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Dear Friends,

It may still be summer, but with the present school schedules – Kent city schools start on August 15 (elementary students start August 22) – we are rapidly approaching our full fall program. On **Sunday, August 19**, we have the following events:

- **Church Picnic, 11:30 a.m.** – This back-to-school event features a picnic style lunch with all food provided in Pierson Hall (a freewill offering is taken); there is a bounce house for children.
- **Children's Choir, 9:15–10:15 a.m.** – Our Children's Choir, open to all children age 4 through the sixth grade, resumes its Sunday rehearsals in room 202/204.
- **Resurrection, 5:00–6:00 p.m.** – This vocal ensemble for youth is open to all 6th through 12th graders. Rehearsals return to the late afternoon time on Sundays.
- **ZAMARingers, 6:00–7:00 p.m.** – This is our youth handbell choir, under the direction of Brad Brode. It is open to 6th through 12th graders. Even if you have never played a handbell, you can learn! Just come to a rehearsal, which takes place in the sanctuary.
- **Youth Group, 7:00–8:30 p.m.** – Our multi-faceted youth program is open to all 6th through 12th graders. The evening begins in the gym and concludes in the Pit. Youth can enter and exit the building through the youth entrance (the door to the east of the sanctuary).
- **Chancel Ringers, 12:00–1:00 p.m.** – Our adult handbell choir resumes rehearsals in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday School** – Our **children's classes** have been continuing through the summer; children move to their new grade levels on August 19. Our youth class – for seventh through twelfth graders – resumes on August 19, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

We look forward to many opportunities to grow together in Christian faith, fellowship, and service!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Recognition for Mary Ragna Yetter

As announced previously, Mary Ragna Yetter is moving to Indiana at the end of August; she has been our organist since January of 2011.

We will be recognizing Mary Ragna on Sunday, August 26, at the 8:30 and 10:30 worship hours. There will be a reception in the campus ministry lounge following the 8:30 service, and in Pierson Hall following the 10:30 service.

We are also taking a love offering for Mary Ragna. You can contribute through August 19 by marking a check or envelope "love offering."

Mary Ragna has lined up substitute organists through September. The church has been taking applications for the position, and will be doing auditions and interviews in August, with the aim of having a new organist in place at the start of October.

We appreciate the outstanding service that Mary Ragna has given to our congregation!

Youth Ministry News

August 2018

August Acolyte Schedule

AUG 5	Addy Fritsch Shelby Beekman
AUG 12	Logan Poole Jake Fankhauser
AUG 19	Cassie Holman Cameron Lantz
AUG 26	Yulan Wang Christine Thomas

Summer is a busy time for our youth and this year has been no exception. During the week of June 23–30, 27 of our youth and adults traveled to Mountain TOP in order to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau. I want to personally thank our congregation for generously supporting this trip through your prayers, your gifts or even the donation of tools. It's a blessing to be able to serve this church and so many others through missions.

Have you ever wondered, "How does one describe the Mountain TOP experience?" Or maybe the question would be "What is the Mountain TOP experience?" The technical answer the answer to that question might sound something like this:

The camp communities are broken down into approximately 13 Youth Renewal Groups (YRGs), made up of six or seven youth and adults, who serve families in 13 different Tennessee counties.

Whether the project includes building a porch, painting a room, or repairing a fence, the service is founded in Christian compassion. The summer staff plan and coordinate all projects as well as provide materials. All projects are considered minor home repair or maintenance projects. Adults that participate have a camper role equal to that of the youth.

Each evening, the community gathers for dinner, a time of sharing about their day's experiences, and worship. They spend time examining how their experiences were an outreach of their faith, and how they met the different needs of the families they served. It is a time of worship that allows youth to reflect upon how their service that day helped them to grow in their relationship with Christ. The Mountain T.O.P. experience not only provides the opportunity to be in service to others, but more importantly, it provides the opportunity to understand "why" we are in service.

AUGUST YOUTH CALENDAR

19	7–8:30 PM Youth Fellowship Begins
26	7–8:30 PM Youth Fellowship

However; a more personal answer to this questions is not so easily put into words, but I do know that in the thirty trips I've made to the mountain, each one has been the same and each one has been very unique. Words can't describe the feelings one gets from living for a week in the slow pace of the Southern Tennessee mountains, smiles and waves from the mountain people, pecan pie, sweet tea, biscuits and gravy and pulled pork sandwiches. It is equally difficult to express the feeling that comes from living for a week in Christian community, putting the needs of others first, and setting an example and living your life the way that Jesus intended for us to live. It is hard to explain the closeness you feel to God while on the mountain, daily devotions and yet we still get to work by nine and nightly worship services that never seem to grow old. Family-style meals that start with grace and end with prayers for the community and a work day that begins and ends in prayer give you a unique perspective on what it really means to live as a Christian.

