



# THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

Last year Christmas landed on a Sunday. This year Christmas Eve lands on a Sunday! This means that we will have both morning worship and evening candlelight services on December 24. But we have an enormous variety of worship experiences being offered that day, so you will want to come more than once! Our worship services for December 24, and the whole season of Advent, are as follows:

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DEC. 3—COMMUNION** The beautiful symbolism of our church Christmas decorations, the music of carols, and the lighting of the Advent wreath all enrich our worship. The Chancel Ringers will provide offertory music at the 10:30 hour. An Advent sermon series begins entitled, “God Turns the Tables,” with a sermon entitled, “Who Shall Climb the Lord’s Mountain?”

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DEC. 10**—The sermon series continues with a sermon entitled, “He Became One of Us.”

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DEC. 17—CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**

At the 10:30 hour, our Children’s Choir will be sharing with us a delightful and inspiring Christmas musical, *The Wondrous Gift*. I will be preaching a shorter sermon, entitled “She Heard Another Song,” at all three worship hours. The Resurrection youth ensemble will sing at 9:30 and 10:30.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24—**

**MORNING SERVICES** at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30

**NEW SPIRIT CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**, 8:30 and 10:30, in the Sanctuary

At 8:30 and 10:30 worship on December 24, New Spirit will proclaim the Christmas message through the cantata, *Morning Star*. The ZAMARingers will share the offertory at 10:30.

**YOUTH DRAMA**, 9:30, in the Gymnasium

The 9:30 service will feature a Christmas drama entitled, “Between the Giants.” With a moving story and message, this play will be performed by 8 of our youth and will comprise most of the worship hour.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**, 7:00 & 9:00 PM in the Sanctuary

These two services are essentially identical, except that we have a children’s time and the children’s choir at 7:00, and the sanctuary choir at 9:00. Prior to the 9:00 hour, a Christmas Prelude, starting at 8:30, features a variety of soloists and ensembles. Child care is provided at the 7:00 service only.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 31—COVENANT RENEWAL.** What better way can there be to head into a new year than to renew our covenant with God? In this worship experience we share in a covenant renewal service that John Wesley created for Methodists to use on New Year’s Eve. Here is an opportunity to truly “start the year right”—by getting ourselves right with God! We have regular worship hours at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 in their regular locations.

*Note that children’s Sunday School classes and Children’s Choir continue at their regular times every Sunday morning.*

I look forward to joining with you as in many ways we rejoice and share in the good news of Christmas!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

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# Youth Ministry News

## December 2017

### DECEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

2	9:30-3-Confirmation
3	7-8:30 PM-Youth Fellowship
10	7-8:30 PM-Youth Fellowship
17	7-8:30 PM-Youth Fellowship
24	No Youth Activities

It's amazing how fast time goes by, it is amazing for me to think that this month completes my eleventh year here at Kent and January will mark the beginning of year 12! I am blessed with the memories created during another exciting year of ministry here at Kent. From the very successful 30-Hour Famine we hosted, to the spirit filled Youth Sunday we led or our well received Fifth Quarter and Halloween parties this fall it is evident that God is at work within our youth group.

His presence was never more evident than on our mission trip to Mountain TOP this year. While we took 54 people to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range, I was told by the execu-

tive director that the participation by our older youth in the Quest program single-handedly saved the ministry. I am thankful for the relationships that were developed on this trip and the ways God strengthened all of our faith through these experiences. As always it seems that many of us came home changed and more blessed by the people we encountered than the families were blessed by our service.

I am also blessed by the continued commitment our youth have made to be open about their faith in their communities. I am always amazed when new students come to Youth Group and continue to come because our members have invited them and made them feel so at home once they are here. The commitment by our youth to reach out by what can only be referred to as unintentional evangelism is simply amazing!

I am continually humbled and blessed by the opportunities God has given me to serve here at Kent UMC over these past 11 years. I am also filled with excitement at the thought of the blessings 2018 will bring.

Shalom,  
Rick ☞

### December Acolyte Schedule

DEC 3	Logan Poole Addy Fritsch
DEC 10	Shelby Beekman Jake Fankhauser
DEC 17	Christine Thomas Cassie Holman
DEC 24-7 PM	Joseph Crawford Addy Fritsch
DEC 24-9 PM	Logan Poole Jake Fankhauser
DEC 31	Cameron Lantz Christine Thomas

### Advent Devotions For Adults, Youth, And Children

Our Advent Devotions book, which contains meditations for each day of Advent written by members of our church, is available this year as an e-book. Additional copies will be available at the church.

