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Dear Friends,

For years in ministry, I followed a principle in preaching whereby, aside from the pivotal stories of the nativity, the cross, and the resurrection, I would not preach in a church on the same Biblical passage twice. There is so much in the Bible that it makes sense to keep moving into new ground! But now that I am in my twenty-fourth year in Kent, I have concluded that I really ought to return to some wonderful passages that were a focal point many years ago! So I am planning this September to do a sermon series on one of the most favorite of all Bible chapters – Psalm 23 – about which I last preached in 2004.

The simple yet profound imagery of Psalm 23 speaks deeply to the soul. Our worship for the month will follow this schedule:

- Sept. 2      Communion. Sermon: “The Lord is My Shepherd”
- Sept. 9      Confirmation Luncheon at 11:30. Sermon: “Green Pastures”
- Sept. 16     Children’s Choir sings. Sermon: “Beside Still Waters”
- Sept. 23     ZAMARingers offertory. Sermon: “The Right Paths”
- Sept. 30     Resurrection sings. Sermon: “No Fear”

We will have a guest organist at the 8:30 and 10:30 hours each Sunday of September We will have a new organist beginning October 1.

We expect to publish a book entitled *Why Believe*, which is based on the summer sermon series. Copies will be available, most likely in late September, at the church and also through Amazon. We also have copies available of the book that appeared last spring, *Hope in a Time of Chaos and Evil*, which is a study of the book of Revelation.

I look forward to sharing with you as we grow in faith together!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

# Youth Ministry News

## September 2018

### September Acolyte Schedule

SEPT 2	Addy Fritsch Jake Fankhauser
SEPT 9	Logan Poole Cassie Holman
SEPT 16	Cameron Lantz Christine Thomas
SEPT 23	Yulan Wang Shelby Beekman
SEPT 30	Addy Fritsch
	Joseph Crawford

Wow! What a busy and exciting summer the members of our Youth group had! Now it's time to get everything geared up and start all over again! Youth Group began on August 19 with 23 in attendance! This was a great way to start the year and I'm looking forward to seeing how the rest of the year will progress. Have you been to one of our Sunday nights? If not... why don't you come? And if you come why don't you bring a friend? Additionally, we will host our annual 5th Quarter party on Friday, September 7 following the Roosevelt game vs. Ravenna. Look for more details in the mail but note the 5th quarter will start at 10 PM and last till midnight please come and have some fun with our youth.

Believe it or not we have already started thinking about next year's youth mission trip. We will again this year be partnering with Mountain T.O.P. in order to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range. The trip is scheduled for June 22-29 of 2019.

Preparation for this trip will begin with a parent/student interest meetings in September 16 at 11:30 in the PIT. At this meeting we announced any changes that are going to occur around next year's trip and we will officially begin taking registrations. Again this year students WILL have the opportunity to participate in either day camp or service project. I am very excited about next year's trip and look forward to sharing all the exciting news at the meeting on September 16.

Shalom,  
*Rick* 

### SEPTEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

2	Resurrection, ZAMARingers, Youth Fellowship
7	10 PM-12 AM 5th Quarter
9	11:30 AM Confirmation Luncheon PM-Resurrection, ZAMARingers, Youth Fellowship
16	Resurrection, ZAMARingers, Youth Fellowship
23	AM-ZAMARingers Perform PM-Resurrection, ZAMARingers, Youth Fellowship
28/29	Confirmation Retreat
30	AM-Resurrection Performs PM-Resurrection, ZAMARingers, Youth Fellowship

### Confirmation Class

Our Confirmation Class for seventh graders begins with a luncheon on Sunday, September 9, at 11:30 PM in Pierson Hall, for seventh graders and their parents or guardians. During the luncheon Dr. Palmer and Rick Stout will explain the various facets of our Confirmation program, which helps young people think through what it really means to be a Christian. If you have not yet registered, please be in touch immediately with Rick Stout at [rickstout@kentmethodist.org](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org) or 330-673-5879, ext. 12.

### Disciple Bible Studies

Both our Disciple I and our Disciple II classes are now full. We have waiting lists in the atrium where you can still sign up, in case there is an opening in a class. There are more than thirty participants in the two classes.

