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Dear Friends,

We have hit a milestone in the history of the Kent church. At the end of June, I completed 26 years as the senior pastor here, thus surpassing the 25-year mark set by Carl Pierson. Pierson's tenure, from 1958 to 1983, was particularly notable, as it occurred at a time when pastorates were typically much shorter. Even as the average length of a pastor's appointment has grown from 4 years in the 1950's to 7 years now, I never expected to surpass Carl's mark! But it has been wonderful journey to share with this congregation.

Of course, nothing on this earth lasts forever. I have recently informed our bishop that I expect to retire in two years, at the end of June, 2023 (our appointment year ends each June). At that point, I will have served 28 years in Kent and 44 years in ministry. Mavis will be retiring at the same time. We will be keeping our home in Kent but expect to do a good bit of traveling.

Our church does not need to form a search committee or plan for an interim, because in the Methodist system we already have the search committee in place – it is our bishop and the cabinet! They will be working carefully, in consultation with the Kent church, to identify the best possible person to come in as the new pastor in two years. We are blessed to have a very strong team of church leaders – volunteers and staff – to guide our church through the time of transition.

In the meantime, there are many opportunities coming up. If you have ever thought about taking Disciple Bible Study, and you thought you would want to do it with me as the teacher, you have two more chances – either this coming academic year or the next. Disciple I will meet this year on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting in mid-August, and it will have a Zoom option. We also are pleased to offer Disciple II, which is for anyone who has previously taken Disciple I. Disciple II offers an in-depth journey through Genesis–Exodus and Luke–Acts. The class will be led by Judith Nedel and will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting in September. There are sign-up sheets in the atrium. See the Disciple article in this Mosaic for more information.

We also have an upcoming short-term study opportunity for adults which is described in an article in this Mosaic about climate-resilience workshops with Brugmansia Ministries.

Looking further ahead, I am pleased to announce a Kent church Bible Lands Tour, a little less than a year from now, when I will lead a group from this church on a 15-day tour through Turkey (sometimes called “the cradle of Christianity”) and Israel. We will have complete information coming out soon.

The retirement date is set; but of course two years is still a good bit of time. I look forward to continuing to grow with you in faith and mission together.

In Christ,
Dr. David Palmer

Disciple Bible Study

One of the most enriching opportunities in our church is **Disciple Bible Study**. This coming fall Dr. Palmer will be offering Disciple for the **twenty-seventh time** since his arrival here in 1995. The class's enduring popularity is a testimony to its power – it is a wonderful way to grow as a Disciple of Jesus Christ!

Disciple I takes participants on an overarching journey through the entire Bible in a span of 34 weeks. Through Disciple, people come to really know the Bible, to understand the Bible, and to see how the whole Biblical story connects together. Disciple will not simply expand your mind but will expand your spirit! It is an experience of growing in God's Word.

Disciple class participants read Bible passages each day (about a half hour's worth) and then come together once a week for a two-hour session. This fall the Disciple I class will meet on **Tuesdays** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting on August 17, with an orientation session, and concluding on May 17, with breaks over Thanksgiving, Christmas, and several other points. Here are some comments from this past year's participants about their experience in Disciple:

I looked forward to this meeting every week. I now have a greater sense of the Bible message.

This is the first time that I have stuck with reading the Bible.

I learned so much about the Bible and the history of the Israelites and the birth of Christianity. Seeing how God has continued to be faithful to people in spite of all their setbacks has deepened my faith.

Understanding the Scriptures has brought clarity to my view of Christ and God.

Disciple I is a great way to embrace the Bible.

I have a completely different outlook. I feel more devoted to God.

Disciple I has made me a better, kinder person and has helped me to talk to others about my faith.

I have also enjoyed meeting several new friends that I otherwise wouldn't have been able to know.

I learned so much during this nine month program. It will help me to continue to deepen my faith.

The reading was very manageable and enjoyable. I recommend this class for everyone.

What a blessing this has been.

Disciple is designed to be of value no matter where you are in your spiritual walk or your level of Bible knowledge. The main thing that is required is a commitment to the study. Participants are asked to "covenant" to do the daily Bible readings (with the aid of an accompanying study manual) and to be in regular attendance at the weekly sessions. We also ask that each participant contribute \$40 toward the cost of the study manual. Class size is limited, so sign up soon in the atrium or at kentmethodist.org/disciple.

Sacrament of Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism for children will be celebrated in our Sunday morning worship on both July 4 and July 25. Parents interested in the July 25 date should be in touch with Dr. Palmer.

