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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 2017 leadership directory is now posted on our web site; and if you are receiving the Mosaic electronically, you will also find the directory attached to the email. If you go to the web site at www.kentmethodist.org, click on the “About Us” tab and then go to the “Our Leadership” page, and you can access the directory at any time. 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 starts now! 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

July 2017

JULY YOUTH CALENDAR

8-15 Mountain TOP Mission Trip 2017

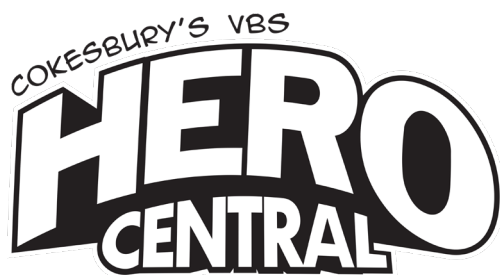
Summer is a busy time for our youth and this year is again an exceptionally busy year. For the first time as a church we will be sending two work teams to Mountain TOP to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range. Students who have finished the seventh grade up to the age of 17 will work as part of the traditional Minor Home Repair program or as a Day Camp volunteer. Those 17 years of age and older including many of our church's adults will participate in a separate program known as AIM (Adults In Mission). As a part of AIM participants can choose to be a part of the Quest or Major Home Repair Programs.

Quest started during the Summer of 2010 as an adventure style camp for teenagers who live in Grundy County. The goal is to provide an experience where youth are able to explore character building through challenging events such as rock climbing and ropes course elements.

Those working in Major Home Repair will be able to work with an incredible family for an entire week doing as the title says, Major Repairs to the homes in Grundy County.

As I eagerly look forward to this trip, I ask that you will pray for the 52 member of both groups as we travel and be in ministry this summer. It's a blessing to be able to serve this church and so many others through missions, and look forward giving our congregation detailed report regarding the trip early in the fall.

Shalom,
Rick ☪



A great big **THANK YOU**, to all the people who helped with Vacation Bible School this year! From sharing your time and talents to donating supplies, you are all truly a blessing to the many children who come and spend the week with us. Without you, our VBS would have never been a success!

Rick Stout,
Director of Christian Education

July Acolyte Schedule	
JULY 2	Kyle Schmidt Mya Syphrit
JULY 9	Abbey Stiller Will Stresing
JULY 16	Mallory Moldvay Maren Seaholts
JULY 23	Desmeal Leigh Kevin Ina
JULY 29	Zane Ferrara
	Aron Kooijman

WE LIKE TO GET MAIL!

It's always exciting to get mail, letters, cards and care packages while you're away on a mission trip and this year is no exception. If you would like to support this year's mission trip through the gift of sending mail, please feel free to write us while we are gone. The following is the address where we can be reached.

Our Addresses is:

Participant's Name
Camp Cumberland Pines
Mountain T.O.P.
480 Old Highway 56
Coalmont, TN 37313



UMCOR AND THE METHODIST CHURCH OF HAITI CELEBRATE PARTNERSHIP OF REBUILDING SCHOOL BUILDING

Edzair Paul, director of general education for Methodist Church of Haiti (EMH), recalled the words of former Global Ministries president, Bishop Bruce Ough, to the EMH president, Rev. Gesner Paul, in the early days after the earthquake: “UMCOR may not be the first to arrive in Haiti since the earthquake, but we will be the last to leave.”

Hailing EMH’s partnership with United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Edzair Paul continued, “UMCOR engagement to rebuild New College Bird’s destroyed buildings was instrumental at a moment when the [Haitian] people were depressed in the face of so many needs. With UMCOR’s help, NCB continues to be a school of reference for Haiti. A Haitian proverb says: “Nou mize nan wout, men nou pote bon nouvel” (“We were a little bit slow in the road, but we brought good news”).

On September 5, 2016, representatives of the EMH and UMCOR celebrated the dedication of a new secondary school building at historic New College Bird (NCB). The new building replaces one of three NCB school buildings that were destroyed by the devastating earthquake of 2010 in Haiti.

NCB, located in Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, is today considered the premier Methodist school in Haiti. Enrollment for the 2016 – 2017 academic year, which began in September, is 950 students. When all of the reconstruction is completed, New College Bird will have capacity to serve 1,750 students.

UMCOR has funded the majority of rebuilding costs for New College Bird’s two secondary school buildings and will help fund the replacement of the primary school building with a library. EMH has provided the desks, chairs, and other educational equipment for the new facilities. And, at the dedication ceremony, a representative of the NCB alumni group said former students will help furnish the newly completed classrooms, which will serve grades seven through nine.

In 1816, when a ship’s captain gained permission from Alexandre Pétion, the second president of Haiti, for the Wesleyan Mission Society in England to send the first Methodist missionaries to Haiti, no one could have predicted that education would become a central part of Methodism’s legacy in Haiti. That legacy began with the arrival the following year of the first two missionaries, John Brown and James Catts, who briefly ran a school in Port-au-Prince.

New College Bird is named for Methodist missionary Mark Baker Bird, who served in Haiti from 1839 – 1879. Bird consolidated the foundation for the present-day Methodist school system, which educates 18,000 students in 105 primary and 10 secondary schools across the country.

James L. Gulley, Global Ministries and UMCOR coordinator for Haiti.

