



# THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

This fall is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his “95 theses” on the door of his church in Wittenberg—galvanizing a movement to reform the church that would ultimately transform the world. That movement continues to shape our church and society today.

So this fall I will be doing a sermon series entitled, “Here We Stand—Sure Faith in Uncertain Times.” The title alludes to Luther’s famous statement when he was pressed by Catholic authorities to renounce his beliefs—“Here I stand.” In the midst of social and political turbulence and great pressures, Luther stood firm in faith. We are invited to do likewise in our time!

Although the Reformation was 500 years ago, the insights of that time—and the conviction that Protestant reformers displayed—can help us to be clear about where we stand in our faith today. Each week of the sermon series we will lift up a key spiritual principle from the Reformation, and we will see how we also can have sure faith in uncertain times.

The sermon titles in the coming month are as follows:

September 3—“Know the Truth”

September 10—“Saved by Grace”

September 17—“Have Faith”

September 24—“It Is Clear in the Cross”

October 1—“We Are All First String”

When we actually arrive at “Reformation Sunday”—the last Sunday in October—we will have a very special musical element in our 10:30 service, as our Sanctuary Choir will present “Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott” (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God), a cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach, based on Luther’s most famous hymn. The sermon series will conclude in November.

For those interested in learning more background and history, our University of Life—which offers short courses for adults at the 9:30 hour—will offer an excellent course on the Reformation that is described below.

Join us as we grow in understanding and faith!

Dr. David Palmer

**UNIVERSITY OF LIFE—Fall Term: Sept. 10 to Nov. 26**

**Location: Conference Room Time: Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.**

**The Protestant Reformation**

Why do Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and Baptists believe what they do? This class will help you see how the Protestant Reformation set the foundation for where we stand today. With a world-class team of scholars, pastors, and theologians, Dr. Peter Lillback will lead us through an eye-opening journey around the world—from Luther’s Germany and Calvin’s Geneva to Spain, England, Scotland, and beyond to America—to show how our modern society, economy, government, and church all have their roots in the Reformation. The class uses a 12-session video series; each 20–25 minute video will be accompanied by guided discussion.

Do you know why you believe what you believe? Come and learn!

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# Youth Ministry News

## September 2017

### SEPTEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

3	11:30–Confirmation Luncheon
3	7–8:30 Youth Fellowship
10	7–8:30 PM–Youth Fellowship
17	7–8:30 PM–Youth Fellowship
23	Hayride and Bonfire TBA
24	7–8:30–Youth Fellowship
29/30	Confirmation Retreat

Wow! What a busy and exciting summer the members of our Youth group had! Now it's time to get everything geared up and start all over again! Youth Group began on August 20 with 31 in attendance! This was a great way to start the year and I'm looking forward to seeing how the rest of the year will progress. Have you been to one of our Sunday nights? If not... why don't you come? And if you come why don't you bring a friend? Additionally, we will host a hayride and bonfire on September 23 and our annual 5th Quarter party of the season on Friday, October 13 following the Roosevelt game vs. Crestview. Look for hayride details in the mail and note the 5th Quarter will start at 10 PM and last till midnight. Please come and have some fun with our youth.

Believe it or not we have already started thinking about next year's youth mission trip. We will again this year be partnering with Mountain T.O.P. in order to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range. The trip is scheduled for June 23–30, 2018. Preparation for this trip will begin with a parent/student interest meetings in September 10 at 11:30 in the PIT. At this meeting we announced the many changes that are going to occur around next year's trip and we will officially begin taking registrations. Again this year, students WILL have the opportunity to participate in either Day camp or service project. I am very excited about next year's trip and look forward to sharing all the exciting news at the meeting on September 10.

Shalom,  
Rick 

### Confirmation Luncheon

There will be a luncheon on Sunday, September 3 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 was 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.

### Grundy County Fall Festival Coat Drive

On October 26–29 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 home 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.

### September Acolyte Schedule

SEP 3	Will Stresing Mallory Moldvay
SEP 10	Mya Syphrit Abby Stiller
SEP 17	Zane Ferrara Kyle Schmidt
SEP 24	Kyle Schmidt Jaden Lepp



Again this fall the Kent United Methodist Church will be hosting "Club 56." Sundays 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! Invite your friends, and meet us in the gym on Sunday nights to be in on all the fun.

