



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

During March we look forward to several major events:

What's Coming for the Methodists is the title of a two-part series that I will be doing on the first two Wednesdays in March—March 4 and 11—from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the church gymnasium. You may have seen the news headlines announcing that the United Methodist Church is expected to split, and you may have wondered what is happening. Here is the chance to find out! I will be discussing how the denomination got to this point and what we expect will transpire at the General Conference this May.

Caring for the Caregiver is the title of the three-part series that will take place on Wednesday nights for the rest of Lent—on March 18, March 25, and April 1—from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the gym. The series will be led by Rev. Bob Machovec, former associate pastor of our church, and will provide very helpful guidance for people who find themselves in a caregiver role. See the article in this newsletter for more information.

Youth Sunday will be held on March 15. This is always a very exciting and uplifting morning as our senior high and middle school youth lead worship through drama, special music, and the spoken word. Note that the 8:30 worship hour will be in the sanctuary, and there will be 9:30 worship in the gymnasium.

Bishop Tracy Malone will preach at all services on Sunday, March 29. On this last weekend in March, our Conference is accenting our campaign to build a new women's dormitory at Africa University, and there will be special preachers going throughout the Conference. We are honored to have the bishop come to Kent! Bishop Malone is a very inspiring preacher, and we expect she may be accompanied by an African bishop. Be sure to be present for this special day! Those who are on the Adult Retreat (about 30 persons) will be connecting with the sermon via live streaming. At 11:30 on March 29, there will be a **Luncheon** in Pierson Hall. All food will be provided (thanks to our United Methodist Women who are assisting with this luncheon!). There will be a freewill offering at the tables, with proceeds going toward the Africa University Campaign.

On Sundays March 1 and March 8 the sermon series entitled, "**The Seven Words from the Cross**," will continue. We hear how Jesus speaks profoundly to us from the cross. Remember to **turn your clocks ahead on March 8.**

On Wednesdays throughout March, our **Lenten potlucks** continue. These start at 6:15 PM in Pierson Hall and conclude in time for participants to attend the Wednesday program at 7:00 in the gym. Bring one food item to share plus table service. It is a very nice time of food and fellowship together!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

March 2020

Matthew 25:40 reads *Then the king will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

Every day, nearly 7,000 children under the age of five are dying from hunger-related causes. On the week-end of February 1, 13 of our youth participated once again in World Visions 30 Hour Famine. For 30 hours, the youth of our church went hungry to raise funds to help hungry children around the world. This annual event creates an opportunity for our youth to make a huge impact on the continual problem of hunger and poverty both locally and worldwide, while at the same time experiencing in a small taste of what hunger is like. During the weekend students participated in a variety of games and activities designed to teach us about the issue of hunger on a global scale. Over all the weekend was a fantastic learning experience and our youth went away with the understanding that they can make a difference for the world.

Another way we give opportunity to your youth to make a difference in the world is through our mission trip. As many of you are aware the youth will be traveling again this summer to Mountain T.O.P. located in Altamont, Tennessee to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Plateau. This year we are very excited to have 10 members of our youth group and various adults registered to attend Mountain T.O.P.!

While each student attending is responsible for more than 3/4 of their individual cost for the week at Mountain TOP, 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 one of the following financial opportunities to help.

1. **Scholarships.** As mentioned above there are several families who may have difficulty in today's economy paying for the required portion of their trip. Monies given toward the required portion from each student, and full sponsorships are a wonderful way to help.
2. **Buy a brick.** At the time of this writing, our annual telethon brick sale will be **Sunday Afternoon, March 1 beginning at 4:00.** When the youth call please prayerfully consider supporting their efforts by purchasing a \$25 brick in support of these trips. Remember every gift no matter how big or small goes to make a difference in the lives of another.

While these trips may seem like a huge undertakings, with God's grace and your generous support we can make it happen.

Shalom,
Rick <>

MARCH YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1	4-6 Brick Sale 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 8	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SATURDAY 14	12-3 Youth Sunday Rehearsal
SUNDAY 15 AM	Youth Sunday—ZAMARingers Perform
SUNDAY 15 PM	NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY 22	Spring Break— NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY 29	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

Summer Camp Registration Is Open

Children in our church have a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth by going to summer camp at any of our three United Methodist church camps in east Ohio. The various sorts of camp experiences are described at www.eastohiocamps.org. You can also pick up a camps brochure in the atrium. Because our church believes strongly in the value of camp, we also provide funding assistance, called a "campership." The United Methodist Church of Kent will pay half the "tier one" cost of camp. For full information on how to receive a campership from our church, or other camperships from the District or Conference, visit our web site at www.kentmethodist.org (go to Ministries> Children's Ministry> Summer Camp). You may also contact Dr. Palmer or Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator.

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.

2020 Janus Scholarship Announcement

It is that time again to apply to The Janus Circle Scholarship! The Janus Circle Scholarship was established in 2014 to recognize student members of the United Methodist Church of Kent, Ohio for their active involvement in our church and service to the community and who plan to pursue post-secondary education the following school year.

