



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

One of the great strengths of our church is the *leadership* offered by many members of our congregation in numerous areas of service. In our church, leadership rotates according to an academic year, so every summer there are some people going off of leadership positions and some new people coming on.

Our new 2016–17 leadership directory is now posted on our web site. Just go to our web site at www.kentmethodist.org, click on the “about us” tab and then go to the “our leadership” page, where you can access the complete directory. The directory lists all the persons in our church who have agreed to be a part of various committees and ministry teams for the coming academic year. There are more than *200 names* on the list, and it does not include people involved in our choirs, in our greeter or usher teams, in our Rotary or Lions lunch teams, in our Tuesday Work Group, in our teams who assembling mailings, or in our teams of Sunday School teachers or nursery caregivers. We have a great many people who are sharing their gifts in our church in many ways!

If you are going off of a committee this summer, thank you for your leadership in the years past! If you are coming new onto a committee or team, thank you for agreeing to serve! You will receive notification via email about when your committee or team will meet.

Our leadership positions begin in July of each year, so if you are coming new onto a committee, your term of service has begun! Most of our committee members are serving three year terms. In the leadership directory, there is a year connected with each name, which indicates that that person’s term concludes in the summer of that year. An asterisk next to a name indicates membership on the Church Council.

If you note an error in the Leadership Directory, please be in touch with our church office. Also, if you are uncertain as to whether we have a correct email for you, you can simply send an email to adamalderson@kentmethodist.org to update our records.

In identifying persons for leadership, we utilize the spiritual gift inventories that people fill out each year in order to try to match people to the areas of leadership in which they might be most interested. If you have not recently filled out an inventory, you can access a printable version on the web site under the leadership tab.

The apostle Paul wrote, “*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*” [I Corinthians 12:4-7]

We can rejoice in how the Holy Spirit is at work in all of us, to enable us to share together in God’s purposes!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

August 2016

Summer is a busy time for our youth and this year was exceptionally busy. For the second year in a row our youth took two missions trips. The first was to the Leech Lake Reservation in Cass Lake, Minnesota. While there, we partnered with Youth Works to serve the Native Americans of the Ojibwa tribe. This trip was once again an enlightening and rewarding cultural experience. Then in July, 40 of our youth and adults traveled to Mountain TOP in order to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau.

I want to personally thank our congregation for generously supporting both of these trips through your prayers, your gifts, and even the donation of tools. It's a blessing to be able to serve this church and so many others through missions, and I look forward giving our congregation detailed reports regarding both trips in the early fall newsletter.

Shalom,

Rick <

AUGUST

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| 5-14 | Rick Stout on vacation |
| 21 | Youth Group begins for 2016-17 7-8:30 in Gym/Pit |
| 28 | Youth Group 7-8:30 in Gym/Pit |
| SEP 9 | Fifth Quarter 10 PM-Midnight |

August Acolyte Schedule

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| AUG 7 | Abbey Poole | Olivia DeVries |
| AUG 14 | Faith Kaminski | Josh Thompson |
| AUG 21 | Brandon Harvey | Nathan Palmer |
| AUG 28 | Rhiannon Lewis | David Richardson |

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 21, 11:30 AM

Pierson Hall, the gym, and the church lawn

Our "back to school" celebration features a bounce house and other games for children, and fellowship for all ages. All food is provided; a freewill donation is taken.

Now Seeking Interns

Starting late summer/early fall our church will again be supporting two ministry interns. These interns will focus on youth ministry, and Christian Education respectively.

The goal of this program is to offer college age students and young adults the opportunity to explore ministry in a hands on way, answer questions about ministry as a vocation, and explore the idea of "call" in a person's life. And better still, they get paid to do it!

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to learn more about or if you know of someone who you feel might be interested in this opportunity please contact Rick Stout on his cell 330-283-4838 or at the church office 330-673-5879, ext. 12, to learn more about this exciting program!

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 hope 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. Beginning August 28 bins will be placed around the church for you to drop off **NEW** or **EXTREMELY GENTLY** used coats and jackets of various sizes to be given out to the people of Grundy County. We especially need children's coats. Last year they ran out within an hour! If you have questions please contact Rick Stout in the church office.

