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Dear Friends,

This month we head toward the celebration of Easter. Our worship services include many special elements:

Sunday, April 3—Worship at all hours will include the sacrament of **Communion**. The preacher for the day will be Judith Nedel, while Rev. Douglas Denton will preside over Communion. Judith has preached in our church in the past and has preached in several other churches in our District. She is currently seeking to be certified as a “lay speaker” in our Conference—a designation for persons who have taken course work in church leadership and who have gained experience in preaching.

Wednesday, April 6—Our final Lenten Wednesday program will be an **organ concert** by Dawn Filler at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (also available digitally through our livestreaming). It will be preceded by the last of our Lenten potlucks this year, at 6:00 p.m. in Pierson Hall.

Sunday, April 10—We celebrate **Palm Sunday**. At the 10:30 hour, children will process with palm branches during the opening hymn. Rev. Douglas Denton will be preaching.

Thursday, April 14—Our **Maundy Thursday** service, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, will include Communion, as we remember the Last Supper, and it will then move into a Tenebrae service, which tells the story of the crucifixion with special music (presented by our Sanctuary Choir) and the symbolism of darkness.

Friday, April 15—We have a **Good Friday** service at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium, presented by our Worship Band. This year the structure of the service will be such that it will be **in-person** only. We invite you to *come to church* for this special opportunity to reflect about the meaning of the cross.

Easter, April 17—We rejoice in the good news of the Resurrection! I will be back in the pulpit. I will have been out of the office since March 28, the date of my hip replacement surgery. Our 8:30 and 10:30 services are both in the sanctuary, and our 9:30 service is in the gym as usual. From 9:00 to noon we have a **Paschal Breakfast** in Pierson Hall, featuring sweet breads and beverages. We need volunteers to bake items to contribute! Please sign up in the atrium.

Sunday, April 24—The “Life in Christ” sermon series continues

Sunday, May 1—**Communion**, plus **Confirmation** at 10:30.

We are blessed to have many capable leaders in our church who are involved in all the various elements of these special services!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

April 2022

APRIL ACOLYTES

APRIL 3	Savannah Phillips
APRIL 10	Tyler Hymes
APRIL 14	Kennae Jacoby and Allison Hinkle
APRIL 17	Aiden Phillips
APRIL 24	Kennae Jacoby

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.

In order to support this trip we are planning to have a brick sale this year. Look for a mailing from our team the week after Easter (April 17).

Shalom,

Rick <>

VBS Is Returning to the Kent UMC!

We are currently planning to hold VBS at the Kent UMC the week of June 13–16. (four days) The theme this year will be Food Truck Party where children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party!

This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11; "Give us this day our daily bread." These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God — and that it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.

At the center of the Food Truck Party is a special food truck called "On a Roll." Here, Kids will learn from the food truck's Top Chef, along with DJ Cupcake (an adorable cupcake puppet), about the Daily Specials (Daily Learnings), which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs.

So mark your calendars for June 13–16 and come join the Food Truck Party at the Kent UMC

APRIL YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 3	6–7 ZAMARingers 7–8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 10	No Youth Activities
SUNDAY 17	No Youth Activities
SUNDAY 24	6–7 ZAMARingers 7–8:30 Youth Fellowship

Children's News

Sunday, April 10 is Palm Sunday. We will be asking those children who come to the 9:30 Sunday school hour to stay and join with any children present for the 10:30 hour in order to lead our traditional Palm Sunday opening Palm parade. The parade will occur during the opening hymn of the 10:30 hour so children will not be asked to stay a long time.

Additionally, on Sunday May 15 those children who participate in our Children's choir will perform a musical during both the 9:30 and 10:30 hours. The Musical will showcase the songs that they have learned over the year in Sunday school. Please mark your calendars for that special day.

Contribute Your Reflections for a New Book

Have you ever been judged because of who you are? Many people in our church, at some point in their life, have experienced hurtful speech or negative treatment because of their race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or some other personal quality. It can be most hurtful when that kind of judgment comes from people claiming to be Christians!

In the coming weeks, we are inviting people who have had that kind of experience to write a testimony or reflection, which will be included in a collection of essays that we will publish through our "Place to Grow" press (much as we publish an Advent devotional book each year). It is best if pieces are no more than a few pages in length. Please submit materials to Dr. Palmer at davepalmer@kentmethodist.org People who have witnessed judgment inflicted upon others may also wish to write a piece.

It is hoped that this collection can be both enlightening (for those who may not be aware of how their own speech and actions can be hurtful) and healing (for those who have experienced prejudice and exclusion). By making the publication available electronically through our web site, we hope to reach an audience much broader than our own local congregation.

The publication is timed to coincide with current developments in our denomination. With the delay of the United Methodist General Conference until 2024, some "traditionalist" churches (who do not fully accept LGBTQ persons) are planning to split off from the denomination over the next year. Our church in Kent is already clearly positioned; as a "reconciling congregation," we have a thoroughly stated welcoming and affirming attitude toward all! The publication of these essays will be an expression of why it is so important that Christians right now are a voice for affirmation rather than condemnation.