"What is the Mountain TOP experience?" It's all these things and so much more, and I look forward giving our congregation detailed reports regarding the trip in the fall newsletter.

Shalom,
Rick 

Attention Sunday School Teachers

There will be a meeting for all Sunday School Teachers and those interested in becoming Sunday School teachers on Sunday, August 12 at 11:30 in the conference room. Additionally, if you are interested in helping out in the Sunday School this year please plan on attending the meeting. We are still in need of some lead teachers, and teacher's aids to work on selected Sundays with lead teachers.

Mountain TOP ADULT trip coming soon:

This year we are again planning an **ADULT TRIP** to the mountain on October 25–28. Participates will be once again given the opportunity to participate in either the Major Home Repair Program or the Fifth Annual Fall Festival with Souls for Souls. If this sounds like **YOU** or if **YOU** feel called to be a part of this ministry, please contact Rick Stout about how you can be a part of this amazing opportunity.

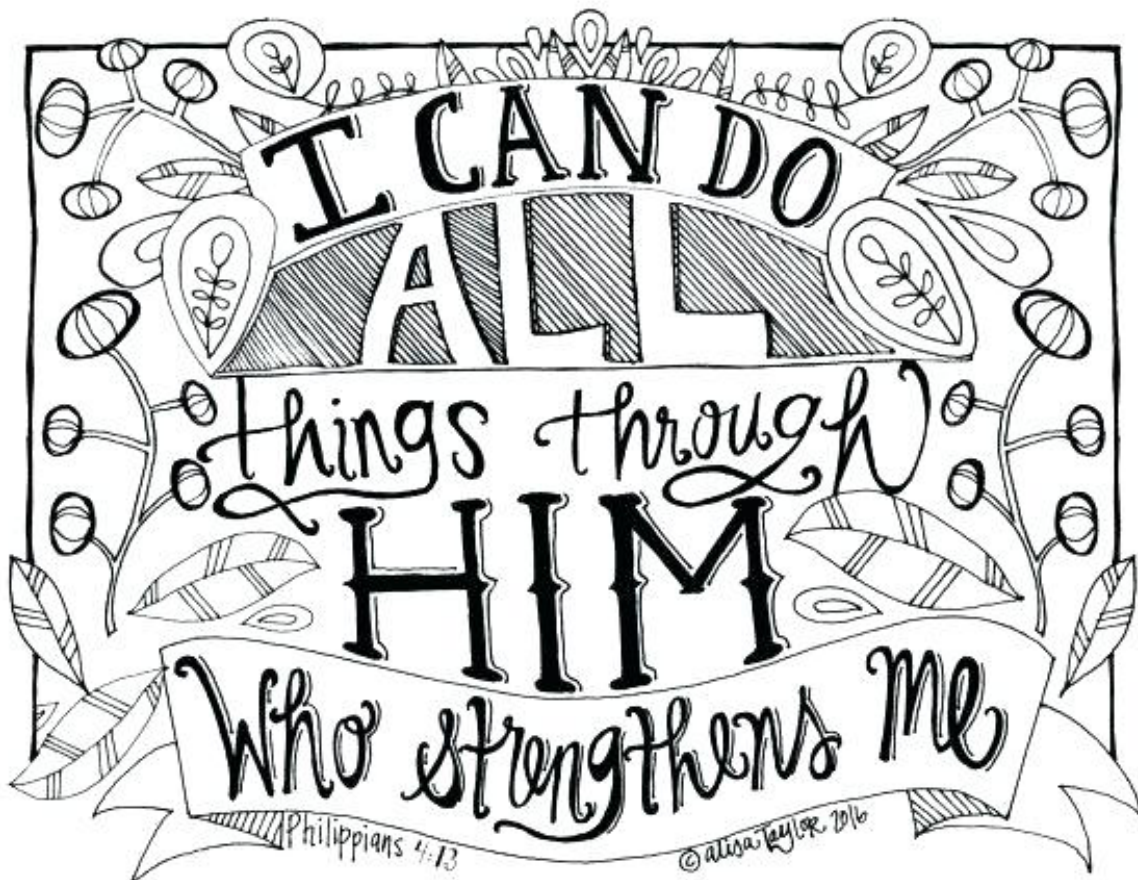
Third Graders to Receive Bibles Sunday, August 26

