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Dear Friends,

We have another transition in our church staff. Michael Goff, who has led our contemporary worship service since the fall of 2011, is stepping out of the position later this summer in order to have more time to spend with his family. He is looking forward to worshipping from the congregation on Sundays. We have deeply appreciated his outstanding and transformational leadership over these past eight years.

Henrique Alvim, who has been the assistant worship leader, will be stepping up into the worship leader position. We have been greatly blessed by Henrique's worship ministry and his musical gifts, and we look forward to his ongoing leadership of our 9:30 worship hour.

We are now looking to hire an assistant worship leader. A job description will be posted on our web site within the next couple of weeks. The applicant needs to be someone who not only has the musical gifts – being able to sing and play an instrument – but who is spiritually grounded, and able to lead a Christ-centered worship experience.

In addition to leading our 9:30 worship, Michael Goff was also the music leader for our Sunday evening youth worship service. He is stepping out of that position as well, so we are looking to hire someone for that role, starting in late August. The youth worship music leader needs to be someone who can play acoustic guitar and lead the singing of contemporary Christian praise songs. Rick Stout provides the overall leadership for that service and brings the message. Our youth worship service takes place on Sunday evenings between 8:00 and 8:30 on about 30 Sundays per year.

We also continue to take applications for our two handbell choir director positions – for the Chancel Ringers adult choir and the ZAMARingers youth handbell choir. There are job descriptions posted on our web site. Look under the “links” tab to see all job opportunities. Resumes can be sent to davepalmer@kentmethodist.org.

Please be mindful of persons that you might refer for any of these positions!

In Christ,

Dr. David Palmer

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-fifth 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 Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting on September 10 and concluding on May 19, with breaks over Thanksgiving, Christmas, and spring break. Disciple I has been on Mondays in recent years, but we periodically shift the night in order to accommodate people who may have conflicts on one night or another.

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

- I have been putting this off for years. I always thought I had too many things going on.
- This has been an amazing opportunity to learn and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible.
- I understand the Bible so much more after taking this class. This class helped me connect the dots, and I had more than one "ah-ha" epiphany-type moment.
- I learned how to interpret the words given to us in the Bible and apply them to my life. I learned what I need to do in order to grow further in my faith.
- This class has been a truly amazing experience. I thought I had a good knowledge of the Bible, but I was blown away by how much I learned.
- This study was a journey through the Bible which highlighted so many things, one of which was the cohesiveness of the Bible – how each part so amazingly fits together with the other parts to tell a complete story.
- Great learning experience grounded in learning about Scriptures and context, and applying them to your faith.
- Creates an atmosphere of no judgment, so people can be honest and supported wherever they are.
- We are very new to this area, so it gave me not only a wonderful opportunity to study God's word more in depth, but also to meet, learn from, and get to know some great people.
- During this class I had some ups and downs in my life; without the Disciple class and its members I would have had a tough time.
- The class has drawn me closer to God. It helped me to worry less and turn my thoughts and prayers toward God.
- I have learned so much this year.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism for children will be offered on Sunday, July 14. Interested parents should be in touch with Dr. Palmer. There is a brief Baptism orientation for parents during the week beforehand.

Disciple III to Be Offered this Year

Disciple III is for anyone who has taken Disciple I. The advanced Disciple classes are designed so that Disciple I is the prerequisite for each one. You do not have to take the advanced classes in order!

Disciple III takes participants through the Old Testament prophets – along with the Bible history of those times – and then in the New Testament through the letters of Paul. It is an excellent opportunity to journey through key sections of the Bible which are often ignored or misunderstood, but which have so much to say to our lives and our world today!

Sermon Series on the Lord's Prayer Continues

"Prayer is the contemplation of the facts of life from the highest point of view."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer. Today we pray this prayer often; yet does its very familiarity cause us to miss its real meaning and power?

In the simple and yet profound phrases of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus provides spiritual guideposts to direct us in our walk with God. A focus on the Lord's Prayer can deepen our spiritual life; and so Dr. Palmer has begun a nine-part summer sermon series entitled, "Teach Us to Pray—the Spiritual Journey of the Lord's Prayer." It will continue to the end of July. As always, those who miss a Sunday in worship can still access the sermons online at www.kentmethodist.org/sermons.



