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Dear Friends,

Last month, our Church Council voted unanimously to take three steps over the next three months that will clearly differentiate our congregation from the recent action of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, which took a position that was not fully accepting of LGBTQ persons. These steps will communicate the nature of our Kent congregation as a church that is fully welcoming and affirming toward all.

The first step has been to join the Uniting Methodists movement, and its current iteration, UMC Next. The Uniting Methodists movement was formed prior to the General Conference by United Methodists advocating for the adoption of the “One Church Plan,” which would have removed all the restrictive language toward LGBTQ persons from our Discipline, allowing individual churches and regions the freedom to adopt their own policies and procedures. The plan was designed to hold the denomination together by allowing diverse understandings of human sexuality within the global church. When the One Church Plan was defeated by a 53%–47% margin (though it had the support of two-thirds of American delegates), and the “Traditional Plan” was adopted instead (with its distinctly unwelcoming attitude toward the LGBTQ community), people who were a part of the Uniting Methodists movement began to meet in sessions called UMC Next. The aim of these meetings, which will continue in various forms over the coming months, is to discern the “next steps” for United Methodists who refuse to settle for the current state of affairs and who are committed to being a church that is fully inclusive. Joining this movement makes the Kent church part of the conversation.

Another step has been to begin to include occasional testimonies in worship about the faith journey of LGBTQ persons or their parents who are members of our church. These testimonies are a natural follow-on to the sermon series that I recently completed on human sexuality (which you can continue to access online), in which I discussed in depth what the Bible actually says about human sexuality, particularly with regard to LGBTQ persons. To that Biblical foundation, these testimonies add the whole dimension of contemporary personal experience, making clear that this entire discussion is not simply theoretical but has to do with people that we know. The first testimony, given via video by Brittany Brode, can be seen on our web site.

The third step, to be completed this summer, will be the creation of a welcoming statement that we will include in all of our print and digital publications. This may involve both verbal and visual elements. The idea is to make clear to every visitor that, in contrast to what one may expect from reports about our denomination, our Kent UMC is a fully welcoming and accepting church.

A further step, envisioned for the fall, would be to join the Reconciling Methodists Network, a group of United Methodists who are advocating for the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in our denomination. The steps we are taking through the summer are a necessary preparation for joining RMN. A separate decision will be required to actually join the network.

Our own congregation has some diverse perspectives about human sexuality (we have diverse perspectives on every subject!), but our Church Council has acted to clearly communicate that we truly welcome everyone! It is a welcome supremely embodied in Jesus, who, as the Scripture says, “gave His life as a ransom for all. (I Timothy 2:6)

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

May 2019

May Acolyte Schedule

MAY 5	Dylan Schmidt Jeremiah Lepp
MAY 12	Tyler Morris Beau Harper
MAY 19	Ben Ina Andy Curtin
MAY 26	Tyler Morris Jeremiah Lepp

April has been an exciting and very busy month for our youth. The confirmation class completing their final service project for the year at Camp Asbury. April 28 was our Annual Time and Talent Auction which helps to fund our youth activities for the year and with some of the cost for the Mountain TOP mission trip. It was a great afternoon for the youth making a high profit! Special thanks goes out to all those who participated in this event.

Our Mountain TOP mission team will completed its training session in preparation for our trip on June 2. We are very excited to be sending 24 to the mountain to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau. I

look forward to sharing our experiences upon our return. Please pray for our group as they prepare for another exciting yet challenging trip.

Finally, seniors will be recognized on Sunday, May 19. We want to wish the members of the class of 2019 the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Garrett DeVries

Brooke Harvey

Ryan Dean

Molly Fankhauser

Carlie Thompson

Andrew Collier

Josh Palmer

Ryan Stevens

Anna Swan

Brennan Jacob

Josh Ronowski

Chris Gavriloff

MAY YOUTH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 4	2:30-8 PM Confirmation
SUNDAY 5 AM	Confirmation Sunday
SUNDAY 5 PM	Resurrection, ZAMARingers, Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 12 AM	Mothers' Day
SUNDAY 12 PM	NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY 19 AM	Senior Sunday, Resurrection and ZAMARingers final performances
SUNDAY 19 PM	7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship End-of-year picnic

Shalom,

Rick <>

May Meetings of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) Circles

Mary Reed Circle will not be meeting in May.

Miriam Circle will meet Wednesday, May 1 at 9:30 AM in the church Parlor for a book review by Becky Head. Karen Andrews will be hostess, with Sarah Andrews serving as co-hostess.

The **Rebecca** Circle meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 1 at the home of hostess Tina Ballentine, 8760 Cooley Road, Ravenna. The program will be Hands on Crafts with Judy Smith. Margaret Siegfried and Joanne Maynard will co-hostess.

Janus Circle will be meeting at 6:30 PM on Monday, May 13.

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 web-site at www.kentmethodist.org (go to Ministries> Children's Ministry> Summer Camp). You may also contact Dr. Palmer or Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator.



