



# THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

You can scarcely look at the day's news without seeing some terrible thing that just happened. Evils of all sorts fill our world. Where is God in all this? And if God is somehow working for good, how and when will God bring victory over evil?

These questions will be the focus of a new sermon series starting this month, entitled, "Christ versus the Powers of Evil." The five-part series will unfold in the following worship schedule:

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3**   Communion

Sermon: "The Dark Side in Today's World"

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**   Children's Choir sings

Sermon: "Christ Against the Demons"

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**   Resurrection and Chancel Ringers; Adult Retreat weekend

Rev. Douglas Denton preaches Sermon: "Anger"

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**   ZAMARingers; Youth Time and Talent Luncheon & Auction

Sermon: "The Great Deceiver"

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**   Messiah at 10:30; Communion at 8:30 & 9:30

Sermon: "Victory over Evil"

Our Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by a small orchestra, will present excerpts from the crucifixion and resurrection sections of Handel's Messiah as a major portion of the 10:30 worship hour. We will have Communion at the 8:30 and 9:30 hours only.

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**   Children's Choir musical; Resurrection sings; Mother's Day

Sermon: "Ghostbusters" (conclusion of the sermon series)

Our Children's Choir will present the musical, "Spend a While on the Nile," as a major portion of the 10:30 worship hour. Note that this is an earlier date for the children's spring musical than we have had in previous years; the timing has been adjusted to reflect the earlier ending of the school year.

Looking further ahead, note that May 15 will be Confirmation Sunday—which will include Communion at the 10:30 hour—and May 22 will be Graduate Recognition. We have many special elements in our services of worship!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

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# Youth Ministry News

## April 2016

One of the highlights of the youth calendar is our churches "Youth Sunday." It's the one Sunday when the youth of our church lead us completely in worship. I'd like to say thank you to all the youth who helped out whether you were a greeter, usher, reader, singer, musician or part of the plays your efforts are greatly appreciated and Youth Sunday could not have happened without you. Additionally, I want to especially recognize those who assumed leadership roles as part of the production. Congratulations go to Brooke Harvey, Brandon Harvey, Hanna Holman, Arijana Kooijman, Anna Swan, Nate Swan, Zach Wight, Josh Thompson, Ryan Stout Caroline Stiller and Carlie Thompson for their performances in the skits. Additionally, I'd like to say "well done" to Joy Raub and the members of the interpretive dance team, for their interpretative dance performed to the song "Do Something" by Matthew West. The Dance really brought the theme of the entire day together and drove the point home. Last but not least thank you Kylee Thompson for bringing us the message. Your hard work and dedication to delivering us a spirit filled message was very evident on this day.

I also can't express how thankful I am to the many adults who helped make this event possible. I would especially like to thank Brad Brode, Adam Alderson and Mike Goff for all their hard work. Our students have two amazing opportunities to be involved in praising God through music thanks to the hard work of these men. Our intern Emily Lappin deserves special thanks for all her efforts preparing for the big day. She organized the breakfast we had on Sunday assisted in the direction of the students, performed countless behind the scene tasks, and was a true leader for the youth during the many days of rehearsal leading up to Youth Sunday. I also want to say thank you to all the parents for the wonderful breakfast they donated for the students between the services. I am truly blessed to be a part of the youth ministry here at Kent and I look forward to everyone's continued support and to many more successful Youth Sundays.

Shalom,

Rick <><

### APRIL

3	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship resumes
10	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
16	9:30-3 Confirmation at Camp Asbury
17	3-5 PM Mission Team Training
17	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
23	4-8 PM Time and Talent Auction Setup
24	Time and Talent Auction (No Youth Fellowship)

### April Acolyte Schedule

APR 6	Abbey Poole	Olivia DeVries
APR 13	Faith Kaminski	Josh Thompson
APR 20	Rhiannon Lewis	David Richardson
APR 24	Abbey Poole	Faith Kaminski
APR 27	Brandon Harvey	Nathan Palmer



### Mission Trip News

The members of our Youth Mission Team would like to say thank you to all those who supported our mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. through the purchase of a symbolic brick. Thanks to you, we are well on our way to meeting our goal. If you have not had an opportunity to donate, but would still like to, please feel free to drop a check in the collection basket and mark the envelope "Brick Sale." Be sure to look for pictures from our trip in the September issue of the Mosaic.



