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Dear Friends,

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, and so provided the key moment that catalyzed the movement we now call the Protestant Reformation. We have been recognizing this 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a sermon series that connects with the Reformation story, and also with a University of Life class that is focusing on the history of the Reformation (from 9:30 to 10:15 each Sunday in the Conference Room – new participants are welcome!).

The sermon series will continue this month. The title of the series – “Here We Stand: Sure Faith in Uncertain Times” – refers to the response Martin Luther gave when authorities were pressing him to renounce his beliefs. He said, “Here I stand. I can do no other.”

In the Middle Ages, taking such a stand against the authority of the Catholic church often resulted in torture or burning at the stake; but Luther was rescued by the ruler of Saxony, one of many small German states, and given refuge in the castle at Wartburg. It is thought that that experience provided inspiration for his most famous hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” Johann Sebastian Bach later wrote an inspiring cantata based upon that hymn.

So on Reformation Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate the Reformation story by including this cantata in our 10:30 worship. Our Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by an 8-piece orchestra, will present the 30-minute cantata as a major portion of the 10:30 worship hour. Worship at all three hours that Sunday will also include a (shortened) sermon entitled, “God Is Our Fortress.”

Our stewardship campaign this fall will also relate to the Reformation anniversary with the theme, “Stand Up for Christ.” We are each invited to take a stand for Christ today by joining in the mission of the church. On Consecration Sunday, October 22, we will have a particular opportunity to do that by making a financial commitment to the work of Christ through this church for the coming year. Pledge cards will be available during each worship hour, where you can make a commitment to support the annual work of the church in 2018, as well as the Raise the Roof capital campaign (see the article below). Following each worship hour on October 22, there will be a doughnut, cider, and coffee celebration in Pierson Hall.

Martin Luther took a courageous stand in faith 500 years ago. We are invited to likewise stand up for Christ today!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

October 2017

OCTOBER YOUTH CALENDAR

1	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
8	CROP Walk
8	7-8:30 PM—Youth Fellowship
13	10-Midnight—5th Quarter
15	7-8:30 PM—Youth Fellowship
22	7-8:30—Youth Fellowship
29	7-9 Youth Halloween Party

What a great start to the school year it has been! Youth Group has enjoyed great turn outs, in the four weeks since we have started we have averaged 30 in attendance but there's always room for more. 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, at the time of this writing we are preparing to host our first **5th Quarter** party of the season on Friday, October 13th following the Roosevelt and Crestview game. I'd like to thank in advance those who will be there and all their friends for turning out we have a great night planned of fun, food and fellowship!

Looking forward to October, be sure and remember **Sunday the 29th** is our annual

Halloween party! On this fantastic evening the PIT will be transformed into a haunted house and everyone is invited to be a part. So get a costume, grab your friends and get ready to have a great time.

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. This year students will again get to choose between Youth Service Project and Day Camp. Preparation for this trip began with a parent/student interest meetings on September 17. Additionally, the application process started at these meetings, so get your application from Rick and get them in as soon as possible so you don't miss out on this amazing opportunity.

Shalom,
Rick 

October Acolyte Schedule

OCT 1	Cassie Holman Addie Fritsch
OCT 8	Joseph Crawford Cameron Lantz
OCT 15	Shelby Beekman Christine Thomas
OCT 22	Cassie Holman Cameron Lantz
OCT 29	Logan Poole
	Jake Fankhauser

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.

New Member Orientation

A New Member Orientation, for persons interested in joining the membership of our church, will be offered this fall on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Participants join the church the next day during any of our three worship hours 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 the Nov. 11 date by going to our web site at www.kentmethodist.org/join, or by returning a registration form to the office. Forms can be found in the Atrium.

Kent CROP Walk

The Kent CROP Walk is Sunday, October 8 at 2 pm. Registration is at 1:30 pm. The event is being held at Lake Brady United Methodist Church. The walk will begin at the Portage Bike and Hike Trail.

The CROP Walk is a symbolic walk to help understand and appreciate what people around the world must do as they walk for miles to provide for their basic needs.

