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Dear Friends,

This month we move into the high point in the Christian year, as we enter Holy Week and the celebration of *Easter*. We look forward to the following very special services of worship:

SUNDAY, APRIL 2—Communion The “Points of the Cross” sermon series continues, with a sermon entitled, “Eating the Body, Drinking the Blood—Sounds Like Cannibals!” We celebrate Communion at all worship hours, and the Children’s Choir will be singing at 9:30 and 10:30.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9—Palm Sunday Our children will process with palms at the 10:30 worship hour. All children are invited to participate; children should meet in Pierson Hall prior to the service in order to be a part of the palm parade.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13—Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary We remember Jesus’ Last Supper in Communion, and our Sanctuary Choir will lead us through a meditation on Jesus’ journey to the cross, coupled with a “service of shadows” (Tenebrae). Child care will be provided during the hour-length service in room 107.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14—Good Friday Service, 7:30 PM, Gymnasium We reflect about the events of Good Friday in this poignant service, which draws us through a cycle of Scripture and contemporary Christian music presented by our Worship Band. Child care will be provided during the hour-length service in room 107.

EASTER, APRIL 16—We rejoice in the good news of the Resurrection! At the 8:30 and 10:30 services, New Spirit and Resurrection will sing an extended prelude, beginning at 8:20 and 10:20; and the Chancel Ringers will share the offertory. There will be a **Paschal Breakfast** throughout the morning in Pierson Hall, beginning at 9:00 AM, so that people can stop any time before or after any of our three worship hours. Please note that there is additional parking available at Henry Wahner’s restaurant. Sunday School classes and Children’s Choir are in session as always on Easter.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23—The message of Easter continues with a sermon entitled, “Eternal Life Begins Now.” ZAMARingers will share the offertory at the 10:30 hour, and that service will also include the presentation of God and Me awards to Cub Scouts who completed the program through our church this year.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30—Rev. Douglas Denton will be preaching, as I will be providing worship leadership at the Adult Retreat.

I look forward to sharing with you in worship this month!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

April 2017

APRIL

2	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
9	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
16	Easter Sunday— No Youth Activities
22	Time and Talent Auction Setup (TBA)
23	Auction— No Youth Fellowship
30	3-5 Mountain TOP Training 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

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 Mya Syphrit, Brooke Harvey, Brandon Harvey, Hanna Holman, Aron Kooijman, Arijana Kooijman, Zach Wight, Josh Thompson, Abbey Stiller, Caroline Stiller and Carlie Thompson for their performances in the skits.

Additionally, I’d like to say “well done” to Erin Moore, for her work directing the skits. Last but not least thank you Zach Wight 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. 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 Acolyte Schedule

APR 2	Maren Seaholts Mallory Moldvay
APR 9	Zane Ferrara Kevin Ina
APR 13	Kyle Schmidt Desmeal Leigh
APR 16	Jaden Lepp Abbey Stiller
APR 23	Will Stresing Mya Syphrit
APR 30	Aron Kooijman Maren Seaholts

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 marking the envelope “Brick Sale.” Be sure to look for pictures from our trip in the September issue of the Mosaic.



Summer Camp Registration Is Open

The average American youth spends:

- 270 minutes a day watching TV
- 4 minutes a day playing outside
- 7.5 hours a day on electronics

A week at camp provides 10,080 minutes away to consider, to dream, to believe that they are loved and created for a purpose. The United Methodist Church of Kent will pay half the cost of the camp as a “campership.” For full details on applying for and receiving a campership, please visit our website at www.kentmethodist.org, or contact Dr. Palmer or Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator.

April Meetings of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) Circles

The Miriam Circle of Kent United Methodist Women will meet at 9:30 AM on April 5 in the church parlor. The program, entitled "Blessed are They Who Mourn", will be presented by Andrea Denton. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be led by Carol Taylor. Co-Hostess will be Donna Dietz and Diane Dinkins.

Mary Reed Circle will meet on April 5 at 1 PM in the church parlor. Continuing the Program theme for the year of "Blessings of Life", a program entitled "Blessings of Nature" will be presented by Davina Gosnell. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Phyllis Neal. Co-hostesses will be Judy Hayden and Gretchen Laflin.

The Rebecca Circle meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 4 in Pierson Hall at the church. The Hostess will be Tina Ballentine assisted by Co-Hostesses Charleen Pees and Janet Sessions. The program is entitled "A Time to Hope: Communities Challenging Social Injustice" Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Judith Nedel.

Janus Circle will meet at 6 PM on Sunday, April 9 at 6 PM at the Stow/Kent Panera. The program topic will be "Getting to Know Us", and Janeen Phillips will be the Hostess.

