



# THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

This month continues the season of Lent and culminates with the high point in the Christian year, as we enter Holy Week and the celebration of *Easter*. Note the article in this newsletter about an ongoing Wednesday night Lenten series. Our worship this month includes the following:

**SUNDAY, March 4—Communion.** The “Journey to Jerusalem” sermon series continues, with a sermon entitled, “Wine Tasting.” We celebrate Communion at all worship hours, and the Chancel Ringers will share in worship at the 10:30 service.

**SUNDAY, March 11—Youth Sunday.** Our senior high and middle school youth will present a dynamic and uplifting service utilizing drama, word, visual arts, and special music. This service is always very inspiring! Because of the nature of the service, there will be worship at 8:30 and 10:30 only, with both hours in the sanctuary. At the 9:30 hour, the University of Life class will meet in the Conference Room (see the article in this newsletter), and in the gymnasium I will present a repeat of the first week of the Wednesday Lenten series, which focuses on the current effort of the United Methodist Church to find “a way forward” on church policies concerning human sexuality.

**SUNDAY, March 18—**The Children’s Choir will sing at the 9:30 and 10:30 hours, and we will do “spiritual gift inventories” as a small part of the worship hour, when people have an opportunity to identify areas where they may be interested in being involved in the life and mission of the church.

**SUNDAY, March 25—Palm Sunday.** Our children will process with palms at the 10:30 worship hour. All children are invited to participate; children should meet in Pierson Hall prior to the service in order to be a part of the palm parade.

**THURSDAY, March 29—Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service,** 7:30 PM, sanctuary. We remember Jesus’ Last Supper in Communion, and our Sanctuary Choir will lead us through a meditation on Jesus’ journey to the cross, coupled with a “service of shadows” (Tenebrae). Child care will be provided during the hour-length service in room 107.

**FRIDAY, March 30—Good Friday Service,** 7:30 PM, gymnasium. We reflect about the events of Good Friday in this poignant service, which draws us through a cycle of Scripture and contemporary Christian music presented by our Worship Band. Child care will be provided during the hour-length service in room 107.

**EASTER, April 1—**We rejoice in the good news of the Resurrection! At the 8:30 and 10:30 services, New Spirit will sing an extended prelude, beginning at 8:20 and 10:20; and the Chancel Ringers will share the offertory. The 8:30 and 10:30 services will both be in the sanctuary, and the 9:30 service will be in the gymnasium as usual. There will be a **Paschal Breakfast** throughout the morning in Pierson Hall, beginning at 9:00 AM, so that people can stop any time before or after any of our three worship hours. Please note that there is additional parking available at Henry Wahner’s restaurant. Sunday School classes and Children’s Choir are in session as always on Easter. Note that the Communion opportunity will be on Maundy Thursday; we will not have Communion on Easter.

I look forward to sharing with you in worship this month!

In His Service,  
Dr. David Palmer

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# Youth Ministry News

## March 2018

**Matthew 25:40** reads *"Then the king will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

Every day, nearly 7,000 children under the age of five are dying from hunger-related causes. On the weekend of February 2-3, 17 of our youth participated once again in World Visions 30 Hour Famine. For 30 hours, the youth of our church went hungry to raise funds to help hungry children around the world. This annual event creates an opportunity for our youth to make a huge impact on the continual problem of hunger and poverty both locally and worldwide, while at the same time experiencing in a small taste of what hunger is like. During the course of the weekend over 1,400 canned goods were collected and donated to the food pantry at Kent Social Services. Additionally, students participated in a variety of games and activities designed to teach us about the issue of hunger on a global scale. Over

all the weekend was a fantastic learning experience and our youth went away with the understanding that they can make a difference for the world.

Another way we give opportunity to your youth to make a difference in the world is through our mission trip. As many of you are aware the youth will be traveling again this summer to Mountain T.O.P. located in Altamont, Tennessee to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Plateau. This year we are very excited to have 28 members of our youth group and various adults registered to attend Mountain T.O.P.!

While each student attending is responsible for more than 3/4 of their individual cost for the week at Mountain T.O.P., the remaining funds, including travel, needs to be raised. Additionally, there are students from some families who will have difficulty paying their required portion. Therefore, we would like to ask the congregation to consider getting involved in our quest to raise the required funds for this year's trip by participating in one of the following financial opportunities to help:

1. **Scholarships.** As mentioned above there are several families who may have difficulty in today's economy paying for the required portion of their trip. Monies given go toward the required portion from each student, and full sponsorships are a wonderful way to help.
2. **Buy a brick.** At the time of this writing, our annual telethon brick sale will be **Sunday Afternoon, February 25 beginning at 4:00.** When the youth call please prayerfully consider supporting their efforts by purchasing a \$25 brick in support of these trips. Remember every gift, no matter how big or small, goes to make a difference in the lives of another.

