Bennett
May 17	Confirmation Class
May 24	Mike Hardy
May 31	Roger Stiller



Children's Spring Musical

The town of Jericho is bustling to prepare for a visit from a "VIP", Very Important Prophet. Leaders of Jericho are planning a big welcome for Jesus. The lowly beggars and tax collectors are not invited. How special Bartimaeus the beggar and Zacchaeus the tax collector felt when they learned how much Jesus loved them just the way they were! "What's Up, Zach" will be performed by the children's choir on May 31 at the 10:30 service.

Youth Ministry News

May 2015

April has been an exciting month for our youth. The month began with the confirmation class completing their final service project for the year by moving and stacking logs at Camp Asbury. On the 12th, our Mountain TOP mission team completed its first training session of the year. April 26 will be our Annual Time and Talent Auction and on May 17 our Mountain TOP mission team completed their second training session.

We are very excited to be sending 36 to the mountain to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau and look forward to sharing our experiences upon our return. Please pray for our group as they prepare for another exciting yet challenging trip.

*Shalom,
Rick* ∞

Summer Camp Opportunities

Our church has wonderful summer camp opportunities for elementary-aged children up through high school youth. A full description of this summer's camp opportunities may be found online at www.eastohiocamps.org.

To help enable young people to go to camp, our church will pay half the cost for any camper from our church for any one of our United Methodist camps. We call this financial assistance a "campership." To receive a campership, follow this process:

- ◆ Go to www.eastohiocamps.org and register online for the camp of your choice.
- ◆ Print the confirmation.
- ◆ Bring in or mail a copy of the confirmation, to our church office, PO Box 646, Kent, OH 44240 (specifically to Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator). The church will send in a payment to the camp's office for half of the Tier III price of your camp, and that office will bill you for the rest.

If you need further financial assistance, see Lynnette about receiving application materials for a District or Conference campership. It is possible to get nearly the entire cost of camp covered if you have the need.

Summer camp is a fun-filled time of spiritual growth and making new friends in God's great out-of-doors. For more information, contact Dr. Palmer.

May Acolyte Schedule

May 3-Elizabeth Gavrilloff, Joseph Gavrilloff
 May 10-Erik Martin, Garrett Slippy
 May 17-Hallie Fritsch, Katie Kulis
 May 24-Zach Holman, Adriane Stranathan
 May 31-Austin Stainbrook, Aubrey Kurtz

May Youth Calendar

6	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
10	Mother's Day
13	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
16	Confirmation 2:30-8 PM
17	Confirmation Sunday; 3-5 PM Mission Trip Training #2
20	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
27	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship

Celebration of the Christian Home

The Sacrament of Baptism will be offered on Mother's Day Sunday, May 10, at 10:30 or 9:30, to coincide with our Celebration of the Christian Home. There will be a Baptism orientation class on May 3. Interested parents should be in touch with Dr. Palmer or the church office.

Sunday School in Need of 9:30 AM Child-care Workers

Due to the continued growth of our 9:30 service and the popularity of our University of Life classes the Sunday School Department is in need of volunteers who would be willing to donate one Sunday a month to serve as care givers during the 9:30 hour. If you would like to help in this area please contact Betty Sweet at 330-673-5700, Rick Stout at 330-283-4838 or Sally Dean at 330-673-7496.



Resurrection Director Position Open

Michael Goff, who has provided excellent leadership for our *Resurrection* youth vocal ensemble, has announced that he wishes to step down from that position as of the end of this spring. He will continue as praise band leader for the 9:30 worship service, and music leader for our Wednesday night youth worship service, as well as webmaster for our church web site. Considering the fact that he has a full time job and now two small children, we can understand that he needs to eliminate some responsibility!

So the position of "Youth Ensemble Director" for *Resurrection* will be open in the fall, and we are now accepting applications. See our web site for a job description and application form.

Tree City Preschool Leadership Transition

Judy Dobbins, who has taught the 4-year-old class in our Tree City Preschool for 35 years, and has been the Preschool Director for 34 of those years, will be retiring from her position at the end of this school year. **We will have a special recognition of Judy's ministry with our preschool on Sunday, May 10, at the 10:30 worship hour.** If you or your children went to our preschool under Judy's leadership, we especially encourage you to be present! The week of May 10 will be Judy's final week in the Tree City classrooms.

We have hired Lisa Dile to be the new Preschool Director for the coming academic year. Lisa is a member of our church and has been the Associate Teacher in the 4-year-old class in our preschool since 2008. We will formally introduce Lisa as the new director on a Sunday in August.



Trash & Treasures Sale

May 1st & May 2nd

Mark your calendar! This spring the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, April 30, from 7 to 9 pm.

Any items for donation may be delivered to the church after 2 pm Tuesday, April 28. If special arrangements are necessary, please contact the church office at 330-673-5879 x 10.