Memorial Service for David Vaughan

A memorial service for Dave Vaughan will be held on Saturday, July 24, at 11:00 a.m. in our sanctuary. There will be a visitation time from 10:00 to 11:00, and a luncheon in Pierson Hall following the service. This is one of several services that were postponed because of Covid until now. There will be a memorial service for Margaret Neel on August 6 and a memorial service for Kathy Hardy on September 18.

Disciple II to Be Offered this Year

Disciple II is for anyone who has taken Disciple I. Disciple II takes participants through Genesis–Exodus and Luke–Acts. It is an excellent opportunity to journey deeply through some of the most important sections of the Bible. Disciple II will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting in early September. The class leader will be Judith Nadel, who has completed the full cycles of advanced Disciple classes. The cost of the study manual is \$40. Please sign up in the atrium or online at www.kentmethodist.org/disciple.

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.

Recognition for Sarah Brosvic

There will be a recognition of Sarah Brosvic’s work in our church during worship on July 25 and in the hospitality time that will follow the 10:30 service that day. As noted in the last Mosaic, Sarah is moving to Maryland at the end of July.

Upcoming Climate-Resilience Workshops with Brugmansia Ministries

We are excited to partner with Brugmansia Ministries this coming fall to discuss how our church can work to increase resilience in the face of Climate Change and climate-related migration. We will be hosting a series of four workshops on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in September, covering our calling as Christians and Methodists to address this issue, our community’s strengths and challenges in managing climate change in Kent, and the opportunities to partner with other organizations to work toward climate justice in Kent. All this will help to inform an actionable plan forward for KUMC. Meetings will be led by Claire and Mark Bank, along with Josh Richardson, the director of Brugmansia Ministries. We are planning to meet at the church, with a virtual option. Please consider joining us for this important work! There is a sign-up sheet in the atrium. Below is a bit more information regarding the organization, or you could also check out the website, at www.brugmansiaministries.org.

Brugmansia Ministries gets its name from a genus of flowering plants that are commonly called Angel’s Trumpets. The name Brugmansia Ministries references our organization’s focus on combining scientific and religious knowledge to amplify the voices of populations who are suffering from climate change, or are forced into climate migration, within religious communities. As an organization comprised of scientists, engineers, scholars, and religious leaders, we believe that the best solutions to addressing climate change and migration are both interdisciplinary and intersectional. Our mission is to address climate change and climate migration through the building of physical, relational, and spiritual infrastructure within faith communities to increase the resilience and adaptive capacity of those communities to proactively address climate-driven environmental and human disasters.

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	2	3
4 Summer Schedule Communion Sunday	5 Office Closed	6 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	7	8 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	9	10
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25 Summer Schedule	26 7 pm Staff-Parish Comm/ Conference Room	27 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	28 7 pm Leadership Comm/ Room 200	29	30	31

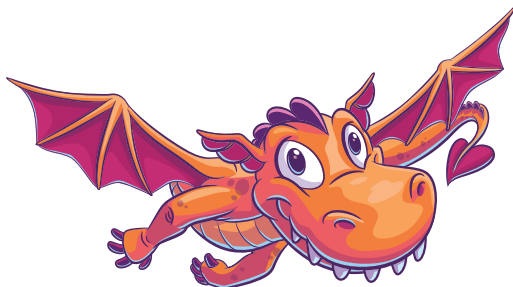
Summer Sunday Schedule

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
July 4	1
July 11	2
July 18	3
July 25	4

If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x10 or email Adam at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org.



- Our sympathies to:**
- Family and friends of Richard Haas
 - Dick Mitchell on the death of his daughter
 - Pat Gynn on the death of her sister-in-law
 - Chris Schjeldahl on the death of her mother

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Mark Anderson, Pat Gynn, Hal Hall, Mike Senyek, Eleanor Smith, Margie Stahl, Carol Stokes, Candy Thaxton

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

JULY 4	Andrew Alderson
JULY 11	Andrew Alderson
JULY 18	Eric Wertz
JULY 25	Eric Wertz

JULY LAY READERS

JULY 4	Jennifer Wilson
JULY 11	Judith Nedel
JULY 18	Cara Desko
JULY 25	Carolyn Tener

VBS IS HERE!

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 a form to Rick Stout. Physical forms can be found around the church.

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

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.



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Vacation Bible School is July 12-16!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
July 4	"The Heart of God's Truth"	Titus 3:1-9	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, Baptism
July 11	"The Honest Truth"	Matthew 5:33-37; I Peter 2:1; Psalm 34:13; Proverbs 12:22	Dr. David Palmer	Disciple Recognition Sunday
July 18	"Spiritual Truth in a World Full of Religions"	John 1:1-15, 10:11-16; I Timothy 2:4	Dr. David Palmer	
July 25	"Tell the Truth!"	Ephesians 4:14-16; Matthew 5:13-16	Dr. David Palmer	Baptism



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