



THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

At long last, we are approaching the point of resuming regular in-person worship! Our worship leaders have set the date for the resumption of our in-person services for Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Pentecost – the day when the Holy Spirit came with power upon the first disciples – is sometimes called the “birthday of the church”; and thus it is a very meaningful day to celebrate the rebirth of our in-person worship. Up until then, our mostly livestreamed format will continue (we do have an in-person worship format at the 8:30 hour in the sanctuary). We look forward to the following special events:

Sunday, May 2 – Communion. Be sure to have Communion elements on hand at home, so that you can participate remotely in the Communion portion of our worship. The new sermon series, entitled, “The Truth Will Set You Free,” will continue all month.

Sunday, May 9 – Mother’s Day, also in our church called “The Festival of the Christian Home.” We will have a special video presentation from our children in all of our worship hours.

Sunday, May 16 – Youth Sunday. Our senior high and middle school youth are preparing special elements for this service; including skits, special music, readings, and a message from one of our graduating seniors, Brandon Harvey. We are able to prepare and record these pieces separately, making possible the participation of multiple youth without needing to bring them all together in the same place at once.

Sunday, May 23 – Pentecost. Resumption of regular in-person worship! Please note:

- We encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated before returning to in-person worship, because our worship format will be fully post-pandemic. Masks will not be required, we will be singing, and social distancing may not be possible. Our livestreaming will continue in perpetuity, so you can continue to connect to worship via the livestream until it is safe for you to return to worship
- Parents are encouraged to take children directly to the Education wing at the start of the 9:30 and 10:30 hours. We will have childcare and Sunday School classes running for the full hour. Masks will be worn and social distancing practiced in the Education wing. There will be no Children’s Time in 10:30 worship, and the Children’s Choir will not resume until fall.
- Worship will be in the traditional locations – the 8:30 service in the chapel, the 9:30 service in the gym, and the 10:30 service in the sanctuary. There will be a fellowship time at 11:30 in Pierson Hall.

Sunday, May 30 – Memorial Day weekend. Our worship will include a recognition moment for veterans. We rejoice in all these ways to celebrate God’s working among us!

In Christ,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

May 2021

As many readers already know, we are planning to return to full in person worship on Sunday, May 23. Along with this exciting news we plan to celebrate our seniors on this Sunday as well. In order to accomplish this, we are asking that our seniors submit a senior portrait and a statement indicating their plans for next fall so that we can include this information as a part of our worship on that day. Please forward a digital copy of your portrait to rickstout@kentmethodist.org by Monday, May 17.

Our congregation would also like to recognize graduates by presenting to you a gift, as an expression of our congratulations and our best wishes for your future. Gifts will be presented at all available worship services and we ask that when you submit your picture you indicate which service you plan to attend, and if you will be present. We want to wish the members of the class of 2021 the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Nathan Palmer
Rhiannon Lewis
David Richardson
Abbey Poole
Olivia DeVries
Faith Kaminski
Josh Thompson
Brandon Harvey

Shalom,
Rick <>

Mountain TOP news

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.

VBS is returning to the Kent UMC!

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.

Sunday School to reopen on May 23

We plan to have Sunday School and child care available as part of our reopening on May 23. Parents are encouraged to bring their students directly to the Sunday school and pick them up promptly after the service. There will be no "Children's Time" as part of the worship. Mask wearing and social distancing in accordance with current CDC recommendations will be part of our Sunday school experience.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KEN WERTZ

We have begun to schedule memorial services for church members who died many months ago, when large funeral services were not possible because of the pandemic. We are planning a memorial service for Ken Wertz on Sunday, June 13, at noon in the sanctuary. This is timed to be convenient for our congregation, as people can go to the 11:30 fellowship time, and then return directly to the sanctuary for the noontime memorial service. Ken was a member of the United Methodist Church of Kent for over 50 years. He was active on various committees and also served as an usher. The service will be followed by a catered luncheon, and the family welcomes all to attend..



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our sympathies to:

- the family and friends of Dave Watkins
- Mary Lou McGregor on the death of her brother, William Waltz
- Krista Clavecilla on the death of her uncle

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Sarah Derrit, Foster Ewing, Dave Kurtz, David Munn, Mike Senyek, Al Siegfried, Margie Stahl, Jan Taylor, Larry Vandersall

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

Mega-sale planned for late August

Last year we initiated a new format for the Trash and Treasure Sale, in which we had a single much larger sale that had a longer preparation time and utilized multiple rooms in the building. This proved quite successful, and we are planning the same format for this year. The sale will be held on August 27 and 28, coinciding with the return of students to the Kent State campus. Start gathering your items now! Preparations at the church will take place over the three weeks prior to the sale, starting on August 9. Many volunteers are needed! Carol Pozuc is assembling the leadership team; you can indicate your interest to her via email at cpozuc@aol.com. The Trash and Treasure Sale provides important funding for our church's mission work.

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!

GIVE A GERANIUM IN HONOR OR MEMORY

Honor especially those who have served in our armed forces

On Memorial Day weekend, we typically use geraniums in worship to remember our service persons (active military and veterans), and since Memorial Day is often around the time of Pentecost, the red color of the geraniums also symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. This year we are again planning for geraniums on Sunday, May 23, which is Pentecost, and they will continue to be in our worship spaces on Sunday, May 30, which is Memorial Day weekend. We invite you to purchase geraniums in honor or memory of someone you choose, by filling out the form below. You can also place your order through our website. After Memorial Day, the geraniums will be planted in front of our church to blossom all summer. Thanks to our Tuesday Work Group for planting and maintaining all of our church flowers!

Order Your Geraniums

You are invited to donate geraniums to beautify the church sanctuary for Memorial Day Sunday, May 30. We will be particularly honoring loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Those names will be displayed on the screen on that Sunday and listed in the June Mosaic. These flowers will then be planted here at the church to beautify our grounds for summer. Please complete the information below (**please print** to avoid any errors), and mail it to the church office. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent and marked "Geraniums" in the memo line. Please return money with the form by **Friday, May 14**.



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

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE IF VETERAN: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



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Mailing Label Here

Mailed April 29

Congratulations Class of 2021!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
May 2	"What Is Truth"	John 18:33-38; John 1:17-18; Psalm 111:10 III John 3:2-4	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
May 9	"Many Deceivers"	II John 1-9; II Peter 2:1-2	Dr. David Palmer	Mother's Day, Second Sunday
May 16	Youth Sunday	UMCK Youth videos will form a significant portion of all worship services		
May 23	"Find Truth"	Job 28:1-3,12-16,23-28; Psalm 25:11	Dr. David Palmer	Pentecost, Regular worship resumes
May 30	"The Struggle for Truth"	Acts 18:5-17	Dr. David Palmer	Memorial Day Weekend



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