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR Sunday calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God’s love with communities everywhere. The special offering underwrites UMCOR’s “costs of doing business.” This helps UMCOR to keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

When you give generously on UMCOR Sunday, July 23, you make a difference in the lives of people who hurt.

Summer Sermon Series

The “Hope of Heaven” series continues each Sunday in July, and there are many ways to connect with any sermons you might have missed. We offer sermon videos, transcripts, and service audio on our website at www.kentmethodist.org/sermons, and share highlights on our social media pages each week. We also offer a sermon podcast available on iTunes, Google Play, Stitcher, and TuneIn. Listen to the audio of past sermons at your convenience, and subscribe to get the latest sermon audio automatically downloaded to your device each week. Contact Adam in the office or send us a Facebook message or tweet with any questions!

Independence Day Weekend

Our worship at all three hours on Sunday, July 2, will feature an Independence Day theme. The sermon, continuing the “Hope of Heaven” series, will be entitled, “Heaven on Earth,” and there will be Communion at all three services.

Music will be led by a combined Festival Choir directed by Adam C. Alderson. Please watch the bulletins for the announcement of a single evening rehearsal for those who wish to sing. (You do not need to be in a vocal ensemble to participate!)

Plan to include worship in your Independence Day weekend plans!

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Summer Schedule Communion	3	4 Independence Day	5 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	6 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym	7	1 8
9 Summer Schedule	10	11 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	12 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	13 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym	14	15
16 Summer Schedule	17	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 Trustees Meeting/ Conference Room	20 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym	21 12-7 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	22
23 Summer Schedule	24 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 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	26 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Finance Committee/ Conference Room	27 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments/Conference Room	28	29
30 Summer Schedule	31	1 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	2 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	3 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym	4	5

Summer Sunday Schedule
8:30 Worship Service/Chapel
9:15 New Spirit/Choir Room
9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym
9:30 Child Care/Nursery
9:45 Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room
10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary
10:40 Sunday School—Preschool-6th Grade, Youth
11:30 Fellowship Time/Person Hall

USHERS AND GREETERS	
Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
July 2	3
July 9	4
July 16	5
July 23	6
July 30	1
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:

- Tom Emerick on the death of his cousin

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Janice Anderson, Reed Beck, Nicki Heisser, Virgil Herzberger, Dylan Kaminski, Dave Kurtz, Ray Loughridge, Gene Mills, Dave Munn, Donna Stiller, Nathan Vanderneut

Stan Hywet Goodyear Band Concert

On July 10, our beautiful, air-conditioned sanctuary will once again be host to the Stan Hywet Goodyear Concert Band. The Goodyear Concert Band has been performing in the Akron area for decades, and we are please to host them twice every year. This annual performance of patriotic marches and music from the 1940's through today is a proud tradition in our church, and several of the band members are also members of our congregation! Come to hear an hour of your favorite concert pieces under the direction of George Martin. Refreshments after the concert will be served in Pierson Hall, and all are invited to join the band for this reception.

Please join us Monday, July 10, at 7 PM, for an exciting concert hour. You'll enjoy this summer interlude of live music and fun!

Disciple Recognition

Participants in this past year's Disciple I, Disciple III, and Disciple Fast Track Bible Studies will be recognized on Sunday, July 16, during our three worship hours. Disciple I was led by Dr. Palmer. Disciple III was led by Andy Lepp. Disciple Fast Track was led by Rick Stout.

July 2-Sharon Coia

July 9-Don Ashton

July 16-Betty Sweet

July 23-Janice Anderson

July 30-Mavis Palmer



Dear, dear church family,

May, again this year, found Reed (and me) spending too much time in the hospital. Once again, the loving, caring, praying of our Family of Faith was a blessing....

Special thanks to Doug Denton for his many visits and hopeful prayers. Thanks, also, to Sally Dean for a visit to the hospital to deliver the festive floral arrangement, and for her friendly chat. Reed is feeling so much better, and we are grateful to all who called, sent cards and took time to visit him. When the chips are down, our church friends rise up!

Gratefully we thank you.
Reed and Karen Beck

THANK YOU

Thank you for the lovely Easter lily. Much appreciation to the Methodist Church.

Jon and Pat Stevens

A great big thank you to our church family for your prayers, cards, and visits. Especially Pastor Denton. Also to Sally Dean and Janus Circle for bringing the beautiful Memorial Day flowers to the hospital for me. A special thanks for the card from the men's work group. We are blessed to be a part of this church family.

Respectfully,
David Munn



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Mailed June 23

Happy Independence Day!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
July 2	“Heaven on Earth	Isaiah 11:1-9; Matthew 6:9-13	Dr. David Palmer	Independence Day
July 9	“The Golden Streets”	Revelation 21:1-7, 15-23; 22:1-5	Dr. David Palmer	Baptism
July 16	“How Do We Know?”	John 11:1-27; II Corinthians 5:1-10	Dr. David Palmer	Disciple Recognition
July 23	Whatever Happened to Hell?”	II Thessalonians 1:5-10; Mark 9:43-48	Dr. David Palmer	UMCOR Sunday
July 30	“The Outer Darkness and the Light of God”	Matthew 22:1-14; 23:29-33	Dr. David Palmer	



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