Our Confirmation Class are among the walkers each year. Plan to be a walker or a sponsor. Donations by check can be made payable to CWS/CROP. All funds collected go to fight hunger, locally and world wide. Twenty-five percent of all money collected will go to our local Kent Social Services.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF KENT TO HOLD GENERAL MEETING

The annual General meeting of the four Circles—Janus, Mary Reed, Miriam, and Rebecca—of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) will be held on Wednesday, October 4. The evening will begin at 6:15 PM with a Pot Luck Supper in Pierson Hall at the Church. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and table service. The program will follow at 7:15 PM. Several individuals will be recognized for Special Membership and a Memorial Service will also be held for recently deceased members.

On October 11 at 7 PM a meeting of the Kent UMW Executive Board will be held in the Conference Room of the Church. President Denise Mote will preside.



Boy Scout Pancake Brunch

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Troop 252 will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 1 in Pierson hall from at 9 am to 1 pm. There is no charge for the brunch: a freewill donation will be welcomed. Everyone is invited!

EXTRA, EXTRA!

We are looking for highlights to post on the 'News' bulletin board in the atrium. New grandparent or parent? New job?, etc. Send the details for us to add to our "News" board. (A picture would be great, too!) Were you in the newspaper? Send us a clipping. We will be scanning the paper for our church and its members, but we don't want to miss anything. Please share the positive things happening your life! If you notice an article in the paper about another member, please share that in case we missed it. You can put any news in Michelle Ina's mailbox in the office or email Michelle at literature@kentmethodist.org.

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!

UCM Fall Fundraising Dinner

United Christian Ministries at Kent State University will host their Fall Fundraising Dinner on Friday, October 13 at 6:00 pm in Pierson Hall. Adult tickets are \$20 and children 12 and under eat free. Childcare will be available in the gym after the kids eat. The menu includes Salad & Bread, Barbecue Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, and Brownie Sundae. A vegetarian meal is available upon request at the time of reservation. Reservations are required and can be made on our website at www.myucm.org, by calling the office at 330-673-5687, or by purchasing tickets from a UCM student in local churches on October 8. If you are unable to attend, but would like to support our campus ministry, please consider purchasing a patron ticket or making an online donation. Proceeds from the dinner support UCM's student programs.

Thank you for your continued support of campus ministry!

Mark your calendar! This fall the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, September 29, and Saturday, September 30. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, September 28, from 7 to 9 pm. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, September 26, after 2 pm.



Report on EOC Annual Conference 2017

Theme: Bearing Fruit That Lasts: Called, Committed, and Connected

John 15:1-17

East Ohio Annual Conference was officially called to order at 1:30 PM on June 12, 2017. It began as it always does with a moving worship service commemorating Clergy, Spouses of Clergy and Laity serving EOC who had passed away since the last Annual Conference.

Monday Highlights:

- In her opening message our new Bishop Tracy Malone encouraged us: “Don’t just live in the Word but let the Word live in you. Let Christ make his home in you.
- Report from Youth Annual Conference. Their theme was “LIVE IT!” Colossians 3:17, “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God, the Father, through him.”

Tuesday Highlights:

- The new Finance Officer, Vera Rebrovich, was introduced and gave her report. This included reporting that for the 12th year in a row EOC has paid 100% of the General Apportionments. The Apportionments help to support missions and ministries in the United States and around the world.
- The Episcopal Address by Bishop Malone: The bishop had “Asks,” things asked of each Congregation. Two of them are: 1) Engage in one new bold, courageous ministry/mission beyond the church’s walls. 2) Pray for the Commission on the Way Forward and for our EOC conversations and to participate in those conversations. Stay encouraged and focused on the mission of Christ and his Church.
- Health and Welfare Committee: EOC has covenant relationships with four East Ohio Agencies with ministries to adults and children in need in East Ohio. They are: Copeland Oaks, Flat Rock Homes, Ohio Guidestone, and Otterbein North Shore.
- Imagine No Malaria: Our Bishop Malone helped to raise 1 million dollars in the Northern Illinois Conference before she became Bishop. In 2010, 30,000 children died from malaria every minute. Today, because of the work our church as a whole has done that figure has been reduced by 60% to one child every 2 minutes. For the past eight years Molly and Logan who were 5-1/2 years old when they started have been at Annual Conference with a lemonade stand. In that time they have raised \$100,000.00 (\$2,900.00 this year) for Imagine No Malaria.
- Laity Address: Greg Rentsch, Conference Lay Leader, “What is God tugging on your heart to do? Find, claim, proclaim, and live your purpose.”
- Disability Awareness: Samantha Hasselbush, a singer, songwriter and pianist who is blind shared her song, “Walk by Faith and Not by Sight.” It was exquisite!
- Ministry Fair: A time for learning about all the diverse ministries and missions in EOC.