## Vacation Bible School

From June 13-17 (please note the week) our kids will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible School, SURF SHACK: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love! Children in attendance at SURF SHACK will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to catch God's amazing love. During Vacation Bible School at SURF SHACK: CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD'S AMAZING LOVE, your students will become Surfers and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

After a high-energy opening assembly at the Surf Shack, the Surfers make their way to the Story Deck. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Wave Words for following God's plan for our lives, and your Surfers will discover Pop-Up Verses (Bible memory verses) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Hut, singing new music at Tidal Tunes, exploring science activities at Discovery Dunes, participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Shack Snacks. Along the way, the Surfers will hear about our mission project and enjoy being active!

We hope you will mark your calendar for June 13-17 (please note this is not our traditional week ) and plan to attend VBS at the SURF SHACK!

Sincerely,

Your SURF SHACK VBS TEAM

## Annual Time and Talent Auction Sunday, April 24

Sunday, April 24 will be the annual "Time and Talent Auction" and luncheon sponsored by the Kent Youth Group. Each year our auction serves as the **MAJOR FUNDRAISER** used to support the many activities our youth participate in during the year.

The youth are very excited about this year's event. Already we have already received a football signed by **Head Coach, Urban Meyer** for this year's auction along with **dinner packages, golf passes, corn-hole boards, handmade afghan** and much more!

While we are asking each of the youth to donate an item, there is room for the entire church to get involved in the fun. Donation items could include:

- Theme baskets
- Craft or handmade items
- Sporting event tickets (Indians, Aeros, Cavs, Browns, OSU or KSU)
- Theater or movie tickets (Akron Civic Theater or Weathervane Playhouse)
- Kick-Knacks
- Books or Bibles
- Use of a cottage Cabin or Time Share
- Dinner events
- Use of a pool or picnic area
- Artwork or photography
- Music or dance lessons
- Gift certificates
- Collectibles or antiques
- Professional services
- The ideas are endless!

Won't you please prayerfully consider ways you might be able to support our youth ministry through the donation of an item? Those interested in donating an item can do so by calling Rick at 330-283-4838 or by email at [rickstout@kentmethodist.org](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org).

## Altar Flower Sign Up Available

The sign-up sheet for altar flower sponsoring is available in the Atrium. The cost is \$35 per week. Payment can be made by writing "Altar Flowers" on your check or envelope.

## KENT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNOUNCE APRIL MEETINGS

Miriam Circle will meet at **9 AM** on **April 6** in the parlor at the Kent United Methodist Church. The program is entitled "Coffee and Tea" and will be presented by Judith Nedel. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be led by Carol Taylor. Hostess will be Sandra Andrews.

Mary Reed Circle will meet on **April 6** at **1 PM** in the church parlor. The program focus will be "A Roundup Report of Visitation to Homebound Members." Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Phyllis Neal. Co-hostesses will be Mary Lou McGregor and Jan Hambleton.

The Rebecca Circle meeting will be held at **7:30 PM** on **April 6** at the home of Gail Lundberg who will serve as Hostess assisted by co-hostesses Charleen Pees and Carole Stokes. Judith Nedel will share a Mission Moment and Carole Stokes will lead Devotions. The program is entitled "Paper Iris Folding" led by Judy Price.

Janus Circle will meet at **6:00 PM** on **April 10** at the Panera's on Rt. 59 in Stow. Continuing the program theme for the year entitled "Everyday Women—Ever Faithful God", the program topic will be "Deborah and Jael: Resourceful Women". Devotions will be presented by Megan Lantz who will also serve as Hostess.

On **April 23** the Canal District United Methodist Women (UMC) will hold a Spring Gathering which will take place at the Brimfield United Methodist Church at 1235 Tallmadge Road in Brimfield. The guest speaker will be Rev. Nathan Howe of Niles First United Methodist Church who will discuss his most recent mission trip. Special music will be presented by the Centenary United Methodist Church Chorus from Akron. A 'Love Offering' and donations will be gathered for Heart 4 the City, a Methodist mission project in the Goodyear Heights community of Akron. Continental breakfast begins at 8:30 AM and the Fellowship service will begin at 9:30 AM. Reservations are due by April 15 and should be sent to Elizabeth Feldman, 708 Keiffer St. Wooster, Oh 44691-2418, by email to eflogel@gmail.com, or call 330-456-5782. A \$5 fee for breakfast may be included with registration or paid on site.

