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Dear Friends,

As this issue of The Methodist Mosaic comes out, the special session of the General Conference will have just finished, with broad implications for the future direction of the United Methodist Church. There are several opportunities early in March to find out what it all means for our own church in Kent.

On Sunday, March 3, I will present the concluding sermon in the series that has been entitled, “The Way Forward—What God Says to the Church on Human Sexuality.” The next Sunday, March 10, during the 9:30 hour, I will present a seminar entitled, “What Happened at General Conference,” during which I will review the events of the General Conference and their implications for our local congregation. I will offer a repeat of that seminar on Wednesday, March 13, from 7:00 to 8:00 in the gymnasium, where it will be the first installment of our Wednesday Lenten series. On the following Wednesday, March 20, I will offer an additional seminar entitled, “What Comes Next,” which will be an overview of what we can expect going forward.

These events dovetail with other special events in the life of our congregation. Wednesday, March 6, is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the season of Lent. We will have a **Service of Ashes** at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This very meaningful service uses the ancient symbolism of ashes to signify our repentance and the grace of Christ. The Sanctuary Choir will sing, and there will be child care available for the hour-long service. The service is preceded by the first of our Lenten potlucks.

Our **Lenten potluck suppers** provide a wonderful food and fellowship opportunity throughout the season of Lent. Each Wednesday night, from March 6 through April 10, we gather for supper in Pierson Hall at 6:15 p.m. Just bring a food item to share, plus table service. Beverages are provided.

After Ash Wednesday, the potlucks are followed each night by a **Wednesday Lenten Series**. The first two sessions in the series, on March 13 and 20, will focus, as I noted above, on the impact of the General Conference decisions regarding our denomination’s stance on human sexuality. The next three sessions will feature a variety of topics. On Wednesday, March 27, we will have a speaker from Flat Rock Home, our United Methodist center for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. On Wednesday, April 3, we will enjoy a concert by N.E.O. Sound, an instrumental ensemble of Kent State students. On the final Wednesday, April 10, we will share in a Peace Service, an interactive meditative experience under the leadership of Meghan Harper. You are invited each Wednesday night in Lent to come to the potluck supper at 6:15, to the program at 7:00, or to both!

Also in Lent, our children are invited to fill a **Lenten coin folder** as an activity of self-giving for others. Lenten coin folders are distributed in our Sunday School classes; the proceeds go toward missions.

In Sunday worship, after the sermon series concludes on March 3, the Sundays include:

- **Youth Sunday, March 10.** Our senior high and middle school youth lead this service that is a dynamic blend of drama, visuals, special music, and word. There are two morning services: 8:30 and 10:30, in the sanctuary
- **St. Patrick’s Day, March 17.** The sermon will lift up the inspiring real story of the figure we call St. Patrick
- **Schubert Mass in G, March 24 at the 10:30 hour.** Our Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by a small orchestra, will share this special musical presentation as a portion (about half) of the 10:30 worship hour. There will be a sermon at all hours, and some additional music at 8:30 and 9:30.

As Lent continues, Rev. Denton will be preaching on March 31, there will be Communion on April 7, Palm Sunday is April 14, and Easter is April 21. We look forward to celebrating the good news of Jesus Christ!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

March 2019

March Acolyte Schedule

MAR 3	Jeremiah Lepp Tyler Morris
MAR 6	Dylan Schmidt Andy Curtin
MAR 10	Beau Harper Tyler Morris
MAR 17	Dylan Schmidt Ben Ina
MAR 24	Beau Harper Jeremiah Lepp
MAR 31	Tyler Morris Andy Curtin

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 1 and 2, 15 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 850 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. Overall, 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 opportunities 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 23 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, need 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 considering 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 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, March 3, beginning at 3:00.** 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 undertaking, with God's grace and your generous support we can make it happen.