On April 22, the Canal District United Methodist Women will hold a **Spring Gathering** which will take place at the **Akron Firestone Park United Methodist Church**, 250 Firestone Park Blvd. in South Akron. All UMW members and others interest in the program are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Kaye Wolfinger, East Ohio Conference Director of Young People's Ministry. She will be speaking about and showing a video on **Human Trafficking**. The 'Love Offering' will go to the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) to help with duplication costs of the DVD on Human Trafficking with the ultimate goal of getting the DVD into every school and church in the East Ohio Conference. This is a joint endeavor of CCYM and UMW. Donations including linens, toiletries, and non-perishable food will also be gathered for Heart 4 the City, a Methodist mission project in the Goodyear Heights community of Akron. Continental breakfast begins at 8:30 PM and the Fellowship service will begin at 9:30 AM. Prior registration is preferred by April 12 but will also be accepted at the door. Registrations should be sent to Elizabeth Feldman, 708 Kieffer 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.



May 12-13

Trash & Treasures Sale Mark your calendar! This spring the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, May 11, from 7 to 9 PM. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, May 9, after 2 PM.

2017 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.

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 17, 2017.

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!

Adult Retreat 2017

All adults in the church family are invited to participate in the Adult Retreat. It will occur April 28–30 at Zinck's Inn in Berlin, Ohio—the heart of Amish Country. We meet for dinner Friday evening at the Farmstead Restaurant in Berlin and wrap up with breakfast and a worship service led by Dr. Palmer on Sunday morning. We plan a special dinner experience for Saturday evening. The activities of the weekend are planned by the group attending, and we always have a good time (including some free time Saturday afternoon to enjoy the area). The total cost will be about \$250 per room including the Saturday evening dinner (two persons) plus meals on your own Friday night and Saturday afternoon. The hotel provides a conference room for our group meetings and has a great complimentary breakfast buffet. To participate, make out a deposit check for \$20 to the church marked "Adult Retreat Deposit" and give it to Roger Stiller or put it in the offering plate. For more info, call Roger at 330-297-8933.

University of Life Lenten Study through April 9

"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.

God's Concerns Are Ours

God's Concerns Are Ours is the title of a 5-part Lenten series that has been taking place on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. The remaining schedule is as follows:

April 5: God's Concern for the Homeless—Habitat for Humanity

Leader: Rachel Kerns, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Portage County The best answer for those without housing is to help them to have a home! Habitat for Humanity has carried out this mission very effectively across our country, and the work of Habitat has recently been revived in our county. Rachel Kerns, who began as executive director in 2014, will provide an overview of what Habitat is doing in Portage County, and how our church is (and can be) involved.

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.



From June 12-16 (please note the week) our kids will discover their strength in God at our Vacation Bible School: HERO CENTRAL. Discover your strength in God! While in attendance at HERO CENTRAL, your students will go on an epic adventure alongside

biblical heroes and discover the qualities that make them truly heroes of God.

During Vacation Bible School at HERO CENTRAL: Discover your strength in God, your students will become HERO'S and explore how to do good! Seek peace and go after it!

After a high-energy opening assembly at headquarters, the hero's make their way to spectacular activities involving music, science, crafts, recreation, and Bible stories. Along the way, our hero's will also hear about our mission projects that will inspire them to discover their strength in God!

We hope you will mark your calendar for June 12-16 and plan to attend VBS at HERO CENTRAL!

*Sincerely,
Your HERO CENTRAL VBS TEAM*

Annual Time and Talent Auction Sunday, April 23

Sunday, April 23 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 helmet signed by **Ezekiel Elliot** for this year's auction along with **the use of a FLAT in London for a week, an Autographed and framed picture of LeBron's "block" from last year's NBA championship, a handmade afghan with the Cavs world championship logo** 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, Rubber Ducks, Cavs, Browns, OSU or KSU)
- Theater or movie tickets (Cinemark or Akron Civic Theater)
- 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.



Jesus Christ Superstar at Weathervane Playhouse

Weathervane Community Playhouse in Akron will offer *Jesus Christ Superstar* as their next mainstage production. The show will run from April 1 through April 23 and features our own Adam Alderson in the role of Caiaphas. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 PM, with Sunday matinees at 2:30 PM (excluding Easter Sunday).

A global phenomenon that has wowed audiences for over 40 years, *Jesus Christ Superstar* is a timeless work set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally-known series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot.