### Companions in Christ

Companions in Christ is a twenty-eight week journey in spiritual formation, which guides persons to deepen their prayer life and grow in their relationship with God. We are happy to offer this experience once again, this time under the leadership of Patty Yensel. Companions in Christ will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon, beginning October 10, and will finish by mid-May. The cost of the participant's book is \$20. Sign up in the atrium!

## HEART FOR THE CITY HANDS-ON MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

One of our major local area missions is our support for Heart 4 the City, a United Methodist mission church located in the Goodyear Heights neighborhood of Akron. Our church contributes \$5000 each year to support the budget of Heart 4 the City, and we also have opportunities to get involved in ministries there hands-on! Heart 4 the City, located at 954 Eastland Ave., is just a twenty minute drive away and has a large amount of parking – it's easy to get to and volunteer! Here are current opportunities:

In June, Heart 4 the City began two new weekly food programs in partnership with the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. On the first Thursday of the month, 10,000 lbs. of food arrives for distribution through the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank Direct Distribution Program. On all other Thursdays, Heart 4 the City participates as a partner in a pilot program called Market Direct Retail Pickup. You can be a part of distributing this food to the needy! You can be a Produce Sorter, Food Distributor, Runner (helping get food to vehicles), or Bagger. The times for volunteering are:

- First Thursday of each month, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. More than fifteen volunteers needed
- Other Thursdays of the Month, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. About eight volunteers needed

To volunteer, contact Susan Sarkiewicz: (330)338-5464 or email [info@heart4thecity.org](mailto:info@heart4thecity.org).

Another project is a need for few wheel chair ramps that Heart 4 the City would like to build in the community – before winter, if possible. They have manpower – nail drivers – but need skilled labor-carpenters. Still another opportunity is a need for readers or tutors for elementary age kids after school.

To volunteer for these, email [info@heart4thecity.org](mailto:info@heart4thecity.org) or call (330)784-1350. Please also let our church office know if you are volunteering, so that we are aware of what support our congregation is providing.

### University of Life Fall Term – Sept 9 – Oct. 14

**“God’s Not Dead – What Do You Believe?”**

**Sundays, 9:30- 10:15 a.m., Conference Room  
Leaders: Al and Margaret Siegfried**

This class is a perfect follow-on after the recent “Why Believe” sermon series. The class will use short clips from the movie, “God’s Not Dead,” to look at key reasons to believe, and how Christians can defend their faith when it is under assault in the contemporary culture. All adults are invited!

## The East Ohio Conference Delegation Offers Listening Posts

The 2019 Special Session of the General Conference has been called to address a way forward for The United Methodist Church on the matter of human sexuality.

The East Ohio delegates to this Special Session recognize the importance of the decisions that will be before the church and the impact these decisions will have on each United Methodist church and member. We invite you to attend and share your thoughts and concerns at one of the five scheduled listening posts that will be held throughout the East Ohio Conference.

- Sat., Sept. 8 from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm at Wildare UMC
- Sat., Sept. 29 from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm at Cambridge Christ UMC
- Tues., Oct. 9 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at New Philadelphia First UMC
- Sat., Oct. 20 from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm at Ashland First UMC
- Tues., Nov. 6 from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Aldersgate UMC (North Coast)

## 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!

## World Wide Communion to Shut-Ins: October 7

Can you: drive a car? Knock on a door? Carry on a conversation? Then you are eligible to deliver communion elements to persons in our church on World Wide Communion Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018. It is simple, yet so important, to those who can not be in worship with us. Sign up in the atrium, beginning Sept. 2 or contact Doug Denton at 330-673-5879 (ext. 24).

### You Can Make a Difference

Nov. 12-17 is "Make a Difference Week". Each year, able bodied men and women volunteer their time to help some of our church members prepare their yards and homes for winter. It usually consists of cleaning yards and/or gardens or minor home repairs. If you are willing to offer your services to church members unable to prepare for winter on their own, then sign up in the atrium. If you have further questions, call Doug Denton at 330-673-5879 (ext.24).