A Children's Advent Calendar also will be distributed to all children's families through Sunday School classes on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3. The calendar has a tab for children to open on each day of Advent.

We also will have children's Advent activities available. These will be available for \$1 each in the Atrium.



## Stand Up for Christ

Will you take a stand for Christ by making a commitment to His work through our church? You can do so by filling out and turning in a pledge card, which you will find available throughout our church building. Persons on our mailing list who live out of town will be receiving a letter and pledge card in the mail.

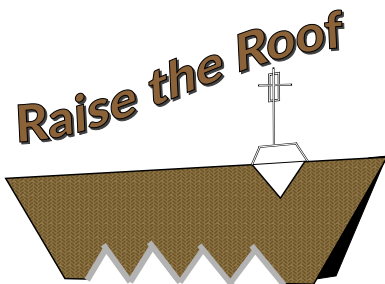
### WE WILL BE COLLECTING MITTENS AND HATS

And we would like to invite the entire congregation to help. There is a mitten tree on the second floor of the Education Wing to place the mittens on. In Portage county there are many families in need during the current economic times.

Please help by bringing mittens! Also, please keep the adults in mind as well by supplying gloves and hats in adult sizes.

### Connect with Worship Online

Did you know that you can view a video of each week's sermon on our web site, hear an audio recording of the entire worship service, or listen to the sermon in a podcast? Many members of our church who are out of town or who have to miss a Sunday are connecting with the worship service via the web. Go to the "Sermons" tab at [www.kentmethodist.org](http://www.kentmethodist.org). You can get sermons from the past several months. Each Sunday's video is available on Tuesday, and podcast episodes are available Wednesday. Also, watch for the entire Contemporary Worship Service to be available through the website in the coming weeks!



### Raise the Roof

We are still in need of nearly \$50,000 to pay off the debt on the recent major renovation that we did on our sanctuary roof

and ceiling. You can help "Raise the Roof" by making a donation at any time, or making a commitment on your 2018 pledge card.

## 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.

### How Boring!

You may not want to receive socks and underwear for Christmas but many Portage County families do. When you need them, you probably just buy new ones. But that is not true of everyone. There is a box in the Atrium under the UMW Board to collect new socks and underwear for distribution at the Phyllis Zumkehr County Clothing Center. Items are needed for all ages—children and adults. If you have any question or would like to volunteer on the first or second Monday of the month, give me a call. Gail Closs. 330-626-2062.

