

# THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

On December 1 we enter the season of Advent, one of the most meaningful seasons of the church year, as we reflect about the coming of our Savior. We look forward to many special elements in worship! The schedule includes:

**DECEMBER 1—FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, COMMUNION** We begin our celebration of Advent with the lighting of the Advent wreath at all worship hours. The Chancel Ringers will play during the offertory at 10:30.

## **DECEMBER 8—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**

Our Children's Choir will be sharing with us their Christmas musical at the 10:30 hour. The sermon at all three worship hours will be entitled "Baby Jesus—from Stable to Temple." Later in the afternoon, the Goodyear Band Christmas Concert will take place in our sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.

**DECEMBER 15—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.** The sermon, entitled, "God Dwells Among Us," will be the conclusion of the "Come into God's Presence" sermon series. The ZAMARingers will share at both the 9:30 and 10:30 services.

## **DECEMBER 22—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**NEW SPIRIT CHRISTMAS MUSICAL** at 8:30 and 10:30; **YOUTH DRAMA** at 9:30

At 8:30 and 10:30 worship, New Spirit will proclaim the Christmas message through a cantata by Pepper Choplin entitled, "Christmas Presence," which guides us toward experiencing God's presence in this season. Both services will be in the sanctuary.

The 9:30 service will feature a play performed by our youth entitled, "Casting Call." This Christmas play combines humor with important messages about Christmas!

## **CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DEC. 24—CANDLELIGHT SERVICES, 7:00 & 9:00 P.M.**

The 7:00 service will feature a blend of contemporary and traditional styles. Our worship band will have a significant role in the service, as it did last year, leading some of the music, while some Christmas carols will be sung with the organ. The Children's Choir will sing; child care will be provided.

The 9:00 service will be a purely traditional style, and will be preceded by a half hour prelude. Come at 8:30 for special music! The Sanctuary Choir sings at this service, and all the Christmas carols are sung with the organ. The same Christmas sermon will be given at both hours.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 29—COVENANT RENEWAL.** What better way can there be to head into a new year than to renew our covenant with God? As a part of our worship experience at all three worship hours, we share in a covenant renewal service that John Wesley created for Methodists to use on or near New Year's Eve. Here is an opportunity to truly "start the year right"—by getting ourselves right with God!

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 5—COMMUNION** On this Sunday we remember the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus.

I look forward to joining with you as in many ways we share and rejoice in the good news of Christmas!

In His Service,  
Dr. David Palmer

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# Youth Ministry News

## December 2019

Late fall is always a busy time in the lives of our youth. Our Halloween party last month brought together 65 of our youth and their friends for a time of food fellowship and fun. Additionally, rehearsals have started for your annual youth Christmas play. This year the Youth will be performing "Casting Call" by Eddie James. The play addresses the idea of members of a church auditioning for their role in the church's annual live nativity. In a humorous yet profound way each person's own dilemmas are addressed and the message of Christmas is revealed. The youth are having a great time preparing this play for the congregation and I hope many of you will turn out to see them.

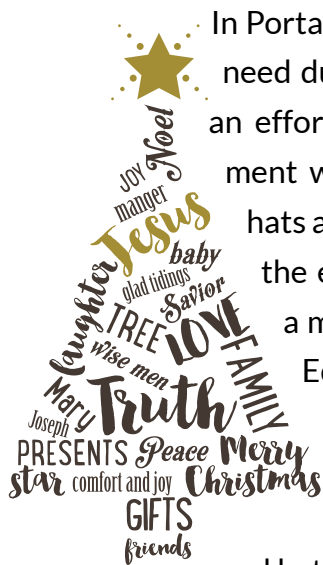
Reflecting on fall of 2019 the word "inviting" comes to mind as our youth have done an excellent job of inviting their friends to come to youth group and youth related activities. After graduating a large and very active senior class our underclassmen have taken it upon themselves to grow the numbers of our youth group and have done so with much success.

Thinking about next year I am excited about all the things we have yet to come. Planning has already begun for Youth Sunday. We are preparing an exciting 30-Hour Famine in February, then there is the mission trip, and so much more. I am grateful for the way that the youth have taken ownership of their own youth group with the understanding that programing doesn't grow a youth group, the willingness to invite friends does. It makes me excited to see what God has in store for the future of our youth.

Shalom,

*Rick* ∞

### CHRISTMAS MITTEN TREE:



In Portage County there are many families in need during the current economic times. In an effort to help the Sunday school department will once again be collecting mittens hats and gloves, and we would like to invite the entire congregation to help. There is a mitten tree on the second floor of the Education Wing as well as one outside the sanctuary to place the mittens on. Also, please keep the adults in mind as well by supplying gloves and hats in adult sizes.

### DECEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 8	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 15	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 22 AM	Youth Christmas Play
SUNDAY 22 PM	No Youth Activities
SUNDAY 29	No Youth Activities

### 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](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org) so that you can be placed on the schedule.

## Church Pictorial Directory

We have begun distribution of the new Church Pictorial Directory, 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!