### Kitchen Help Needed!

Would you like to help provide financial support to over 20 local missions and worthy church activities? How about the County Clothing Center, Kent Social Services, Boy Scout Troop #252, Miller Community House, UMC Vacation Bible School (to name just a few)? This year \$8,500 was distributed primarily to our local community charitable non-profits and some church activities. The Kitchen Ministry is a tremendous operation that generates these funds, but it needs your help! Volunteers are needed in the kitchen and dining room to serve Rotary lunches every Tuesday and Kent Garden Club Monday dinners once per month under the direction of Staci Stout. Lately, a few of the regular volunteers have been unable to serve in this ministry and we are looking to add new people to fill those gaps. The tasks are easy to learn and the camaraderie is free! The sign-up sheet is posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen, so please prayerfully consider joining this team and support this important source of funding for local missions and church activities! All ages welcome who can work in the kitchen and dining room!

## UMW Resumes Activities after Summer Recess

Miriam Circle of the Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) will meet at **9:30 AM on September 5** in the church parlor. The Hostess will be Barbara Ferrell.

On **September 5**, the Mary Reed Circle will meet at **1 PM** in the church parlor. The program is entitled "Hosting International Students" with presenter Karen Beck.

Kent UMW's Rebecca Circle will meet at **7:30 PM on September 5** at the home of Tina Ballentine (8760 Cooley Rd, Ravenna) who will Hostess. The program is entitled "Sacred Space of Encountering God".

At **9:15 AM on September 9** Janus Circle of UMW will meet in Pierson Hall at the Church. Nancy Lewis will be the Hostess for this annual business meeting.

### Janus Circle Sweets & Sign Fundraiser Event

On October 17 from 6:30-9:00 in Pierson Hall, please join Janus Circle for this fundraising event where YOU CREATE your very own wooden sign (wood and paints provided).

In just a few hours, you will create your own wooden sign from a design that you pre-selected while enjoying snacks during the event. Along with sweets to eat - what could be better! The stencil choices can be viewed at [kentmethodist.org/janus](http://kentmethodist.org/janus) - religious, humorous, inspirational, and more! Since this is a Fall/Winter event, most choices center on the themes of Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The small size at 12"x10" costs \$40 and the larger ones 12"x14" costs \$50. The final day to preorder is October 7 in the Atrium. Payment in full is due when ordering. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Mulloy at 330-697-8943 or email her at [rm183@neo.rr.com](mailto:rm183@neo.rr.com). This is a major fundraising event for Janus Circle members to raise money for missions, projects, and the Janus Circle Scholarship fund - all net proceeds will be used for these purposes. Please support this Janus Circle fundraiser and join us for Sweets & Sign! We put the "fun" in fundraising! Thank you for your support!



# Sweets & Sign!

Wed., October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in Kent UMC Pierson Hall

## Janus Circle Fundraiser Event



**Time:** About two and a half hours  
**Product:** YOU CREATE a wooden sign  
**Provided:** Sweets & drinks, sign-making supplies, but bring your own smock/apron if you want  
**Choices:** Designs at [www.kentmethodist.org/janus](http://www.kentmethodist.org/janus); Pick your colors at the event  
**Variations:** Some – person interchange dad/mom, bro/sis, (MUST specify on order form)  
**Cost:** \$40 for small 12x10; \$50 for large 12x14, 12x16, 12x18 (depending on text for design)  
**Deadline:** Oct. 7, checks payable to **Kent UMW** with memo **Janus Circle Fundraiser**  
(Payment due at time of order to purchase supplies and prepare designs)  
**Contact:** Becky Mulloy at 330-697-8943 or email her at [rm183@neo.rr.com](mailto:rm183@neo.rr.com)  
**Mail:** Attn: Janus Circle, UMC of Kent, PO Box 646, Kent, OH 44240 (but **also call** as heads-up)  
**Note:** After payment, if unable to attend or send a sub, monies will be considered a donation



**All net proceeds fund missions and scholarships**

*Janus Circle thanks you!*



### Kent UMC Janus Circle WINTER Sweets & Sign Fundraiser 2018

OCT. 17, 2018 @ 6:30pm Pierson Hall						
Sign#/Wording	QTY	Sm 10x12	Lg 12x14	Lg 12x18	Total Cost	Verify Info
		\$40	\$50	\$50		
Grand Total					\$	