While these trips may seem like a huge undertakings, with God's grace and your generous support we can make it happen.

Shalom,  
Rick <

### March Acolyte Schedule

MAR 4	Christine Thomas Jake Fankhauser
MAR 11	YOUTH SUNDAY All youth attend both 8:30 & 10:30 services
MAR 18	Addy Fritsch Cameron Lantz
MAR 25	Joseph Crawford Shelby Beekman
MAR 29	Yulan Zhu Christine Thomas

### MARCH YOUTH CALENDAR

10	9:30 AM-12 Confirmation
10	12-3 PM Youth Sunday Rehearsal
11	Youth Sunday—No Youth Fellowship
19	7:00-8:30 Youth Fellowship
25	No Youth Fellowship



## 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.

## 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.

## Teatime for Peace

On Thursday, March 22, our church is hosting a Teatime for Peace event. The event is being sponsored by Kent Interfaith Alliance for Racial Reconciliation and Justice (KIFA.) Registration will be at 6:30 PM in Pierson Hall with the program beginning at 7:00.

Teatime for Peace began in 2015 when “in light of the political rhetoric of divisiveness and fear of American Muslims, a group of good-willed people from Women Speak Out for Peace and Justice decided to organize and put effort toward countering the dangerous current climate. Thus was born the first Teatime for Peace, an event which was hosted by the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church (Rocky River) with an invitation to greater understanding and community building.” Since then there have been several such events hosted throughout Northeast Ohio. The closest one was at the First Congregational Church in Hudson. This would be the first Teatime for Peace in Kent. During the evening there will be presenters and time for discussion and refreshment.

This is a community event and we hope to have up to 125 people attending. There is a need for help with supplying the refreshments. Signup sheets for cookies or veggie trays will be in the Atrium.

“The premise is simple: come have a cup of tea with your Muslim neighbor and learn through human connection.” If you have any questions please call Judith Nedel at 330-678-5858. Quotes are from @teatime4peace on Facebook.

## Wednesday Lenten Series

Each Wednesday in Lent until Holy Week, we will have a potluck supper in Pierson Hall at 6:15 (bring one item to share plus table service), followed by a program from 7:00 to 8:00 in the gym. This year, the program topic is the United Methodist Social Principles, which features a different speaker each week talking about the United Methodist church’s stand on major issues of our time. Our schedule for these events is as follows—

### Feb. 28 – The Human Sexuality Debate and the Reconciling Movement

Presenters: Bill and Joy Watts, Uniontown United Methodist Church

### March 7 – Bridges Out of Poverty

Presenters: Rev. Douglas Denton and Amy Winter

### March 14 – Achieving Peace in Today’s World—

Presenter: Lorna Westlake, East Ohio Conference Peace with Justice Advocate

### March 21 – The Story of an Afghan Christian

Refugee—Presenter: Mujeeb Wafa, Cleveland State student, refugee from the Afghan Pashtun region

## EASTER LILIES

You are invited to purchase Easter lilies to beautify the church during our Easter services. Please complete the information below and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. **Please print** for the best legibility! All flower requests must be accompanied by payment. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent by March 11. Following the 10:30 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 1, flowers will be distributed to shut-ins by members of our UMW Circles.

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

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

OR

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

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





## UCM Fundraising Dinner

United Christian Ministries at Kent State University will host their Italian Feast fundraising dinner on Friday, March 16, 2018 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 and bread, chicken Parmesan with penne pasta and a vegetable, and mint chocolate cake. A vegetarian option is available upon request at time of reservation. Reservations are required and can be made at [www.myucm.org](http://www.myucm.org) or by calling the office at (330)673-5687. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation. Proceeds from the dinner support UCM's student programs.



## UNIVERSITY OF LIFE LENTEN TERM FEBRUARY 25–MARCH 25

The University of Life Lenten Study led by Doug Denton will be centered around the book *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado. We will base our study around Phillippians 4, where Paul admonishes us to “not be anxious about anything...” Lucado says, “The presence of anxiety is unavoidable, but the prison of anxiety is optional.” This will be a five-session study, beginning February 25, 9:30 AM, in the church’s conference room.

