



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

We have a change in our church staff. Mary Ragna Yetter, who has provided outstanding leadership on our organ since the beginning of 2011, will be moving to Indiana, where her husband, Erich, has taken a position at Anderson University. Mary Ragna's final Sunday on our organ will be the last Sunday of August, August 26. We will have a time of recognition for her that morning. Currently we are collecting a love offering that we will present to her on that day. If you would like to contribute, just mark your contribution "love offering." We have begun the search process for a new organist, and the position is now posted on our church web site, as well as through the American Guild of Organists.

Leadership is a theme for us every July, as this is the month when our church committee leadership rotates, with some people going off of leadership positions and some new people coming on. Our new 2018 leadership directory is now posted on our web site; and if you are receiving the Mosaic electronically, you will also find the directory attached to the email. If you go to the web site at www.kentmethodist.org, click on the "about us" tab and then go to the "our leadership" page, and you can access the directory at any time. The directory lists all the persons in our church who have agreed to be a part of various committees and ministry teams for the coming academic year. There are more than 200 names on the list, and it does not include people involved in our choirs, in our greeter or usher teams, in our Rotary or Lions lunch teams, in our Tuesday Work Group, in our teams who assemble mailings, or in our teams of Sunday School teachers or nursery caregivers. We have a great many people who are sharing their gifts in our church in many ways!

If you are going off of a committee this summer, **thank you** for your leadership in the years past! If you are coming new onto a committee or team, **thank you** for agreeing to serve! You will receive notification via email about when your committee or team will meet.

Our leadership positions begin in the summer of each year, so if you are coming new onto a committee, your term of service starts now! Most of our committee members are serving three-year terms. In the leadership directory, there is a year connected with each name, which indicates that that person's term concludes in the summer of that year. An asterisk next to a name indicates membership on the Church Council.

If you note an error in the Leadership Directory, please be in touch with our church office. Also, if you are uncertain as to whether we have a correct email for you, you can simply send an email to adamalderson@kentmethodist.org to update our records.

In identifying persons for leadership, we utilize the spiritual gift inventories that people fill out each year in order to try to match people to the areas of leadership in which they might be most interested. If you have not recently filled out an inventory, you can access a printable version on the web site under the leadership tab.

The apostle Paul wrote, *"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* [I Corinthians 12:4-7]

We can rejoice in how the Holy Spirit is at work in all of us, to enable us to share together in God's purposes!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

July 2018

July Acolyte Schedule

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

Summer is a busy time for our youth, and at the time of this writing, I am preparing to leave on Saturday for Mountain TOP. With the mission trip in mind, I'd like to share with you about one of the opportunities that our youth have at Mountain TOP: the option to participate in "Day Camp." Most people understand our minor home repair program, but many people ask or wonder just "What is Day Camp?" so I'd like to take a moment to share a little about this wonderful opportunity.

Day Camp is a place to spread hope. It is an environment where children come to be loved and challenged in a safe and positive community.

Youth and adults spend a week with Grundy County children, 6–11 years old, participating in activities that take them on a journey throughout the county, learning about such things as the environment, community service, health, and local entrepreneurship.

Each day the children and volunteers have a devotional time where they talk about the theme for the day and work in their prayer journals. In this time volunteers have an opportunity to hear about the children's faith as well as share their own.

This county's story is usually told with grim statistics. 70% of all high school students are considered economically disadvantaged and only 7% go on to higher education. 25% of the county lives in what we would consider extreme poverty. Unemployment is typically 40% higher than the current national rate.

Through the unconditional love from volunteers and the variety of experiences they will have in their community, our hope is to teach resilience and to open their eyes to different possibilities and opportunities in their community.

As you can probably tell "Day Camp" is a very important and meaningful ministry. I am very excited for your youth to be able to participate in the program again this year. I look forward even more to sharing with everyone in September testimonies from those who went to "change lives" and wound up changed themselves.

