

THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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Dear Friends,

On Pentecost, May 23, we launched the restart of regular in-person worship. As expected, our online congregation continued to be larger than the in-person one, but we had a solid start as we moved into a new phase in our congregational worship. There were changes in our worship design, particularly at 10:30, as we took steps to align the experience of both in-person and online worshippers. Those changes received a universally positive review. There will be further upcoming changes in our in-person worship covid protocols, as our society makes rapid progress moving out of this pandemic. Currently, we ask everyone coming to worship to be fully vaccinated. We plan to drop the vaccine requirement once our state reaches an average case rate of less than 50 per 100,000. This is the ultimate target long sought by our governor. The case per 100,000 rate in Ohio can be seen at any time by going to coronavirus.ohio.gov. It is currently 82.3. Once the number drops below 50, we will take down the signs indicating that everyone at in-person worship should be vaccinated; but unvaccinated persons coming after that point should still plan to wear a mask! Our concern is for everyone to be safe in worship.

We have a staff change in our church. Sarah Brosvic, who has been our New Spirit director and also, over the past year, our secretary, will be moving to Maryland this summer. We are grateful for the outstanding leadership she has provided in our church. Sarah has been one of our key worship and office leaders during the pandemic. With her New Spirit ensemble no longer singing in the pandemic, she took on major responsibilities in our livestreamed worship and in our office operations. We will be celebrating her leadership on our church staff during worship on Sunday, July 18.

Our Music Committee has hired a new Director for New Spirit. Nik Stackpole, who for the past two years has been our ZAMARingers director, will also be directing New Spirit starting in September. In a revised design, New Spirit will now be singing twice a month, instead of every Sunday. They will also do the annual Christmas Cantata, which is the high point of New Spirit's musical leadership each year.

We have a job opening for the position of church secretary. This is very part-time position, involving three partial days a week at three hours per day, for a total of nine work hours per week. Currently, the timing is designed to be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 to noon, but this can be flexible. The position involves a range of secretarial responsibilities and has a starting pay of \$16 per hour. At least an Associate's Degree is required. We also have a job opening for an Assistant Worship Band leader. This person will provide support for Henrique Alvim and the whole worship band and will provide occasional substitute leadership. Job descriptions for both positions can be found on our web site. Applicants should submit a resume to my email at davepalmer@kentmethodist.org.

The secretarial position was created last year because of how Adam Alderson's job has evolved. A few years ago, Adam was doing the secretarial work in addition to building management and our IT work (web site and social media and worship streaming). As we moved into vastly expanded livestreaming and enhanced social media communications, the IT part of Adam's portfolio grew significantly, at which point our Staff-Parish Committee split off the secretarial job into a separate position. Adam continues to hold the title of Business Manager – referring to his work relating to all of our service companies – and he is the person primarily responsible for all of our digital communications. He will also be looking to add some work in drama – leading occasional dramatic sketches as a part of our worship experience.

In worship this month, the sermon series entitled, "The Truth Will Set You Free," continues!

In Christ,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

June 2021

As I look through my newsletter archives, I noticed at this time last year I was announcing the fact that the Mountain TOP trip had been canceled. This year I'm pleased to announce that this year's trip is still a go, but I still have two open spots to fill. If you'd like to be a part of this year's trip to Mountain TOP, or know a student who might, please contact Rick Stout as soon as possible.

At the time of this writing, our youth program is officially on summer recess but there are many plans underway for a full return to activity. Please be watching the mail and our upcoming newsletters for announcements regarding the restart of youth group in the fall, confirmation class, our "Time and Talent" auction, youth Sunday School and much more.

I am looking forward to an exciting fall and hope everyone else is too.