Third Graders to Receive Bibles Sunday, August 28

We will give a Bible to each child going into the third grade this fall. The curriculum we use in Sunday School is written with the understanding that third graders are ready to have their own Bibles and to use them in classes and at home. The children will receive Bibles on August 28 at the 10:30 am service. Following the 10:30 service, there will be a luncheon for the third graders, their families, and mentors. Children will receive a letter about the Bible presentation in early August. If you have a child going into third grade who has not been attending Sunday School, please contact our church office, so that we can be sure your child is included.

Calling All Teen Musicians!

The first day of rehearsals for the youth music ensembles is Sunday, August 21. Resurrection will rehearse from 5 to 6 pm, under the direction of Adam Alderson, followed immediately by ZAMARingers until 7 pm, continuing under the leadership of Brad Brode. We encourage everyone who is interested in these groups to attend these first rehearsals, and bring your friends! Brad and Adam are very excited to be working with these groups to encourage youth to grow in their faith through musical worship! Parents: the full year's rehearsal and performance schedule will be available that night. If you have any questions about these groups, please visit our website or contact Adam in the office, and see page 6 for the full Sunday evening schedule. We'll see you there!



Returning this fall the Kent United Methodist Church will be hosting "Club 56." Beginning August 21, from 5 to 6 pm, Kent youth in grades 5 and 6, and their friends, are invited to join us in the gym for games, fun, fellowship, and a short "God Time."

Remember this is a youth group just for us! Be a part from the start, invite your friends, and meet us in the gym on Sunday night, August 21 to be in on all the fun.

Confirmation Luncheon

There will be a luncheon on Sunday, September 11 at 11:45 AM in Pierson Hall for young people and their parents who will be taking part in this year's Confirmation Class. A letter with details will be sent out in early August to all 7th graders.

If you would like to be a part of the confirmation class, please be in contact with Rick Stout, 330-673-5879 ext. 12.



This year we are again planning an **ADULT TRIP** to the mountain on October 20–23. Participants will be once again given the opportunity to participate in either the Major Home Repair Program or the Fourth Annual Fall Festival with Soles for Souls. If this sounds like **YOU** or if **YOU** feel called to be a part of this ministry, please contact Rick Stout about how you can be a part of this amazing opportunity.

Attention Sunday School Teachers

There will be a meeting for all Sunday School Teachers and those interested in becoming Sunday School teachers on Sunday, August 21 at 11:30 in the conference room. Additionally, if you are interested in helping out in the Sunday School this year please plan on attending the meeting. We are still in need of some lead teachers, and teacher's aids to work on selected Sundays with lead teachers

Derbytown Gospel Harmony Singers

This month in worship we look forward to a special group of guest musicians—the Derbytown Gospel Harmony Singers—who will provide all the choral music in our 10:30 worship on Sunday, July 31 (as the Sanctuary Choir and New Spirit will be off that day). The Gospel Harmony Singers, a men's chorus drawing singers from across the greater Akron area, travels from church to church during the summer, singing spiritual classics using a cappella, four-part, close harmony. They will be singing for the prelude, introit, anthem, offertory, and benediction at the 10:30 hour.

Disciple Bible Study

One of the most enriching opportunities in our church is Disciple Bible Study. This coming fall Dr. Palmer will be offering Disciple for the twenty-first time since his arrival here in 1995. The class's enduring popularity is a testimony to its power—it is a wonderful way to grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ!

Disciple I takes participants on an overarching journey through the entire Bible in a span of 34 weeks. Through Disciple, people come to really know the Bible, to understand the Bible, and to see how the whole Biblical story connects together. Disciple will not simply expand your mind but will expand your spirit! It is an experience of growing in God's Word.

Disciple class participants read Bible passages each day (about a half hour's worth) and then come together once a week for a two-hour session. This fall the Disciple I class will meet on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting on September 12 and concluding on May 22, with breaks over Christmastime and spring break.

Here are some comments from this past year's participants about their experience in Disciple:

- Being a part of Disciple I increased my understanding of the Bible as a whole.
- I have lots of Sunday School lessons, sermon fragments, and Bible stories stewing in my head and heart... Disciple brought them all together into one coherent and amazing story and lesson.
- I came to a fuller understanding of the Scriptures and how they are at work in my life.
- I made connections between many Biblical events and their significance that I never before realized.
- I learned much about the Bible and myself
- The Disciple class brought me much closer to God and Christ Jesus than I could ever imagine. This course has the anointing of God, and everyone in the church should take it if they have the opportunity.

