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Dear Friends,

Our return to regular in-person worship continues, as expected, to be a gradual process. In-person worship attendance has been slowly increasing at all services from week to week, while at the same time our online attendance continues to be larger than the in-person congregation. However people choose to attend, we are joining in worship!

Our Covid policy is now that we are mask-optional at all three worship hours. Persons who are not vaccinated are of course strongly urged to wear a mask while in the building! Persons who are vaccinated can choose whether to wear a mask or not. We encourage everyone to keep in touch with CDC guidance, which is continually being adjusted, and to keep in mind the basic reality that fully vaccinated people almost never get infected and only in extremely rare cases will transmit the virus (even the new variant), while the unvaccinated are highly at risk. Our biggest recommendation as a church is to get vaccinated! – for the sake of self and neighbor. Also in keeping with CDC guidance, our Education Wing remains the one area of our church where everyone wears a mask.

As we head toward into August and September, we have several major opportunities approaching:

- Disciple I Bible Study begins on Tuesday, August 17. We still have a few openings for this through-the-Bible study, which I will be leading this year and next. For those seeking to plan ahead, I expect that the 2022-23 Disciple I class will meet on Mondays. You can sign up for this year's class in the atrium and online.
- Disciple II Bible Study begins on Wednesday, Sept. 8. A sign-up for this advanced class, for those who have completed Disciple I, is also available in the atrium and online.
- The Confirmation Luncheon, which provides an orientation to our Confirmation program, will be at 11:30 on Sunday, August 29. Because of delays related to Covid, the upcoming class will include seventh, eighth, and ninth graders. Detailed information will be mailed out to all families of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders in the coming days.
- Our Bible Presentation Sunday, when we will present Bibles to both third and fourth graders, will be on September 19. There will be a luncheon about our Bible mentor program after the 10:30 services. Detailed information will be mailed out to all families of third and fourth graders in the coming days.
- Our annual Church Picnic will be on Sunday, September 12, at 11:30 in Pierson Hall. This celebrates the return to our full fall schedule. All the food is provided; a freewill offering will be taken.
- Children's Choir, Chancel Ringers, and ZAMARingers will all resume regular rehearsals on September 12. There will be an introductory event for children who may be interested in ZAMARingers on Sunday, August 29. Details will be mailed out to families this month.

In worship, the sermon series entitled, "The Truth Will Set You Free," will come to its conclusion on August 1. A new series will start on August 15, entitled, "Good Teacher – Life Lessons from the Lord of Life." I look forward to sharing with you, as we continue to grow in God's Word.

In Christ,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

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The time has come to start again. Fall sports seasons have begun to practice, school shopping has begun and many of the traditions associated with the fall are beginning. With a few exceptions it feels like the world is finally getting back to some sort of normalcy. Our youth group is also attempting to find normal as well.

We **WILL** be having a confirmation class this year! Youth group will restart with a more normal format on Sunday, September 12. We are planning a Fifth Quarter party, the return of our annual Halloween party, a 30-hour Famine, and much, much more. Be looking for a "Welcome Back" letter with all the details in the mail soon, and let get ready to GOOOOO!

Shalom,

Rick <>

Confirmation News

One of the most important parts of the life of the church is Confirmation. For seventh (and sometimes eighth, ninth or tenth) graders, Confirmation provides an opportunity to really think about what it means to be a Christian, and it leads up to the Service of Confirmation, when young people "confirm" or "say yes" to the Christian faith.

Our Confirmation program is a combination of classroom experiences, where we focus on major elements of Christian faith, and local mission trips—where we put Christian faith into action. Our Confirmation Class generally gathers once a month on a Saturday. We have a class session at the church in the morning, followed by an afternoon trip.