It seems especially fitting that the first rock opera, created as a concept album at the end of the turbulent '60s, should have at its center a social and political rebel. Jesus' meteor-like rise in renown provides, as the title suggests, a parallel to contemporary celebrity worship. As his radical teachings are evermore embraced, Judas increasingly questions the enlightened motives of this new prophet, resulting in betrayal. Christ's final days are dramatized with emotional intensity, thought-provoking edge and explosive theatricality. Propelled by a stirring score, by turns driving and majestic, satirical and tender, *Jesus Christ Superstar* illuminates the transcendent power of the human spirit with a passion that goes straight to the heart.

Weathervane Community Playhouse produces high-quality live theater with volunteer artists, designers, and technicians under professional direction, provides education and training in theater arts and appreciation, and engages and entertains its audience and constituents to enrich the quality of life in Northeast Ohio. Tickets are available through www.weathervaneplayhouse.com, or by calling the box office at 330-836-2626. Please remember the events of Good Friday and understand that depictions of those events may not be suitable for all ages.

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Regular Schedule Communion	3	4 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	5 9 am Miriam Circle/Parlor 1 pm Mary Reed Circle/ Parlor 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6:15 pm Lenten Potluck/ Pierson Hall 7:00 pm Wed. Lenten Series/Gym	6 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	7	1 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall 8 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
9 Regular Schedule Palm Sunday	10 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	11 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7 pm Music Committee/ Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	12 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	13 Maundy Thursday 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym	14 Good Friday	15 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
16 Regular Schedule Easter Sunday	17 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	18 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	19 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Education Comm./ Conference Room	20 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 Comm./ Conference Room 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	21	22 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
23 Regular Schedule Youth Auction	24 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall	25 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7 pm Finance Comm./ Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	26 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	27 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	28	29 8 am-1 pm Haymaker Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
30 Regular Schedule						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

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30	9:30
April 2	1	5
April 9	2	1
April 13/14	13 th -3	14 th -2
April 16	4	3
April 23	5	4
April 30	6	5

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.

Apr 2-Sharon Coia

Apr 9-Don Ashton

Apr 16-Betty Sweet

Apr 23-Janice Anderson

Apr 30-Mavis Palmer



Our Sympathies Go to:

- Family and friends of Louise Klein
- Family and friends of John Crnkovich
- Family and friends of Martha Miller
- Friends and family of Faye Alderson
- Greg Ina on the death of his father

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Becky Brittain, Lee Hall, Tara Jackson, Peggy Kurtz, Margaret Neel, Richard Sears

APRIL LAY READERS

APR 2	Walt Strawman
APR 9	Judy Smith
APR 16	Rev. Doug Denton
APR 23	Janeen Phillips
APR 30	Andrea Denton

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

APR 2	Cheryl Brode
APR 9	Brittany Brode
APR 13	Eric Wertz
APR 16	Eric Wertz
APR 23	Gary Mote
APR 30	Gary Mote

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks for the flowers that were delivered to me yesterday after church compliments of the Janus Circle and delivered by Esther Cross. They brightened my day.

The surgery on my carotid artery was successful. I am sporting colorful bruises and a particularly ugly incision, but those will all fade. I am thankful for the support and prayers from church members (especially choir friends!), friends, and family members.

Becky Brittain

Thank you to Lois Enlow for delivering the beautiful flowers. Thank you to Doug Denton for his visit at the hospital. We appreciate all the prayers and expressions of concern from church members.

Sincerely,

Margaret Neel

Thanks for the poinsettia plant you sent to my home. I was very warmed to have been thought of.

John Coleman

Dear friends of the Kent UMC,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. I want to especially thank Doug Denton for visiting at the hospital, Dave and Pat Gynn for delivering the altar flowers, and the card from the Tuesday Work Group.

Tim Price

Dear Friends,

Your generous donation to the Church World Service Blankets+ Program tells people in crisis "You're not alone. Someone cares."

On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Rev. John L. McCullough

President and CEO, Church World Service



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Holy Week services are Thursday, April 13 and Friday April 14—7:30 PM

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
April 2	"Eating the Body, Drinking the Blood—Sounds Like Cannibals!"	John 6:35, 47–63	Dr. David Palmer	Communion <i>Children's Choir</i>
April 9	"Jesus Saves"	John 12:12–16	Rev. Douglas Denton	Palm Sunday
April 13	Maundy Thursday —Communion and Tenebrae, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary			
April 14	Good Friday —Contemporary worship with scripture readings and music, 7:30 PM in the Gym			
April 16	"The Final Triumph"		Dr. David Palmer	Easter Sunday <i>New Spirit, Chancel Ringers, Resurrection</i>
April 23	"Eternal Life Begins Now"	John 5:24	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
April 30			Rev. Douglas Denton	



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