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Dear Friends,

This week, the first week in April, is Holy Week. We look forward to these special opportunities:

- **Maundy Thursday, April 1 – prayer stations in the sanctuary.** Stations based on the stations of the cross will be set up around the sanctuary; at the final station you will be able to receive Communion. You can come to the sanctuary any time from 10:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. and move at your own pace through the stations. Masks are required. **Note that this is the Communion opportunity for the month of April.** We do not have Communion on Easter.
- **Good Friday, April 2 – livestreamed worship service at 7:30 p.m.** This will be a complete Good Friday service led by our Worship Band. Henrique Alvim will bring the message for the evening. As usual, the service will continue to be available as a recording, so that it can be accessed at any time after the livestreaming.
- **Easter Sunday, April 4 – At 8:30,** we will have our usual in-person service in the sanctuary. This is an abbreviated service with no singing; the music is the organ prelude and postlude. Participants wear masks and sit widely spaced apart. **At 9:30,** we will have an **outdoor worship service** in the parking lot behind the church. You can park along the perimeter of the lot and bring a lawn chair to set up in a large area that we will have blocked off. We will also have metal folding chairs available. Since everyone can socially distance and wear masks, and since we will be outside, *everyone* can come! (You do not need to be vaccinated.) The weather forecast is currently favorable, but keep checking our web site for weather updates, as we will have to cancel the outdoor service if it is raining. The service will be livestreamed in any case. This will be the contemporary service, with music led by our worship band. **At 10:30,** our traditional Easter service will be livestreamed as usual.

Wednesday Lenten Devotions are available as a recorded series online. You can connect with these by clicking on the “Musical Performances” button in the livestreaming section of our web site. Also remember that **Sunday School** continues to be available in video form, with separate videos for pre-school and elementary aged children; these can be accessed through our web site.

Our **Second Sunday** virtual gathering takes place at 11:30 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month. This will be on April 11.

The sermon series entitled, “Out of Exile into Hope” comes to its conclusion on Easter. I will be starting a new sermon series in April entitled, “The Truth Will Set You Free.” In light of the many falsehoods that have spread in our age, it is extremely valuable to hear what God’s Word tells us about Truth!

As noted previously, we expect to return to regular in-person worship on a yet-to-be-determined Sunday in May. We will provide updates in worship and in our Weekly Word emails during April. We look forward to finally emerging out of our long pandemic “exile.” Yet through it all God has been good—all the time!

In Christ,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

April 2021

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 8 members of our youth group and various adults registered to attend Mountain T.O.P. but there is still room for more. If you'd like to be added to the list of those going or have questions about the changes to the trip this year, again please contact Rick Stout.

Additionally, we are planning a virtual youth Sunday for Sunday, May 16. Due to COVID restrictions the youth portions of the service will be pre-recorded. I will be contacting many of our youth to encourage them to be involved in this undertaking, however; if you already know you'd like to be a part of one of our skits, or readings again please contact Rick Stout as soon as possible.

Shalom,

Rick ∞

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 7-11, 2021
VBS IS RETURNING
TO THE
UMC OF KENT!

We are currently planning to hold VBS at the Kent UMC the week of June 7-11. Our plan is to host VBS using the guidelines for safety that are available at that time from the CDC. Registration information will be given next month, but if you will be fully vaccinated and would like to help with VBS please contact Rick Stout at rick@kentmethodist.org or at the church office, 330-673-5879.



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our sympathies to:

- the family and friends of Regina Coia
- the family and friends of Margaret Neel
- the family and friends of Linda Dodds
- the family and friends of Laverne Smith
- Pat Beatty on the death of her cousin, Richard King

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Mark Anderson, Peg Arnold, Alex Copen, Donna Dietz, Debbie Eichler, Jason Kurtz, Jeffrey Kurtz, Pete Lepp, Amelia Parsons, Al Siegfried, Jane Smith, Margie Stahl, Dave Watkins

2021 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 May 1.

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!

Thank You

Margaret Neel received so many birthday cards for her 100th birthday. Thank you to everyone who sent her cards. Thank you to Gretchen Laflin for the beautiful rose plant and to Pat Gynn for the birthday cake.

Thank you to everyone who came to visiting hours and graveside services for Margaret's funeral. Thank you to Mary Reed Circle and Pat Gynn for the hydrangea bush.

Phyllis Neel

Thank you for your recent contribution to the Nehemiah Mission. Your financial gift is critical in allowing us to continue our work in the city of Cleveland and beyond. Know that your support in all forms is appreciated and is making a difference in many lives.

James F. Szakacs,
Executive Director

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp is open this summer at our East Ohio United Methodist camps! The parameters are adjusted due to the pandemic; but our Conference leaders have realized that the setting of camp—where campers can be widely spaced in the out-of-doors—is one of the best possible settings this summer for Christian Education to take place among young people. You can find out about camp opportunities through our church web site or by going directly to www.eastohiocamps.org. As always, our Kent church offers a "campership" that will cover one half of the Tier 1 cost of camp. There is also an early bird discount for registrations prior to May 1. Go to our web site to Spiritual Growth>Children's Ministry>Summer Camp for more details.

Audio/Visual Volunteer Team

In-person worship will be resuming in the coming months, and with it, a new set of responsibilities for volunteers assisting with worship. We are extremely grateful that many of the previous volunteers are returning to their roles, but we need additional help to keep services running smoothly. If you have ever been interested in audio or video equipment, or if you have been enjoying the online services and are curious about how they come together, there is a role available for all comfort levels. Visit our new page, www.kentmethodist.org/volunteers, to read about and watch brief videos outlining the roles available to anyone of any age or experience level. We are excited about the changes we've made, and look forward to welcoming you to the team!



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“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.”
I Corinthians 6:14

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
April 1	Maundy Thursday prayer stations worship—10:00 AM–8:30 PM in the Sanctuary			
April 2	Good Friday online worship at 7:30 PM on live.kentmethodist.org			
April 4	“From Exile to Hope”	Jeremiah 30:10–22; Mark 16:1–8	Dr. David Palmer	Easter Sunday
April 11	“The Bridge to Wholeness	John 20:24–29; Isaiah 53:4–6	Rev. Douglas Denton	Second Sunday Zoom Event
New sermon series: <i>The Truth Will Set You Free</i>				
April 18	“The Truth Tellers”	I Kings 22:1–18,26–36; Ephesians 4:25	Dr. David Palmer	
April 25	“Big Truth Versus Big Lies”	Psalms 15:1–2; Psalm 43:3; Psalm 86:11; John 14:6a	Dr. David Palmer	



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