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Dear Friends,

In worship this month, we look forward to the following special elements:

Sunday, December 31: On the morning of New Year's Eve, we will have our regular Sunday morning schedule, with worship at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30 a.m. All three services will use a service of covenant renewal – designed to lead us to renew our relationship with God. What better way to start the new year! The service is based on a covenant renewal service designed by Methodist founder John Wesley for use on New Year's Eve or day.

Sunday, January 7: We celebrate Epiphany at all three worship hours, remembering the visit of the wise men. Worship will include the sacrament of Communion. A new sermon series begins, entitled, Journey to Jerusalem – walking with Christ today.

Sunday, January 14: The sermon series continues, and the Resurrection ensemble will sing at 9:30 and 10:30.

Sunday, January 21: Our ZAMARingers will play at the 9:30 and 10:30 hours. On this Martin Luther King weekend, we will have a mission moment and special offering for the United Methodist Black College Fund.

Sunday, January 28: The Children's Choir will sing at 10:30. As the sermon series continues from week to week, we will journey with Jesus through central moments in his ministry, until we finally arrive at Jerusalem during Holy Week. Join us in the journey!

Wishing you a blessed and joyous New Year,

Dr. David Palmer



Youth Ministry News

January 2018

JANUARY YOUTH CALENDAR

3	7:00 PM—Youth Sunday Prep Meeting
7	7–8:30 PM—Youth Fellowship
13	9:30–3 Confirmation Class
14	7–8:30 PM—Youth Fellowship
15	MLK Activity TBA
21	7–8:30 PM—Youth Fellowship
26	Confirmation to Temple TBA
28	7–8:30 PM—Youth Fellowship

Happy New Year! And what an exciting year we have planned. We have completed our spring calendar and are very excited about our upcoming events. Here are a few of the highlights of what to expect this spring:

- The weekend of February 2 and 3 the youth will participate in World Visions 30 hour famine. Once the details are finalized packets and important information will be distributed so see Rick and watch the mail if you need more information about this exciting weekend.
- January 15 we will be planning an activity to celebrate Martin Luther King Day
- March 11 is Youth Sunday.
- And the Time and Talent Auction is scheduled for Sunday, April 22.

Overall, I am very excited about our plans and hope that everyone will take advantage of one or more of these events. Additionally, don't forget youth

group is every Sunday From 7–8:30 make sure you plan to come and bring a friend to any or all of these events.

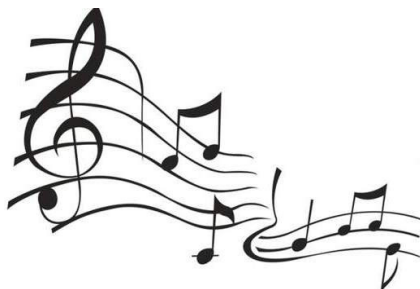
Something new starting in January the youth will be using an exciting new Sunday School program entitled LIVE. This program is set up to be much more than a Sunday School curriculum as members of the youth group will receive daily words of encouragement via their phone, be able to access the youth calendar and so much more. To get started simply download the free LIVEdaily app from your app store, enter in the access code **b39ba1**, and start looking for updates on your phone starting January 7

Shalom,

Rick ∞

Calling all performers:

Youth Sunday is an annual day when the youth of our church lead our Sunday morning worship service. It is characterized by a focus on the music of our youth musical groups Resurrection and the ZAMARingers, liturgical dance, drama and teaching by a senior member of our youth group.



On Wednesday, January 3 at 7:00 in the sanctuary there will be an informational meeting and open try outs for anyone interested in being a part of this year's Youth Sunday. At this meeting we will explain this year's theme, talk about ways to be involved and discuss rehearsal times. We need both actors and dancers for this annual event. If you would like to be involved, please plan to attend this important meeting as part of the Youth Sunday preparation process.



January Acolyte Schedule

JAN 7	Logan Poole Addy Fritsch
JAN 14	Shelby Beekman Jake Fankhauser
JAN 21	Christine Thomas Cassie Holman
JAN 28	Cameron Lantz Christine Thomas

UNIVERSITY OF LIFE – WINTER TERM, STARTS SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

The God You Can Know is the theme of our new University of Life class, which is held each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:15 in the Conference Room. The class will use a series of video Bible studies that explore the “I Am” sayings of Jesus. Filmed in the Holy Land, the videos are presented by United Methodist pastor Rob Fuquay, who serves St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, one of the largest churches in our denomination. The study will lead us to experience Jesus anew and discover the God who wants to be known. Class leaders are John and Sandy Kerstetter. All adults are invited!