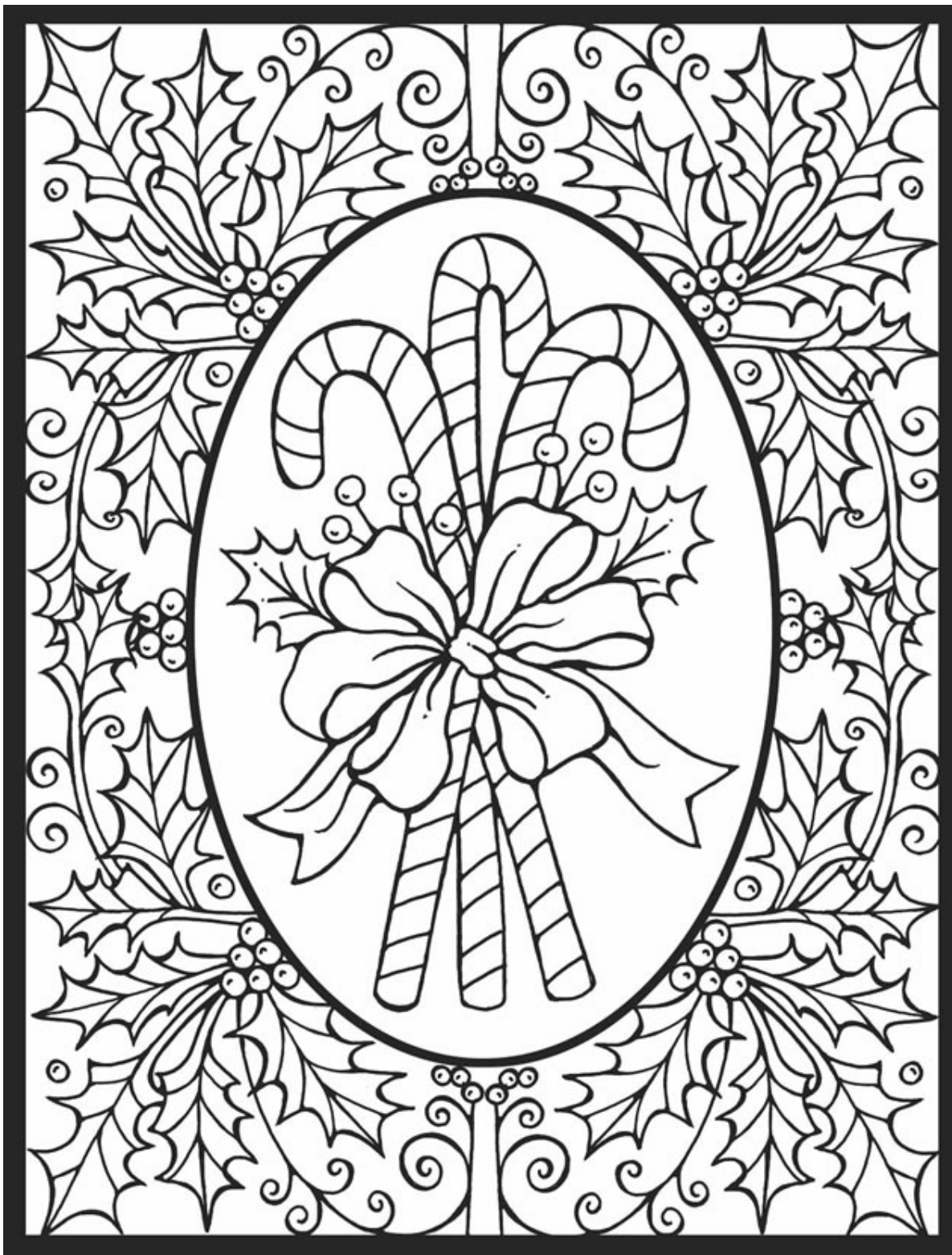
### Advent Booklet

This year, our Advent devotional booklet will once again be an e-book! It will include, as in years past, short devotions and Bible passages (about 2–3 minutes of reading) for each day leading up to Christmas, written by congregation and staff members.

Once again this year, instead of mailing the book, it will be available at no charge as an e-book through Amazon.com for Kindle devices and apps and Apple iBooks for the iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch. In order to receive a link and announcement when the e-book becomes available, or to volunteer to contribute to the book, please contact Adam at [adamalderson@kentmethodist.org](mailto:adamalderson@kentmethodist.org).

### Goodyear Band Christmas Concert

We are pleased to have the Stan Hywet Goodyear Band once again in our church sanctuary to celebrate the season with inspiring sounds of Christmas. The band will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 3, at 4:00 PM. The hour-long concert will be followed by a fellowship time in Pierson Hall. Everyone is invited!



Surrounding the candy canes above, we see holly leaves and berries. The sharp shape of the holly leaf recalls Jesus' crown of thorns and the red berries the blood he shed for us. Candy canes as a traditional Christmas candy have been around for hundreds of years. The white and red stripes represent the purity and blood of Jesus, and the shape brings to mind the shepherds who visited Jesus at His birth.

Please enjoy this coloring page!

**Order Your  
Poinsettias**



You are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Flowers will be distributed by Circle members to shut-ins from our church. Circle members may pick up the poinsettias December 24, after the 9:00 PM service or later. Please complete the information below, printing legibly, and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sundays. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent and returned with this form by **December 3**.

I/WE \_\_\_\_\_

WISH TO DONATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLANTS AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

OR

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

**UMW Global Assembly 2018**

The UMW Global Assembly is being held in Columbus, OH in 2018, providing an excellent opportunity for women of our church to join together with nearly 8,000 women from across the denomination! The event, which runs May 18-20, will include an exhibit hall, workshops, and worship opportunities. Hotel rooms have been reserved and rides can be shared, so there will be a planning meeting on the morning of December 3. Discounted early registration fee ends November 30, so please sign up on-line as soon as possible. Please stop by Pierson Hall anytime between 9 and 10:30 am to include yourself in the group of people who have already signed up or who intend on taking advantage of this amazing opportunity. If you cannot drop in on Sunday the 3rd, or have additional questions, please contact Denise Mote at 330-678-6048.