Wednesday Highlights:

- Morning Worship: Preaching was Bishop Michael McKee from North Texas Conference. “The world is not in good shape. We have been asleep at the wheel. Being unabashedly Christian means living like Jesus did. God loves ALL children. Be of good courage.”
- Ministry with the poor: Working side by side is more effective in the long run than top down charity. Focus on relationships rather than on transactions.
- Mission Awareness: This year EOC sent a semi truck to the Midwest Distribution Center in Illinois loaded with: 3,100 School Totes, 420 Cleaning Buckets, 250 Miscellaneous Items, 4 Sewing Machines, and \$5,728.75.

There was also a donation of 104,000.00 of undesignated funds divided among several missions.

- UMVIM:
 - 1) As of the week of Annual Conference there had already been 17 mission teams sent out. More are going later in the year.
 - 2) Inspiration: Anytime you serve outside the church you are in mission. Go out to share in the Jesus Way. Mission reminds us of who we are and whose we are.
- Prayer is joining in conversation with God.
- Be doers of the Word not just hearers of the Word.

Thursday Highlights:

- Morning Worship: We are enriched by people who worship differently. Don't become so rooted in tradition that you miss what God is doing, and calling you to do today. When we are together with others of faith no matter how different we are, we are among family and friends.
- Resolutions: "Sharing of holy opinions," Steve Stultz Costello.
 - 1) "Effectively Recruiting and Retaining Young Clergy of Color" presented by East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal. This Resolution was supported.
 - 2) "Welcoming the Immigrant in Our Midst" presented by East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal. This Resolution was supported.
 - 3) "Promoting Human Rights of Palestinians" presented by East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action. This Resolution was supported.
 - 4) "Criminalization of Communities of Color" presented by East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action and East Ohio Black Methodists for Church Renewal. This Resolution was referred back for further study.
 - 5) "Christian Behavior Toward LGBTQ People" presented by East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Action and East Ohio Reconciling Ministries. This Resolution was supported.
 - 6) "Day of Repentance" presented by East Ohio Methodist Federation for Social Justice and East Ohio Methodists for Church Renewal. This Resolution was supported.
 - 7) "Maintaining Health Care for the Most Vulnerable" presented by East Ohio Church and Society Committee and East Ohio Health and Welfare Committee. This Resolution was supported.
 - 8) "Maintaining the Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2016" presented by the Church Council of the Shreve United Methodist Church, Shreve, Ohio. This Resolution was ruled out of order.
 - 9) "A Resolution to Encourage Churches to Be an Advocate for Those Touched by Addiction" presented by Youth Annual Conference. This Resolution was supported.

Attendance and Last Words:

- There were 1,398 attendees at Annual Conference this year. Of those 124 were new attendees. There were 656 Clergy Delegates and 742 Lay Delegates.
- It was a privilege to attend Annual Conference this year and to be led by Bishop Malone. She set an encouraging, inclusive, and civil tone from the beginning. Even controversial topics were discussed with Holy Conferencing in mind. During the time that Resolutions were being presented and voted on someone shared an African proverb that speaks to the connectedness that is one of the strengths of our church, "I am because you are." We are connected and together with our faith in God we can move mountains.

These are my highlights but so much happened at Annual Conference that it would be impossible to include it all here. For more information I encourage you to refer to the website for the Conference, eoc.umc.com/eoac17/recap.html. Blessings, Judith Nedel, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference.

