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November 2019

Dear Friends,

This month we begin to move into the “holiday season,” with a number of special events in worship. Our schedule includes:

Sunday, Nov. 3—ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, COMMUNION. Worship at all hours will include a remembrance of loved ones who have died during the past year. There were opportunities to submit names of persons to be remembered on the last two Sundays in October, and you can submit a name through the church web site at www.kentmethodist.org/saints until October 30.

Sunday, Nov. 10—NEW MEMBERS JOIN; BAPTISM. See the relevant articles in this newsletter about the new member orientation and the opportunity for infant baptism.

Sunday, Nov. 17—JOINT UMC/UCC CHOIR PRESENTATION OF THE VIVALDI GLORIA. At the 10:30 hour on this Sunday, the combined sanctuary choirs of our church and the United Church of Christ, along with a small orchestra, will present Vivaldi’s “Gloria” as a portion of the worship hour. The combined choir will appear at the UCC church on the previous Sunday. This is a marvelous collaboration of our music programs to bring what will certainly be a very uplifting musical word of praise into our sanctuary service. The 8:30 and 9:30 hours will feature expanded musical selections in other styles.

Sunday, Nov. 24—THANKSGIVING SUNDAY. We give God thanks for our blessings, as the worship hour will have a Thanksgiving theme. Our children will do their traditional Thanksgiving Parade at the close of the 10:30 worship hour. The ZAMARingers will play at both 9:30 and 10:30.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:00 pm—ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT UCC CHURCH. We are joining with other area churches in this ecumenical service to offer thanksgiving to God. It will take place in the sanctuary of the Kent United Church of Christ, located across the street.

Sunday, Dec. 1—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Our seasonal Christmas decorations will be in place, and we begin lighting the Advent candles each Sunday.

I look forward to joining with you in worship as we celebrate how God is at work among us!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

November 2019

It's always amazing to me how fast the fall goes. At the time of this writing the youth are planning to host their annual Halloween party. While this party is always well attended we hope everyone will mark their calendars and bring their friends for this exciting event! The hallway to the PIT will be transformed into a haunted house, 6 feet of Subway party subs will be eaten, there will be a costume contest, prizes for the person who brought the most guests, games and much, much more!

While the month of October has been full of fun November is just as jam packed. I want to announce that the youth this year will be again performing a Christmas play. Rehearsals for this year's play will begin on Wednesday, November 13 at 7 PM in the gym. Anyone interested in being a part of this production is strongly encouraged to come to this rehearsal.

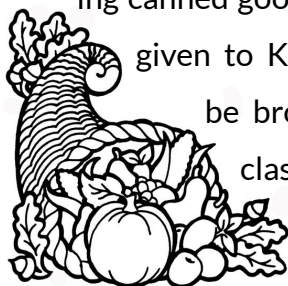
In conclusion, I want to update everyone about our mission trip being offered next summer. At the time of this writing applications to go on the Mountain TOP trip are closed. Next summer we will be taking 11 youth and 4 adults to the mountain. I also want to announce that due to organizational changes in the Day Camp program we will no longer be able to offer Day Camp to our students. Therefore, everyone will be participating in service project next summer and we will most likely return to Camp Baker Mountain. If you're still interested in the trip but missed the registration deadline, please call Rick on his cell 330-283-4838 or at the church office in order to be placed on a waiting list.

Shalom,

Rick <>

Annual Thanksgiving Canned Good Drive

Once again the Sunday School department will be collecting canned goods during the Thanksgiving season to be given to Kent Social Services. Canned goods may be brought to your children's Sunday School classes starting November 3 and continuing until our annual Thanksgiving parade on November 24.



NOVEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 10	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
WEDNESDAY 13	7 PM Christmas Play Kickoff
SUNDAY 17	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 24	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

Acolytes Needed

Due to the fact that there is no confirmation class this year your church is looking for upperclassmen to serve as acolytes for the upcoming year. Serving as an acolyte is a great way to not only help your church but gain service hours for leadership positions. If you'd like to assist during worship at your church in this way, please contact Rick as soon as possible 330-283-4838 or rickstout@kentmethodist.org so that you can be placed on the fall schedule.

