



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

It is our central Christian symbol—the cross. But what really does the cross have to do with our lives? How can the death of a man two thousand years ago on a cross “save” us? And what sort of God is represented by the cross? Is this a bloodthirsty God, who demands sacrifice? Does the cross make any sense, and is it in any way relevant to life today?

Indeed the cross speaks profoundly to us, and is transformational for human life. This month we begin a sermon series on the meaning and power of the cross entitled, “The Points of the Cross – how the cross of Christ can save you.” It starts on the first Sunday of February and will continue until Palm Sunday. Join us in worship!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Mission Giving Reaches New Highs

For several years, our church has been giving to missions at the extraordinary level of more than \$160,000 per year. This past year, in 2016, we entered a new level, as for the first time in our church history we gave more than \$170,000 to missions! (\$173,411 to be exact). You can see the full breadth of our mission giving on our web site at www.kentmethodist.org in the “our missions” section under the “about us” tab. We rejoice in how we can reach out to others in service for Christ!

Raise the Roof

The sanctuary ceiling painting project was beautifully completed in January; so now the entire “raise the roof” project is finished -- the exterior roof and the interior ceiling have been completed renovated. What remains is paying for the project! We have \$118,200 in debt for the project as of late January. You can contribute by marking a check, online donation, or envelope “raise the roof.” Thank you for helping to keep “God’s house” in good condition!

The Kiosk

Have you seen the new “kiosk” at the 9:30 and 10:30 services? The small touch-screen kiosk, located at the back table in the gym and the welcome table in the narthex, is an easy way to register for events such as the new member orientation (next opportunity – March 18) or to give to any of various funds in our church. It is available for use any Sunday.

Youth Ministry News

February 2017

What a great start our youth have had to the new year. Rehearsals have begun for this year's Youth Sunday, to be held on Sunday, March 12. This year's theme is "MADE" and will focus on Psalm 139:14 being fearfully and wonderfully MADE by God. Youth Sunday will feature three short skits, a performance art piece set to the song "Since Your Love" by United Pursuit, and a message brought to us by Senior Zach Wight. Also, on January 27 our confirmation class visited the Temple Israel in Akron and participated in their Interfaith Youth Service.

Looking forward to February, our team of 52 is set for our annual mission trip to Mountain T.O.P., and plans are underway to raise the necessary funds. Our annual brick sale will be Sunday, February 26. While each student attending is responsible for more than half of their individual cost for the week, the remaining costs, including travel, needs to be covered by fundraising. Additionally, there are students from some families who will have difficulty paying their required portion. Therefore, we would like to ask the congregation to consider getting involved in our quest to raise the required funds for this year's trip by participating in the brick sale. When the youth call on February 26, won't you please consider purchasing a symbolic brick for \$25 in support of the youth mission trip? Planning for the "Time and Talent" auction is also underway. This year's auction WILL include an autographed helmet signed by Dallas Cowboy star Rookie Ezekiel "Zeke" Elliott, use of a flat for a week in London England, a signed and framed image of "The Block" by LeBron James, golf passes, and much more. Please mark Sunday, April 23 on your calendar and plan on coming out in support of the youth ministry here at our church.

And finally, on the weekend of February 3 and 4 our youth will once again work to end world hunger by participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. I hope everyone will plan to take part in one or all of these exciting events!

Shalom,
Rick <

Mission Trip Update

For our 18th summer the youth will be again traveling to Mountain T.O.P. located in Altamont, Tennessee to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Plateau. Grundy County where we will be working is the poorest county per capita in the entire United States, and our youth group will be traveling there to do minor home repair and make a difference in the lives of the people living "on the mountain." Our Annual telethon brick sale will be Sunday Night, February 26. When the youth call please prayerfully consider supporting their efforts to share the love of Jesus to those who so desperately need it.

Summer trip update: While the youth summer trip is completely full for both youth and chaperones, spots continue to be available for adults who would want to attend and experience Mountain T.O.P. first-hand without any chaperoning responsibility. Major Home Repair or Quest options are still open for adult participation. The cost for either of these programs is \$390 and the church will provide transportation and overnight housing on the trip down. If you would like more information about either of these programs or the Mountain TOP experience please contact Rick at 330-283-4838.

