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Dear Friends,

We have a big day coming up on **Sunday, September 12**, when the following events happen:

- We are adding a **Sunday School** option to the 9:30 hour, in addition to the Sunday School we have at our 10:30 hour. Both the 9:30 and 10:30 hours will now have both child care and Sunday School. Additionally, with the reopening of our in-person Sunday School, our online Sunday School videos will be coming to a close. A great thanks goes out to Chelsea Alderson for preparing those weekly during the past year!
- Our **Children's Choir** resumes, meeting each Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 in room 202/204. Children's Choir is open to all children aged four years and older.
- The **Church Picnic** will happen at 11:30 in Pierson Hall. All the food is provided. This is a kick-off celebration of our full fall schedule. We will have a bounce house for children.
- The **Chancel Ringers**, our adult handbell choir, will resume rehearsals after the 10:30 worship service in the sanctuary. New ringers are welcome!
- The **ZAMARingers**, our youth handbell choir, will resume rehearsals from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is open to all young people in the third grade or older.
- **Youth Group** resumes its regular Sunday evening gatherings, meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This is for all youth sixth grade and older
- The **Bible Lands Tour** registration will open. This 16-day tour, which I will be leading, will be from May 21 to June 5, 2022. It offers an exciting journey through major sites from the Bible and early Christianity. Half the tour will be in Turkey and the other half in Israel. We will have printed brochures as well as online information starting Sept. 12.

We have decided at this time to delay the restart of our University of Life class until after the first of the year. This offers a series of short courses for adults at the 9:30 hour.

Looking ahead, on **Sunday, September 19**, we will do **Bible Presentation** for third and fourth graders. There is a special luncheon for the children and their families at 11:30. Any parents who have not yet registered their children should be in touch with Rick Stout.

In worship this month, the sermon series continues on the theme, "Good Teacher—Life Lessons from the Lord of Life." Worship on the first Sunday of the month will include Communion as usual.

We rejoice, through these many opportunities, to continue to grow together in Christ!

In Christ,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

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Youth group will return on Sunday, September 12 from 7-8:30 PM! ZAMARinger will also resume on that day at 6:00 PM. While we are excited for the return of these activities we must remember that we are still in the middle of a pandemic and not everyone has received the vaccine or is eligible to receive it. Therefore we will require the following safety precautions during all youth events.

First, there will be no meal offered at youth group. I will be providing a prepackaged snack and a drink, however, we will not be serving full scale meals at this time.

Second, masks will be required as long as they are required in the Kent City Schools.

Third, as long as the weather permits we will be meeting outside. When we are not outside, we will be in the gym and practicing safe social distancing.

One thing we have learned in the past year is that youth activities can continue with these precautions, and we will therefore be offering a full schedule of events including Fifth Quarter and Halloween parties. Be sure to watch the mail for details about these events.

As always if you have further questions or concerns regarding the safe reopening of youth group, please feel free to call or email me at the church (rickstout@kentmethodist.org).

Shalom,

Rick <>

Intern being sought

Starting late summer/early fall the United Methodist Church of Kent will again be supporting a ministry intern. This intern will focus on a combination of youth ministry and Christian education. Qualified candidates will be entering their second year of college at a minimum.

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 this opportunity please contact Rick Stout via, cell 330-283-4838, by e-mail at rickstout@kentmethodist.org or at the church office 330-673-5879 x12 to learn more about this exciting program.

SEPTEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 12	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 19	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
FRIDAY 24	Fifth Quarter, details TBA
SUNDAY 26	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

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 caregiver please contact Rick Stout in the office.

Trash and Treasure Raises Funds for Missions

Our Trash and Treasure Sale, held at the end of August, raised over \$7500 for missions. A big thank you goes to chairperson Carol Pozuc and to all the many people who participated in helping at the sale or contributing to the sale.

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.

Kathy Hardy Memorial Service

A memorial service for Kathy Hardy will be held on Saturday, September 18 at 11:00 in the sanctuary, with a luncheon afterwards in Pierson Hall. This is one of several funeral services that were delayed because of Covid.

Grow Our Future Campaign

The Grow Our Future capital campaign, now in its second year, is geared toward supporting new generations growing in faith. In our local setting, the campaign is funding renovations in our Education and campus ministry wings. In our mission outreach, the campaign is supporting the building of a new women's dormitory at Africa University, our United Methodist university in Zimbabwe. To date, we have fulfilled one-third of our pledge to fund a student lounge in the dorm; and in our own building, we have completed the renovation of a rest room in the campus ministry wing, we have partially replaced the light bulbs in the education wing with LED bulbs, and we are nearing the completion of a project to put new carpeting or other flooring in all of our Sunday School classrooms. We still need to renovate Education Wing rest rooms and complete our pledge to Africa University. You can support the campaign by marking a contribution "Grow Our Future."