You Can Make a Difference

Nov. 4–11 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).

Church Pictorial Directory

We began distribution of the new Church Pictorial Directory on Sunday, September 29, and copies continue to be available in the church office. If you got your picture taken for the directory, you get one for free! If you did not get a picture taken but would like a directory, you can purchase one for \$15. The directory is a great tool for getting to know one another better!

Farmers’ Market Resumes at Our Church

Starting on Saturday, Nov. 2, the Farmers’ Market will again be held in Pierson Hall from 10:00 to 1:00 each Saturday. We are the winter location for this wonderful market that features local food and craft items. The Farmers’ Market remains at our church through April.

November Meetings of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) Circles

The **Miriam** Circle of Kent United Methodist Women will meet at 9:30 AM on November 6 in the church parlor. The Hostess will be Becky Head with devotions from Carol Taylor.

The **Rebecca** Circle meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on November 6 in Pierson Hall for the program “Rising up for Human Dignity—the Kent Campus Kitchen”. The Hostess will be Carole Stokes assisted by co-Hostesses Shirley Beaumont and Gail Closs.

Janus Circle will meet at 9:15 AM on Sunday, November 10 in Pierson Hall. Mavis Palmer will be the Hostess, and Abby Dean will present on immigration issues in America.

Mary Reed Circle will not meet in November.

New Member Orientation

We have a new member opportunity approaching on November 9–10. Our New Member Orientation, led by Dr. Palmer, provides an overview of our local church and meets on a Saturday (Nov. 9) from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Participants are received into membership on the next day (Nov. 10). You can register for the orientation session through our web site, kentmethodist.org/join, or by signing up in the atrium.

Safe Space Ally Training: November 13, 6:30–8:00 pm

Janus Circle is sponsoring a special training opportunity for anyone in our church community who would like to know more about supporting those in the LGBTQ+ community. We know our church is a welcoming place, and we encourage everyone to come learn more about ways we can be better allies.

Our trainer is Ken Ditlevson, M.Ed., LPCC-S, the Director of Kent State University’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning Plus (LGBTQ+) Center. Ditlevson is a two-time graduate of Kent State, having received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Master of Education in community counseling.

The goals of Safe Space Allies Training are:

- To develop a deeper awareness of personal ideas, stereotypes, and assumptions related to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) individuals.
- To develop an increased comfort level in addressing concepts and language regarding LGBTQ+ communities.
- To develop an increased awareness of services in the community that supports LGBTQ+ and allied individuals.
- To develop a network and community to support people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within our communities and in our workplaces.

To register for this free training opportunity, please visit the SignUp Genius at www.kentmethodist.org/ally.

You can also sign up in the Atrium, or contact Sally Dean at 330-283-6999 or sallydean64@gmail.com for more information.

The training is free, and space is limited to the first 50 registrants.

Advent Booklet

This year, our Advent devotional booklet will once again be an e-book! It will include, as in years past, short devotions and Bible passages (about 2-3 minutes of reading) for each day leading up to Christmas, written by congregation and staff members.

This year, instead of mailing the book, it will be available at no charge as an e-book through Amazon.com for Kindle devices and apps and Apple iBooks for the iPad and iPhone. In order to receive a link and announcement when the e-book becomes available, or to volunteer to contribute to the book, please contact Adam at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org.

Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving Offering goes to support a variety of mostly local missions. We respond in gratitude to God's abundance by reaching out to help others! A letter about the Thanksgiving offering is being mailed out in late October.

Sacrament of Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism for children is being offered on Sunday, November 10, at any of our three worship hours. Interested parents should be in touch with the church office by Monday, November 4. Parents meet with Dr. Palmer for a brief orientation before the Baptism Sunday.

MAKE YOUR RECEIPTS COUNT!