We will give a Bible to each child going into the third grade this fall. The curriculum we use in Sunday School is written with the understanding that third graders are ready to have their own Bibles and to use them in classes and at home. The children will receive Bibles on August 26 at the 10:30 am service. Following the 10:30 service, there will be a luncheon for the third graders, their families, and mentors. Children will receive a letter about the Bible presentation in early August. If you have a child going into third grade who has not been attending Sunday School, please contact our church office, so that we can be sure your child is included.

Confirmation Luncheon

There will be a luncheon on Sunday, September 9 at 11:45 AM in Pierson Hall for young people and their parents who will be taking part in this year's Confirmation Class. A letter with details will be sent out in early August to all 7th graders.

If you would like to be a part of the confirmation class, please be in contact with Rick Stout, 330-673-5879 ext. 12.



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.

Disciple II offered this fall

Disciple II is open to anyone who has taken Disciple I. It takes an in-depth journey through Genesis–Exodus and Luke–Acts. Disciple II was last offered in 2014. The leader will be Claire Bank, who was part of Disciple I last year, and who is doing the leader training this summer.

Disciple II will be held on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 10. Participants are asked to contribute \$35 toward the cost of the student book. You can visit www.kentmethodist.org/disciple, or there is a sign-up sheet in the atrium.

MAKE YOUR RECEIPTS COUNT!

Your Acme receipts can be placed in the collection envelope in the kitchen on the refrigerator and will be submitted to the Cashback program for our UMW mission donations. UMW received over \$500 for missions at the beginning of last 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!

UMW Global Assembly Report

Liturgical Tap Dance is a thing! At the 2018 United Methodist Women's Quadrennial Global Assembly May 17–May 20 in Columbus, three excellent performers portrayed Mary, Elizabeth, and the Angel Gabriel in several vignettes through tap dance and drama. The Assembly theme was “The Power of Bold!” After attending, we understand why!

Over 6,000 women from all over the world attended the UMW Global Assembly. Among them were Kent UMW members Peg Arnold, Tina Ballentine, and UMW President, Denise Mote. “The Power of Bold” theme focused on “Faith, Hope, and Love in Action.”

Peg: One of the most exciting things was learning more about the four UMW Social Justice Priorities. UMW, an organization of over 80,000 members, is actively working on the following issues:

- Economic Inequality
- Climate Justice
- Mass Incarceration and Criminalization of Communities of Color
- Maternal and Child Health.

UMW members are not only encouraged to learn about these issues but to become actively involved in improving these situations locally and globally.

Denise: We also attended small workshops, such as Creating New Spaces, which involves extending UMW to reach younger women and non-traditional members. The phrase that most resonated with me is that UMW is often perceived as those women who decorate the church parlor, but that is so far from reality! (Well, sometimes we decorate the parlor.)

One area of my focus at the Assembly was the Mass Incarceration issue, otherwise known as the school-to-prison pipeline. It was enlightening to learn how replacing zero tolerance school rules with “restorative justice” and “restorative practice” has been successful in addressing this problem by keeping children in school and not out of it on a cycle of suspensions. “The New Jim Crow” author Michelle Alexander and Children’s Defense Fund President, Marian Wright Edelman, were the inspiring speakers/panelists at one of the Community Gatherings, which is when the more than 6,000 attendees gathered together at the same time.

Tina: My favorite part of the Global UMW Assembly was the modernized drama of Mary and Jesus and the Wedding at Cana. Although it was funny, it also made you realize that it could have happened with ordinary people! Also, it was surprising to see how much women have accomplished for change since 1869. It started when two women spoke to eight women in India about helping to rescue women and girls from dangerous situations. There is strength in numbers. The quote that I love the best was “The Titanic was built by experts, but the Ark was built by ordinary people.”

An area I focused on was Climate Justice, and it is about so much more than we think. It is not a single source causing the earth’s blanket to become warmer. Everything that you do to be greener is one more thing than you did before and if each person in the world would encourage everyone to do something, this adds up.