## Summer mission trips in review

As promised, I'd like to give everyone the opportunity to read a little about this year's Mountain T.O.P. experience. I have asked Hannah Holman and Carlie Thompson to share with you about their trip I hope you enjoy reading about it as much as I did sharing in it.

Shalom,  
Rick ☞

*Greetings my name is Hanna Holman and a few weeks ago I was part of the Adults in Ministry part of Mountain T.O.P., and I participated in a program called Quest. Quest is a day camp for kids ages 12-17 that live throughout the county. At first, I was very hesitant to commit to the program. I was very very comfortable with minor home repair, and I knew that I absolutely loved it. It was one of the first times I completely put all of my trust in the Lord, for a new and different experience like this to pay off for me.*

*Needless to say, of course it did. We had themes for each day, trust, responsibility, teamwork, and respect, and had activities to do respective to the theme. We went canoing, zip lining, horseback riding, biking, and even swimming. I know what you're thinking..."Wow! Sounds like a vacation!"...but these tasks were specifically chosen to put these teens in controlled stressful situations, so they could learn safe and effective ways of handling stress that they may come upon throughout their lives.*

*These children were truly special, and they amazed me everyday that we worked with them. Just the way that they handled themselves, and smiled all day, everyday, even when I knew the extent of how they had been living. I went up to one of the boys house, his name was Chris, and he actually had holes in the floor of his kitchen.... I mean I don't know about you, but I can never ever imagine living like that.*

*Unlike them, I am on a great path to a good college, have solid floor, I actually just got a new roof, and I have never even given it a second thought. Of course I'm going to go to college, of course my moms going to have a nice meal waiting for me when I get home. Why would it ever be any other way? But for so many of these kids, it's not that way at all.*

*It was extremely eye opening and heartbreaking to see first hand what some people are born into, and the challenges that will face in their lives while trying to reach success. Quest was designed to give these children a out and a way to see that there is hope, and that there is love,*

*and that there is always another way, that they're never truly stuck. That week at Mountain T.O.P. I learned that God doesn't care about your comfort zone, he cares about your character. And participating in Quest that week was exactly what I needed to be the hands and feet of Christ.*

*Carlie Thompson writes: My Mountain T.O.P. experience has truly impacted my life in so many great ways. This was my 3rd year at Mountain T.O.P. and my second year of day camp. My favorite part about day camp is the kids of course but also how much you connect with kids that just need love in one short week.*

*This year I had a kid that connected with me since the minute she got in the car. She sat down next to me and said "Hi, I'm Emaleigh and we're gonna be best friends". And since that moment she was always next me and wanted carried. She started crying on Wednesday and we asked her why she was so upset and she said you're leaving Friday and I'll never see you again. That showed me how much of an impact I had on her in 3 days.*

*It's amazing to see that the kids remember you forever. Last year my buddy was Bailey and like Emaleigh she wanted to be carried everywhere. I don't have a single picture from last year of her not being held in my arms. She had so much love to give me and I had so much to give her. Bailey had two other sister that connected with others from Greensburg UMC. From the time I left Mountain T.O.P. last year, I had put a picture of Bailey as my background on my phone, and today, it's still her.*

*I was very upset during the week to find out the girls weren't at camp the week I was at Mountain T.O.P. But God working in his mysterious ways a group doing service project built a new porch for a family that had 3 little girls Hailey, Bailey and Tiffany. So I was given the opportunity to send a letter and pictures to the girls just to see how things were going.*

*At dinner that night Danny who met the girls while building the porch had brought me three letters one from each girl and I immediately started to cry. Thursday Brooke was told she was finishing the porch at their house and she had also known the girls and she told me if my driver was cool with it I could go see the girls on Friday after we dropped off our day campers I got out of the car and all three girls came running toward me and I got to see my girl Bailey.*

*This was by far my favorite year on the mountain because of these day camp kids who have taught me to be grateful for what I have and caring for the people I love.*

## World Wide Communion to Shut-ins

Can you: drive a car? Knock on a door? Carry on a conversation? Then you are eligible to deliver communion elements to persons in our church on World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2017. It is simple, yet so important to those who cannot be in worship with us. Sign up on the sheets provided in the atrium. Questions? Contact Doug Denton at 330-673-5879

## Calling All Teen Musicians!

The first day of rehearsals for the youth music ensembles was Sunday, August 20. Resurrection rehearses from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM, under the direction of Adam Alderson, and ZAMARingers rehearses from 6 until 7 PM, under the leadership of Brad Brode. We encourage everyone who is interested in these groups to attend, even if you missed the first rehearsals, and bring your friends!