Shalom,
Rick ∞

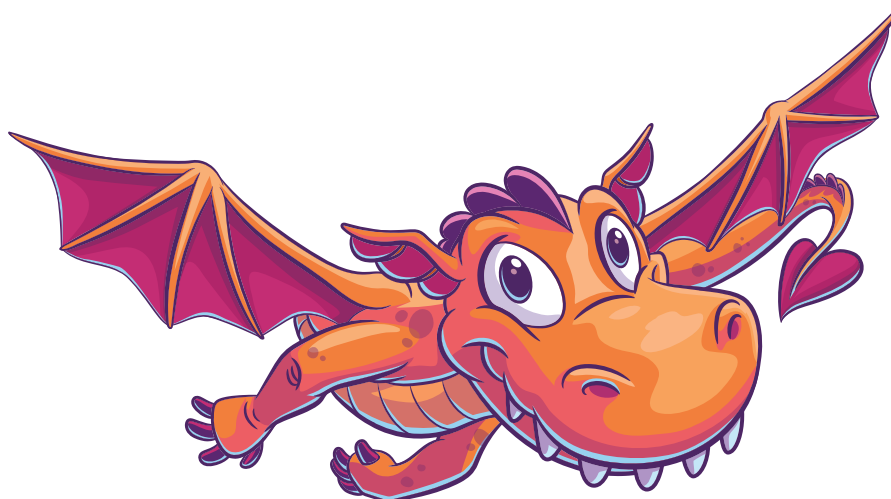
VBS HAS BEEN MOVED

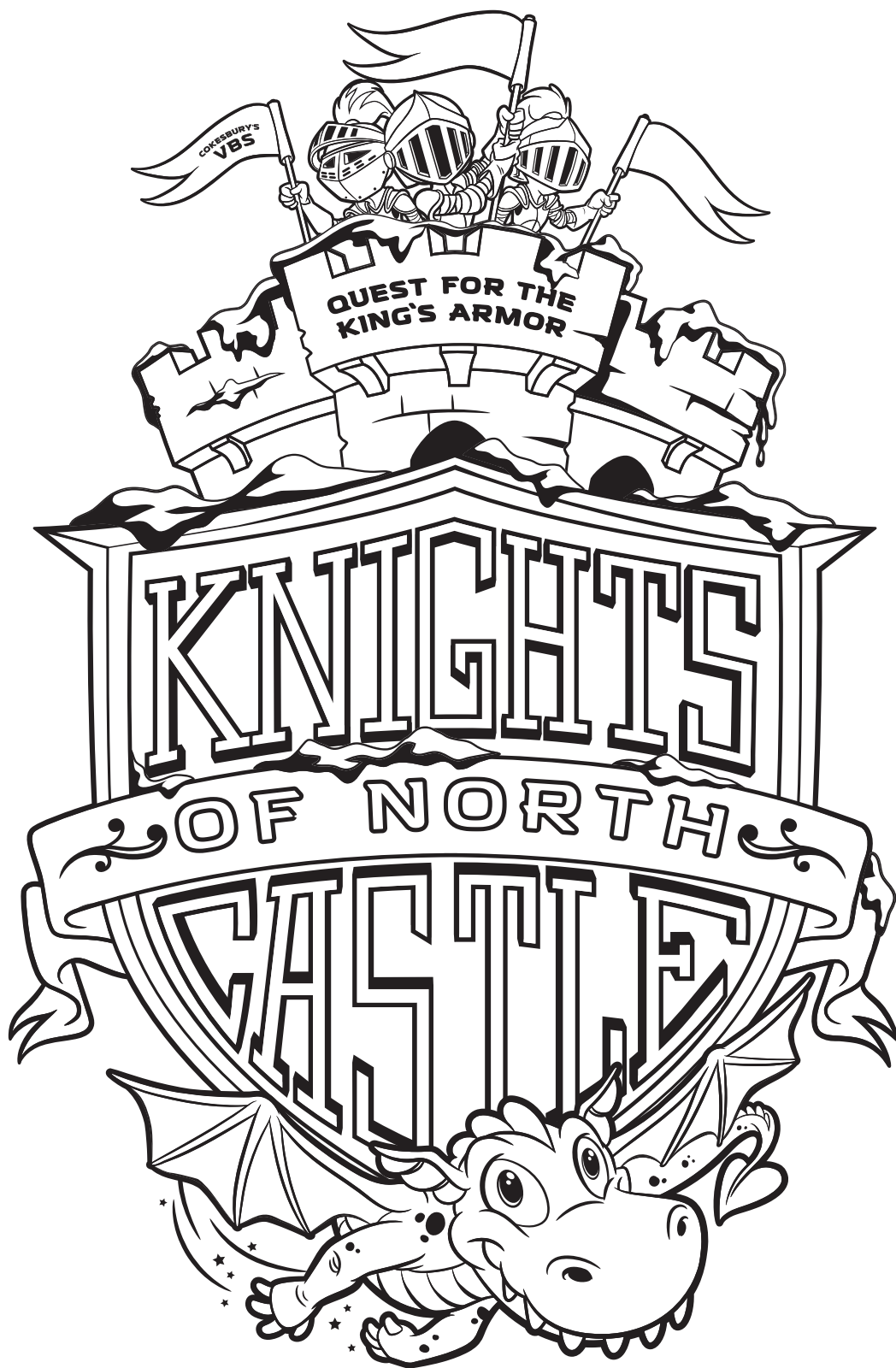
This summer's VBS week has been moved to the week of July 12–16. This year's theme, **Knights of the North Castle**, is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

VBS 2021, Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Help kids take up the gauntlet this summer and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love in a world that needs it more than ever.