Our local church will be remaining in the United Methodist Church, which in 2024 is expected to begin a process of changing the language in our Discipline, our church rule book, to express a broadly welcoming attitude for the whole church.

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: _____



2022 Janus Scholarship Announcement

Janus Circle announces that we are now accepting applications for our Scholarship! The Janus Circle Scholarship was established in 2014 to recognize student members of the United Methodist Church of Kent, Ohio for their active involvement in our church and service to the community and who plan to pursue post-secondary education the following school year.

The Janus Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have demonstrated an exceptional level of service in the church during their teen years. The application calls for a listing of all the points of a student's involvement; however, there are no GPA requirements or essay! In addition, any college or other educational pursuit is eligible!

Applications are available from the church office or may be completed on-line on the UMC of Kent website. More details are also available on the website. Applications may be mailed or delivered in person to the Kent UMC office to the attention of Adam Alderson, postmarked or received in person by April 15th.

The award recipient(s) will be announced at Senior Recognition Sunday and it is possible for the award to be shared among multiple recipients.

Through this scholarship, the Janus Circle offers support and recognition to the youth members who demonstrate their commitment and service to our church and community. For more information, please contact Sally Dean at 330-283-6999. Donations to the Janus Scholarship Endowment Fund are welcome; please mark your envelope Janus Circle Scholarship Fund! Good luck seniors!

University of Life: classes for adults, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 3 – Final Session of the “Words of Life” series led by Rev. Denton

Palm Sunday and Easter, April 10 and 17 – no class

Sunday, April 24 – A new class begins, entitled – The Journey from Easter to Pentecost: Sharing Jesus’ message in thought, word, and deed.” This short course will be led by Dr. Jeffrey Wattles.

Church Camp Photos Needed

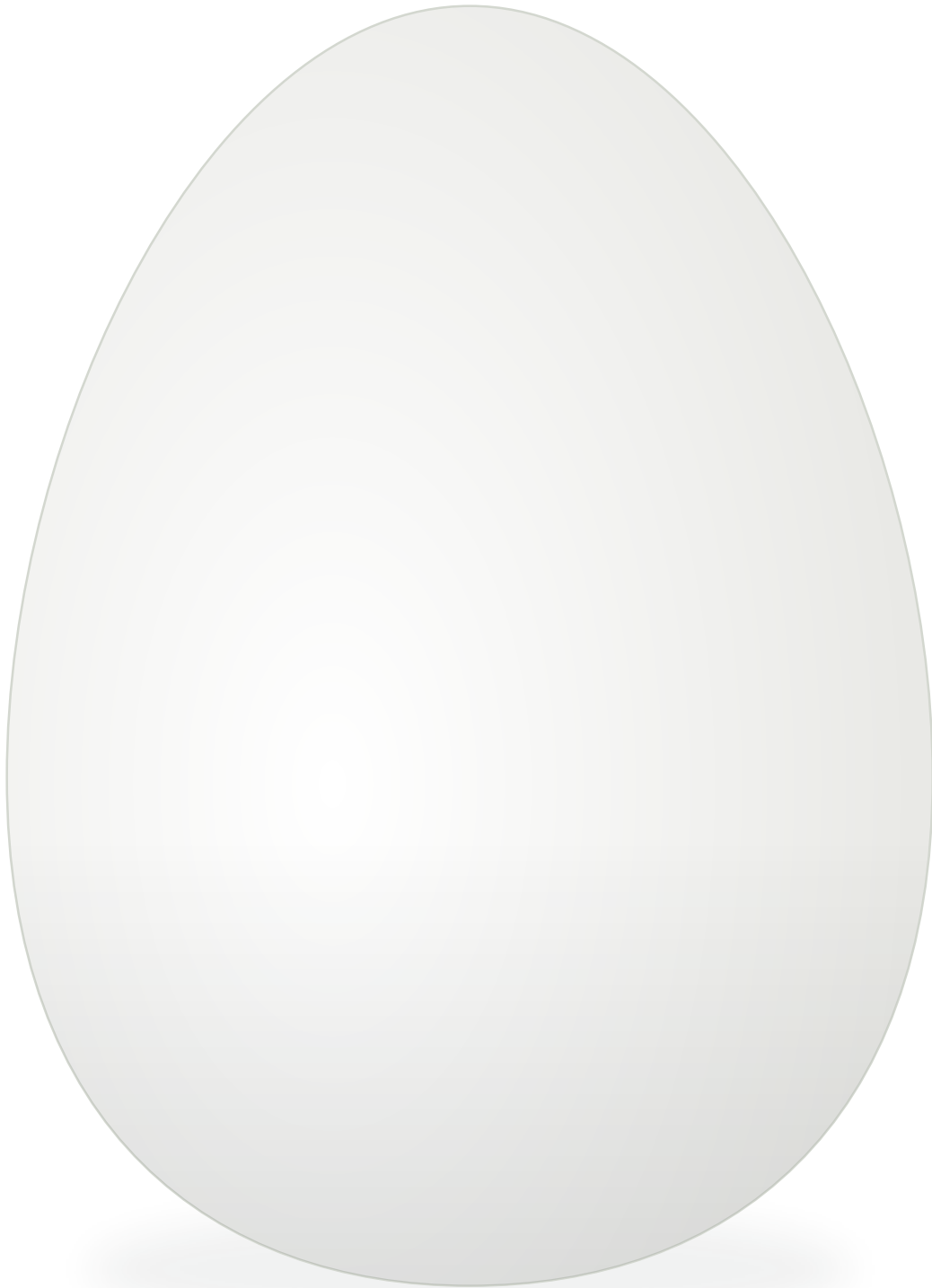
The Archives of Ohio United Methodism at Ohio Wesleyan University are requesting donations of church camp materials and/or photographs. If you have materials that you would like to donate or any photographs (preferably with names and dates attached) that you would contribute, please bring these to the church office and the mailbox of our church archivist, Deb Saito. She will collect the materials and send them all together to the AOUM.

