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Dear Friends,

One of the great strengths of our church is the *leadership* offered by many members of our congregation in numerous areas of service. In our church, leadership rotates according to an academic year, so every summer there are some people going off of leadership positions and some new people coming on.

Our new 2019 leadership directory is now posted on our web site; and if you are receiving the Mosaic electronically, you will also find the directory attached to the email. If you go to the web site at www.kentmethodist.org, click on the “about us” tab and then go to the “our leadership” page, and you can access the directory at any time. The directory lists all the persons in our church who have agreed to be a part of various committees and ministry teams for the coming academic year. There are more than 200 *names* on the list, and it does not include people involved in our choirs, in our greeter or usher teams, in our Rotary or Lions lunch teams, in our Tuesday Work Group, in our teams who assembling mailings, or in our teams of Sunday School teachers or nursery caregivers. We have a great many people who are sharing their gifts in our church in many ways!

If you are going off of a committee this summer, thank you for your leadership in the years past! If you are coming new onto a committee or team, thank you for agreeing to serve! You will receive notification via email about when your committee or team will meet.

Our leadership positions begin in the summer of each year, so if you are coming new onto a committee, your term of service starts now! Most of our committee members are serving three year terms. In the leadership directory, there is a year connected with each name, which indicates that that person’s term concludes in the summer of that year. An asterisk next to a name indicates membership on the Church Council.

If you note an error in the Leadership Directory, please be in touch with our church office. Also, if you are uncertain as to whether we have a correct email for you, you can simply send an email to adamalderson@kentmethodist.org to update our records.

In identifying persons for leadership, we utilize the spiritual gift inventories that people fill out each year in order to try to match people to the areas of leadership in which they might be most interested. If you have not recently filled out an inventory, you can access a printable version on the web site under the leadership tab.

The apostle Paul wrote, “*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*” [I Corinthians 12:4–7]

We can rejoice in how the Holy Spirit is at work in all of us, to enable us to share together in God’s purposes!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

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August Acolyte Schedule

AUGUST 4	Ben Ina Andy Curtin
AUGUST 11	Dylan Schmidt Ben Ina
AUGUST 18	Jeremiah Lepp Tyler Morris
AUGUST 25	Beau Harper Dylan Schmidt

Summer is a busy time for our youth and this year has been no exception. During the week of June 22-29, 24 of our youth and adults traveled to Mountain TOP in order to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau. This year marked the 20th anniversary of our church being in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range and 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. This year also marked a return to Camp Baker Mountain, in the northern part of the mountain range, for the first time in over ten years making the trip extra special.

While I will be giving a more detailed version of our trip in the early fall here are a few of the specifics of our trip that many might be interested in.

- The summer of 2019 marked our churches 20th summer youth trip to the mountain.
- There were 128 participants in our camp representing 8 churches, from six different states and three denominations.
- 64 projects were completed for 64 different families.
- The estimated economic equivalent in labor cost alone was \$43,000.00

However; as always we the participants come away gaining more than we are ever able to give. As I have said before 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, Amish fry pies, sweet tea, biscuits and gravy and barbeque ribs. It

is equally uneasy 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.

I am forever grateful for each opportunity I get to serve in this way and look forward to giving a detailed report for the students in the fall.

Shalom,
Rick <>

AUGUST YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 18	Sunday School Teacher Orientation Meeting
SUNDAY 25 AM	Third-grade Bible Presentation
SUNDAY 25 PM	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

New Member Orientations

We just had a new member class in July, and we have two more new member opportunities coming up later this year—on September 28–29 and November 9–10. Our New Member Orientation, led by Dr. Palmer, provides an overview of our local church, with some general United Methodist background, and meets on a Saturday (either Sept. 28 or Nov. 9) from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Participants are received into membership on the next day (Sunday, Sept. 29 or Nov. 10). You can register for one of the orientations sessions through our web site, kentmethodist.org/join.

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 18 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.