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Regular Schedule Communion	2 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	3 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	4 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6 pm Joint Circle Meeting/Pierson Hall	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	6 2 pm-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	7
8 Regular Schedule	9 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	10 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	11 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm UMW Board Meeting/Conference Rm 7 pm Budget Comm./Room 208	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	13 6 pm UCM Fundraising Dinner/Pierson Hall 10 pm 5th Quarter/Pit	14
15 Regular Schedule	16 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	17 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	18 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Finance Committee/Conference Room	19 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	20	21
22 Regular Schedule	23 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	24 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	25 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Comm./Conference Room	26 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	27	28
29 Regular Schedule	30 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	31 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				

Regular Sunday Schedule
 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
October 1	4
October 8	5
October 15	6
October 22	1
October 29	2
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:

- Pam Hickson-Stevenson on the death of her mother, Winnie Hickson
- Tim Price on the death of his mother
- Friends and family of Craig Hejma

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Bill Beatty, Janet Crnkovich, Ken Miller, Margaret Neel, Mavis Palmer, Donna Stiller



- October 1-Sharon Coia
- October 8-Don Ashton
- October 15-Betty Sweet
- October 22-Janice Anderson
- October 29-Mavis Palmer

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

OCT 1	Gary Mote
OCT 8	Cheryl Brode
OCT 15	Gary Mote
OCT 22	Cheryl Brode
OCT 29	Gary Mote

Raise the Roof

“Raise the Roof” is the name of our capital campaign that is raising funds to pay for the retiling of our sanctuary roof and the repainting of our sanctuary ceiling – which was necessary in order to respond to water leaking that had occurred when the roof deteriorated from a premature aging of some of its components. The work on the roof and the repainting have already been done, in order to stop further damage, and we are now paying off the debt from the project.

The total campaign goal was \$225,000. We had hoped to raise this total by the end of 2017; but as of the end of the third quarter, we still have approximately \$65,000 in debt. So it appears we will need another year to pay off the project.

Our Stewardship and Finance Committees are therefore appealing to the congregation to make one final commitment to the Raise the Roof campaign in 2018. You can make that commitment on the pledge card that you can turn in on Consecration Sunday, which is October 22. You can also contribute to the campaign at any time by marking your contribution “Raise the Roof.”

If we go over the goal, additional funds will be devoted to our long-term project to upgrade some of the church rest rooms. Thank you for your commitment to our church!

THANK YOU

Dear United Methodist Church of Kent,
 Thank you so much for your most generous gift. I know it will be very helpful in this move. I can't express to you how much being the Children's Choir director has meant to me. I have been truly blessed to be a part of this church. You have been so supportive and encouraging to me. Again, I say you have made my time here a wonderful experience, one I will carry with me always.

Love,
 Susan Rose

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you to all of you who sent me cards and prayers during my three recent hospitalizations. Your faithfulness has been astonishing. Thanks to my Rebecca Circle sisters for continual prayers and thoughts. I am feeling so... much better. See you in church!

Love,
 Donna Stiller

Dear friends in Christ,
 Thank you for caring for people who are hungry! Through your \$100 gift, Kent UMC will put healthy, nourishing food on the tables of individuals and families who are struggling to get by. Partnering with Society of St. Andrew, you engage volunteer gleaners in hands-on mission and service; you help send large loads of fruit and vegetables to areas where they are most needed; you support local feeding agencies in every area of the country; and you reduce food waste—all as you follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry. Thank you for this gift and for joining with the Society of St. Andrew in our mission of working toward feeding physical and spiritual hunger.

With you in Christ's service,
 Betty Easter, Director of Church Relations



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Mailed September 22

The Bach Cantata "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott" will be performed 10/29!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
October 1	"We Are All First String"	I Corinthians 12:4-13; I Timothy 2:5-6a; I Peter 2:4-5, 9	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, Scout Pancake Breakfast
October 8	"Encountering the Spirit in a Material World"	Matthew 28:18-20; I Corinthians 11:23-26; II Kings 5:1-14	Dr. David Palmer	Children's Choir, Baptism
October 15	"Repentance=Life"	Ezekiel 18:25-32; John 20:14-16	Rev. Doug Denton	Resurrection
October 22	"Take a Stand"	Mark 10:32-45; II Corinthians 2:3-8	Dr. David Palmer	ZAMARingers, New Spirit prelude
October 29	"The Castle of God"	Psalms 18:2-6, 16-19; Romans 8:31-39	Dr. David Palmer	Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott at 10:30



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