My experience at the Global Assembly started with the Day of Ubuntu, a day to do hands-on community service. Denise and I made blankets for children in foster care. Jessica Randolph, the founder of the mission “My Very Own Blanket”, spoke about children in foster care who have nothing to call their own. They are abruptly pulled from their home and all that they can take with them goes into a garbage bag – it is all they have. She asked us to imagine how we would feel if we had to carry our possessions around in a garbage bag. People look and think you are carrying trash around. It makes for low self-esteem. But, these blankets are made specifically for every child. We wrote our names on the blankets we made on the tag “Made with Love” that is affixed to each blanket. When the child picks out the blanket with the design they like, they write their own name on the tag, too. It is their permanent keepsake and there is a feeling of ownership, caring, and love, which usually brings smiles. It is astounding how something so easy to do has such a big impact on lives and hearts.

Summary: To see a glimpse of what we learned and experienced, please visit the UMW Bulletin Board in the Atrium. It is chock full of information and there are also several actions you can take in support of UMW Social Justice Priorities, such as the Chevron letter writing campaign to cut methane. You can find more information on-line for many of these issues by searching for UMW followed by the issue.

The next Quadrennial UMW Global Assembly will be May 20-22, 2022 in Orlando, Florida. If you are a UMW member, plan and save ahead so you can attend. You will not be disappointed!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1 pm Miriam Circle/Parlor 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Music Committee/ Conf. Rm.	2 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	3 2-7 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	4
5 Summer Schedule Communion	6 7 pm Staff-Parish Relations Comm/Conference Room 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	7 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	8 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Finance Committee/ Conference Room	9 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, & Investments/Conf. Rm	10	11
12 Summer Schedule	13 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	14 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	15 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	16 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 5:30 pm Joanna Circle/ Room 208	17	18
19 Regular Schedule	20 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	21 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	22 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6 pm UMW Board Mtg/ Conference Room	23 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	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/Pierson Hall	
26 Regular Schedule Third-Grade Bible Luncheon	27 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	28 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	29 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	30 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:00 Holy Donut Shoppe/Kitchen 9:15 Children's Choir—4 years—6th grade 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 9:30 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School—Preschool—6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 12:00 Chancel Ringers/(Adult Bells)Sanctuary 5:00 pm Resurrection (Youth Choir)/Choir Room 6:00 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit	

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Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
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August 12	5
August 19	6
August 26	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.	



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our sympathies to:

- Dennis Ronowski on the death of his brother, Daniel Ronowski

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Janice Anderson, Morgan Closs, Scott Hershiser, Marie Knauss, Carrie Shelly, Albert Smith

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.

THANK YOU

Aug 5-Sharon Coia
Aug 12-Don Ashton
Aug 19-Betty Sweet
Aug 26-Janice Anderson



5-24-2018

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff, volunteer 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 recent generous gift to our agency.

Your generous donation will go a long way to helping us fill the gap of hunger in our community. In 2017, we were able to provide food for 2,409 households, and we served 21,460 hot meals. It is with much respect that we recognize your donation, as your support enables us to help the ever-growing number of people that are in need of assistance.

All the best,
Christie Anderson, KSS Manager

6-14-2018

Dear Church family and friends,

On behalf of the family of Jack Hurd, we would like to express appreciation to all of you who supported our family and prayed for us over these past few difficult months. Thank you to those who came to visit him at home and in the hospital, especially Doug Denton. We are so grateful to Dave Palmer and Doug for a beautiful memorial service, and a special thank you to the choir for singing his Anthem. The music program at church meant so much to Jack. We are grateful to Janus Circle and Donna Dietz and all who helped provide a wonderful luncheon for our family and guests.

We are blessed to be a part of this church family.

With gratitude,
Alice Hurd
Sally and Bob Dean
Julie and Eric Schmidt
John Hurd, Jr.

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

AUG 5 Eric Wertz

AUG 12 Gary Mote

AUG 19 Eric Wertz

AUG 26 Cheryl Brode

AUGUST LAY READERS

AUG 5 Jill Beer

AUG 12 Pam Hickson-Stevenson

AUG 19 Carolyn Tener

AUG 26 Larry Andrews



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The church picnic and start of fall youth activities is August 19!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
August 5	"The Leap of Faith"	Genesis 15:1-6; Mark 9:14-27	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
August 12	"True Belief"	James 2:14-23; Romans 10:9-13	Dr. David Palmer	
August 19	"Belief Matters"	Psalms 1:1-6; Matthew 7:15-20	Dr. David Palmer	Church Picnic, Youth activities resume
August 26	"Why Believe in Jesus Christ?"	John 1:1-5, 14	Dr. David Palmer	Third Grade Bible Presentation



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