The Canal District United Methodist Women (UMW) Membership Committee cordially invites all Methodist women to a Spring Time Tea at **2 PM** on Sunday, **May 22, 2016** at the Woodland United Methodist Church, 444 North Hawkins St in Akron. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and fellowship with other UMW women of the region, so mark your calendar and plan to attend.



### Trash & Treasures Sale

**May 6-7**

Mark your calendar! This spring the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, May 5, from 7 to 9 PM. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, May 3, after 2 PM.

### Young Adults' Small Group Update

Our new Young Adult Group, #Skwawd, meets every Tuesday at 7 PM in the parlor. We just finished reading and discussing *Under the Overpass* by Mike Yankoski, about the faith journey of two men who voluntarily lived on the streets for four months. The reading inspired us to reach out to the homeless in our own community. In the upcoming months, we plan to volunteer both at the Freedom House in Kent, and at the Haven Of Rest in Akron. We also have monthly outings, such as an ice skating night in February and a board game night in March. (As an aside, on our recent game night, we discovered a game called, "The Crazy Cat Lady Game". I would highly recommend it, especially if you like cats.) We are planning on hiking in April as well as more outside adventures this summer.

I'm incredibly grateful for this group of people. I'm grateful for how encouraging everyone in the group is of one another, and how close we've grown over just a few short months. I look forward to seeing where this journey takes us. Thank you for all your support.

Shalom,

Alanna Feltner



## Church Library Workshop April 23

The Northeast Ohio Church and Synagogue Library Association 2016 Spring Workshop "Praying in Color" will be held at the United Methodist Church of Uniontown, 13370 Cleveland Ave. NW, Uniontown, OH. This exciting event is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 9:30 AM–2 PM. Enjoy Kim Porter, director of faith development at Community Christian Church, leading the event.

"Praying in Color" is an active, meditative, playful prayer practice that is both process and product. The product is a colorful design or drawing that is a visual reminder of the time spent in prayer. Based on the book *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God* by Sybil MacBeth.

Lunch will be available for \$10. Registration is required, and costs \$12 for NEO chapter members. Non-members, please reach out to Mary Lou Henneman at 330-758-0688 or send her an email at englishfestival@yahoo.com. The deadline to register is April 13.

Also at the "Praying in Color" Spring Event, our church librarian, member Meghan Harper, will be speaking on the exciting and inspirational upcoming 2016 Annual Church and Synagogue Library Association Conference: Telling Your Story, to be held at Kent State University July 27–29. (You won't want to miss the speakers, the tours the KEYNOTES!!!) Save the date for this fantastic opportunity to meet fabulous authors who speak on a variety of faith-based topics and share their inspirational messages.

If you have additional questions about either of these events, Praying in Color or the Annual Conference of CSLA: Telling Your Story, please contact Meghan Harper at sharper1@kent.edu.

## East Ohio Summer Camps

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](http://www.eastohiocamps.org).

To help enable young people to go to camp, our church will pay half the cost for any camper from our

## 2016 Janus Scholarship Announcement

It is that time again to apply to The Janus Circle Scholarship! The Janus Circle Scholarship was established in 2014 to recognize student members of the United Methodist Church of Kent, Ohio for their active involvement in our church and service to the community and who plan to pursue post-secondary education the following school year. Last year, the first scholarship was awarded to two members of our church.

The Janus Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have demonstrated an exceptional level of service in the church during their teen years. The application calls for a listing of all the points of a student's involvement; however, there are no GPA requirements or essay! Please note that although no initial essay is required, an essay may be requested by the Selection Committee at their discretion. In addition, any college-bound or other educational pursuit is eligible!

Applications are available from the church office or may be completed on-line on the UMC of Kent website. More details are also available on the website. Applications may be mailed or delivered in person to the church office to the attention of Adam Alderson, postmarked or received in person by April 15, 2016.

The award recipient(s) will be announced at Senior Recognition Sunday and it is possible for the award to be shared among multiple recipients.