New Organ Console Installed

The first phase of our "Music for the Soul" project, which encompasses a full-scale renovation of our sanctuary organ, was completed in June, as a new organ console was installed in the sanctuary. The old electro-pneumatic console, which had many deteriorating parts, had gotten to the point that sections of the organ were rendered unusable. The new fully electronic console will not make the organ sound any different, but it means that everything on the organ will work! The updated technology also brings many enhancements for the organist.

The next phase of the project involves the renovation of the organ pipes. This will be a gradual and extended process taking many months, which will produce enhancements in the organ sound. Some acoustical enhancements for the sanctuary are planned as well.

Funding for the project is being provided by all those who made pledges last fall to the Music for the Soul campaign. New gifts can be provided at any time by simply marking a contribution "Music for the Soul."

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	2 7 pm Leadership Comm./ Room 207	3 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	4 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	5	6
7 Summer Schedule Communion Sunday	8 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	9 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	10 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Church Council/ Room 200	11 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 6:30 pm UMW Book Club/ Library 7 pm Music Committee/ Conference Room	12	13
14 Summer Schedule	15 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Trustees/Conf. Rm	16 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	17 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Finance Committee/ Conference Room	18 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	19 12 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	20
21 Summer Schedule	22 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	23 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	24 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Gifts and Memorials/ Conference Room	25 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 5:30 pm Joanna Circle/ Room 208	26	27
28 Summer Schedule	29 7 pm Goodyear Band/ Sanctuary 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	30 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	31			
Summer Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:40 Sunday School—Preschool–6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall						

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
July 7	2
July 14	3
July 21	4
July 28	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.	

July 7-Sharon Coia
 July 14-Don Ashton
 July 21-Betty Sweet
 July 28-Janice Anderson



VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

JULY 7 Eric Wertz

JULY 14 Gary Mote

JULY 21 Adam C. Alderson

JULY 28 TBD

JULY LAY READERS

JULY 7 Janet Sessions

JULY 14 Carlyn Tenor

JULY 21 Judy Smith

JULY 28 Pat Baldwin

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Bill Beatty, Lois Enlow, Dave Gynn, John Hurd, Cindy Vaughan

Stan Hywet Goodyear Band Concert

On July 29, 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 please 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.

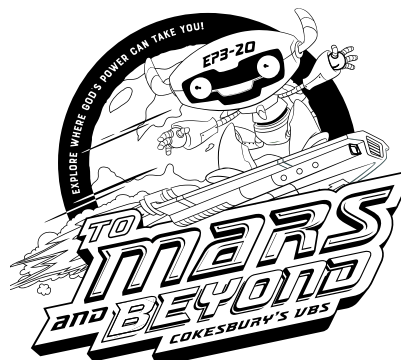
Please join us Monday, July 29, at 7 PM, for an exciting concert hour. You'll enjoy this summer interlude of live music and fun!

New Member Orientation

A New Member Orientation, for all persons interested in joining the membership of our church, will be offered on Saturday, July 27, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Participants are received into membership at any of our worship hours on Sunday, July 28. The orientation, led by Dr. Palmer, provides an overview of the United Methodist Church and particularly focuses on the ministries and opportunities in our congregation. Please sign up in the atrium!

A great big **THANK YOU** to all the people who helped with Vacation Bible School this year! From sharing your time and talents to donating supplies, you are all truly a blessing to the many children who come and spend the week with us. Without you, our VBS would have never been a success!

Rick Stout, Director of Christian Education





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Mailed June 28

The Stan Hywet Goodyear Concert Band performs July 29!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
July 7	"Will God Provide What We Need?"	Luke 11:2-8; Matthew 6:25-33	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
July 14	"Forgive Us"	Matthew 18:21-35; Psalm 103:8-12	Dr. David Palmer	
July 21	"Temptations"	Matthew 4:1-10; James 1:12-16; I Corinthians 10:12-13	Dr. David Palmer	
July 28	"Deliver Us from Evil"	Psalm 91:1-6; II Thessalonians 3:1-5	Dr. David Palmer	



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