The Janus Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have demonstrated an exceptional level of service in the church during their teen years. The application calls for a listing of all the points of a student's involvement; however, there are no GPA requirements or essay! In addition, any college-bound or other educational pursuit is eligible!

Applications are available from the church office or may be found on-line on the UMC of Kent website.

More details are also available on the website. Applications may be mailed or delivered in person to the Kent UMC office to the attention of Adam Alderson, postmarked or received in person by April 15.

The award recipient(s) will be announced at Senior Recognition Sunday and it is possible for the award to be shared among multiple recipients.

Through this scholarship, the Janus Circle is tangibly recognizing the youth members who demonstrate their commitment and service to our church and community. For more information, please contact Denise Mote at 330-678-6048. Donations to the Janus Scholarship Endowment Fund are welcome; please mark your envelope Janus Circle Scholarship Fund! Good luck, seniors!

University of Life

The University of Life offers short courses for adults from 9:30 to 10:15 each Sunday. The next course, beginning March 15 and running through April 19, is entitled, "Exploring Christianity's Toughest Questions." Using a DVD by Lee Strobel, which features debates between knowledgeable and passionate experts, this study addresses tough

questions about the existence of God, Christianity and Islam, the reliability of the Bible, faith and science, and many other issues. Class leaders are John and Sandy Kerstetter. This is a follow-on to their class in the fall, but all adults are invited to attend this class, which meets in the Conference Room, regardless of whether you participated in the fall.

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.

EASTER LILIES

You are invited to purchase Easter lilies to beautify the church during our Easter services. Please complete the information below and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday.

Please print for the best legibility! All flower requests must be accompanied by payment. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent by March 22. Following the 10:30 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 12, flowers will be distributed to shut-ins by members of our United Methodist Women.

I/WE WISH TO PURCHASE _____ PLANT(S) AT \$10.00 EACH

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
March 1	3
March 8	4
March 15	5
March 22	6
March 29	1

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:

- Bill Childers on the death of his cousin, Will Schroeder
- Fran Carly on the death of her mother, Phyllis Culek
- Friends and family of Lynn Ericson
- Friend and family of Vergil Herzberger

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Andy Denton, Greg Friedman, Rod Knauss, Dave Kurtz, Lois Mauck, Sarah Moore, Tim Price

March Meetings of Kent United Methodist Women (UMW) Circles

Mary Reed Circle of Kent United Methodist Women will meet at 1:00 PM Wednesday, March 3 in the church parlor. The topic of the presentation is "Safe Disposal of Unused Drugs", and the UMW Pledge Service will be held. Jane Hornyak will hostess.

The **Rebecca** Circle meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 3 in Pierson Hall. The program will be called "Living as Children of Light". Tina Ballentine will hostess, assisted by co-hostesses Patty Yensel and Carole Stokes.

Janus Circle welcomed several new members at the February meeting. They are making plans to meet for a craft project in April and will not meet in March. More details will be announced soon.

Miriam Circle will not meet in March.

THANK YOU

Thanks so much to everyone for your help in my recovery from knee replacement. The altar flowers, the food, the cards, the calls, the help of Coach Mavis, the visit from Rev. Palmer and the attention from Rev. Denton were the best medicine I could have hoped for.

Bless you all.
Andy Denton

Dear Dr. David Palmer,

We have just completed the AARP Tax Aide training for the Portage County volunteers, many returning and several new people this year. Tom Emerick, Denise Mote, and I were again instructors for a class of over 20 people. One of the most repeated positive comments was having the use of your gym for the week. Representing the entire class, I want to thank you and your church in their outreach to the community.

Warm regards,
Bob Bell

March 1-Sharon Coia
March 8-Don Ashton
March 15-Betty Sweet
March 22-
March 29-Mavis Palmer



VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

MAR 1 Eric Wertz

MAR 8 Gary Mote

MAR 15 Eric Wertz

MAR 22 Eric Wertz

MAR 29 Andrew Alderson

MARCH LAY READERS

MAR 1 Janice Anderson

MAR 8 Donna Stiller

MAR 15 Youth Sunday

MAR 22 Roger Stiller

MAR 29 Judy Smith



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Mailed February 28

“The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.” *Lamentations 3:25*

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
March 1	“The One Who Walks with Us”	Psalms 69:1-4a, 19-21; John 19:28-29	Dr. David Palmer	Chancel Ringers, Communion
March 8	“Paid in Full”	Lev. 25:8-17, 25-28; John 19:30; Luke 4:16-19	Dr. David Palmer	
March 15	Youth Sunday —8:30 and 10:30 service in the sanctuary, 9:30 in the gym			ZAMARingers
March 22	“Jesus’ Feet Today”	John 12:1-8; Micah 6:6-8	Rev. Douglas Denton	
March 29	Special visit by Bishop Tracy Malone			Children’s Choir, Welcome Luncheon



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