Through this scholarship, the Janus Circle is tangibly recognizing the youth members who demonstrate their commitment and service to our church and community. For more information, please contact Denise Mote at 330-678-6048. Donations to the Janus Scholarship Endowment Fund are welcome; please mark your envelope Janus Circle Scholarship Fund! Good luck, seniors!

church for any one of our United Methodist camps. We call this financial assistance a "campership."

For full details on applying for and receiving a campership, please visit our website at [www.kentmethodist.org](http://www.kentmethodist.org), or contact Dr. Palmer or Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator.

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	March 28 Office Closed 6 pm Kent Garden Club/ Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room	29 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-8 pm #Skawwd/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	30 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6:15 pm Potluck Supper/ Pierson Hall 7 pm Music Committee/ Conference Room 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym	31 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Staff-Parish Rela- tions/Conference Room 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	1 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall	2 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
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## USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
April 3	6	5
April 10	1	1
April 17	2	2
April 24	3	3

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.

## Donation Sought

We are looking for a donation of an electronic keyboard that we could give to the church of Theo Appiah, a Ghanaian who is here at Kent State with the International Leaders in Education program and who has been participating in our choir this semester. If you can help with this need, please contact our church office.

Louise Klein

Dear Rev. Palmer and member of UMC of Kent,

Thank you for agreeing to host the AGO Scholarship Choral Festival Feb. 5. I think you were the best hosts that we could have asked for. Your willingness to assist with every aspect of the evening; from ushers at the entry doors, arranging the chancel, running the sound system, finding stacks of hymnals at the last minute for the choirs to use in the chancel, to forming a committee to host a reception. I am sure there are many other areas of which I am not even aware. We raised over \$900 toward future organ scholarships. I hope all who were in attendance enjoyed the evening and felt the joy of one of God's most wonderful gifts: music.

Thank you again,  
Dawn Filler



Remember  
These  
Members  
in Their  
Sorrow

## Our Sympathies Go to the Friends and Family of:

- George Flanik, Sr.
- Esther Vandersall

## Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Dick Abbott, Gerturde Bodnovich, Tyler Coia, Dottie Emerick, Pat Gynn, Sandy Leeper, Ray Loughridge, Tom Pierson, Margie Stahl, Linda Thomas

## APRIL LAY READERS

APR 3	Adam C. Alderson
APR 10	Eric Wertz
APR 17	Janeen Phillips
APR 24	Walt Strawman

## VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

APRIL 3	Eric Wertz
APRIL 10	Brittany Brode
APRIL 17	Gary Mote
APRIL 24	Jack Miller

April 3-Sharon Coia

April 10-Don Ashton

April 17-Betty Sweet

April 24-Janice Anderson



## THANK YOU NOTES

Bob and I so appreciate the Christmas church poinsettia delivered by Carole Stokes, and another delivery since then by Judy Hayden. We are returning the lovely containers so they can be used again.

Louise Klein

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Thank you again,  
Dawn Filler

Re: Funeral Luncheon for Ken Hurd,

The luncheon was wonderful. We are grateful for the generosity of our church family.

Jack and Alice Hurd

I sincerely want to **thank** everyone for their cards, prayers, and thought on the passing of my mother.

She always enjoyed the visits from Doug Denton. The beautiful flowers which she always enjoyed from the altar and the "great ladies" that delivered them.

She was so appreciative of everything.

She made many friends from the church and enjoyed her "church away from her home church."

Sincerely

Linda Thomas

Dear Friends,

Thank you for caring about those in our community who have so little. You are bringing hope to the hopeless through your generous support of Haven of Rest Ministries.

May God bless you and yours with a wonderful 2016.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Jeffrey A. Kaiser,  
Executive Director



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**The Youth Time and Talent Auction is Sunday, April 24!**

### **Worship Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Special Event</b>
April 3	"The Dark Side in Today's World"	John 3:17-21 Ephesians 5:8-14	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
April 10	"Christ against the Demons"	Mark 1:21-28 Matthew 17:14-18 John 3:10-16, 23-24	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children's Choir</i>
April 17	"Anger"	Psalms 103:1-14; Ephesians 4:25-32	Rev. Douglas Denton	<i>Resurrection, Chancel Ringers</i>
April 24	"The Great Deceiver"	Ephesians 6:10-17 II John 1:7-9	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers, Time and Talent Auction</i>



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