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**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!

# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 2-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	2 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
3 Regular Schedule Communion	4 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	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 pm Youth Play Rehearsal/Gym	7 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	8	9 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
10 Regular Schedule	11 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	12 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	13 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Youth Play Rehearsal/Gym	14 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7:00 pm UMW Sunday Planning/Conference Rm 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	15	16 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
17 Regular Schedule	18 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	19 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	20 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Youth Play Rehearsal/Gym	21 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	22	23 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
24 Christmas Eve Schedule (see front cover)	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	28 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6 pm Zumba Fitness/Gym 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	29	30
31 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  
 9:15 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  
 6:00 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit

**USHERS AND GREETERS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:30/9:30/10:30</b>
December 3	1
December 10	2
December 17	3
December 24 AM	4
December 24 PM	7:00 PM-5
	9:00 PM-6
December 31	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.	



**Our sympathies to:**

- Family and friends of Candy Kurtz
- Family and friends of Judy Price
- Nick Shaw on the death of his grandfather
- Ami Curtin on the death of her grandfather
- Chris and Megan Lantz and their families on the death of Fred Lantz

**Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:**

Gail Closs, Tina Farrell, Georgia Foster, Pat Gynn, Nancy Harris, Connie Karaffa, Dave Kurtz, Tom Pierson

- December 3-Sharon Coia
- December 10-Don Ashton
- December 17-Betty Sweet
- December 24-Janice Anderson
- December 31-Mavis Palmer



**DECEMBER LAY READERS**

DEC 3	Morgan Closs
DEC 10	Adam C. Alderson
DEC 17	Walt Strawman
DEC 24	Andrea Denton
DEC 31	Edgar Kooijman

**A CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA  
EXPERIENCE THE FOOD, DANCING,  
MUSIC, DRESS & HISTORY**

*of our Nepali speaking Bhutanese Community.*

The Grandview United Methodist Church in Cuyahoga Falls invites you to a “cultural extravaganza” on Saturday, December 2, from 4-7 PM. This event will support the refugee Bhutanese community that worships at Grandview UMC. Entrance is free; donations will be accepted to help obtain a van and support 16 children in the Katmandu Everest Home Orphanage.

**VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE**

DEC 3	Gary Mote	DEC 24 AM	Eric Wertz
DEC 10	Gary Mote	DEC 24 PM	Eric Wertz
DEC 17	Cheryl Brode	DEC 31	Eric Wertz

**THANK YOU**

To Rev. Palmer and the congregation,  
Sincerest appreciation for the many prayers, calls, warm wishes and many other very meaningful gestures of kindness during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I felt the blessings in numerous acts of kindness and caring including the flowers and communion which have been a very important and meaningful part of my recovery. You all are a rich blessing and I am most appreciative!

Sincerely,  
Davina Gosnell

Dear friends at the Kent United Methodist Church,  
Thank you so much for your continued support of CWS Crop Walk.

This year you contributed \$125. Thanks to Rick Stout for his help.

You are a blessing around the corner and around the world!

Becky Brown,  
Coordinator of the Kent Crop Walk  
Dear UMC Kent,

I would like to thank you for your financial contribution of \$63.07 in August to Hunger Network in Ohio. Your support helped us put on a great Faith & Advocacy Summit on September 24 and develop a new resource for congregations (available on our website).

Thank you, again, for your support of our shared ministry.

In Service,  
Deacon Nick Bates  
Director, HNO



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**Mailed November 27**

**Christ was born today, Christ was born today!**

### Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
<b>Advent sermon series: <i>God Turns the Tables</i></b>				
December 3	“Who Shall Climb the Lord’s Mountain?”	John 3:13–15; Psalm 24:3–10	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
December 10	“He Became One of Us”	Luke 1:26–35; John 1:1–5, 14	Dr. David Palmer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
December 17	“She Heard Another Song”	Luke 1:39–55	Dr. David Palmer	Children’s Choir Musical, <i>Resurrection</i>
December 24	“Happy Holidays?”	Luke 2:1–20	Dr. David Palmer	New Spirit Cantata, Youth Play (see front cover)
December 31	Covenant Renewal Service		Rick Stout	Festival Choir



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