As I eagerly look forward to this trip, I ask that you will pray for the 28 members of our group as we travel and be in ministry this summer. It's a blessing to be able to serve this church and so many others through missions, and look forward giving our congregation detailed report regarding the trip early in the fall.

Shalom,
Rick



week with us. Without you, our VBS would have never been a success!

Rick Stout, Director of Christian Education

Christmas in July Family Movie Night

All family and friends are invited to join the Joanna Circle for a "Christmas in July" family movie night on July 27, 6:30-8:30 PM. Round up the kids and enjoy popcorn and **THE STAR** with us on the big screen in the gymnasium. The movie starts promptly at 6:30 PM, so get there early to grab a spot. Bring pillows, blankets, whatever you want to get comfy for the movie. Chairs will be available.

Disciple Recognition

Participants in this past year's Disciple I and Disciple IV Bible Studies will be recognized on Sunday, July 15, during our three worship hours. Disciple I was led by Dr. Palmer. Disciple IV was led by Carol Pozuc.

In the fall, we will again offer Disciple I; and the advanced Disciple Class offered this year will be Disciple II, which is an in-depth study of Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts. We will begin sign-ups for Disciple I and II on July 15.

Disciple Bible Study

One of the most enriching opportunities in our church is **Disciple Bible Study**. This coming fall Dr. Palmer will be offering Disciple for the **twenty-fourth** time since his arrival here in 1995. The class's enduring popularity is a testimony to its power—it is a wonderful way to grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ!

Disciple I takes participants on an overarching journey through the entire Bible in a span of 34 weeks. Through Disciple, people come to really know the Bible, to understand the Bible, and to see how the whole Biblical story connects together. Disciple will not simply expand your mind but will expand your spirit! It is an experience of growing in God's Word.

Disciple class participants read Bible passages each day (about a half hour's worth) and then come together once a week for a two-hour session. This fall the Disciple I class will meet on **Mondays** from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, starting on September 10 and concluding on May 20, with breaks over Thanksgiving, Christmas, and spring break.

Here are some comments from this past year's participants about their experience in Disciple:

- *Disciple I has given the Bible so much more meaning and depth for me. Before this class, I had no idea how to go to the Bible for any guidance, but now I know where to begin.*
- *The safe, nonjudgmental, and supportive environment was unique, something I had not experienced in hundreds of classrooms.*
- *I feel like I've "upgraded" my knowledge about the Bible by taking Disciple.*
- *This class was exactly the kind of rigorous overview I had hoped it would be.*
- *This class brings strangers together and creates lasting friendships.*

- *I understand so much more about the Bible and my own faith... Every Christian or person interested in faith should take this course.*
- *I learned so much but, more so, grew spiritually with renewed faith. Many questions were resolved for me.*
- *Disciple I has been a transformational experience for me. Disciple I has formed the foundation for future growth in faith.*
- *So much to learn. You should definitely take this class.*
- *This is a worthwhile experience for everyone.*

Disciple is designed to be of value no matter where you are in your spiritual walk or your level of Bible knowledge. The main thing that is required is a commitment to the study. Participants are asked to "covenant" to do the daily Bible readings (with the aid of an accompanying study manual) and to be in regular attendance at the weekly sessions. We also ask that each participant contribute \$35 toward the cost of the study manual. Class size is limited, so sign up soon in the atrium.

Stan Hywet Goodyear Band Concert

On July 9, our beautiful, air-conditioned sanctuary will once again be host to the Stan Hywet Goodyear Concert Band. The Goodyear Concert Band has been performing in the Akron area for decades, and we are pleased to host them twice every year. This annual performance of patriotic marches and music from the 1940's through today is a proud tradition in our church, and several of the band members are also members of our congregation!

Come to hear an hour of your favorite concert pieces under the direction of George Martin. Refreshments after the concert will be served in Pierson Hall, and all are invited to join the band for this reception.