This year, Resurrection will be performing their Christmas piece at Kent Ridge nursing home in a special performance with New Spirit. They will also be taking a special field trip backstage to Weathervane Playhouse's production of *Into the Woods* on June 6. Any singers who perform at least 4 times this year are welcome!

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 is now available. If you have any questions about these groups, please visit our website or contact Adam in the office. We'll see you in rehearsal!

## UMW Resumes Activities after Summer Recess

On **August 30 at 7 PM** the Kent United Methodist Women's Executive Board will meet at the church. Denise Mote, President will preside.

Miriam Circle of the Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) will meet at **9:30 AM on September 6** in the church parlor for a general meeting including election of officers for the coming year. Hostess will be Barbara Ferrell. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Becky Head.

On **September 6**, the Mary Reed Circle will meet at **1 PM** in the church parlor. The program is continuing the year's theme of "Blessings of Life" with speaker Carol Onuschak whose topic is entitled "Aprons and Friendship." Co-hostesses will be Jane Hornyak and Lois Mauck. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be lead by Pat Gynn.

Kent UMW's Rebecca Circle will meet at **7:30 PM on September 6** at the home of Gayle Lundberg who will Hostess assisted by Co-hostesses Judy Smith and Judy Price. The program is entitled "Refreshing Ourselves—What Calms Us". Attendees are asked to bring a photo or other item that rejuvenates themselves. Judy Price will lead Devotions and the Mission Moment will be presented by Joanne Maynard.

At **9:15 AM on September 10** Janus Circle of UMW will meet in Pierson Hall at the Church. Continuing the "Women of the Bible" theme, the program is entitled "Two Widows: Single with Children". Nancy Lewis will serve as Hostess and also lead Devotions.

On **Saturday, September 23**, the Kent UMW will host the Fall Gathering of the Circles from all churches of the Canal District of the United Methodist Church. The gathering begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 AM in Pierson Hall followed at 9:30 AM by a service of fellowship and worship in the sanctuary including a speaker on the topic of Missions followed by Communion. All women of the church are encouraged to attend what is always a very meaningful service. (Men are also welcome!)

## New Member Orientation

A New Member Orientation, for persons interested in joining the membership of our church, will be offered on two different occasions this fall – on Saturday, Sept. 23, and again on Saturday, Nov. 11, each time from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Participants join the church the next day during any of our three worship hours – on Sunday, Sept. 24, or on Sunday, Nov. 12. The orientation, led by Dr. Palmer, provides an overview of our local church ministries as well as the United Methodist Church as a whole. You can register for either the Sept. 23 or the Nov. 11 date by going to our web site at [www.kentmethodist.org/join](http://www.kentmethodist.org/join), or by returning the registration form on the facing page to the office.

## New Member Registration Form

Use this form to register for one of our upcoming New Member Orientations, which provide a helpful overview of our church life and who we are as United Methodists. The New Member Orientation, led by Dr. Palmer, takes places on a Saturday evening from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Child care is provided, and there is also a dessert, but eat supper before you come! New members are received into membership on Sunday morning at any of our three worship hours. Turn this form into the church office, or simply place in a church offering plate/basket.

NAME and BIRTHDATE (couples can fill out the same form together)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

NAMES AND BIRTH DATES OF CHILDREN:

DO YOU NEED CHILD CARE AT THE ORIENTATION? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

PLACE OF CURRENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP *If you are currently on the membership roll of another church, please indicate the name and the city of the church; we will contact the church to have them transfer your membership. If you are not a member of another church, simply mark none.*

SPONSOR SUGGESTION *The sponsor is someone who will introduce you to the congregation when you join. It can be any member of the church that you know or have just casually met. The sponsor will take part in the latter half of the orientation event. Please indicate here the names of people you can think of who might be a sponsor for you. We will contact the person(s) on your behalf. A couple can be sponsored by one individual or another couple.*