Dear UMC of Kent Community,

The past three years have been the epitome of a journey. I made the decision to go to seminary, left for Georgia, had an Ah Ha moment, came back to Ohio to do environmental education for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and have been here for going on two years. For part of this adventure, people of this community have been there to support me with kind words, financial assistance, concern, and prayers. Often I hear about the curiosity of my path and the encouragement of my discernment. With the next turning page in the book of my life, I wanted you all to know where the past three years have lead me and thank you for being a part of getting me there.

While I was at seminary I was pulled toward the idea that theology/spirituality and conservation can exist together, that a beautiful home for all creation was possible and that the church, body, and soul play a foundational component in that reality. This led me to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and shapes my discernment every day. If these two ideas are to merge, what is the best platform in which they can become one? In attempts to answer this question, I have been led to my next chapter in life. On March 23, I will become a resident of Red Lodge, Montana where I will be the new Education Director of the Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary. It is there that I will continue the task of creating platforms for people to interact, understand, and care for the amazing place in which we exist. It is also there that I will continue the attempt to answer the question of my ministry.

I do not know what the future holds. The field of Eco-Theology is growing with interest. Good people are out there (and in Ohio) doing amazing things. It is my desire to be a part of this push toward a beautiful world for all people. Your support has helped me believe in this and believe in me. The United Methodist Church of Kent will always be my home. I carry its lessons with pride. I hope to stay in contact to keep everyone up to date on my journey. However, if you ever want to know you can always ask my grandma. She is probably going to yell at me once she reads this. It's ok though, what grandma doesn't like talking about her grandkids?

Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart. Always consider me a friend.

Sincerely,
Kyle Jacoby



From June 15-19 (*please note the week*) our kids will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible School, **Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God!** Children in attendance will become Visioneers at the Workshop of Wonders as they explore how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God and experience the love of Jesus.

After a high-energy opening assembly at the Wonder Workshop, the Visioneers make their way to the Bible Nook. Interactive Bible lessons reveal *Wonder Words* for following God's blueprint for our lives, and your Visioneers will discover *Vision Verses*, Bible memory verses that will build their faith long after VBS.

The children will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the *Crafts Lab*, singing new music at the *Song Studio*, exploring science activities at *Science Station*, participating in recreational activities at *Game Garage*, and enjoying tasty snacks at the *Snack Stop*. Along the way, the Visioneers will hear about our mission project and enjoy WOW moments!

We hope you will mark your calendar for June 15-19 (*please note this is one week earlier than our traditional week*). Vacation Bible School is open to children three years old through sixth grade. Three-year-olds need to have had some Sunday School or pre-school experience before coming to Vacation Bible School. Plan to attend VBS at the Workshop of Wonders!

Registration Form

Name(s) of Child(ren)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers

Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other Information

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

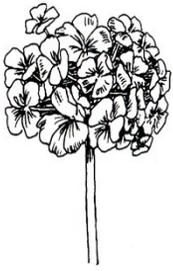
Can your child be photographed and have his or her picture appear in church print or web articles? Circle one:

YES

NO

Fees are \$10 per child with a \$25 family maximum. (This only partially meets the expenses for materials, crafts, snacks, and concluding luncheon on Friday.)

Fee received _____ Check # _____ Checks payable to Kent UMC



**ORDER
YOUR
GERANIUMS!**

You are invited to donate geraniums to beautify the church sanctuary for Memorial Day. We will be honoring our loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. These flowers will be planted here at the church to beautify our grounds for summer. 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 and marked "Geraniums" in the memo line. Please return money with the form by **May 15**.

I/WE _____

WISH TO DONATE _____ PLANTS(S) AT \$8.00 for two.

IN MEMORY OF: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE:

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE:

**Please PRINT all
names for
accurate transfer
into the bulletin.
Thanks!**

Attention!

United Methodist Women of Kent May Programs

The Fellowship Committee is planning a surprise luncheon in recognition of Dr. Palmer's 20th year as senior pastor of our church. This luncheon will be held immediately following the 10:30 service on June 28 in Pierson Hall. All are encouraged to attend!

If you have any photographs of Dr. Palmer, please send them to Adam Alderson in the church office for inclusion in a digital slideshow that will play during the luncheon. You will receive these back in their original condition.

We would like as many people as possible at this celebration to honor this important milestone in Dr. Palmer's tenure here. We look forward to sharing this event with all of you. And remember: let's try to keep it a surprise!

Miriam Circle of Kent UMW will meet at **9 am on May 6** in the church parlor. The program will be a book report by Becky Head. Co-hostesses will be Kathy Coltrin and Gerry Strawman. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Chris Pryor.

On **May 6 at 1 pm** Mary Reed Circle will meet in the church parlor for a program entitled *Our Trip to the UK* by Pat Gynn. Phyllis Neal will serve as Hostess. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be led by Davina Gosnell.