### 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.

## 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.

## 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 sermon 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! We are currently looking for volunteers to run the streaming video equipment in the gym. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact Adam in the office or Rick Stout at [rickstout@kentmethodist.org](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org). Training will be provided.

## March Meetings of Kent UMW

Miriam Circle will hold their next meeting at **9:30 AM on March 7** in the church parlor. The program is on the topic “Making Cards for Flowers” with Sandra Andrews.

On **March 7 at 1 PM**, the members of Mary Reed Circle will meet in the parlor. The program entitled “Encountering Grief” will be presented by Andrea Denton.

Rebecca Circle will meet **Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 PM** in Pierson Hall at the church. The program is entitled “Sacred Space of Rest and Self Care: Meditation and Yoga” with Nancy Harris, yoga instructor at the church.

On **March 11 at 6:30 PM**, Janus Circle will meet at the home of Hostess Connie Thompson, who will also lead Devotions. The program is entitled “We All Have a Story to Tell.”

# March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 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	2	3 10–1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
4 Regular Schedule Communion	5 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7 pm Disciple Classes 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	6 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7–9 pm Basketball/Gym	7 9:30 am Miriam Circle/PH 1 pm Mary Reed/Parlor 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6 pm Wed. Lenten Dinner and Program/Pierson Hall	8 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Choir Room	9	10 10–1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
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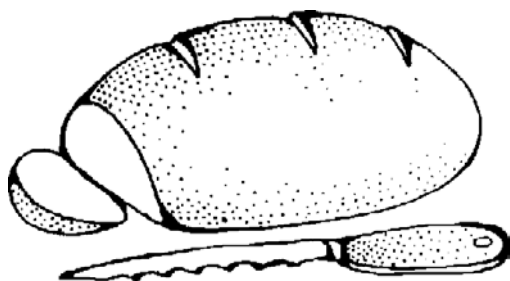
**Regular Sunday Schedule**

- 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel
- 9:00 Holy Donut Shoppe/Kitchen
- 9:15 Children's Choir—4 years–6th grade
- 9:15 New Spirit/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
March 4	5
March 11	6
March 18	1
March 25	2
March 29	8:30 & 10:30 Team 3
March 30	9:30 Team 3
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.	

March 4-Sharon Coia  
March 11-Don Ashton  
March 18-Betty Sweet  
March 25-Janice Anderson



## 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.



## Our sympathies to:

- The family and friends of Leon Fenstermacher
- Dottie Emerick, on the death of her cousin, Jean Sisson

## Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Donna Byttner, Jan Fencil, Jack Hurd, Ken Miller, Thelma Seifert

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Recovery works much more quickly when your church friends are praying for you

Thanks to you for your cards and prayers, and to Rev. Denton for his uplifting visits. Also, thanks to

Rachel Slippy for delivering the altar flowers. Your concern for me was very much appreciated.

Sandra Kennedy

Our church is made of wonderful, loving, and caring people. We would like to thank everyone for all the times we are in need of prayers during surgery times and flowers delivered by the friendliest of people.

We are proud to call all of you sisters and brothers in Christ. God is good!

Love,

David and Tina Ballentine

The best part about receiving the beautiful altar flowers was meeting and chatting with Rachel Slippy.

I appreciate the care and concern from all of you in our church family ; and yes, I'm enjoying the flowers every day.

Jan Fencil

Dear Friends,

My family and I would like to thank you for the flowers, prayers, visits and support that was given to us during the the last two months with the loss of our family members and my stay in the hospital. Thanks to Doug Denton for coming to Cleveland to visit me. I am so blessed to have a church family like ours.

Thank you so much,

David Kurtz and Family

## VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

MAR 4 Cheryl Brode

MAR 11 Gary Mote

MAR 18 Eric Wertz

MAR 25 Eric Wertz



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“It is only through shadows that one comes to know the light.”  
—Catherine of Siena

## Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
March 4	“Wine Tasting”	John 2:1-11	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
March 11	<b>Youth Sunday</b> —8:30 and 10:30 service in the sanctuary, 9:30 seminar in the gym			
March 18	“The Fizzled Fig Tree”	Mark 11:12-24	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children's Choir</i>
March 25	“The Stubborn Believer”	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Mark 11:1-10	Rev. Douglas Denton	Palm Sunday
March 29	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> —Communion and Tenebrae, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary			
March 30	<b>Good Friday</b> —Contemporary worship with scripture readings and music, 7:30 PM in the Gym			



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