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Dear Friends,

Lent begins this month on March 2, which is **Ash Wednesday**. We will have a traditional service of ashes at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This very meaningful service uses the ancient symbolism of ashes to signify our repentance and the saving grace of Christ.

March 2 also begins our **Lenten potlucks**, which take place on Wednesday evenings in Pierson Hall. We are moving the start time of the potlucks to 6:00 p.m., to allow for a timely start for our Lenten programs. Just bring a food item to share plus table service; beverages are provided.

The **Wednesday Lenten Programs** begin on March 9, starting at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The first three Wednesdays – March 9, March 16, and March 23 – will feature a series entitled “Caring for the Caregiver,” led by Rev. Bob Machovec, who many years ago was an associate pastor in our church. The series will provide helpful guidance for all who find themselves in a caregiver role. See the article in this newsletter for more information. The Wednesday programs will continue on March 30 and April 6 with organ concerts centered on Lenten themes. The concerts, presented by our organist Dawn Filler, will be in the sanctuary.

A new sermon series entitled, “Life in Christ,” will start on Sunday, March 6. ***Remember to turn your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 13.***

On a personal note, you have undoubtedly noticed that I have been hobbling for some time and am now frequently using a cane. This is due to osteoarthritis in my left hip, the long-term consequence of a small anomaly in my bone structure (and the fact of getting older!) I am scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Monday, March 28, and will be out of the office and out of the pulpit after that until Easter Sunday, April 17. Fortunately, we are blessed with strong leadership in every area of our church, and our church services and other programs will be well covered during my absence. I am thankful for modern medicine and the answers it provides!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

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MARCH ACOLYTES

MAR 2	Savannah and Aiden Philips
MAR 6	Allison Hinkle
MAR 13	Kennae Jacoby
MAR 20	Tyler Hymes
MAR 27	Allison Hinkle

While the cases of COVID in northeast Ohio continue to decline our youth group numbers are slowly starting to grow. Our youth group is open to all sixth through twelfth grades from 7-8:30 on Sunday evenings. If you haven't attended in a while we would love to have you with us, so grab your friends and come to youth group next Sunday. As always feel free to contact Rick with your questions and concerns.

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 10 members of our youth group and various adults registered to attend Mountain T.O.P. but there is still possibly room for more. If you'd like to be added to the list of those going or have questions about the trip this year, again please contact Rick Stout.

Lastly we are planning a return to in person-youth Sunday for Sunday, May 22. If you'd like to be a part of one or our skits, or readings again please contact Rick Stout as soon as possible.

Shalom,

Rick <<

Summer Camp Registration Is Open

The average American youth spends:

- 270 minutes a day watching TV
- 4 minutes a day playing outside
- 7.5 hours a day on electronics

A week at camp provides 10,080 minutes away to consider, to dream, to believe that they are loved and created for a purpose. The United Methodist Church of Kent will pay half the cost of the camp as a "campership." For full details on applying for and receiving a campership, please visit our website at www.kentmethodist.org (go to Ministries> Children's Ministry> Summer Camp). You may also contact Dr. Palmer or Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator.

MARCH YOUTH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 5	9:30-12 Confirmation
SUNDAY 6	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 13	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 20	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 27	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

University of Life Lenten Series, Beginning Sunday, March 5

"Words of Life" will be the theme. We will be considering some of the Ten Commandments, the most important set of ethics in history. This will be based on Adam Hamilton's book, *The Words of Life, Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*. Rev. Denton will be leading this series as we reflect upon the DVD featuring Rev. Hamilton, who recorded his presentations from various locations in Egypt.

The class meets in the Chapel, from 9:30 to about 10:20 each Sunday through February 27. All adults are invited!

Flower Calendar

You can sign up to donate altar flowers in 2022 by registering on the flower calendar that is now posted in the atrium. Flowers are \$35 for a Sunday (which covers both arrangements). The flowers are delivered after worship by volunteers to shut-ins or people who have had recent health issues or losses in their family.

Pave the Way

This past fall we launched a new two-year capital campaign to renovate our church parking lot. The project will include several components:

- The entire lot will be “milled” (the crumbly and crack-filled top layer taken off) and then covered with fresh asphalt. The last time we did this was 25 years ago.
- Deteriorated concrete sidewalks around the building will be replaced with new concrete. This affects multiple areas, where aging and uneven concrete has become a hazard.
- Problem areas in the parking lot will be corrected. The bothersome hump at the west entrance will be eliminated, and concrete will be laid in the trash dumpster area
- The whole lot will be freshly striped.