Acme announced the dates for its 2019 Community Cash Back program, which runs from August 8 through December 28 (please note the date changes from past years)! Your Acme receipts can be placed in the collection envelope in the kitchen on the refrigerator and will be submitted to the Cash Back program for our UMW mission donations. UMW received over \$500 for missions at the beginning of this year!

Unfortunately, last year, we 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!

A Time to be Thankful

Thankful that you have a new pair of socks and new underwear to put on. You may not want to receive socks and underwear for Christmas but many Portage County families do. When you need them, you probably just buy new ones. But that is not true of everyone. There is a box in the Atrium under the UMW Board to collect new socks and underwear for distribution at the Phyllis Zumkehr County Clothing Center. Items are needed for all ages – children and adults. If you have any question or would like to volunteer on the first or second Monday of the month, give me a call. Gail Closs. 330-626-2062.

Order Your

Poinsettias



You are invited to donate poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Flowers will be distributed by Circle members to shut-ins from our church. Circle members may pick up the poinsettias December 24, after the 9:00 PM service or later. Please complete the information below, printing legibly, and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sundays. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent and returned with this form by **December 1**.

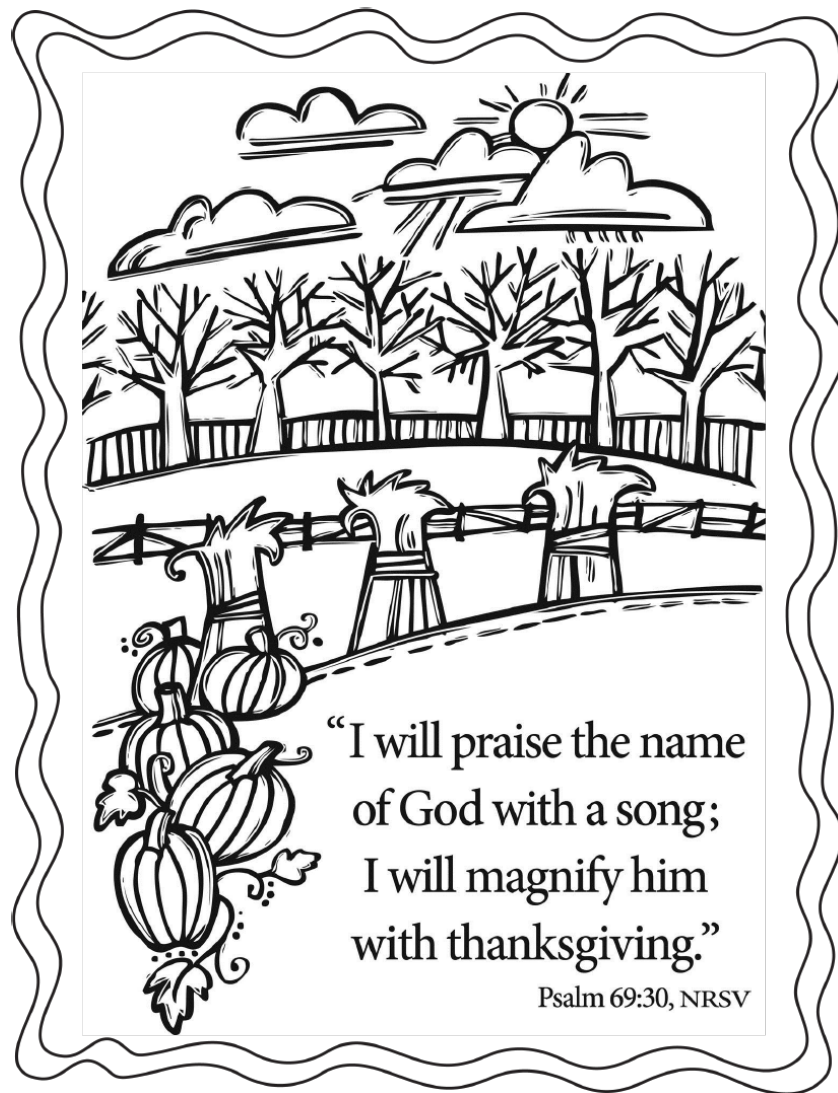
I/WE _____

WISH TO DONATE _____ PLANTS AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF _____