## 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!

## 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.

Once again 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, iPhone, and iPod touch. 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](mailto:adamalderson@kentmethodist.org).

## 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.

## Please Contribute to UMW Sunday!

For the United Methodist Women's Sunday, we are putting together a video about loving boldly. We hope to capture some of your thoughts about love in the form of a survey. Please feel free to respond to any or all of the questions and identify yourself or feel free to contribute anonymously. Your responses can be given in multiple ways. First, there is an online form that you can use by visiting the link [bit.ly/UMWSundaysurvey](http://bit.ly/UMWSundaysurvey) or by scanning the QR code below. There is also a paper version of the survey included in this Mosaic which you can fill out and turn in to the church office or UMW mailbox. We welcome your participation in this special project!



## Goodyear Band Christmas Concert

We are pleased to have the Stan Hywet Goodyear Band once again in our church sanctuary to celebrate the season with inspiring sounds of Christmas. The band will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 PM. The hour-long concert will be followed by a fellowship time in Pierson Hall. Everyone is invited!

# UMW Sunday Survey

We hope to capture some of your brief thoughts about love. For the United Methodist Women's Sunday, we are putting together a video about loving boldly. Please feel free to respond to any or all of the questions and identify yourself or contribute anonymously.

Please respond no later than December 8th.

What does it mean (to you) to love God / each other / the Earth?

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What does it mean to show God's love?

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What can we do to show God's love today?

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What might we do differently tomorrow to show God's love more boldly?

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What opportunities do we have today to make God's love more visible?

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If you would like to identify yourself, please do so below (it is not necessary)

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## Farmers' Market at Our Church

The Haymaker Farmers' Market is again being 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. There will be a special, larger holiday market on December 7, and the market will close for the holidays on December 28. The Farmers' Market remains at our church through April.

## 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.

## 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. 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. **Hospitality** is another area 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!

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 8**.

I/WE \_\_\_\_\_

WISH TO DONATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLANTS AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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# December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Regular Schedule	2 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	3 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207	4 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 207	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	6 12 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	7 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Holiday Market/ Pierson Hall & Gym
8 Regular Schedule	9 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	10 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207	11 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 207	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	13	14 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
15 Regular Schedule	16 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	17 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207	18 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 207	19 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	20	21 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
22 Regular Schedule	23 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	24 7 pm Candlelight Service/ Sanctuary 8:30 pm Special Musical Prelude/Sanctuary 9 pm Candlelight Service/ Sanctuary	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27	28 Farmers' Market Closed
29 Regular Schedule	30 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	31 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207	1 New Year's Day Office Closed		<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 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
December 1	5
December 8	6
December 15	1
December 22	2
December 24 7:00 PM	3
December 24 9:00 PM	4
December 29	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.	



Remember  
These  
Members  
in Their  
Sorrow

**Our sympathies to:**

- Friends and family of David Timmerman
- Friends and family of Nancy Johnson
- The Huck, Alderson, and Russell families on the death of Rick Mason

**Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:**

Marty Andregg, Reed Beck, John Coleman, Donna Dietz, Maryalice Seaholts, Carrie Shelly

December 1-Sharon Coia

December 8-Don Ashton

December 15-Betty Sweet

December 22-Janice Anderson

December 29-Mavis Palmer

**VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE**

DEC 1 Gary Mote

DEC 8 Gary Mote

DEC 15 Andrew Alderson

DEC 22 Andrew Alderson

DEC 24 Andrew Alderson

DEC 29 Eric Wertz

**Connect with Worship Online**

Did you know that you can view a video of each week's sermon on our web site, watch the entire 9:30 worship service live or recorded, or listen to the sermon in a podcast? Many members of our church who are out of town or who have to miss a Sunday are connecting with the worship service via the web. Go to the "Sermons" tab at [www.kentmethodist.org](http://www.kentmethodist.org). You can get sermons from the past several months. Each Sunday's sermon video and podcast episode is available each Wednesday. The contemporary service can be watched live or recorded at [kentmethodist.org/live](http://kentmethodist.org/live).

**DECEMBER LAY READERS**

DEC 1 Walt Strawman

DEC 8 Karen Bennett

DEC 15 Mark Lewis

DEC 29 Larry Andrews

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

**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!



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**Mailed November 22**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
December 1	"God's Mountain"	Isaiah 2:1-5; Hebrews 12:22-23	Rev. Douglas Denton	<i>Chancel Ringers, Communion</i>
December 8	"Baby Jesus—from Stable to Temple"	Luke 2:21-38	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children's Choir Musical</i>
December 15	"God Dwells Among Us"	Exodus 29:38-46; John 1:14; John 4:19-26	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
December 22	New Spirit Cantata: <i>Christmas Presence</i> 8:30 & 10:30 Youth Play: <i>Casting Call</i> 9:30			
December 24	7:00 PM Candlelight Service, 8:30 PM Musical Prelude, 9:00 PM Candlelight Service			
December 29	Covenant Renewal Service		Rick Stout	



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