ORIENTATION DATE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: Sat., Sep. 23 \_\_\_ Sat., Nov. 11 \_\_\_

*Orientation is 6:00–8:30 p.m. in the church parlor. You will be welcomed into membership the next morning.*

*Prior to the orientation, please visit our church web site at [kentmethodist.org/join](http://kentmethodist.org/join) and review especially the sections on What We Believe, Our History, and Our Missions.*

# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Regular Schedule Communion	4 Labor Day, Office Closed	5 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	6 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	7 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	8	9
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24 Regular Schedule	25 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	26 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	27 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee/ Conference Room	28 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:00 Holy Donut Shoppe/Kitchen 9:15 Children's Choir—4 years-6th grade 9:15 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 Child Care/Room 207 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School—Preschool-6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:45 Resurrection (Youth Choir)/Choir Room 5:00 pm Club 56/Gym 6:00 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit	

USHERS AND GREETERS	
Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
September 3	6
September 10	1
September 17	2
September 24	3
If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x13 or email Adam at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org.	



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow

**Our sympathies to:**

- The family and friends of Craig Hejma

**Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:**

Bill Beatty, Donna Dietz, Dottie Emerick, Georgia Foster, Jan Hambleton, Nancy Johnson, Elsie Joy, David Kurtz, Kathi Smith, Earl Somoskey, Donna Stiller

**SEPTEMBER LAY READERS**

SEP 3	Bob Berger
SEP 10	Karen Beck
SEP 17	Diana Douglas
SEP 24	Janet Sessions

**VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE**

SEP 3	Eric Wertz
SEP 10	Cheryl Brode
SEP 17	Eric Wertz
SEP 24	Gary Mote



September 3-Sharon Coia

September 10-Don Ashton

September 17-Betty Sweet

September 24-Janice Anderson

**MAKE YOUR RECEIPTS COUNT!**

Acme announced the dates for its 2017 Community Cash Back program, which runs from August 10 through December 30 (please note the date changes from past years)! Your Acme receipts can be placed in the collection envelope in the kitchen on the refrigerator and will be submitted to the Cash Back program for our UMW mission donations. UMW received over \$500 for missions at the beginning of this year, more than any previous year due to better receipt submissions! Unfortunately, last year, we also received several receipts that could not be used because they did not have the ENTIRE receipt included. Receipts that are acceptable must be the entire receipt and have "Community Cashback" listed at the bottom followed by a dollar amount. Receipts that are missing this information or those that are partial receipts cannot be submitted. The UMW appreciates your efforts to collect and bring these receipts to us, so please let's make sure that they count!

**THANK YOU**

Nancy and I want to express our greatest thanks and appreciation to the church for the blessed gift that will help us through the month. We have also received a number of personal gifts of gift cards and food that first week. We feel very blessed by the church. Thank you.

I am hoping to get a letter today (8/7) from the doctor's office allowing me to get back to work in a non-driving role for now. I have also been exploring ministry positions that might allow me to get back into part-time or full-time ministry of some sort.

God bless,  
Randy Lewis, peacemaker

Thank you for helping send the kids to camp. It was a great experience.

God bless!  
Meghan Harper

Dear UMC,

Thank you for letting me ho to church camp. I had a great time in third year. I love gaga ball!

Your Friend,  
Kenna Jacoby

Thank you very much for your extremely generous donations for our church's trees. Thanks to you, they are now majestically outlining our future outdoor chapel area and will be here for generations to come!

Thanks,  
Marek Seaholts

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that Kathy Blair delivered last Sunday. The sunflowers and Kathy were both rays of sunshine in my day!

Thanks again,  
Jan Hambleton



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**Mailed August 25**

**Bring your donations to the Trash and Treasure sale starting 9/26!**

### Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
<b>New sermon series: <i>Here We Stand</i></b>				
September 3	“Know the Truth”	Psalm 119:1-5; John 8:32-32; II Timothy 3:14-4:5	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
September 10	“Saved by Grace”	Romans 3:21-26; Ephesians 2:1-9	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children’s Choir</i>
September 17	“Have Faith”	Mark 9:14-27; Romans 4:3,4:18-5:2	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Resurrection</i>
September 24	“It Is Clear in the Cross”	Matthew 20:1-15; Psalm 55:6-9; I Corinthians 1:18	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers, New Members Welcomed</i>



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