Shalom,
Rick <

MARCH YOUTH CALENDAR

3	3-5 Brick Sale
3	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
6	Ash Wednesday
9	9:30-12 Confirmation
9	Youth Sunday Rehearsal 12-3
10	Youth Sunday, No Youth Activities
17	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
24	No Youth Fellowship (Spring Break)

UMW Book Club News

By the time you receive this Mosaic the UMW Book Club will have finished reading and discussing our fourth book. We have been meeting in the Church Library since November on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 in the evening. The book club was formed to help us take advantage of the UMW Reading Program. Books are chosen from the UMW Reading Program Lists. We take turns choosing the books and choose books two months ahead to allow plenty of time for reading. The books fall into five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. The books we have read so far are: *good God, lousy world, and me* by Holly Burkhalter; *Hollow Faith* by Stephen Ingram; *Born on Third Base* by Chuck Collins; and *A Waist Is a Terrible Thing to Mind* by Karen Scalf Linamen. Our March book is *If Only Eve Knew* by Kendra Weddle Irons and Melanie Springer Mock. If you have not done so yet and are interested in joining us, please call or send a text to Judith Nedel at 330-554-3168 or email her at judithnedel@gmail.com.

KIFA Event

On Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM Kent InterFaith Alliance (KIFA) for Racial Reconciliation and Justice is sponsoring "Trauma and the African American Community," a presentation and discussion by Lillie Jackson, President of the Association of Black Social Workers, Akron Chapter. Her presentation will include discussion of mass incarceration which was identified by our own East Ohio Conference at the 2018 Annual Conference as a social justice issue about which we need to educate ourselves. This event will be held at the Christ Episcopal Church on S. Mantua St. in Kent.

As part of an ongoing project in cooperation with Portage County NAACP we will be collecting personal care items for adults released from incarceration and reintegrating into the community. These items will be put into "Welcome Back Bags" that will be distributed by Portage Citizen Circle Program. A collection box will be placed in the Atrium of our church for you to deposit your contributions if you wish to donate but are unable to attend.

2019 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 Kent UMC office to the attention of Adam Alderson, postmarked or received in person by April 15.

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!

March Meetings of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) Circles

Mary Reed Circle of Kent United Methodist Women will meet at 1:00 PM Wednesday, March 6 in the church parlor. Peg Arnold will speak about UMW International Conference and Jane Hornyak will hostess and present the mission moment.

Miriam Circle will meet Wednesday, March 6 at 9:30 AM in Pierson Hall to make flower visitation cards, led by Sandra Andrews. Donna Dietz will be hostess, with Diane Dinkens service as co-hostess.

The **Rebecca** Circle meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 5 in Pierson Hall. The program will be called "Expanding the Table of Inclusion" and feature information about our UCM ministry. Sally Ruckman will hostess, assisted by co-hostess Judy Smith. Devotions will be led by Donna Stiller with a mission moment from Sue Abbott.

Janus Circle will meet at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 19 in Pierson Hall. The hostess will be Cindy Foust, and Denise Mote will present "Making Pysanky Eggs".

UMCOR/Sager Brown Mission Trip: Oct 27–Nov 1, 2019

Yep, we still have spots available for YOU (and your friends) if you are interested in planning a vacation/mission trip opportunity for 2019. Now that we are only 1 year away from this opportunity (as opposed to 2 1/2 years from the time of booking), it is time for some of you to reconsider the opportunity to join us on a trip to Baldwin, LA the last week of October in 2019.

During the week we inspect donated emergency kits such as flood buckets, hygiene or school kits which are given out to those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty due to natural or human-made disasters. We can also choose to work in the sewing room and in the local community during the week. Along with relief efforts here in the United States, UMCOR serves 81 countries of the world. Each year, more than 3,000 volunteers come to the depot at Sager Brown to work in the depot and community surrounding Baldwin, LA.

Cost of the week is \$255.00 per person. This fee includes a \$25.00 processing fee, \$120.00 for lodging, and \$110.00 for meals. Additional costs include hotel rooms for traveling to and from Louisiana.