Confirmation begins with a CONFIRMATION LUNCHEON, immediately following worship on Sunday, August 29. This is for all students grades seven and beyond who have not been confirmed, and their parents and families. You are invited to a light lunch, after which Rick Stout and Dave Palmer will explain the Confirmation program in detail. We should be finished by about 1:15 PM. It is very important that everyone planning to be a part of Confirmation be present for this luncheon. This is what will "bring you on board" with our Confirmation program. To register for Confirmation and for the August 29 luncheon, please contact Rick Stout at the Church office

Sunday School News

The Sunday School department is in need of teachers and caregivers for both the 9:30 and 10:30 worship hours. If you'd be willing to help your church by either teaching Sunday school on a rotating basis or serve as a child care giver please contact Rick Stout in the office.

Interns being sought

Starting late summer/early next fall our church will again be supporting two ministry interns. These interns will focus on a combination of youth ministry and Christian education.

The goal of this program is to offer college age students and young adults the opportunity to explore ministry in a hands on way, answer questions about ministry as a vocation, and explore the idea of "call" in a person's life. And better yet, they get paid to do it!

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to learn more about or if you know of someone who you feel might be interested in these opportunity please contact me via, my cell 330-283-4838 or at the church office 330-673-5879 x12 to learn more about this exciting program.

Attention all third and fourth graders and their parents

As you enter the third or fourth grade this year, your church would like to present you with a very special gift—your very own Bible. The Bible is one of the most wonderful gifts that the church can give, because it contains God's message of salvation!

Bible Presentation Sunday will be September 19. During the early part of the 10:30 a.m. service, children and their parents will be called to the front of the sanctuary to receive Bibles. Parents are involved in the Bible presentation, because this is a way of recognizing the important role that parents play in enabling children to attend church.

Of course, the Bible only becomes really valuable when we use it. To this end, we have some powerful helps for children learning to use their Bible. First of all, our Sunday School enables children to really learn the Bible, how to use it, and how to apply its message to our lives. Secondly, we have a Bible mentor program. Each third or fourth grader is paired with an adult who will be his or her Bible mentor throughout the school year. Mentors guide children through a variety of activities that help them to enjoy, appreciate, and become familiar with their Bible. To begin the mentor experience, we invite all third and fourth graders, their parents, and mentors to a luncheon in Pierson Hall on Bible Presentation Sunday (September 19) at 11:40 AM. We will explain the Bible mentors program, and children and mentors will have an opportunity to get started together. The gathering will take place immediately following the 10:30 service.

Summer Campers

Although church summer camp this year is operating on a reduced basis due to the pandemic, we have three young people from our church who are spending a week at one of our United Methodist camps. They are:

Abigail Stiller, June 27–July 2; Camp Asbury
Counselor in Training

Kennae Jacoby, June 27–July 2; Camp Aldersgate
“Level Up” camp

Beau Harper, July 18–23; Camp Aldersgate
“Level Up” camp

Information about our camp ministries can be found at eastohiocamps.org.



A great big THANK YOU, to all the people who helped with Vacation Bible School this year! From sharing your time and talents to donating supplies, you are all truly a blessing to the 24 children who came and spent the week with us. Without you our VBS would have never been a success!

Rick Stout, Director of Christian Education

I'd like to give everyone the opportunity to read a little about this year's Mountain TOP experience. I have asked Savannah Phillips and Allison Hinkle to share with you about their trip I hope you enjoy reading about it as much as I did sharing in it.

Shalom,
Rick ∞



Mountain T.O.P. was a very fun experience. You learn important skills and hard work. Also you learn about the Lord and grow closer to Him. This was my first time on the mountain. I was nervous but I had a fun time. I would recommend it to anybody.

I learned how to build a wheelchair ramp and that you may need to change plans a little. I conquered my fear of heights by painting on a ladder. I learned what a swing-blade was and how to use it. I also saw how other people live and that I am lucky to have a nice home.

One thing I learned from the devotions is that even if you are far away from your real home, God has made a heavenly home for you.

Mountain T.O.P. was a great experience. It was a good balance between hard work, the lord and fun.

