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Dear Friends,

The month of February contains the beginning of the season of **Lent**. For centuries, the days of Lent have been a special time of spiritual focus for Christians—a time of reflecting about what Christ has done for us, and a time of deepening our relationship with Christ.

Lent officially begins on **Ash Wednesday**, which is relatively late this year, on February 26. But I will be starting a Lenten sermon series on the first Sunday of February—Feb. 2. Entitled “**The Seven Words from the Cross**,” this seven-part series will focus on the seven statements that Jesus made during the crucifixion. Each “word from the cross” has a powerful message for our lives and our future!

On Ash Wednesday itself, we will have a **Service of Ashes** at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. This very meaningful service uses the ancient symbolism of ashes to signify our repentance and the forgiveness of Christ. The Sanctuary Choir will sing, and there will be child care available for the hour-long service. The service is preceded by the first of our Lenten potlucks.

Our **Lenten potluck suppers** provide a wonderful food and fellowship opportunity throughout the season of Lent. Each Wednesday night, from February 26 through April 1, we will gather for supper in Pierson Hall at 6:15 p.m. Just bring a food item to share, plus table service. Beverages are provided.

Starting on Wednesday, March 4, the potlucks will be followed each night by a **Wednesday Lenten Program**. We will have two successive series this year on those Wednesday nights. On March 4 and 11, I will be leading a two-week series entitled, “**What’s Coming for the Methodists**.” I will be looking ahead to both the General Conference in May and our East Ohio Annual Conference in June, lifting up the details of what we expect will unfold as our denomination heads into a likely split. On the following three Wednesdays, March 18, March 25, and April 1, we will be pleased to welcome **Rev. Bob Machovec**, who will be leading a series entitled, “**Caring for the Caregiver**.” See the article below for a detailed description of that series.

Rev. Machovec was the associate pastor of the United Methodist Church of Kent from 1980 to 1985. He came to our church after getting his Bachelor’s Degree from Mount Union and his Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School. Following his time in Kent, Bob served as the pastor of several churches across East Ohio until his retirement in 2016. He currently works part-time as the Chaplain / Bereavement Coordinator for Caring Hospice Services of Ohio. We look forward to welcoming Bob back to Kent for this Wednesday series!

Also in Lent, our children will be invited to fill a **Lenten coin folder** as an activity of self-giving for others. Lenten coin folders will be distributed in our Sunday School classes on Sunday, Feb. 23; the proceeds go toward missions.

We have some other special events in February worship. February 9 is **Scout Sunday**, when our Scouts participate in 10:30 worship and share a video presentation at all worship hours. There will be a **Pancake Brunch** that morning from 9:00 to 1:00. Pancakes and sausage will be served in Pierson Hall. Freewill donations will support our Scout program.

February 16 is **UMW Sunday**. This dynamic service, presented by the women of our church, includes drama, liturgical dance, a special video presentation, a sermon by Meghann Featherstun, and special music. Note that the 8:30 and 10:30 services will both be in the sanctuary, while the 9:30 service will be in the gymnasium. We look forward to all these opportunities to grow together in faith and discipleship!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

February 2020

What a great start our youth have had to the new year. Rehearsals have begun for this year's Youth Sunday, to be held on Sunday, March 15. This year's theme is "Nothing" and will focus on the fact the "Nothing" can separate us from the love of God as explained in Romans 8:38. Also, on a cold and snowy Martin Luther King Day, 11 of our youth traveled to Play:CLE for an afternoon of adventure on their "ninja" courses.

Looking forward to February our team of 15 is set for our annual mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. and plans are underway to raise the necessary funds. Our annual brick sale will be Sunday, March 1. While each student attending is responsible for more than half of their individual cost for the week, the remaining cost including travel needs to be fundraised. Additionally, there are students from some families who will have difficulty paying their required portion. Therefore, we would like to ask the congregation to consider getting involved in our quest to raise the required funds for this year's trip by considering participating in the brick sale. When the youth call on March 1st won't you please consider purchasing a symbolic brick for \$25 in support of the youth mission trip. Planning for the "Time and Talent" auction is also underway. This year's auction WILL include an autographed helmets signed by Urban Meyer, and ESPN analysis Kirk Herbstret, the use of a flat for a week in London England, golf passes and much more. Please Mark Sunday April 26th on your calendar and plan on coming out in support of the youth ministry here at our church.

