



# THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

In the Star Wars epic, characters are repeatedly searching for or struggling with their *destiny*. More than once, a character is encouraged to “fulfill your destiny”—although the “destiny” encouraged may actually be an evil plan in tune with the Dark Side! The idea that you have a destiny, or need to discover your destiny, is a major theme in world literature and in religion. It is a key concept in the Bible, where Paul at one point speaks of how we have been “predestined.”

“Fulfill Your Destiny” will be the theme of a two-month sermon series this spring. We will consider what God’s Word says about your own destiny, the destiny of the human race, and the destiny of planet earth. Is the future scripted? Do we each have a divine calling? Where is it all going? Is there reason for hope? Such questions will be at the center of this seven-part series, which will unfold in the following worship schedule:

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 Children’s Choir & Resurrection sing; New Members join

Sermon: “Your Divine Destiny”

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 Rev. Douglas Denton preaching

Sermon: “A Place for Jesus”

SUNDAY, APRIL 22 Youth Time and Talent Luncheon and Auction; ZAMARingers

Sermon: “The Goal of Life”

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 God and Family award presentations (Cub Scouts)

Sermon: “Hope for the World”

SUNDAY, MAY 6 Confirmation; Chancel Ringers; Communion

Sermon: “The Real You”

SUNDAY, MAY 13 Children’s Choir musical; Resurrection sings; Mother’s Day

Sermon: “Family of Faith”

SUNDAY, MAY 20 Graduate Recognition; ZAMARingers; Pentecost

Sermon: “Find the Pearl”

SUNDAY, MAY 27 Memorial Day weekend

Sermon: “God’s Plan for the Human Race”

I look forward to sharing with you as we discover our destiny in Christ!

In His Service,  
Dr. David Palmer

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# Youth Ministry News

## April 2018

### APRIL YOUTH CALENDAR

1	Easter (No Youth Fellowship)
21	9:30-3 Confirmation to Camp Asbury
21	Time and Talent Auction Set up TBA
22	Time and Talent Auction (No Youth Fellowship)

Kooijman, Josh Thompson, Abbey Stiller, Josh Palmer, Ryan Dean and Carlie Thompson for their performances in the skits. Last but not least thank you Cole McDougal and Hanna Holman for bringing us the message. Your hard work and dedication to delivering us a spirit filled messages was very evident on this day.

I also can't express how thankful I am to the many adults who helped make this event possible. I would especially like to thank Brad Brode, Adam Alderson and Mike Goff for all their hard work. Our students have two amazing opportunities to be involved in praising God through music thanks to the hard work of these men. I also want to say thank you to all the parents for the wonderful breakfast they donated for the students between the services. I am truly blessed to be a part of the youth ministry here at Kent and I look forward to everyone's continued support and to many more successful Youth Sundays.

Shalom,  
Rick 



### Graduate Recognition

We will recognize graduating high school seniors during morning worship on Sunday, May 20. Graduates can choose to be present at any of our three morning worship hours. Every graduate for whom we have an address will receive a communication in the weeks prior to May 20 and can indicate which service he or she plans to attend. Janus Circle scholarships will be awarded on the same day. We pray God's blessing on our graduates as they arrive at this milestone in life!

One of the highlights of the youth calendar is our church's "Youth Sunday." It's the one Sunday when the youth of our church lead us completely in worship. I'd like to say thank you to all the youth who helped out whether you were a greeter, usher, reader, singer, musician, or part of the plays, your efforts are greatly appreciated, and Youth Sunday could not have happened without you. Additionally, I want to especially recognize those who assumed leadership roles as part of the production. Congratulations go to Brooke Harvey, Brandon Harvey, Kaylie Loughery, Aron Kooijman, Arijana

### April Acolyte Schedule

APR 1	Logan Poole Jake Fankhauser
APR 8	Christine Thomas Cassie Holman
APR 15	Addy Fritsch Joseph Crawford
APR 22	Cameron Lantz Yulan Wang
APR 29	Shelby Beekman Cassie Holman

### Mission Trip News

The members of our Youth Mission Team would like to say thank-you to all those who supported our mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. through the purchase of a symbolic brick. Thanks to you we are well on our way to meeting our goal. If you have not had an opportunity to donate but would still like to please feel free to drop a check in the collection basket and

marking the envelope "Brick Sale." Be sure to look for pictures from our trip in the September issue of the Mosaic.