The work is light, the food is good and the time is well spent. Please consider joining us in mission next year.

Questions? Contact Carol Pozuc.

Phone: 330-571-5741 email: cpozuc@aol.com

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 31. Following the 10:30 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 21, 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: _____



Library News

Want to be inspired by the mission work of the UMC? Check out two of the current magazines *Response* and *New World Outlook* received in the library.

Response: the magazine of women in mission is a monthly magazine of the United Methodist Women. The Jan/Feb 2019 issue is focused on stories about the plight of immigrants and the response of Methodist church. In each issue, you can also read about Bright Lights individuals who serve as “beacons of hope” to others.

New World Outlook: The Mission Magazine of the United Methodist Church is received quarterly and is focused on the mission work of the United Methodist Church. The most recent issue from Fall 2018, contains an interesting historical 100-year overview of Methodist Mission.

Current articles include “Mission on Mental Health” that describes the United Methodist Mental Illness network of Caring Communities. The Caring Communities program is designed to help those with mental illness and their families and to educate and help remove the stigma around mental health issues.

Memoriam/Honor Book project

Is there someone special in your life that you would like to honor or remember through a gift to the church library? Contributions to the Memoriam/Honor book 2019 project can be made by noting “Library Fund, Mem./Honor Proj” in the memo line of your check. Any amount is appreciated. Please use the blue forms in the church atrium to donate a book to the church library.

Church library committee

If you are interested in joining the church library committee, please email Meghan Harper at sharper1@kent.edu

Altar Flowers

We still have some openings in the 2019 calendar for people to sign up to provide altar flowers. The cost is \$35 per Sunday. Sign up on the large calendar in the atrium. The flowers are taken by volunteers after worship to shut-ins or people dealing with illness or loss. Thanks to all those who support this ministry!

Easter Basket Donations

The Joanna Circle is collecting items to make Easter baskets for families in need through the Kent Social Services. Last year we were able to donate 55 baskets due to the generous help from the congregation. Donations that would be appreciated are: Easter baskets or bucket, plastic grass, fillable (or filled!) eggs, bags of candy, stuffed animals, bubbles, chalk, stickers. There will be a bin in the atrium to hold donations until April 7. We appreciate your help in spreading God’s love through these Easter baskets!

Media Volunteers Needed

With a short bit of training, you can become one of our audio or video volunteers! We have excellent equipment, and are in need of a few additional volunteers for several of our teams. Generally you would be in a rotation such that you are “on” just once every six weeks. We need **sound board** volunteers and **video camera** volunteers for the 10:30 service, and we need **video projection** and **video streaming** volunteers at the 9:30 service. It’s fun, easier than you might think, and a great way to serve the church! To volunteer, please contact Dr. Palmer.

University of Life Classes for Adults – Sundays from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, March 3, Room 200

Final session of the class on human sexuality led by Rev. Denton

Sunday, March 10, Gymnasium

Seminar entitled “What Happened at General Conference,” led by Dr. Palmer

Sunday, March 17, Conference Room

New five-week series begins: “Culture Clash”

This video series, filmed on location in the Mediterranean area, looks at the clash of the early church with Roman culture as a model for how Christian faith today stands in contrast with modern secular culture. The series provides insights for how we can relate effectively to the contemporary world. Dr. Palmer will introduce the video each week, which runs for a half hour. There will be a brief discussion afterwards. All adults are invited!