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.



Color Your Own Easter Egg!

The Easter egg is a metaphor for Christ's time in the tomb. Jesus lay in the tomb for three days until, on Easter morning, the stone rolled away and he burst forth alive, conquering death for us all. In the same way, an egg holds a bird embryo until the shell cracks and the bird within emerges into life. Color the egg above any way you wish to celebrate and remember the glorious gift of Jesus Christ at Easter!

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Regular Schedule	4 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	5 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 207	6 6:00 pm Lenten Potluck Dinner/Pierson Hall 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm 7 pm Wednesday Lenten Program/Sanctuary	7 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	8 11 am -5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	9 9:30 am Confirmation Class
10 Regular Schedule	11 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	12 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 207	13 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	14 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	15	16
17 Regular Schedule	18 6 pm Garden Club Dinner/Pierson Hall 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	19 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 207	20 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Committee/Room 207	21 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Finance Committee/Room 207 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	22	23
24 Regular Schedule	25 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	26 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 207	27 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	28 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	29	30

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
 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 Pitt

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
April 3	1
April 10	2
Maundy Thursday, April 14	3
April 17	4
April 24	5

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.



Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Dale Onderack

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Janice Anderson, Nancy Lewis, Joanne Maynard, Chris Schjeldahl, Nancy Wertz

SPRING INTO READING

...and checkout the library display tables in the atrium! Each month books, magazines and thematic book bundles are featured on the table. These items can be checked out with the index cards and placed in the heart basket. Interactive features include a Pick a Prayer jar, a clipboard to share a book title that has most inspired you, and a Take a book, Leave a book option. (Free books to take are in the tin bucket!) Looking for multimedia resources? Check out the Faith Talks Podcasts these are monthly conversations with United Women in Faith exploring themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope, and love into action. The QR Code handout features codes to scan with your phone and link to these resources and the UMW Reading Program.

Summer Camp

Our United Methodist Church has a broad range of summer camp opportunities available for young people in Kindergarten (currently) through high school. You can find full information at <https://www.eocumc.com/camps/summercamp2022.html> You can also get financial help through our church! Our church offers a "campership" that will pay one half of the tier one pricing for one week of camp for any church member. Please be in touch with Lynnette at lynnette@kentmethodist.org for details about obtaining a campership. Additionally, there are District camperships available for persons who need extra financial assistance. Camp is a great way for young people to grow in faith, in God's great out-of-doors!

Thank You Notes

Thank you all for the many cards, well wishes, phone calls and food delivery after my fall. Flowers delivered by Judy Smith and a call and visit from Doug Denton were greatly appreciated. I'm on the mend while learning patience and accepting help from others. How wonderful to belong to a church that cares and serves people.

Gratefully,
Chris Schjeldahl

CAMERA SCHEDULE

APR 3	Eric Wertz
APR 10	Eric Wertz
APR 14	Andrew Alderson
APR 17	Eric Wertz
APR 24	Eric Wertz

APRIL LAY READERS

APR 3	Janeen Phillips
APR 10	Pat Baldwin
APR 17	Douglas Denton
APR 24	Janet Sessions



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Mailed March 31

**“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.”
*I Corinthians 6:14***

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
April 3	“Getting to Heaven with a Poor Man’s Faith or Can a Rich Man Get to Heaven?”	Luke 16:19–31; Philippians 3:4b–14	Judith Nedel	Communion, <i>New Spirit</i>
April 10	“Know Your Place”	Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26–27; Luke 19: 28-40	Rev. Douglas Denton	Palm Sunday, <i>New Spirit</i>
April 14	Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary and online at 7:30 p.m.			Maundy Thursday
April 15	Contemporary worship in the Gym (in-person only) at 7:30 p.m.			Good Friday
April 17	“If People Die, Shall Thy Live Again?”	Job 14:1-2,7–20; John 11:25–26a	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
April 24	“Eternal Life Begins Now”	John 5:24	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>

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