Trash & Treasures Sale

May 3-4

Mark your calendar! This spring the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4. Preferred Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, May 2, from 7 to 9 PM. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, April 30, after 2 PM.

Order Your Geraniums

You are invited to donate geraniums to beautify the church sanctuary for Memorial Day Sunday, May 26. We will be particularly honoring loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Those names will be included in the bulletin on that Sunday. These flowers will then be planted here at the church to beautify our grounds for summer. Please complete the information below (**please print** to avoid any errors), and mail it to the church office or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent and marked "Geraniums" in the memo line. Please return money with the form by **Friday, May 17**.



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

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR
IN HONOR OF: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE IF VETERAN: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 am Companions in Christ/Room 208 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	2 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Trash & Treasure	3 8 am-6 pm Trash & Treasure Sale	4 8 am-1 pm Trash & Treasure Sale
5 Regular Schedule Communion Sunday	6 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple II/Rm 200	7 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	8 10 am Companions in Christ/Room 208 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 6 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conference Room 6 pm Education Comm Mtg/Library	9 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 6:30 pm UMW Book Club/Library	10	11
12 Regular Schedule	13 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207 7 pm Disciple II/Rm 200	14 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	15 10 am Companions in Christ/Room 208 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Staff-Parish Relations/Conf. Rm.	16 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	17	18
19 Regular Schedule	20 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	21 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	22 10 am Companions in Christ/Room 208 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	23 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 5:30 pm Joanna Circle/Room 208	24	25
26 Regular Schedule	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	29 10 am Companions in Christ/Room 208 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	30 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	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 (YouthHandbells)/Sanctuary 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit	



Dear Family,

At To Mars and Beyond VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, Voyagers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Power Launcher (key learnings) to equip them for an active life with God. Your Voyagers will also discover our Vector Verse (Bible memory verse), Ephesians 3:20 - Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!

Students will expand on their discoveries by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Voyagers will hear about our mission project and respond to a call for action!

Meet us at The United Methodist Church of Kent on June 10th at 9:30 to be a part of TO MARS AND BEYOND. For more information, visit our church website at <https://www.kentmethodist.org/> or call Rick Stout at 330-673-5879 ext. 12 or e-mail him at rickstout@kentmethodist.org.

Blast Off on this Epic Adventure with Us!

Registration Form

Child's/Children Name/Names _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Dates of birth _____ Ages _____

Last school grade completed _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Photo Release: Can your child be photographed and the picture appear in church news?
(Circle one:) Yes No

Fees are \$10 per child with a \$25 family max: (this only partially meets expenses for materials, crafts, snacks, and a concluding luncheon of Friday).

Fee Received _____ check # _____ checks payable to Kent UMC

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
May 5	5
May 12	6
May 19	1
May 26	2
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:

- Friends and family of Helen Meluch
- Friends and family of Becky Brittain
- Friends and family of Arla Dee McPherson

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Bill Beatty, Jo Calvin, Janet Crnkovich, Dottie Emerick, Sharon Fenstermacher, Tara Jackson, Pete Lorenz, Mark Nedel, Julie Schmidt, Pat Stevens, Missy Stranathan, Sandy Tinker, Pauline Yohe

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their good thoughts and prayers for me during my recent medical procedure. It was perhaps less textbook than I was expecting, and required an additional overnight stay, but I have recovered fully. My thanks, again to those keeping me in their prayers, and a fine staff of nurses and doctors at Ahuja Medical Center, in Beechwood, Ohio.

Thank you,
Mark Nedel

UMC Kent,

Thank you for your support of the Hunger Network. Together we are able to witness to God's love by speaking together to end hunger in Ohio. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Inservice,
Nick Bates, Director

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



VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

MAY 5 Gary Mote

MAY 12 Cheryl Brode

MAY 19 Cheryl Brode

MAY 26 Eric Wertz

MAY LAY READERS

MAY 5 Morgan Closs

MAY 12 Karen Beck

MAY 19 Judith Nedel

MAY 26 Randy Smith

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

Through Sunday, April 14, Conference Room
Five-week series: "The Promised Land"

This five-session video-based series is a follow-on to the popular series just completed. Ray Vander Laan takes us to Biblical sites and archaeological treasures, providing an enlightening look at the historical context of Biblical stories – to give us a deeper understanding of their meaning for life today! Dr. Palmer will do an introduction to each week's theme. The half-hour video is followed by a discussion time. All adults are invited.



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Mailed April 30

Congratulations Class of 2019!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
May 5	"Faith in Action"	Jude 20-25	Dr. David Palmer	Confirmation Sun- day, Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
May 12	"How Am I to Know?"	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14	Rev. Douglas Denton	Mother's Day
May 19	"Fear Not"		Dr. David Palmer	Children's Choir Musical, <i>Resurrection, ZAMA- Ringers</i>
May 26	"Teach Us to Pray"	Luke 11:1-4; Mark 1:35-39	Dr. David Palmer	Memorial Day Weekend



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