## Annual Time and Talent Auction Sunday, April 22

Sunday, April 22 will be the annual "Time and Talent Auction" and luncheon sponsored by the Kent Youth Group. Each year our auction serves as the MAJOR FUNDRAISER used to support the many activities our youth participate in during the year.

The youth are very excited about this year's event. Already we have already received a **helmet signed by Urban Meyer** for this year's auction along with **the use of a FLAT in London for a week, Rubber Ducks Tickets, Golf Packages** and much more!

While we are asking each of the youth to donate an item, there is room for the entire church to get involved in the fun. Donation items could include

- Theme baskets
- Craft or handmade items
- Sporting event tickets, Indians, Aeros, Cavs, Browns, OSU or KSU
- Theater or movie tickets Carousel or Weathervane
- Kick-Knacks
- Books or Bibles
- Use of a cottage Cabin or Time Share
- Dinner events
- Use of a pool or picnic area
- Artwork or photography
- Music or dance lessons
- Gift certificates
- Collectables or antiques
- Professional services

The ideas are endless,

Won't you please prayerfully consider ways you might be able to support our youth ministry through the donation of an item. Those interested in donating an item can do so by calling Rick at 330-283-4838 or by email at [rickstout@kentmethodist.org](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org).



## Summer Camp Registration Is Open

The average American youth spends:

- 270 minutes a day watching TV
- 4 minutes a day playing outside
- 7.5 hours a day on electronics

A week at camp provides 10,080 minutes away to consider, to dream, to believe that they are loved and created for a purpose. The United Methodist Church of Kent will pay half the cost of the camp as a "campership." For full details on applying for and receiving a campership, please visit our website at [www.kentmethodist.org](http://www.kentmethodist.org) (go to Ministries> Children's Ministry> Summer Camp). You may also contact Dr. Palmer or Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator.

## April Meetings of Kent UMW

For April and May, Miriam and Mary Reed circles will be holding combined meetings. The first is **Wednesday, April 4 at 1:00 PM** in the church parlor. The program will be Cordell Howard from PARTA Services. Judy Hayden and Jan Hambleton will host, with Pat Gynn leading devotions and the Mission Moment.

Rebecca Circle will meet **Wednesday, April 4 at 7:30 PM** in Pierson Hall at the church. The program is entitled "Sacred Space of Nurturing—The Role of Advocacy."

On **Monday, April 16 at 7:00 PM**, Janus Circle will meet at the home of Hostess Janeen Phillips, who will also lead Devotions.

## Janus Circle Snack & Sign Fundraiser Event

For the next Janus Circle fundraiser, we will be trying something different! We will be hosting a hands-on Methodist variation on the wooden sign making craze. We call it **Snack & Sign!** On **Saturday, June 23 at 1:00**, Janus Circle members will host this fun event in Pierson Hall.



In just about three hours, you will create your own wooden sign from a design that you preselected while enjoying snacks during the event.

Fun and food – what could be better! There will be a selection of over 90 design stencils (examples shown here) from which to choose and three rectangular sizes – one small at 12"×12" and two large at 12"×14" and 12"×18". Participants can pre-order starting on Sunday, April 22. The pricing will be \$40 for small signs and \$50 for either of the large signs. Payment in full is due when ordering. The last date for placing an order is Sunday, May 20. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Mulloy at 330-373-5420 or email her at rm183@neo.rr.com.

it was me,  
I LET THE  
DOGS OUT

BELIEVE  
THERE IS  
GOOD IN  
THE WORLD

This is a major event for Janus Circle members to raise money for missions, projects, and the Janus Circle Scholarship fund and all net proceeds will be used for these purposes. Please support this Janus Circle fundraiser and join us for Snack & Sign! Thank you!

LIFE is  
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## 2018 Janus Scholarship Announcement

It is that time again to apply to The Janus Circle Scholarship! The Janus Circle Scholarship was established in 2014 to recognize student members of the United Methodist Church of Kent, Ohio for their active involvement in our church and service to the community and who plan to pursue post-secondary education the following school year.

The Janus Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have demonstrated an exceptional level of service in the church during their teen years. The application calls for a listing of all the points of a student's involvement; however, there are no GPA requirements or essay! Please note that although no initial essay is required, an essay may be requested by the Selection Committee at their discretion. In addition, any college-bound or other educational pursuit is eligible!

Applications are available from the church office or may be completed on-line on the UMC of Kent website. More details are also available on the website. Applications may be mailed or delivered in person to the church office to the attention of Adam Alderson, postmarked or received in person by April 16, 2018.