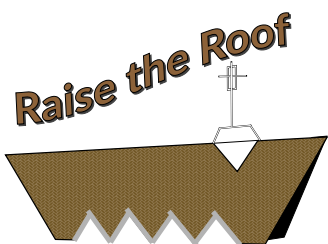
Year-End Contribution Statements

Year-end contributions statements for 2017 will be available for pickup in the Atrium beginning January 21. If you contribute through our online giving app or web service, please visit the giving website to print your statements. Contact the financial coordinator, Lynnette, at lynnette@kentmethodist.org with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

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. 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



Our Raise the Roof capital campaign is now in what we expect will be its final year. As of the end of 2017, we owe less than \$35,000 toward what was originally a more than \$200,000

project (the complete renovation of the sanctuary roof and ceiling). You can help pay off the debt by contributing at any time, marking your donation “Raise the Roof.”

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 2018 in the Atrium. Payment of \$35 can be made by writing “Altar Flowers” on your check or envelope.

Canal District Leadership Training Saturday, January 27, Montrose Zion UMC, 9:00–2:45

The Canal District leadership training event this year features Rev. Heather Heinzman Lear from the United Methodist Board of Discipleship as keynote speaker. There are numerous morning and afternoon workshops to choose from, with a luncheon in between. You will find a description of the full event posted on our church bulletin board. You can register for the whole event or part of it. The church will pay the registration fee; you would pay just \$8 for lunch. Register by speaking to Adam in our church office. This event is open to all church members.

January Meetings of Kent UMW

Rebecca Circle will meet **January 3 at 7:30 PM** in Pierson Hall at the church. The program is entitled “Sacred Space of Prayer” and features the movie *The War Room* presented by Margaret Siegfried. Sue abbot and Carole Stokes will serve as Co-Hostesses. Peg Arnold will lead Devotions and the Mission Moment will be led by Judy Smith.

On **Friday, January 12 at 7 PM**, Janus Circle will meet at the home of Hostess Laurel Stiller, who will also lead Devotions. The program will be a speaker on the topic of the opioid crisis.

Miriam and Mary Reed Circles will not meet in January, but will resume meeting in February. The UMW Executive Board meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the church on January 17 at 7 PM, with president Denise Mote presiding.

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	4 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	5	6 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
7 Regular Schedule Communion	8 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	9 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	10 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	11 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	12	13 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
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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

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
January 7	2
January 14	3
January 21	4
January 28	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.



Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Judy Price
- Family and Friends of Dorothy Meyer
- Sara Miller on the death of her mother, Margaret Stone

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Sharon Coia, Nancy Harris, Lela Irving, David Joy, David Kurtz, Tom Lundberg, David Munn, Tom Pierson, Kathi Smith, Harold Stewart

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

JAN 7	Eric Wertz
JAN 14	Cheryl Brode
JAN 21	Eric Wertz
JAN 28	Gary Mote

JANUARY LAY READERS

JAN 7	Jill Beer
JAN 14	Michelle Ronowski
JAN 21	Mavis Palmer
JAN 28	Randy Smith

- January 7-Sharon Coia
- January 14-Don Ashton
- January 21-Betty Sweet
- January 28-Janice Anderson



THANK YOU

Thank you to the Lepp, Leigh, and Ina families for raking my leaves. I am grateful for my church family.

Betty Hejma-Sweet

I would like to sincerely thank all of you who have so generously donated food for the funeral meals of our late members. You were called upon on very short notice and always responded. We are truly appreciative of your support and for being part of this important ministry of providing these meals.

Also, I would like to thank the members of the committee and others who have given of their time for this service. All your help is very much appreciated.

Thank you,

Donna Dietz, Service Committee Chair

Thanks to Nelson and Julie Madden for the rides to Cleveland. They were most appreciated. Thanks to Phyllis and Margaret Neel for bringing me food. You do make a difference.

Thank you so much,

Margie Stahl

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your support when men, women & children are experiencing homelessness in the Portage County Area and across Ohio they can turn to Miller Community House for help. We are able to give them the critical support that they so desperately need by providing them with emergency shelter and supportive on-site case management.

In 2016, MCH sheltered over 170 individuals—60 of those individuals were children under the age of 18. Since opening our doors in 2005, MCH has provided shelter to over 1,850 persons experiencing homelessness.

Generous donations from the community assist us in empowering our individual and family residents that are facing personal crisis and enables them to achieve financial stability, permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

We thank you for recognizing the great responsibility our community has to serve those who are experiencing homelessness and personal crisis. Your support is so appreciated as we serve those who hope for a place to call their own.

With heartfelt thanks,

Vanessa Jackson, Program Manager

Traci Larlham, Director of Housing Services



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Mailed December 22

“And now, glorious and blessed God... You are mine and I am Yours.”–Covenant prayer

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
New sermon series: <i>Journey to Jerusalem</i>				
January 7	“Get Moving”	Hebrews 11:8–10; Matthew 2:1–12	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
January 14	“Follow Me”	Mark 1:16–20	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Resurrection</i>
January 21	“The Outcasts Are In”	Mark 1:40–42, 5:25–34; Matthew 15:21–26	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers,</i> Spiritual Gifts Inventories
January 28	“Faith Finds a Way”	Mark 2:1–12	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children’s Choir</i>



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