Kent UM W's Rebecca Circle will meet at **7:30 pm on May 6** at the home of Sue Abbott, who will host, assisted by Jane Smith and Charleen Pees as co-hostesses. The program is entitled *Divide and Conquer* and will be presented by Lee Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a plant, which will be auctioned to raise funds to buy new greenery and artificial plants for Pierson Hall. Sue Abbott will lead Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Gayle Pytel.

The May meeting of Janus Circle will be a dinner meeting; the place and time of which are yet to be determined. Devotions will be led by Denise Mote.

The Executive Board of Kent UMW will meet at **7 pm on May 20** in the Conference Room at United Methodist Church of Kent. Denise Mote, President of Kent UMW, will preside.

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SECRET**

Thank-You Notes

Thank you for your generous donation of \$41.43 for Kent Social Services, a program of Family & Community Services. Your gift has been put to immediate use helping children and adults who are experiencing a crisis or poverty.

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

Sincerely,
Mark Frisone

UMW,

I always enjoy the plants you bring me. Thanks a lot.

Blessings and prayers
Esther Vandersall

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and recipients of the Lord's Pantry and Hot Meal Program of Kent Social Services, we would like to express our sincere thanks for your generous donation.

Generous donations allow us to continue our work of empowering families and individuals that are facing crises to achieve financial stability and self-sufficiency. We would not be able to fulfill our mission without the generous contributions for people like you.

Thank you again for your donation!

Sincerely,
Christie Anderson and Marquice Seward

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,230.00 to support the missionaries and ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries.

When giving through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church, 100 percent of your contribution is applied to the designated project(s) or to missionary support. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

Your generosity makes it possible for the church to extend God's mission across the globe to more than 60 countries and to many areas of the United States. Your gift supports missionaries and projects focused on evangelism, church development, educations, disaster relief and rehabilitation, health services, and programs for children and young people. We are grateful for your support of this life-giving work.

May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.

Grace and peace,
Roland Fernandes and Emily Miller

To our church family,

This is to all the beautiful church members who have sent beautiful flowers, thoughtful cards, and meaningful phone calls. Your prayers have helped both of us during this past few months. We are coming along. Slow but sure.

Love,
Dave and Kathy Munn

A big thank you for the cards and prayers. I appreciated the calls from Doug and the flowers that Carol Taylor delivered.

My recovery is slowly coming along.

Thanks again,
John Rog

Our Prayer Quilt Ministry:

The idea behind these quilts is simple, yet powerful. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is offered for someone in special need – someone who has asked us to pray for them. The quilt is then given to that person. What makes each quilt so special is not the pattern, color, or workmanship, but the fact that prayer is symbolically tied into each one. These comforters are a statement of faith, and a testimony to our belief in God and the in the power of prayer.

Prayers & Squares, the Prayer Quilt ministry, began in 1992 at Hope United Methodist Church in San Diego, California. Since then the ministry has expanded to include chapters in churches of many different denominations across the world, including ours.

Through our chapter, 45 prayer quilts and even more prayer squares have been distributed, each a special gift of love. They have been made for sick babies, for cancer patients, for adults and children facing surgery or difficult family situations, for many reasons, but each for someone in special need of the healing power of prayer.

If you would like to know more about how you can support this ministry, here's what you can do:

- ◆ Participate in the group, check the bulletin or church calendar for dates (ability to sew is not required)
- ◆ Be a sponsor for someone you know who is in need of the special healing power of prayer (they do not need to be a member of the church). Turn in forms in the church office, or drop in the offertory plate. Additional forms are available in the Atrium
- ◆ Make a contribution for materials marked "Prayer Quilt Ministry"

May 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8am-5pm Trash & Treasure Sale/PH	2 8am-1pm Trash & Treasure Sale/PH
3 Regular Sunday Schedule (Communion)	4 7-9 pm New Spirit	5 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12:00pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	6 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7pm Youth Fellowship/Pit	7 7am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	8	9	
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Vacation Bible School – June 15–19

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

DATE	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
May 3	“The Bread of Life”	John 6:27–35; 6:48–63	Dr. David Palmer	Communion; Resurrection
May 10	“In Jesus’ Name”	Colossians 3:17; Acts 3:6; Luke 10:17; Mark 10:45	Dr. David Palmer	Baptism; Children’s Choir
May 17	“The Gate”	John 10:7–10; 14:6	Dr. David Palmer	Confirmation Sunday/ Communion (10:30); ZAMARingers
May 24	“The Vine”	John 15:1–5	Dr. David Palmer	Pentecost; Chancel Ringers
May 31	“The Mediator”	Hebrews 2:16–3:2; 9:11–15	Dr. David Palmer	Children’s Musical; Resurrection



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