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10–1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
3 Regular Schedule Communion Sunday	4 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple II/Rm 200	5 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7–9 pm Basketball/Gym	6 10 am Companions in Christ/Room 208 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary	7 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	8	9 10–1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
10 Youth Sunday; Daylight Saving Time Starts	11 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple II/Rm 200	12 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7–9 pm Basketball/Gym	13 10 am Companions in Christ/Room 208 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6 pm Wed. Lenten Dinner and Program/Pierson Hal 7 pm Ed. Comm./Conf. Rm.	14 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6:30 pm UMW Book Club/ Library	15 6 pm UCM Spring Fundraising Dinner/ Pierson Hall	16 10–1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall 6 pm New Member Orientation/Parlor
17 Regular Schedule	18 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple II/Rm 200	19 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7–9 pm Basketball/Gym	20 10 am Companions in Christ/Room 208 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6 pm Wed. Lenten Dinner and Program/Pierson Hal	21 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 5:30 pm Joanna Circle/ Room 208	22	23 10–1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
24/31 Regular Schedule	25 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple II/Rm 200	26 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7–9 pm Basketball/Gym	27 10 am Companions in Christ/Room 208 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6 pm Wed. Lenten Dinner and Program/Pierson Hal	28 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	Regular Sunday Schedule 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 pm 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
March 3	6
March 6	1
March 10	2
March 17	3
March 24	4
March 31	5

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.

Mar 3-Sharon Coia
 Mar 10-Don Ashton
 Mar 17-Betty Sweet
 Mar 24-Janice Anderson
 Mar 31-Mavis Palmer



VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

MAR 3 Gary Mote
 MAR 10 Eric Wertz
 MAR 17 Cheryl Brode
 MAR 24 Gary Mote
 MAR 31 Eric Wertz

MARCH LAY READERS

MAR 3 Karen Andrews
 MAR 10 Youth Sunday
 MAR 17 Pat Baldwin
 MAR 24 Dottie Emerick
 MAR 31 Karen Bennett



Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Peggy Kurtz
- Family and friends of Sally Hershiser
- Family and friends of Barbara Heabler

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Becky Brittain, Lee Hall, Judy Paydock, Jan Hambleton, Tim Bennett, Bill Beatty, Nancy Moore

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for your many prayers, calls, emails and cards. Special thanks to Elaine Alexander and her husband for delivering the altar flowers on that snowy January Sunday and to Doug for his visit.

I truly appreciate our caring congregation.

Gail Closs

To the Congregation,

Thank you for the support through my surgeries. Prayers, flowers, and visits were deeply appreciated. UMC Kent is a wonderful family to be a part of.

Reed Beck

Dear UMC of Kent members,

We sincerely appreciate your generous, prayerful support to the Portage County Association for Pastoral Care. For over 50 years, community support like your \$300 has made the PCAPC's commitment to provide a part-time administrative secretary to the Pastoral Care office at UH Portage Medical Center possible.

Your continued partnership with us will help to ensure the services our Department now offers: Directly notifying churches and synagogues of parishioner hospitalizations; issuing clergy and laity badges; educational seminars for the community and support to the pastoral care volunteers who minister to patients through regular visitation and emergency on-call support.

This ministry would not be possible without your support. Please keep the PCAPC and the Pastoral Care Department in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Glen Johnson

Chaplain, Pastoral Care Dept.

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Mailing Label Here

Mailed February 27

“All are from the dust, and all turn to dust again.” *Ecclesiastes 3:20*
Ash Wednesday is March 6.

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
March 3	“The Way Forward for Our Church”	Acts 10:44–48; Acts 15:1–11	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Chancel Ringers,</i> Communion
March 6	Ash Wednesday —7:30 p.m. Service of Ashes in the Sanctuary			
March 10	Youth Sunday —8:30 and 10:30 service in the sanctuary, 9:30 seminar in the gym			<i>ZAMARingers,</i> <i>Resurrection</i>
March 17	“The Real Story of Saint Patrick”	Ezekiel 33:30–32	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children’s Choir,</i> New Members Received
March 24	“Lift Up Your Hearts”	Jeremiah 6:6–8; Lamentations 3:40–42, 55–58	Dr. David Palmer	Schubert’s <i>Mass in G</i> at 10:30
March 31	“Not As the World”	Psalms 67; John 14:15–17, 25–27	Rev. Douglas Denton	



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