FEBRUARY

1	7-8 Youth Sunday Rehearsal
3-4	30 Hour Famine (TBA)
5	No Youth Fellowship
8	7-8 Youth Sunday rehearsal
11	9:30-3 Confirmation LightHouse of Hope
12	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
15	7-8 Youth Sunday rehearsal
19	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
22	7-8 Youth Sunday rehearsal
26	3-5 Brick Sale 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

February Acolyte Schedule

FEB 5	Mya Syphrit Abbey Stiller
FEB 12	Zane Ferrara Aron Kooijman
FEB 19	Kevin Ina Desmeal Leigh
FEB 26	Mallory Moldvay Maren Seaholts

SCOUT SUNDAY AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST—FEB. 12

Scout Sunday, an annual Sunday when we celebrate Scouting, will be recognized in our church on Feb. 12. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will attend in uniform, there will be a special recognition of our Scouts during the announcement time, and Boy Scouts from our Troop 252 will have leadership roles in the service. Our Scouts will have a Pancake brunch in Pierson Hall starting at 9:00 AM and continuing until 1:00 PM, so that people from all three worship services can come. There is a freewill offering at each table; proceeds support our Scout program.



Gleaning Ministry

Our gleaning team in 2016 gathered more than 6,000 pounds of produce (including potatoes and sweet corn) for area food agencies. Gleaning was done at the Pochedly farm in Mantua. Our team took the corn and potatoes to food cupboards and hot meal programs throughout Portage County. Deliveries were made to Catholic Charities, Center of Hope, Salvation Army, Kent Social Services, Upper Room Ministries, King-Kennedy Center, and the Skeels-Matthews Center. These agencies greatly appreciated the supplies!

The gleaning involves going through corn and potatoes that have been harvested but that are not marketable at groceries due to imperfections. An ear of corn may be quite good and edible, but if it is somewhat deformed or too small, it is rejected by the stores. Our team selects the good food from the harvest that has been “left behind,” and trucks it to the food pantries. This is meeting a real need in our county!

You can become a part of this gleaning ministry by contacting Dave and Sherry Vanderneut at 330-673-1467 or sdvneut@aol.com.

EASTER LILIES

You are invited to purchase Easter lilies to beautify the church during our Easter services. Please complete the information below and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. **Please print** for the best legibility! All flower requests must be accompanied by payment. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent by March 26. Following the 10:30 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 16, flowers will be distributed to shut-ins by members of our UMW Circles.

I/WE WISH TO PURCHASE _____ PLANT(S) AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



**SAVE THE
DATE!**



**LIMC Kent VBS
June 12-16**

Kappa Phi Sunday—February 19 10:30 Worship

In 1948, United Methodist Women of Kent chartered a chapter of a national Christian service organization for women students at KSU. Since then the Alpha Lambda Chapter has been continuous in sisterhood, leadership development, mission, Bible study and community service through United Christian Ministries. Rev. Lauren Odell-Scott serves as the Advisor. The Chapter will honor the founding of Alpha Lambda by the UMW by attending worship together on Kappa Phi Sunday, February 19 at 10:30. The traditional “Rose Tea” for new members will be held in the UCM Lounge later that day. Thank you, UMW, past and present, for your faithful support and prayers for Alpha Lambda Kappa Phi at KSU! “Sisters in Christ! Sisters for Life!”

University of Life Lenten Study Beginning Sunday February 26 Led by Doug Denton

“What Christians Believe and Why” will be the subject for this 6-week series. It will be based on the book and DVD from Adam Hamilton, pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. We will consider the question, “How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to our life?” Adam Hamilton believes some of the answers are contained in the Apostles’ Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. This series will begin at 9:30 AM in the church’s conference room.

University of Life January 15–February 19 Leaders: John and Sandy Kerstetter

Primetime Parables: Bonanza

Join our University of Life class on Sundays from 9:30-10:15 in the Conference Room, as we begin a six-week series using the “Primetime Parable” series. This very popular series uses episodes from old popular TV shows as a launch point to reflect about Christian faith and values. In years past, we have used episodes from Mayberry, I Love Lucy, Dick van Dyke, Gilligan’s Island, and the Beverly Hillbillies. The approach is fun and meaningful! This session we turn to the Bonanza series. Enter the world of the Wild West to discover some lasting gospel truths about life. The class will extend through February 19 and will be led by John and Sandy Kerstetter. All adults are invited!

February Meetings of Kent UMW

“A Call to Community” is the 2017 theme of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) and programs and services for the year are well underway. Kent UMW has 4 Circles—Janus, Mary Reed, Miriam, and Rebecca—and more than 160 members. UMW is a worldwide organization of more than 800,000 women whose purpose is “to know God and to experience freedom as a whole person through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church”.

Miriam Circle will hold their first meeting of the year at **9 AM on February 1** in the church parlor. The program will consist of a group discussion entitled “Living Our Faith”. Co-Hostesses will be Shirley Rog and Sandra Andrews. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Carol Taylor.

On **February 1 at 1 PM**, the members of Mary Reed Circles will meet in the parlor. The program entitled “Blessings of Friendship” will be presented by Pat Gynn. Jane Hornyak will lead Devotions and present a Mission Moment. Davina Gosnell and Lela Irving will serve as Co-Hostesses.