You can make a pledge at any time, and you can contribute by marking your donation, “Pave the Way.” We hope to actually do the project in the summer of 2022, as the parking lot will definitely be in need at that point.

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 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!

EASTER LILIES

You are invited to purchase Easter lilies to beautify the church during our Easter services. Please complete the information below and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. **Please print** for the best legibility! All flower requests must be accompanied by payment. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent by April 3. Following the 10:30 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 17, flowers will be distributed to shut-ins by members of our UMW Circles.

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

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	2 1 pm Rebecca Circle/ Pierson Hall 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Dinner/Pierson Hall 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary	3 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Sanctuary	4	5 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
6 Regular Schedule	7 7 pm Worship Band Re- hearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	8 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 207	9 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Dinner/Pierson Hall 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm 7 pm Wednesday Lenten Program/Gym	10 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Sanctuary	11	12 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall 9:30 am Confirmation Class
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20 Regular Schedule Scout Blue & Gold Banquet	21 6 pm Garden Club Dinner/ Pierson Hall 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	22 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 207	23 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Dinner/Pierson Hall 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm 7 pm Wednesday Lenten Program/Gym	24 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Sanctuary	25	26 10 am-1 pm Haymaker's Farmers Market/Pierson Hall
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USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
Ash Wed. March 2	2
March 6	3
March 13	4
March 20	5
March 27	6

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.



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

- Our sympathies to:**
- Family and friends of Rod Knauss
 - Family and friends of Janet Crnkovich
 - Family and friends of Dick Rhoads
 - Jill Crawford and family on the death of her mother

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Janice Anderson, Ryan Dean, Nancy Lewis, Susan Smith

Ushers needed

We need a few new ushers at the 10:30 and 8:30 services. Ushering is a ministry of hospitality, and we spread it around across six teams at each service, so that your assigned dates come up only occasionally (and you can always switch if a particular date does not work). Please contact Dr. Palmer at davepalmer@kentmethodist.org to hear more about this service opportunity in our church!

**Caring for the Caregiver,
Wednesday Lenten Series**

March 9, March 16, March 23 – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Leader: Rev. Bob Machovec

Location: Gymnasium

Former First Lady, Rosalynn Carter, is reported to have once said: "There are only four kinds of people in the world. Those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who need caregivers."

Caring for a friend or loved one can be one of the greatest gifts one can give to another person. At the same time, caring for another person can be filled with a great amount of stress and anxiety. It is not unusual for caregivers to feel exhausted in dealing with balancing a personal life with the demands of caregiving. Over time the stress of caregiving can lead to burnout.

The question for many caregivers is how to find a healthy balance in meeting the needs of caregiving and maintaining a 'normal' life.

Every caregiving / care receiving relationship is unique. Days are often filled with a mixture of joy and sorrow, ups and downs, good days and simply bad days. Caregivers, as well as care receivers, know well the stresses and successes, anxious and more serene moments that can occur on almost a daily basis.

We will be exploring the joys and challenges of Caregiving. What does it mean to be a caregiver? What are the issues, challenges and stress points? What are emotional and spiritual issues? What are some common coping strategies in being a caregiver? These are just some of the questions we will address in our time together.

CAMERA SCHEDULE

MAR 2 Eric Wertz

MAR 6 Eric Wertz

MAR 13 Andrew Alderson

MAR 20 Eric Wertz

MAR 27 Eric Wertz

MARCH LAY READERS

MAR 6 Mark Lewis

MAR 13 Edgar Kooijman

MAR 20 Pat Baldwin

MAR 27 Alex Seed



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Mailed March 1

“All are from the dust, and all turn to dust again.” *Ecclesiastes 3:20*
Ash Wednesday is March 2.

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
March 2	“Binding Evil”	Mark 3:22–23, 26–27; Luke 11:20–22	Dr. David Palmer	Ash Wednesday
March 6	“Water to Wine”	John 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1–2a, 14–15, 24a	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, <i>New Spirit</i>
March 13	“Mercy Flows”	Matthew 18:23–35; Luke 18:9–14; Matthew 7:1–5	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>
March 20	“Jesus’ Secret”	Mark 7:31–36, 5:22–24, 35–43. 8:27–35	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
March 27	“Downward Mobility”	Mark 10:35–45	Dr. David Palmer	<i>Chancel Ringers</i>



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