Disciple is designed to be of value no matter where you are in your spiritual walk or your level of Bible knowledge. The main thing that is required is a commitment to the study. Participants are asked to "covenant" to do the daily Bible readings (with the aid of an accompanying study manual) and to be in regular attendance at the weekly sessions. We also ask that each participant contribute \$35 toward the cost of the study manual. Class size is limited, so sign up soon in the atrium.

Disciple III Offered this Fall

We are very excited to announce that Disciple III will be offered this year, starting after Labor Day. Disciple III is for anyone who has completed Disciple I. (It is not necessary to have taken Disciple II; Disciple I is the prerequisite for Disciple II, III, and IV, which can be taken in any order). Disciple III takes an in-depth journey through the Old Testament prophets and, in the New Testament, through the letters of Paul. Disciple III was last offered in 2008, so this is a very special opportunity!

The leader of Disciple III will be Andy Lepp, who is a professor at Kent State and who was strongly recommended by his fellow Disciple members to lead Disciple III! Disciple III will be offered on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 12. Participants are asked to contribute \$35 toward the cost of the student book. There is a sign-up sheet in the atrium.

Altar Flower Sign Up Available

The sign-up sheet for altar flower sponsoring is available in the Atrium. The cost is \$35 per week. 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 Are Invited!

Friends of Charley Nichols are invited to help him celebrate his 90th birthday. There will be an open house in Pierson Hall on Saturday, August 13 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. A memory book will be given to Charley. We encourage you to send your special memory contribution to Ed Nichols, 900 Marilyn Dr., Kent, Ohio 44240.

Disciple I FAST TRACK Coming this Fall

Disciple Fast Track, an adaptation of the original, bestselling Disciple Bible Study, provides a viable option for busy people seeking comprehensive engagement over time with the entire biblical text. Fast Track groups meet for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament. Participants read a manageable 3–5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly meetings, which last approximately 75 minutes.

A brief, illustrated review video enables participants to recall important facts and ideas; lively and engaging video presenters then offer insights into the current week's session. Participants have the opportunity to take a spiritual gifts assessment and determine meaningful ways they can serve and live out their discipleship commitment. They also have opportunities for celebrations marking their completion of the Old and New Testament components of Disciple Fast Track.

Rick Stout will lead this study this fall on Thursdays, starting September 22 at 7:00 PM. There will be a \$30 charge to cover the books for the course. If you're interested in participating in Disciple Fast Track please email Rick at rickstout@kentmethodist.org or send a text or voicemail to 330-283-4838.

Welcome New Members!

In the last several months we welcomed many into full membership of the United Methodist Church! Our Confirmation Class confirmed their Baptisms on May 15, and New Member classes were inducted into membership in June and July. If you see any of the members below, please welcome them and congratulate them on this step in their journey of faith!

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| Rhiannon Lewis | Josh Thompson |
| David Richardson | Brandon Harvey |
| Abbey Poole | Nathan Palmer |
| Olivia DeVries | Elaine Alexander |
| Faith Kaminski | Richard Abbott |

Full Sunday Morning Schedule to Begin August 21

8:30 Chapel Worship—Traditional style, 45 minute worship service with around 60 worshipers in the beautiful setting of our chapel. No child care is available during this service.

9:00 Holy Donut Shop—(Starting 9/4) Grab a donut and coffee or tea in our church kitchen before heading to any of our many morning opportunities.

9:15 Children's Choir rehearsal—This choir, open to children age four through the sixth grade, sings monthly at the 10:30 hour and for the closing part of the 9:30 service.

9:30 Child care (in room 107)—This is for children who are not in Children's Choir whose parents are attending the Contemporary Worship Service, the Bible study class, or Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.

9:30 Contemporary Worship—Contemporary worship with a praise band in the casual setting of the church gymnasium. When parents are attending this service, their children can go to the 9:30 Child Care, or the Children's Choir. This is a 45 minute service, so parents can pick their children up at the end of the service.

9:30 University of Life Adult Bible Study—This one-hour adult Bible study meets each Sunday morning in the Conference Room of the Office Wing.

10:30 Sanctuary Worship—This one-hour service includes a blend of many musical styles, featuring numerous choral and handbell choirs. Nursery care is provided throughout the hour for children ages two and under. Children ages three through sixth grade attend for the first fifteen minutes and then depart for the balance of the hour to go to Sunday School classes

10:45 Sunday School (classes for all ages)—Children from the 10:30 service depart for their classes after the Children's Time. The Youth class, for 7th through 12th graders, also meets during this time

11:30 Fellowship time (in Pierson Hall)

The Sanctuary Choir, New Spirit, Chancel Ringers, Resurrection, and ZAMARingers (when they are sharing in worship) also have rehearsals at various times on Sunday morning.