Rebecca Circle will meet **February 1 at 7:30 PM** in Pierson Hall at the church. The program is entitled “Mission to Other Communities: Mountain T.O.P.—Past, Present, & Future” with Rick Stout as the guest speaker. Gail Pytel and Donna Stiller will serve as Co-Hostesses. Judy Smith will lead Devotions and the Mission Moment.

On **February 12 at 6 PM**, Janus Circle will meet at the home of Hostess Connie Thompson, who will also lead Devotions. The program will be presented by Judith Nedel, who will describe the UMW reading program.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9 am Miriam Circle/ Parlor 1 pm Mary Reed Circle/ Parlor 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8 pm Youth Sunday rehearsal/Sanctuary	2 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 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments/ Conference Room 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	3	4 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
				30 Hour Famine		
5 Regular Schedule Communion	6 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	7 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	8 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8 pm Youth Sunday rehearsal/Sanctuary	9 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	10 2-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym 7 pm Social Media Comm/Conference Room	11 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
12 Regular Schedule Scout Pancake Breakfast 9 am-1 pm	13 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	14 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	15 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8 pm Youth Sunday rehearsal/Sanctuary 7 pm Education Comm/ Conference Room	16 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	17	18 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
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				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 12:00 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		
26 Regular Schedule	27 6 pm Garden Club Mtg/ Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	28 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				

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
February 5	4	1
February 12	5	2
February 19	6	3
February 26	1	4

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.



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go to:

- Family and friends of Everett Gowin
- Family and friends of Gary Schultz
- Fran Carly on the death of her father

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Becky Brittain, Regina Coia, John Crnkovich, Janet Crnkovich, Elsie Joy

Feb 5-Sharon Coia

Feb 12-Don Ashton

Feb 19-Betty Sweet

Feb 26-Janice Anderson

**VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE**

FEB 5	Eric Wertz
FEB 12	Brittany Brode
FEB 19	Gary Mote
FEB 26	Cheryl Brode

FEBRUARY LAY READERS

FEB 5	Dottie Emerick
FEB 12	Tom Emerick
FEB 19	John Enlow
FEB 26	Dottie Emerick



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

The Red Cross is holding a blood drive in the gym Friday, February 10 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Schedule your appointment at redcrossblood.org or by contacting Adam in the office. Walk-ins will only be taken if space is available, so schedule your appointment soon!

THANK YOU NOTES

A big thank you to Doug Denton for the visits, calls, and prayers during my recent back surgery.

Gail Closs, thank you for delivering the beautiful poinsettia. All the cards, calls, prayers, and food were greatly appreciated.

What a wonderful and caring church family!

Sue Harvey

Dear members of the UMC of Kent,

We sincerely appreciate your generous, prayerful support to the Portage County Association for Pastoral Care. For over 50 years, community support like your \$300 has made the PCAPC's commitment to provide a part-time administrative secretary possible.

This ministry would not be possible without your support. Please keep the PCAPC and the Pastoral Care Department in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Linda Weinkamer

Administrative Secretary, PCAPC

Secretary, Pastoral Care Department

We want to thank everyone at Kent UMC for your generous support since July for Westin and our family. We are new to the Kent UMC family but felt the

endless support with calls, visits, the beautiful quilt, and prayers from the beginning. We are humbled by the amazing love and support from the congregation. After being born at 11lbs 13oz, Westin is now over 11lbs and growing. We look forward to him getting stronger so we can return to see everyone on Sundays.

Thank you,

Jeremy, Rachel, and Westin Nebelsick

Thank you for the new hats, gloves and scarves that you donated to the Phyllis Zumkehr County Clothing Center. Your generous donation will help keep many of our clients warm this winter. As always, we appreciate your continued support of our mission.

Sincerely,

Candy Pollard

Program Manager

Phyllis Zumkehr County Clothing Center

A big, big thanks to all the ladies who make prayer quilts. I'm not sure you know how good it made by brother-in-law (Dave Nixon) feel!

With special thanks for your kindness,

Sandy Tinker



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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
New Sermon Series: "The Points of the Cross—how Jesus' cross will save you."				
February 5	"The Foolishness of the Cross"	I Corinthians 1:18–25	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
February 12	"He Bears Our Burdens"	Isaiah 53:4–12	Dr. David Palmer	Scout Sunday, <i>Resurrection</i>
February 19	"It Has Already Happened"	Ephesians 2:14–18 II Corinthians 5:14–21	Rev. Douglas Denton	<i>Children's Choir, Chancel Ringers</i>
February 26	"The Price Is Paid"	John 19:16–30	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>



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