And finally on the weekend of January 31 and February 1, our youth will once again work to end world hunger by participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. If you'd like to give in support of this cause, every \$40 we raise helps feed and care for a child for one month. You can make checks out to World Vision and give them to Rick Stout, or visit our fund-raising page at <https://www.30hourfamine.org/team/23057> or text GIVE30HF to 44888. I hope everyone will plan to take part in one or all of these exciting events.

Shalom,
Rick <

FEBRUARY YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 2	No Youth Activities
SUNDAY 9	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 16	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 23	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

Mission Trip News

Buy a Brick in Support of our Mission Trip

For our 21st summer the youth will be again traveling to Mountain T.O.P. located in Altamont, Tennessee to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Plateau. Grundy County where we will be working is the poorest county per capita in the entire United States, and our youth group will be traveling there to do minor home repair and make a difference in the lives of the people living "on the mountain." Our Annual telethon brick sale will be Sunday Night, March 1. When the youth call please prayerfully consider supporting their efforts to share the love of Jesus to those who so desperately need it.

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 schedule.

Church Pictorial Directory

We are distributing 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!

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. The Farmers' Market remains at our church through April.

Tree City Preschool Open House

Tree City Preschool will begin registering students for the 2020–2021 school year beginning February 1. If you would like to learn more about Tree City Preschool, you are welcome to attend an open house on Friday, February 7 from 10–11:30 am. You will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and ask any questions about the program. If you would like to contact the preschool, please call them through the church at 330-673-5879 ext. 16.

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.

Ongoing Highs in Mission Giving

In 2019, for the fourth year in a row, our church gave more than \$170,000 to missions. Our financial support strengthened many local missions as well as the national and worldwide outreach of our church. In addition to financial giving, we had hundreds of church members involved in various sorts of hands-on mission, joining in mission teams and serving as volunteers at local mission projects and agencies. You can find a complete listing of the many elements of our mission outreach online at www.kentmethodist.org.

Caring for the Caregiver

Wednesday Lenten Series – March 18, March 25, April 1 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Leader: Rev. Bob Machovec Location: Gymnasium

Former First Lady, Rosalynn Carter, is reported to have once said: "There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who need caregivers."

Caring for a friend or loved one can be one of the greatest gifts one can give to another person. At the same time, caring for another person can be filled with a great amount of stress and anxiety. It is not unusual for caregivers to feel exhausted in dealing with balancing a personal life with the demands of caregiving. Over time the stress of caregiving can lead to burnout.

The question for many caregivers is how to find a healthy balance in meeting the needs of caregiving and maintaining a 'normal' life.

Every caregiving/care receiving relationship is unique. Days are often filled with a mixture of joy and sorrow, ups and downs, good days and simply bad days. Caregivers, as well as care receivers, know well the stresses and successes, anxious and more serene moments that can occur on almost a daily basis.

We will be exploring the joys and challenges of Caregiving. What does it mean to be a caregiver? What are the issues, challenges and stress points? What are emotional and spiritual issues? What are some common coping strategies in being a caregiver? These are just some of the questions we will address in our time together.

Altar Flowers

We still have some openings in the 2020 calendar for people to sign up to provide altar flowers. The cost is \$35 per Sunday. Sign up on the large calendar in the atrium. The flowers are taken by volunteers after worship to shut-ins or people dealing with illness or loss. Thanks to all those who support this ministry!

ADULT RETREAT 2020

Our 2020 Weekend Retreat will be the last weekend in March, March 27-29, at the Berlin Grande Hotel in Berlin, Ohio. Berlin is in the heart of Amish Country and there are many attractions to visit as well as having a great time with other adults from our church. It is activity packed but also restful break in the early Spring in the beautiful farm country of North Central Ohio. Cost will be about \$290.00 for two people that includes room, breakfasts, Amish Dinner and Conference Room. Right now, availability of spots is available by waitlist only. Singles are encouraged to find a friend to share a room or may book a single room. To add your name to the waitlist, please give a check made out to the Church and marked Adult Retreat to Roger Stiller or put it in the collection plate. For information contact Roger Stiller at 330-297-8933.