Allison Hinkle

Mountain TOP was a great experience. Every day was an amazing day. All the people were great. Especially the Frisbee family. They were the nicest people there. Camp was a great experience. Our major group leader Ryan was amazing.

Savannah Phillips

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Summer Schedule Communion Sunday	2 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	3 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	4	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Comm/ Conference Room	6	7
8 Summer Schedule	9 7 pm Worship Band Re- hearsal/Gym	10 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym	11	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	13	14
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22 Summer Schedule	23 7 pm Mission Comm/ Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	24 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group	25	26 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	27	28
29 Summer Schedule Confirmation Luncheon Intro to Bell Choir Event	30 7 pm Staff-Parish Comm/ Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	31 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym			Summer Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 10:00 Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:30 Sunday School—Preschool–6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall	

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
August 1	5
August 8	6
August 15	1
August 22	2
August 29	3

If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x14 or email Cara at caradesko@kentmethodist.org.

AUGUST LAY READERS

AUG 1	Alex Seed
AUG 8	Dottie Emerick
AUG 15	Tom Emerick
AUG 22	Edgar Kooijman
AUG 29	Wendy Seed

BIBLE LANDS TOUR

The previously announced Bible Lands Tour to Israel and Turkey—sometimes called the "cradle of Christianity" because of its many significant sites in early church history—will be led by Dr. Palmer from May 21 to June 5, 2022. The time frame, after the KSU spring semester, is a period of ideal temperature and weather, lower crowds, and less cost than a summer-time schedule would be. Details about the 16 day trip will be forthcoming in August.

**Our sympathies to:**

- Betty Hejma-Sweet on the death of her niece
- Sue Harvey on the deaths of her sister and brother-in-law
- Chris Schjeldahl on the death of her mother

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Mark Anderson, Pat Gynn, Hal Hall, Sue Hassler, Dave Kurtz, Barbara McColloch, Alice Ross, Mike Senyek, Walt Strawman, Candy Thaxton

**Trash-n-Treasure Sale:
A Mission Market**

Thur., Aug 26: 6–8 PM—Member Presale

Fri., Aug 27: 9 AM–3 PM

Sat., Aug 28: 9 AM–3 PM

Donation Times: M-T-W 9 AM–noon and 5–8 PM
(or by appointment) starting **Monday Aug. 9**

Call Carol Pozuc with questions at **330-571-5741**

No donations will be accepted after Tues., August 24. We ask that you donate with dignity: items should be clean and gently used. We cannot accept tube TVs, cribs, or car seats.

Volunteers are needed for many positions. We need help knowing how to price items. If you are a thrift shopper, could you help us decide how to price? We would also like to try to sell some things on the local internet sites like Kent Buy Sell and Trade. This could be done from your home if we send you photos. We will need additional help:

- accepting donations during designated hours
- picking up large item donations
- working during the sale (cashier, runners, department aids)
- cleaning up after the sale (including delivering leftover items)

You could also sponsor a designated department alone or with a friend. That includes handling items in that specific department only, organizing, pricing, and helping during the sale, and determining your own volunteer scheduling time.

Last year's sale was an a tremendous success because so many people offered their time and talents! Please consider how you can be of service and make this year a success as well!



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Mailed July 30

The Trash and Treasure Sale will be August 28-29!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
August 1	"Walk in the Truth"	Psalms 42:1-5; Hosea 6:3; III John 2-4	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
August 8	"How Are the Last First?"	Mark 9:30-36, 10:35-45	Rev. Douglas Denton	
New sermon series: <i>Good Teacher—Life Lessons from the Lord of Life</i>				
August 15	"Come to the Mountain"	Matthew 5:1-12, 17-20; Jeremiah 31:31-34	Dr. David Palmer	
August 22	"The Great God of Small Things"	Matthew 10:28-31; Mark 10:46-52	Dr. David Palmer	
August 29	"God Will Provide"	II Kings 4:42-44; Mark 6:31-44, 8:1-9a	Dr. David Palmer	Confirmation Luncheon



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