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Dear Friends,

Although many of our in-person activities have been shut down because of the pandemic, there is actually a lot of activity in our church building and grounds these days. Major activities include:

- **The Trash and Treasure Sale.** Many volunteers are helping to prepare for the sale, and many people have been bringing in items. Keep in mind that the final deadline to bring things to donate is Friday, August 21, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. In the days following, the items will be priced and set up for the sale itself, which will be on Friday, August 28, from noon to 5:00, and on

Saturday, August 29, from 9:00 to 5:00. There is a special pre-sale for church members on Thursday, August 27, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Helpers are still needed for the week of the sale. Please contact Carol Pozuc at 330-571-5741 to volunteer.

- **Construction in the sanctuary.** Currently we are implementing an acoustical project that has been more than two years in development. A professional acoustical analysis of the sanctuary determined that the acoustics throughout the sanctuary would be enhanced through the addition of reflective forms on the side walls. The forms were designed by Claire Bank, who is a member of our church and an architect, and the forms are now being built and installed by a team consisting of Randy Smith, Roger Stiller, Glenn Adair, Bob Iarussi, Tom Lundberg, Braden Stiller, and John Kerstetter. The project ties in with our organ renovation, which is now in the stage of reworking and voicing the pipes.
- **Tree work.** Work is under way in the church woods to drop a number of dead trees. Our Scout leaders will be proceeding with further work on our outdoor chapel, using some of the felled trees to construct more chapel pews.
- **Church groups.** Most of our usual groups are not meeting in the building, but several are. We have three Narcotics Anonymous, one Alcoholics Anonymous, and one Al-Anon group meeting weekly. The Day Care has resumed with reduced numbers, while our Tree City Preschool is delaying its opening. Coming soon – Youth Group and ZAMARingers will resume on Sept. 6. Nik Stackpole, who provided excellent leadership for our youth ringers last year, has returned and will be leading rehearsals each Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00. Rick Stout has activities planned for youth group, starting each Sunday night at 7:00, that are outside as much as possible and involve being socially distanced. Note that there will be no food at youth group this fall, and all youth are asked to wear masks (as in school). All sixth through twelfth graders are invited!
- **Worship** continues in the format of in-person worship in the sanctuary at 8:30, live-streamed contemporary worship at 9:30, and live-streamed traditional worship at 10:30. On August 16, I started a new sermon series entitled, “Winning Life’s Battles with the Armor of Faith.” Drawing on the spiritual meaning of the battle imagery in the Bible, the series focuses on how faith will help us to prevail in the midst of great struggles in life.

Within all this, of course, most of our connections are happening online! This September, we are starting up Disciple Bible studies online, and we have an enhanced online Sunday School, with Chelsea Alderson creating a video Sunday School lesson for three different age levels (preschool, early elementary, older elementary) for each Sunday, starting Sept. 6. Our circumstances may be quite different than usual, but the church continues to be alive and at work in many ways!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

September 2020

In the ever-changing landscape of a global pandemic, at the time of this writing, our plan is to return to in-person youth group on Sunday, September 6 from 7-8:30 PM.

Since Kent City Schools is planning to have in-person classes at least two days a week in the fall, youth group will resume as well. ZAMARinger will also resume on that day at 6:00 PM. While we are excited for the return of these activities we must remember that we are still in the middle of a pandemic and will require the following safety precautions during all youth events:

First, there will be no meal offered at youth group. I will be providing a prepackaged snack and a drink, however, the health codes for serving food are so strict that a meal with common serving containers is not possible.

Second, masks will be required at both ZAMARingers and youth group activities.

Third, as long as the weather permits we will be meeting outside. When we are not outside we will be in the gym and practicing safe social distancing.

I know that these guidelines might sound very restrictive but we have to remember that as Christians it is our job to love each other and the best way to show our love for each other currently is to protect each other. If you have further questions or concerns regarding the safe reopening of youth group please feel free to call or email me at the church.

Shalom,
Rick <>

SEPTEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY 6 | 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship |
| SUNDAY 13 | 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship |
| SUNDAY 20 | 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship |
| SUNDAY 27 | 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship |

Sunday school news:

In-person Sunday school will be suspended as long as we continue without in-person 10:30 worship services. However, beginning Sunday, September 6 we will be offering an online Sunday school option that students may tie in to. Our Children's Choir Director, Chelsea Alderson (formerly Chelsea Young) will be making videos for our Sunday school lessons and placing those videos on our church website. Currently, we have all Sunday school materials available for download on our church website. Chelsea will be teaching those lessons in a video format in order to enhance our online Sunday school experience as we continue with online worship into the fall.

Mask Makers Needed

We have had a steady demand for the masks that we have been making available in the portico of the church; and we are in need of more helpers to be involved in this ministry! If you can help sew masks, please contact Dottie Emerick at 330-626-2121 or dotfayemerick@gmail.com.

World Wide Communion Home Deliveries

World Wide Communion is October 4. Volunteers are needed to deliver Communion to the homes/facilities of those not able to participate. In contrast to other years, the procedures for this year are different, due to restrictions related to the coronavirus. Communion elements to be delivered will have to be picked up at the church building Friday, Oct. 2. If you are able to participate, please contact Doug Denton at denton1969@aol.com or 330-389-0116.

MAKE YOUR RECEIPTS COUNT!

Acme announced the dates for its 2020 Community Cash Back program, which runs from August 6 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! 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!

Upper Room Devotional

Print copies of the September/October issue of the Upper Room are now available in the church office entryway. You can pick up a regular or large print copy at any time; there is a basket for donations. We were able to make a digital version of the July/August issue available to everyone on our email list, and we are hoping to be able to do this again with the September/October issue. The Upper Room provides a brief devotional for each day.



Brode

Our sympathies to:

- Friends and family of Chuck Hawsman
- Brad Brode and family on the death of his mother, Mary Ann

UCM Returns This Fall

United Christian Ministries (UCM) at KSU is excited to invite any and ALL KSU students to our virtual meet & greet. UCM students will be on to talk about why they are a part of UCM, what UCM can do for you, and how we can support you during these uncertain times. E-mail us at ucm@kent.edu for your personal zoom link. Join us Wednesday, September 2, from 7:30-8:00 PM. Hope to see you there!



THANK YOU

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for the well wishes and book. I hope everyone is doing well, and I look forward to what God has in store for my future!

Best wishes,

Erik Martin

UMCK,

Thank you for the continuous support and love these past 15 years. I could not have done this without you. [in reference to her staff position at Mountain T.O.P. this summer]

Hanna Holman

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Helen Brinker, Israel Caminero, Regina Coia, Rachel Palmer, Olivia Russell, Roger Stiller, Larry Vandersal, Dave Vaughan, Dave Watkins, Sarah Wray



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*"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to
withstand on that evil day" Ephesians 6:13*

Worship Calendar

| Date | Sermon | Scripture | Preacher | Special Event |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| September 6 | "When Faith Doesn't Work" | Judges 20:12-34 | Dr. David Palmer | Communion |
| September 13 | "Raids and a Lost Ark" | I Samuel 4:1-1, 5:1-2 | Dr. David Palmer | |
| September 20 | "Angel Armies" | II Kings 6:8-23; Matthew 26:47-54 | Dr. David Palmer | |
| September 27 | | | Rev. Douglas Denton | |



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