February Meetings of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) Circles

The **Miriam** and **Mary Reed** Circles of Kent United Methodist Women will not meet in February.

The **Rebecca** Circle meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, February 5 in Pierson Hall. The program will be called "How Can We Be the Light to Our Community in Violent Times". Sue Abbott will hostess, assisted by co-hostesses Dottie Emerick and Darlene Flynt.

Janus Circle will meet at 9:15 AM on Sunday February 2 in Pierson Hall. The hostess will be Carol Pozuc, who will also lead a program on the topic of "Trash and Treasure Evolution".

University of Life Sundays, 9:30 -10:15 Lenten Term—February 2–March 8

**"Revolutionary Kingdom:
Following the Rebel Jesus"**
Leader: Rev. Douglas Denton

Mike Slaughter, Pastor Emeritus of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church, via recording, will be sharing a series of 6 presentations for our listening and discussion, beginning Sunday February 2 in the church's conference room. His purpose is to "explore why we must exchange comfortable worldviews and values for the radical requirements of living out the Kingdom of God on Planet Earth. When God's people get serious about this call, it's revolutionary."

A BIG Thank You!

To the Kent United Methodist Church,

The Phyllis Zumkher County Clothing Center would like to thank you for being such a big supporter in our mission. We had a very successful Santa's Closet this year. Santa's Closet is for children 3-13 years old to shop for 3 gifts for their family members. The Elves (teenagers) help them select gifts and wrap them. Each child has the opportunity to have a picture taken with Santa. The children can also pick out 3 books for themselves, as well as socks, underwear, a hat, gloves, and a scarf.

A **BIG** thank you to all who helped make our Santa's Closet a success again this year.

And of course, a **GIANT** thank you to all the volunteers who are so faithful each month helping to run the center. It takes as many volunteers to run the Clothing Center all year round. Your church volunteers on the first and second Mondays of each month. We always welcome new volunteers to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Gail Closs at 330-626-2062. If the first or second Monday doesn't work for you but another day would, we can accommodate that as well! Please feel free to call me (Candy Pollard) at the Clothing Center (330-296-0503) for further information.

Sincerely,

Candy Pollard,
County Clothing Center

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
February 2	4
February 9	5
February 16	6
February 23	1
February 26 (Ash Wed)	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 Richard Nemeth
- The Palmer family on the death of David's mother, Rosemary Palmer

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Larry Andrews, John Coleman, Nolan Cross, Andrea Denton, Marcie Denton, Rod Knauss, Dave Kurtz, Laurel Ludick, Sara Moore, Al Siegfried

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. 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.

February 2-Sharon Coia
February 9-Don Ashton
February 16-Betty Sweet
February 23-

**VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE**

FEB 2 Andrew Alderson
FEB 9 Eric Wertz
FEB 16 Gary Mote
FEB 23 Eric Wertz

FEBURARY LAY READERS

FEB 2 Don Stranathan
FEB 9 Scout Sunday
FEB 16 UMW Sunday
FEB 23 Jennifer Wilson

THANK YOU

Thank you very much for the support for Erik during his recent hospitalization and recovery. The prayers from our church family during this time have been a comfort.

We also appreciate the beautiful poinsettia delivered by Gail Kloss. Finally, thank you for the calls from Rev. Palmer and Rev. Denton, as well as the hospital visit from Rev. Denton.

Sincerely,

Leslie and Kevin Martin

Thanks to the Lepp and Leigh families for help raking the leaves again this year.

Sincerely,

Betty Sweet

Thanks so much for the beautiful altar flowers and the verse. Very pretty card!

Love to all!

The Timmerman Family



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Mailed January 31

“Repent, and believe the gospel!” Mark 1:15

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
February 2	“Forgiveness that Changes Lives”	Mark 15:12–30; Luke 23:32–34	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Chancel Ringers, Communion</i>
February 9	“The Gift of Paradise”	Matthew 20:1–16; Luke 23:39–43; I John 1:5–9	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers, Scout Sunday</i>
February 16	“Keep Showing Up”	Psalms 117; Ephesians 2:12–14; Mark 12:28–34	Meghann Featherstun	UMW Sunday
February 23	“Compassion from a Cross”	Isaiah 53:1–6; John 19:23–27	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children’s Choir</i>
February 26	Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary			



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