World Wide Communion – Oct. 3

Several of our church members who are unable to attend Sunday worship, look forward to having communion delivered to their homes on World Wide Communion Sunday. Volunteers are needed! You will have the opportunity to sign up in the church atrium beginning the first Sunday in September. On Oct. 3, there will be assignments, with elements and a devotional piece in a bag, for volunteers to deliver. (If COVID 19 is still "substantial" in our community, volunteers will just meet the recipients at the door. Otherwise, they will be able to enter and share the communion elements face-to-face.) You can also volunteer by contacting Rev. Denton at 330-389-0116 or denton1969@aol.com.

MAKE YOUR RECEIPTS COUNT!

Acme announced the dates for its 2021 Community Cash Back program, which runs from August 6 through December 25. Your Acme receipts can be placed in the collection envelope in the kitchen on the refrigerator and will be submitted to the Cash Back program for our UMW mission donations. UMW received over \$250.00 the first of this year for receipts collected in 2020. Receipts that are acceptable must be the entire receipt and have "Community Cash Back" listed at the bottom followed by a dollar amount. Receipts that are missing this information or those that are partial receipts cannot be submitted. The UMW appreciates your efforts to collect and bring these receipts to us, so please let's make sure that they count!

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 am Disciple II/Room 205	2 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	3	4
5 Summer Schedule	6 Labor Day, office closed 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	7 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 205	8 7 pm Disciple II/Room 205	9 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	10	11
12 Regular Schedule, Church Picnic	13 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Choir Room	14 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 205	15 7 pm Disciple II/Room 205	16 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	17	18
19 Regular Schedule, Bible Presentation Luncheon	20 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Choir Room	21 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 205	22 7 pm Disciple II/Room 205	23 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Budget Committee Mtg/Conference Room 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	24	25 9 am UMW Canal District Meeting/Gym
26 Regular Schedule	27 6 pm Garden Club Dinner/Pierson Hall 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Choir Room	28 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 205	29 7 pm Disciple II/Room 205	30 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Choir Room	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 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:15 Children's Choir—4 years—6th grade 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 Sunday School/Childcare 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:30 Sunday School—Preschool—6th Grade, Youth Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 12:00 Chancel Ringers/(Adult Bells)Sanctuary 6:00 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit	

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/9:30/10:30
September 5	4
September 12	5
September 19	6
September 26	1

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.

SEPTEMBER LAY READERS

SEP 5	Mark Lewis
SEP 12	Jill Beer
SEP 19	Pat Baldwin
SEP 26	TBA

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

SEP 5	Eric Wertz
SEP 12	Eric Wertz
SEP 19	Andrew Alderson
SEP 26	Eric Wertz



meaningful to those who receive the flowers, those who participate in this ministry receive as much in return through blessings for helping others in need. Please consider offering your help for a few Sundays each year. For further information or to volunteer, contact Becky Mulloy at 330-697-8943 (leave a message), or sign up on the sheet in the Atrium. For those who already participate in this ministry – thank you so much!



Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Walt Strawman
- Sara Miller on the death of her father
- Lori Foldessy on the death of her mother
- Tom and Dottie Emerick on the death of their nephew, Charles Ratledge III

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Dottie Emerick, Hal Hall, Ray Jobin, Dave Kurtz, Jeff Kurtz, Lois Mauck, Mike Senyek, George Wargo

THANK YOU

To the congregation of our church,

I would like to thank you for all your prayers, beautiful altar flowers, and to Rev. Denton for all of his uplifting phone calls before and after my surgery.

Bless you all,
Barbara McCulloch

Thanks so much for the beautiful flowers! They cheered me up.
Sue Hassler

Hi,

Thanks for continuing the online Sunday services. We really enjoy it.

Bob and Roselyn Bauman

Thanks so much for delivering the altar flowers. Ray got home Monday and enjoyed them all week. They were beautiful.

Donna and Ray Jobin

Dear United Methodist Church of Kent,

Thank you for all of the support and thoughtfulness through all these years. Since COVID, we have lost a lot of our older support that have continued and made this meeting available since May 17, 1982. That is 39 years this meeting has gone on. Thank you again for your hospitality. We are excited to continue supporting this community and look forward in trudging the road of happy destiny.

Yours truly,
Kent Monday Night Young People (AA)

Altar Flower Visitation Volunteers Needed!

The Altar flowers that are taken by volunteers after worship to shut-ins or people dealing with illness or loss are very much appreciated. Just read the many letters of thanks in the Mosaic! This activity is coordinated through the United Methodist Women's Circles. However, we are in need of more volunteers, to help us with this important ministry, since some of the UMW members are struggling with driving and getting out themselves. It is very easy to do! Not only are there instructions in the Flower Visitation book in the Usher's Closet, but any Circle member would be glad to offer their help. Although it is



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Fall activities begin September 12!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
September 5	"Christ in Us"	John 6:27-35, 48-63	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
September 12	"Seek and You Shall Find"	Matthew 7:7-11; Luke 18:1-8; James 4:1-4; Isaiah 55:6-7	Dr. David Palmer	Church Picnic, full activities schedule resumes
September 19	"Prepare the Way for a Miracle"	Mark 2:1-12; Mark 9:14-29	Dr. David Palmer	Bible Presentation
September 26	"Christ in the Storm"	Mark 4:35-14; Mark 6:47-51	Dr. David Palmer	



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