Church Picnic

Our annual **Church Picnic** will be held on Sunday, **August 25**, at 11:30 a.m. in Pierson Hall. This back-to-school event features a picnic style lunch with all food provided (a freewill offering is taken); there is a bounce house for children. On the same day, **Children's Choir resumes**, meeting from 9:15–10:15 a.m. in room 202/204. Children age 4 through the sixth grade can participate. **Youth Group** also resumes, meeting from 7:00–8:30 p.m. Our multi-faceted youth program is open to all 6th through 12th graders.

Third Graders to Receive Bibles Sunday, August 25

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 25 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.

Disciple III Bible Study

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!

Disciple III will be held on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting Sept. 9. The class leader will be Claire Bank, who very ably led the Disciple II class this past year. The cost of the study manual is \$35. Please sign up in the atrium!

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 week, Christmastime, and spring break.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	2 12 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	3
4 Summer Schedule Communion Sunday	5 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	6 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	7 10 am Bible Study/Confer- ence Room 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	8 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	9	10
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25 Regular Schedule	26 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	27 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	28 10 am Bible Study/Confer- ence Room 6 pm Yoga/Parlor	29 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 Chancel Ringers/(Adult Bells)Sanctuary 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
August 4	6
August 11	1
August 18	2
August 25	3
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.	

**Our sympathies to:**

- Cindy Foust and the entire Beatty family on the loss of Bill Beatty
- Family and friends of Kathryn Lucken

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Wyatt Akers, Karen Andrews, Lucas Bealmer, Tim Bennett, Cheryl Brode, Gail Closs, Bill Darr, Foster Ewing, Sarah Fenstermacher, Winona Garrett, John Hurd, Gretchen Laflin, Mavis Palmer, Barbara Roach, Sally Ruckman, Kay Wind

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for your many prayers, calls, emails and cards. Special thanks to the Ballentine family for their visit and delivering the altar flower.

I truly appreciate our caring congregation.

Gail Closs

To the entire congregation of the UMC of Kent,

I want to thank you all very much for all of your prayers, cards, meals, support, and concern as I recover from knee surgery. The first couple of weeks were rough but it helped knowing that I had an entire congregation of people who care about me and were praying for me. I am getting stronger each and every day.

Thank you very much,
Mavis Palmer

Recognition for Michael Goff

As announced previously, Michael Goff is going off of the position of Worship Band Leader in order to have more time with his family and to simply worship from the congregation. His final Sunday with the band at the 9:30 worship hour will be August 11. We will be having a moment of recognition for Michael during the contemporary service on that day, with a reception immediately following the worship hour. We have greatly appreciated Michael's leadership!

Staff Positions Open

We continue to have openings for the following music staff positions:

- Assistant Worship Band Leader for the 9:30 contemporary service
- Youth Worship Music Leader for our Sunday evening youth worship service
- Chancel Ringers Director, for our adult handbell choir
- ZAMARingers Director, for our youth handbell choir

There are job descriptions for all of these positions on our web site. Interested persons should send a resume to davepalmer@kentmethodist.org.

August 4-Sharon Coia

August 11-Don Ashton

August 18-Betty Sweet

August 25-Janice Anderson

**VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE**

AUG 4 Eric Wertz

AUG 11 Eric Wertz

AUG 18 Gary Mote

AUG 25 Andrew Alderson

AUGUST LAY READERS

AUG 4 Janice Anderson

AUG 11 Cara Desko

AUG 18 Mike Beck

AUG 25 Vanessa Heeman



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Youth Ministries**

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Youth activities resume August 25!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
August 4	"Am I God?"	II Kings 5:1-15; John 1:19-28	Rev. Douglas Denton	Communion
August 11	"Glory to God"	I Chronicles 29:10-13; Jude 24-25	Dr. David Palmer	
August 18	"Come Awake to God"	Psalms 100; Matthew 24:42-44; Romans 13:11-12; Ephesians 5:8-14	Dr. David Palmer	
August 25	"Sacred Space"	Exodus 40:16-34; I Kings 8:10-13,27-29	Dr. David Palmer	Third-Grade Bibles presented, Church Picnic



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