To register please fill out and submit the online registration form found at www.kentmethodist.org/vbs or complete and return the included form to Rick Stout.





Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Name(s) of Child(ren)

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers

Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other Information

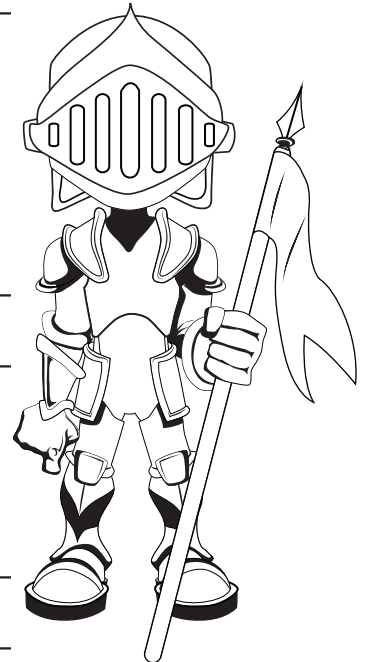
Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

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Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS



Can your child be photographed and have his or her picture appear in church print or web articles?
Circle one:

YES

NO

Fees are \$10 per child with a \$25 family maximum. (This only partially meets the expenses for materials, crafts, and snacks.)

Fee received _____ Check # _____ Checks payable to Kent UMC

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.

Annual Conference

Our East Ohio Annual Conference—our annual meeting of leaders from United Methodist churches across east Ohio—is happening in June, but it will be entirely in an online format. We have eight persons attending from our church: David Palmer, Roger Stiller, Claire Bank, Tom Emerick, Denise Mote, Judith Nedel, Mike Stiller, and Jeff Wattles.

Upcoming funerals:

The following memorial services have been scheduled in our church sanctuary:

Ken Wertz, Sunday, June 13, noon

Foster Ewing, Saturday, June 19, 11:00 a.m.

Dave Vaughan, Saturday, July 24, 11:00 a.m.

Margaret Neel, Friday, August 6, 11:00 a.m.

Kathy Hardy, Saturday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.

Many services had to be delayed because of the pandemic.



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our sympathies to:

- the family and friends of Foster Ewing
- Kathy Blair and family on the death of her brother, Richard Smith
- Henrique Alvim and family on the death of his father
- Reed Beck and family on the death of his sister, Nancy Paris

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!

Second Sunday Virtual Gatherings

During the pandemic, when we were unable to gather in-person, we initiated a "Second Sunday Virtual Gathering," whereby people could join in a virtual fellowship time via Zoom on the second Sunday of each month. We have put these gatherings on pause for now, since most of the people who attended them are now able to come to in-person worship; but we are evaluating whether to initiate something similar (at a different time) in the future.

Rest Room renovation

The long-delayed renovation of the women's rest room in the campus ministry wing is finally under way. The project is part of multiple renovations funded by the Grow Our Future Campaign. Other recent renovations have included new carpet in several Sunday School classrooms and a transition to LED light bulbs in the Education Wing.

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Larry Andrews, Richard Haas, Dave Kurtz, Phyllis Neel, Mike Senyek, Amy Senyek, Eleanor Smith, Margie Stahl



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Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor
vacation Bible school will be held July 12-16. Register now!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
June 6	"Conquering Fear"	Isaiah 35:4-8a; I John 4:16b-	Rev. Douglas Denton	Communion
June 13	"Truth Grounded in Faith"	I Samuel 18:6-9, 19:11- 17, 21:1-9, 22:6-23; Psalm 52:1-9	Dr. David Palmer	
June 20	"How Do We Know?"	Numbers 14:1-11; Matthew 16:1-4	Dr. David Palmer	
June 27	"The Reality of God"	Psalms 104:24-34; Acts 17:24-28; Colossians 1:15-17	Dr. David Palmer	



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