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| Thelma Seifert | Desmeal and Monsaw |
| Jeremy and Rachel | Leigh |
| Nebelsick | Chris and Karen Mullins |
| Kevin and Christina Lord | Jeff Shumaker and |
| | Jennifer Wilson |

August 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym | 3 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym | 4 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH | 5 1-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym | 6 |
| 7 Summer Schedule Communion | 8 | 9 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym | 10 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym | 11 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH | 12 | 13 |
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| 21 Regular Schedule Church Picnic | 22 | 23 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym | 24 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Gym 7-9 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conference Room | 25 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH | Summer Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School—Preschool—6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall | |
| 28 Regular Schedule | 29 | 30 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym | 31 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-9 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/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 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 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 |
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| Aug 7 | 6 | 3 |
| Aug 14 | 1 | 4 |
| Aug 21 | 2 | 5 |
| Aug 28 | 3 | 1 |

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.

Aug 7-Sharon Coia

Aug 14-Don Ashton

Aug 21-Betty Sweet

Aug 28-Janice Anderson



Children's Choir

All children age 4 through sixth grade are invited to be part of Children's Choir, which rehearses Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 in room 202. Rehearsals start August 21!

We truly appreciate all the hard work of the ladies that volunteered their time during the James Lantz funeral luncheon.

Sincerely,
The Lantz Family

Dear Janus Circle Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for awarding me the 2016 Janus Circle Scholarship. I am very excited about attending Mount Union in the fall, and this scholarship will help a lot with college tuition.

Sincerely,
Hope

Dear Janus Circle,

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship. I greatly appreciate your help in furthering my education. I will definitely put the scholarship to good use at American University where I plan to major in International Studies. Thank you once again for the generous scholarship; it means a lot.

Rachel Palmer



Our Sympathies Go to:

- family and friends of Rebecca Biggers
- Dave Kurtz on the death of his sister, Marilyn Falkenberg
- family and friends of James Lantz

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Dick Abbott, Marty Andregg, Tina Ballentine, Reed Beck, Hal Hall, Sally Hershiser, Tom Pierson

AUGUST LAY READERS

AUG 7 Pat Baldwin
AUG 14 Mark Ryland
AUG 21 Alex Seed
AUG 28 Morgan Closs

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

AUG 7 Jack Miller
AUG 14 Brittany Brode
AUG 21 Eric Wertz
AUG 28 Gary Mote

Chancel Ringers

All adults are invited to be involved in the Chancel Ringers bell choir. This ensemble performs monthly during the 10:30 worship hour. Rehearsals will begin in September. Please watch the bulletins and the September Mosaic for meeting times and details.

THANK YOU

This past month has been one we will always remember...

We were scared, frustrated, Reed was hurting, we wanted to get back to the USA.

Amazingly, we were also surrounded by a peace, a calm that we have determined was the loving care and the loving prayer from so many people! BLESSINGS for sure!

Thanks to so many for the calls, the cards, the concern.

A special thanks to Pat and Dave Gynn for delivering the alter flowers. I happened to be in church that morning to hear the sermon about Blessings, and to the 8:30 service friends for your constant care and concern.

A shout out to Doug Denton who got to play Where's Reed? (kind of like where's Waldo?) Reed loved your visit, and we both appreciated your tenacity in finding out where Reed was NOT! It was a confusing month!

We love our Church, thanks to each of you!

Reed and Karen Beck



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The church picnic and start of youth activities is August 21!

Worship Calendar

| Date | Sermon | Scripture | Preacher | Special Event |
|-------------|--|------------------|------------------|---|
| August 7 | "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart" | Matthew 5:8 | Dr. David Palmer | Communion |
| August 14 | "How to Be Happy When the World Gives You Grief" | Matthew 5:10-11 | Dr. David Palmer | UM Student Day |
| August 21 | "The Meek Inherit the Earth" | Matthew 5:5 | Dr. David Palmer | Church Picnic |
| August 28 | New Sermon Series begins: <i>Navigating the Storm— How to Journey in Faith through Troubling Times</i> | | Dr. David Palmer | 3 rd Grade Bible Presentation |



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