Please join us Monday, July 9, at 7 PM, for an exciting concert hour. You'll enjoy this summer interlude of live music and fun!

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Summer Schedule	2 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	6	7
8 Summer Schedule	9 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	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	13	14
15 Summer Schedule	16 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	17 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	18 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	19 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	20 12-7 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Cedar Point Tickets)/Gym	21
22 Summer Schedule	23 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 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	25 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	26 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	27 6:30-8:30 pm Christmas in July Family Movie Night (Joanna Circle)/Gym	28
29 Summer Schedule	30 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	31 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym			Summer Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:15 New Spirit/Choir Room 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 9:45 Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School—Preschool-6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Person Hall	

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
July 1	5
July 8	6
July 15	1
July 22	2
July 29	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.



Our sympathies to:

- Josz Jakab and family upon the death of his father, Sandor Jakab
- Charlie Nichols on the death of his grandson, Matt Nichols
- Family and friends of Valerie Stultz

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Janine Beck, John Coleman, Ralph Darr, Dottie Emerick, Tom Pierson, CJ Smith, Bruce Yarnall, Pauline Yohe

Summer Sermon Series

Why Believe is the title of the sermon series that continues through the summer. You can access previous sermons from the series on our web site at www.kentmethodist.org.

Worship Leadership Enhancement

Beginning July 1, we are implementing a worship leadership change that is designed to extend the time that the preacher connects with the 9:30 worship hour. Up until now, the preacher has moved quickly in and out of the 9:30 hour, being present for only the sermon and prayer following. New people who attend at 9:30 never personally meet the pastor! From July onward, the preacher will enter the 9:30 hour for the sermon and will remain until the conclusion of the service, offering a closing word of blessing and staying to greet people.

This means that the preacher cannot be present in the sanctuary at the beginning of the 10:30 hour. To provide leadership at that point, we have created a team of "liturgists" who will lead the opening of the 10:30 service each morning, from the beginning meditation through the announcements to the Lord's Prayer after the opening hymn. The preacher will arrive in the sanctuary in time for the children's message. The liturgists will provide another nice level of lay leadership in the 10:30 service. If you would be interested in being a part of the liturgist team, please be in touch with Dr. Palmer.

THANK YOU

I would like to express our appreciation to the United Methodist Church of Kent for the lovely flowers. Thank you also to Tina Ballentine from the Rebecca Circle and her husband Dave for delivering them to us.

We would also like to thank Pastor Denton for his visits and support he has provided for our family.

The flowers provided a welcome lift to our day.

Jon and Patricia Stevens,
parents of Eric and Andrea Stevens

Dear friends,

Thank you very much to Peg Arnold for delivering altar flowers and for the Easter lily. Thanks also to Rev. Denton for his visits. They are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Eleanor Flanik



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

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

JULY 1 Gary Mote

JULY 8 Eric Wertz

JULY 15 Gary Mote

JULY 22 Cheryl Brode

JULY 29 Eric Wertz

JULY LAY READERS

JULY 1 Andrea Denton

JULY 8 Edgar Kooijman

JULY 15 Doug Denton

JULY 22 Judith Nedel

JULY 29 Pam Hickson-Stevenson



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Mailed June 27

The Stan Hywet Goodyear Concert Band performs July 9!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
July 1	"The Spirit Bears Witness within Us"	Romans 8:15b-16, Romans 8:26-27; Genesis 28:10-19a	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
July 8	"God Is Good"	Psalms 100; I Peter 3:8-11	Dr. David Palmer	
July 15	"God's Word Is a Light"	Psalms 119:103-106; II Timothy 3:14-17; John 1:1-14	Dr. David Palmer	Disciple Bible Recognition
July 22	"Why Is God Hidden?"	Isaiah 45:9-12, 15-19; II Corinthians 3:12-19	Dr. David Palmer	
July 29	"What to Put Away"	Psalms 14; Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Rev. Douglas Denton	



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