



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

The month of January begins in our church with **Epiphany Sunday** on January 5. It is the day that we remember the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus, and our worship services will lift up that inspiring story. We will have Communion as usual on the first Sunday of the month.

On Sunday, January 12, a new three-week sermon series begins entitled, “**Set Right with God.**” The series will focus on how God is at work to bring our personal lives, and our whole society, in line with God’s will and God’s blessing. During the month, the Chancel Ringers will ring on January 12, the ZAMARingers will ring on January 19, and the Children’s Choir will sing on January 26.

On Martin Luther King weekend (Sunday, January 19), we take a special offering for the **Black College Fund**. Our United Methodist church has eleven historically black United Methodist colleges that are scattered across the southern states. These schools were founded in the aftermath of the Civil War, when African-Americans were routinely denied the opportunity to pursue higher education. The eleven colleges – Bennett College, Bethune-Cookman University, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Dillard University, Huston-Tillotson University, Meharry Medical College, Paine College, Philander Smith College, Rust College, and Wiley College – opened the door in the nineteenth century for African-Americans to enter into career fields that had long been closed to them, and these schools continue to provide very important opportunities especially for ethnic minority students today. Our Kent church seeks to give \$1100 to the Black College Fund each year (\$100 for each school). You can contribute at any time by marking a contribution “Black College Fund.”

Our **University of Life**, offering short courses for adults at the 9:30 hour on Sunday mornings, resumes on January 5 (after a Christmas break) with a series on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah. This video-based series explores archaeological sites that can inform our understanding of the ministry of Jesus. The class meets in the Conference Room. All adults are invited!

We rejoice in the many ways that we can grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ!

Wishing you a blessed and joyous New Year,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

January 2020

Happy New Year! And what an exciting year we have planned. We have completed our spring calendar and are very excited about our upcoming events. Here are a few of the highlights of what to expect this spring:

- The weekend of January 31 and February 1 the youth will participate in World Visions 30 hour famine. Once the details are finalized packets and important information will be distributed so see Rick and watch the mail if you need more information about this exciting weekend
- January 20 we will be planning an activity to celebrate Martin Luther King Day
- March 15 is Youth Sunday
- And the Time and Talent Auction is scheduled for Sunday, April 26

Overall, I am very excited about our plans and hope that everyone will take advantage of one or more of these events. Additionally, don't forget youth group is every Sunday From 7-8:30 make sure you plan to come and bring a friend to any or all of these events.

Shalom,

Rick ∞

Youth Sunday

Calling all actors: Youth Sunday is an annual day when the youth of our church lead our Sunday morning worship service. It is characterized by a focus on the music of our youth musical groups such as the ZAMARingers, liturgical dance, drama and teaching by a senior member of our youth group.

On Sunday, January 12 at 5:00 in the sanctuary there will be an informational meeting and open try outs for anyone interested in being a part of this year's Youth Sunday. At this meeting we will explain this year's theme, talk about ways to be involved and discuss rehearsal times. We need multiple actors, for this annual event. If you would like to be involved, please plan to attend this important meeting as part of the Youth Sunday preparation process.

JANUARY YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 5	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 12	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 19	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
MONDAY 20	MLK activity TBA
SUNDAY 26	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
FRI/SAT 31/1	30 Hour Famine

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 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!

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.

Gleaning Ministry

Once again we had a team of persons who gleaned sweet corn at an area farm last summer and delivered the corn to food pantries and hot meal programs across Portage County. The team gleaned approximately two tons of sweet corn, making a much appreciated impact for people in need!

We will be looking for volunteers again next summer!

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

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.

Greetings:

Happy Holidays to my wonderful family at UMC Kent. Wishing you all goodwill, happiness, and peace this holiday season and throughout 2020. I miss you all so much!! (I miss Ohio as well.) Stay warm this winter season.

Much love, Darah Rubio

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!

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	3	4 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
5 Regular Schedule	6 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	7 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207	8 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 207	9 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	10	11 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
12 Regular Schedule	13 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	14 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207	15 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conference Room 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 207	16 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	17	18 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
19 Regular Schedule	20 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	21 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207	22 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 207	23 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Finance Committee/Conference Room 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	24	25 10-1 Haymaker's Farmers' Market/Pierson Hall
26 Regular Schedule	27 6 pm Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Room 7:30 pm Worship band Rehearsal/Gym	28 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Rm 207	29 6 pm Yoga/Parlor 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 207	30 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Comm./Conference Room 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	31 12-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	

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 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall
 11:30 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
January 5	6
January 12	1
January 19	2
January 26	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.



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow

Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Donna Byttner
- Karen Beck on the death of her sister, Kathy Petrofes

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Reed Beck, John Coleman, Winona Garrett, Wesley Lewis, Erik Martin, Richard Nesmeth



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- January 5-Sharon Coia
- January 12-Don Ashton
- January 19-Betty Sweet
- January 26-



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.

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

- JAN 5 Eric Wertz
- JAN 12 Andrew Alderson
- JAN 19 Gary Mote
- JAN 26 Eric Wertz

JANUARY LAY READERS

- JAN 5 Lori Foldessy
- JAN 12 Judith Nedel
- JAN 19 Pat Baldwin
- JAN 26 Mavis Palmer

**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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“And now, glorious and blessed God... You are mine and I am Yours.” –Covenant prayer

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
January 5	“The Journey”	Matthew 2:1-12; Matthew 13:45-46	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Festival Choir, Epiphany, Communion</i>
January 12	“Better than the Neighbors”	Matthew 11:20-24; Luke 18:9-14; Luke 7:36-50	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Chancel Ringers</i>
January 19	“The Plumb Line”	Isaiah 10:1-4; Amos 7:7-14; Matthe 5:13-16	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
January 26	“Set Right through Faith”	Romans 3:21-26	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Children’s Choir</i>



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