Call for Participants for UMW Sunday Feb 16th, 2020

February 16 is the Kent United Methodist Women Sunday and it will be a non-traditional worship service. The theme is “**UMW—Boldly Transform the Future**”, which is the second year of the UMW two year theme “The Power of Bold: Remember the Past, Embrace the Present, and Transform the Future”. We invite you to participate in this unique opportunity. There are many ways to be involved in UMW Sunday, and we are reaching out to all women (and men, too) in the congregation—from youth to the most senior members. UMW membership is not a requirement! We welcome you to sign up for the **Festival Choir**—an opportunity to sing on UMW Sunday along with both the New Spirit and the Sanctuary Choir members. We plan to have a **Women’s Choral Group** again this year.

There will be a **Liturgical Dance**, which has become a regular worship element for UMW Sunday. We need **Readers of Scriptures and Prayers** for each of the services and a **Skit** will need actors in various roles. Pictures and **Interviews** about our spiritual future from our congregation and **Hospitality** are two other areas for signup. We want to encourage many people to be involved and included in this uplifting service.

There are sign-up sheets and further information on the tables outside the Chapel, in the gym, and in the Atrium for you to take part in UMW Sunday. Contact Denise Mote at 330-678-6048 if you have further questions. **BE BOLD** and please consider participating in this worship service!

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10–1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
3 Regular Schedule	4 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	5 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7–9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207	6 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 207	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
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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
November 3	1
November 10	2
November 17	3
November 24	4
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 Judy Paydock
- Jerry and Betty Butcher on the death of their son, Tim Butcher

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Larry Andrews, Shirley Beaumont, Sterling Bradley, Cheryl Brode, Joe Coia, John Coleman, Wil Dobbins, Charlene Pees, Eleanor Smith, David Timmerman

THANK YOU

UMC of Kent,

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers for my recent surgery.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers from Janus Circle, and Doug Denton for all the phone calls and a visit and many phone calls from other people in the church.

I am so thankful to have such a loving and caring church.

Thank you,
Shirley Beaumont

November 3-Sharon Coia

November 10-Don Ashton

November 17-Betty Sweet

November 24-Janice Anderson

**VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE**

NOV 3 Gary Mote

NOV 10 Eric Wertz

NOV 17 Andrew Alderson

NOV 24 Eric Wertz

University of Life**Short Courses for Adults, Sundays, 9:30 -10:15**

“Prophets and Kings”

Leader: Dr. David Palmer

The current class will continue through November 10

Advent Term — Nov. 17–Jan. 19

“The Life and Ministry of the Messiah”

Leader: Dr. David Palmer

This class utilizes video presentations that take participants to archaeological sites that illuminate the Biblical story. Starting with the palace of King Herod, this series will explore the background of Jesus' birth and early ministry. Dr. Palmer begins each class session, and there is discussion following the video. All adults are invited!

NOVEMBER LAY READERS

NOV 3 Morgan Closs

NOV 10 Dottie Emerick

NOV 17 Tom Emerick

NOV 24 Bob Berger



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The Sanctuary Choir, joined by the UCC Choir, will perform
Vivaldi's *Gloria* during the 10:30 service on November 17.

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
November 3	"Expectant Hope"	Hebrews 11:8-16	Dr. David Palmer	All Saints' Sunday, Communion
November 10	"Holy Water"	Ezekiel 47:1-12; II Chronicles 4:2-6; John 4:13-14	Dr. David Palmer	Children's Choir
November 17	"The Eternal Song"	Psalms 100; Revelation 7:11-12, 15:2-4	Dr. David Palmer	Vivaldi's <i>Gloria</i> at 10:30
November 24	"Give Thanks to the Lord"	Psalms 105:1-3; Psalm 65; Colossians 3:15-17	Dr. David Palmer	ZAMARingers, Children's Parade



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