The award recipient(s) will be announced at Senior Recognition Sunday and it is possible for the award to be shared among multiple recipients.

Through this scholarship, the Janus Circle is tangibly recognizing the youth members who demonstrate their commitment and service to our church and community. For more information, please contact Denise Mote at 330-678-6048. Donations to the Janus Scholarship Endowment Fund are welcome; please mark your envelope Janus Circle Scholarship Fund! Good luck, seniors!

## ADULT RETREAT 2018

All adults in the church family are invited to participate in the Adult Retreat. It will occur on April 27–29 at The Wallhouse Hotel in Walnut Creek—the heart of Amish Country. We meet for dinner Friday evening at a restaurant in Walnut Creek and wrap up with breakfast and a worship service led by Doug Denton on Sunday morning. We plan a special dinner experience for Saturday evening. The activities of the weekend are planned by the group attending and we always have a good time including some free time Saturday afternoon to enjoy the area. The total cost will be about \$270.00 per room including the Saturday evening dinner (two persons) plus meals on your own Friday night and Saturday noon. The hotel provides a conference room for our group meetings and has a great complimentary Breakfast Buffet. To participate make out a deposit check for \$20.00 to the church marked "Adult Retreat Deposit" and give it to Roger Stiller or put it in the offering plate. For more info call Roger at 330-297-8933.



## Church Publishes Book by Dr. Palmer

### ***Hope in a Time of Chaos and Evil: The Message of the Book of Revelation for Today***

A new book by Dr. Palmer is now available in paperback (\$15) or as an e-book for Kindle (\$9.99). *Hope in a Time of Chaos and Evil* takes the reader through the book of Revelation – the most misunderstood book in the Bible! Drawing on Biblical scholarship, Dr. Palmer reviews the many ways that Revelation has been distorted and illuminates the real message of the book of Revelation for today.

The book is based on a series of sermons on Revelation that Dr. Palmer preached at our church more than twenty years ago – although it is greatly updated and revised from that sermon series! The release of the book connects with the new “Fulfill Your Destiny” sermon series, and also with the Disciple I and Disciple IV classes, both of which are studying the book of Revelation in the coming weeks.

Books can be purchased on Sunday mornings in the atrium or throughout the week from the church office. E-books can be purchased at any time through Amazon. Once the publishing costs are covered, all proceeds from the book sales will go towards our church’s mission.

This is the first in what we expect will be series of church-published books by Dr. Palmer on a variety of topics.

## Upcoming Concert

On April 15, at 4 PM, a chamber music concert featuring Mary Ragna Yetter on harpsichord and Elena LaVictoire on flute will be presented at St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Zwisler Hall, 476 Mull Ave, Akron, OH 44320.

The concert is part of the Musical Arts Series and will feature an eclectic repertoire of pieces by J.S. Bach, Jean-Phillipe Rameau, John Rutter, Elton John, and others. Mary Ragna Yetter brings her own harpsichord (built in the Flemish Tradition after Johannes Couchet c.1650). The performance is free to the public.

## UNIVERSITY OF LIFE

### SPRING TERM

**APRIL 8–MAY 13, 9:30–10:15 AM**

“The Easter Experience” is a unique DVD Bible study that is perfect for the weeks following Easter. Using dramatic, cinematic storytelling, the twenty-minute videos draw participants into the events of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Experience Easter in a new way through this six-week course in our University of Life. All adults are invited!

## Order Your Geraniums

You are invited to donate geraniums to beautify the church sanctuary for Pentecost, May 20 and Memorial Day Sunday, May 27. On Pentecost, when the red of the geraniums reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit, we will honoring and printing in the bulletin names in whose honor or memory the geraniums were given. On Memorial Day, we will be particularly honoring loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Those names will be included in the bulletin on that Sunday. These flowers will then be planted here at the church to beautify our grounds for summer. Please complete the information below (**please print** to avoid any errors), and mail it to the church office or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent and marked “Geraniums” in the memo line. Please return money with the form by **Monday, May 14**.