Print Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

PAID - List  
below "Cash"  
or Check #

- Orders must be PREPAID in Full
- Checks payable to UMW (United Methodist Women) w/memo Janus Sign Fundraiser
- Take a cell phone picture of order form or rewrite information and have it verified
- If unavailable at time of event, send substitute or payment is considered a donation
- If needed, contact Becky Mulloy at her email address [rm183@neo.rr.com](mailto:rm183@neo.rr.com), use subject line "Janus Sign Fundraiser" or by phone 330-697-8943

\*\*\* Thank you for supporting our service missions & scholarship! \*\*\*

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Regular Schedule Communion	3 Labor Day (Office Closed)	4 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	5 1 pm Miriam Circle/Parlor 6 pm Yoga/Parlor.	6 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	7 8-6 Trash & Treasure Sale/ Pierson Hall 10 pm-12 am Fifth Quarter/Pit	1 8-1 Trash & Treasure Sale/ Pierson Hall 8
9 Regular Schedule Confirmation Luncheon	10 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 8 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 8 pm Disciple II/Rm 200	11 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	12 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Staff Parish Relations Comm/Conference Room	13 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6:30 pm UMW Sunday Planning/Conference Rm	14	15
16 Regular Schedule	17 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 8 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 8 pm Disciple II/Rm 200	18 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	19 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Budget Committee/ Conference Room	20 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 5:30 pm Joanna Circle/ Room 208	21	22
23 Regular Schedule	24 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall 8 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 8 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 8 pm Disciple II/Rm 200	25 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Young Adults/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	26 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	27 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	28	29
30 Regular Schedule						<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 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

## USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
September 2	2
September 9	3
September 16	4
September 23	5
September 30	6

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](mailto:adamalderson@kentmethodist.org).

Sept 2-Sharon Coia  
 Sept 9-Don Ashton  
 Sept 16-Betty Sweet  
 Sept 23-Janice Anderson  
 Sept 30-Mavis Palmer



## VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

SEPT 2 Eric Wertz  
 SEPT 9 Gary Mote  
 SEPT 16 Eric Wertz  
 SEPT 23 Cheryl Brode  
 SEPT 30 Eric Wertz

## SEPTEMBER LAY READERS

SEPT 2 Karen Andrews  
 SEPT 9 Alex Seed  
 SEPT 16 Vanessa Heeman  
 SEPT 23 Carol Taylor  
 SEPT 30 Wendy Seed



## Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Scott Hersher
- Leslie Martin on the death of her mother, Barbara Tan

## Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Janice Anderson, Greg Beatty, Sr., Donna Dietz, Lisa Jakab, Tom Lundberg, Margaret Neissner, Randy Smith

## THANK YOU

8-16-2018

Dear Friends,

Thank you sincerely for your prayers, cards, and visit from Rev. Doug Denton after my recent surgery. I enjoyed the beautiful flowers and pleasant visit from Patty Yensel who delivered them. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Donna Dietz

8-20-2018

Dear United Methodist Church of Kent,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$596.00 on August 17. Your thoughtfulness will help us continue providing adoption, foster care, and necessary supplemental services to at-risk youth and their families in 32 communities across 9 states.

Bair's slogan, "We say yes!" embodies our belief that all children deserve a home, a hope, and a chance. Your contribution helps us positively impact the largest number of children possible.

Thanks to you, Bair is able to give our children a bright future, filled with hope. So many of our children come into care with just the clothes on their backs. Together, we can ensure that each of our children feels a sense of belonging and a confidence that all their needs—physical, emotional, and psychological—will be met, probably for the first time in their lives.

I look forward to keeping you updated on our progress and successes throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan J. Miklos, Executive Director of the Bair Foundation



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**Mailed August 29**

**Bring your donations to the Trash and Treasure sale starting 9/4!**

## **Worship Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Special Event</b>
September 2	"The Lord Is My Shepherd"	John 10:11-15; Isaiah 40:10-11; Psalm 23:1a	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
September 9	"Green Pastures"	Mark 6:34-44; Psalm 23:1-2a	Dr. David Palmer	Chancel Ringers
September 16	"Beside Still Waters"	Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 23:1-3a	Dr. David Palmer	Children's Choir
September 23	"The Right Paths"	Jeremiah 6:16-17; Psalm 25:8-10 Psalm 23:1-3b	Dr. David Palmer	ZAMARingers
September 30	"No Fear"	Psalm 23:1-4a; I John 4:16-18a	Dr. David Palmer	Resurrection; New Spirit Prelude



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