I/WE WISH TO PURCHASE \_\_\_\_\_ PLANT(S) AT \$10.00 EACH

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

OR

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

BRANCH OF SERVICE IF VETERAN: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday	2 Office Closed	3 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	4 1 pm Miriam and Mary Reed Circles/Parlor 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Trustees/Conference Room	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room 6:30 pm Lion's Club Dinner/Pierson Hall	6	7 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall 6-8:30 pm New Member Orientation/Parlor
8 Regular Schedule	9 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	10 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	11 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Trustees/Conference Room	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	13	14 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
15 Regular Schedule	16 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	17 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	18 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6:30 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conference Room	19 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 5:30 Joanna Group (Young Women's Fellowship)/Room 208 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	20	21 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
22 Regular Schedule Youth Time & Talent Auction	23 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	24 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7 pm Staff-Parish Relations/Conf Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	25 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Finance Comm Mtg/Conference Room	26 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments/Conf Rm 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	27	28 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
29 Regular Schedule	30 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym				<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/Choir Room 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 Child Care/Room 207 9:45 Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School—Preschool—6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:45 Resurrection (Teen Choir)/Choir Room 12:00 Chancel Ringers/Sanctuary 6:00 pm ZAMARingers (Teen Handbells)/Sanctuary 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit	

## USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
April 1	4
April 8	5
April 15	6
April 22	7
April 29	8

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.

April 1-Sharon Coia

April 8-Don Ashton

April 15-Betty Sweet

April 22-Janice Anderson

April 29-Mavis Palmer



## VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

APR 1 Eric Wertz

APR 8 Gary Mote

APR 15 Cheryl Brode

APR 22 Gary Mote

APR 29 Eric Wertz



## Trash &amp; Treasures Sale

Mark your calendar! This spring the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, May 3, from 7 to 9 PM. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, May 1, after 2 PM.

## May 4-5

Mark your calendar! This spring the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5.

Remember These Members in Their Sorrow



## Our sympathies to:

- The family and friends of Jack Hurd
- The family and friends of Carolyn Scherer
- The Keller and Winter families on the death of Philip Vesey
- Kathi Smith on the death of her mother Jo Ann Stuart
- Carol Taylor on the death of her grandson

## Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Mike Beck, Mary Lou McGregor, Nancy Moore

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and recipients of the Lord's Pantry and Hot Meal Program of Kent Social Services, we would like to express our sincere thanks for your generous donation of the Easter baskets. This year we have joined forces with the Center of Hope and will be hosting breakfast with the Easter bunny on Saturday, March 24. Your generous donation has allowed us to provide Easter baskets for our youth on this day. Thank you again, and may God bless you all.

Best Regards,  
Marquice Seward,  
KSS Assistant Manager

Dear UMC Kent,

I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$109.85. Your support and partnership will allow Hunger Network in Ohio to continue to grow and be effective in witnessing God's love for those who are hungry and living on the margins in Ohio.

We look forward to additional advocacy days at the Ohio Statehouse, and we are also preparing for our second printing of our Advocacy Guidebook for the Faith Community. Please be on the lookout for additional ways to engage!

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

In Service  
Deacon Nick Bates, Director HNO

Church family,

I would like to say thank you to all who called and sent cards while I had my surgery and to Rev. Denton for his visits. Also to Nelson and Julie Madden for the food. Everyone's help was very appreciated, as were the flowers.

Thank you,  
Thelma Seifert

## Paschal Breakfast Being Held April 1

The church will host the annual Paschal Breakfast on Easter morning, April 1, at 9:00 AM in Pierson Hall. The breakfast features sweet breads, coffee, and juice. Volunteers are needed to bring breads on Saturday, March 31, or before the 8:30 AM worship service on Easter Sunday. Please contact the office or Staci Stout at 330-289-1119 or sign up in the Atrium to volunteer to bake breads or help serve.



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Christian Education  
and  
Youth Ministries**

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**Mailed March 29**

**The Youth Time and Talent Auction is Sunday, April 22!**

## **Worship Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Special Event</b>
April 1	"Go Fishing"	Luke 5:1-11; John 21:4-11	Dr. David Palmer	Easter Sunday, <i>Chancel Ringers; New Spirit Prelude</i>
April 8	"Your Divine Destiny"	Ephesians 1:3-12; Romans 8:28-39	Dr. David Palmer	Children's Choir with Resurrection, New Member Reception
April 15	"A Place for Jesus"	Isaiah 40:28-31; John 20:1-18	Rev. Douglas Denton	
April 22	"The Goal of Life"	Mark 12:28-34; Ephesians 3:7-19	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
April 29	"Hope for the World"	Isaiah 11:1-9; Romans 8:18-25	Dr. David Palmer	



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