



# THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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The United Methodist Church of Kent—*A Place to Grow*

June 2022

Dear Friends,

We have multiple special events coming up this month, in particular:

**Sunday, May 29 Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.** Our worship will include a recognition of veterans. We use geraniums as one way of honoring people who have served in the armed forces in years past.

**Sunday, June 5 Pentecost** We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with power upon the disciples. Geraniums will continue to decorate our worship spaces, representing on this Sunday the fire of the Holy Spirit. We will have the sacrament of Communion at all worship hours.

**Sunday, June 12 Graduate Recognition** We will recognize our graduating high school seniors.

**Monday, June 13 – Thursday, June 16 Vacation Bible School** Please note the VBS article in this newsletter for further details.

**June 19 Father's Day** All this week, we will have a youth and adult team in mission at Mountain T.O.P.

**June 26 The "Life in Christ" sermon series concludes**

I look forward to sharing with you in worship this month!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

## Pave the Way

Our Pave the Way campaign has the goal of doing a major renovation of our parking lot and church sidewalks. The entire asphalt parking lot will be milled (ground down), and two inches of new asphalt will be put down. The last time we did this was 25 years ago. The work will also include the elimination of "the hump" – the excessive slope in the west entrance which makes it easy to bottom out when you are trying to exit our parking lot onto East Main St. At the same time, we will be replacing numerous areas of deteriorated concrete around the building. You may have noticed that we removed several trees whose root systems had grown to the point of impinging on the concrete. We will not be replacing the sidewalk along the road, since the replacement of that walk is within the scope of work that the city envisions doing along with a future reworking of Rt. 59 in front of the church.

We are in need of contributions to the Pave the Way campaign! You can contribute any time by marking your donation "pave the way." We hope to do the project this July.

# Youth Ministry News

## June 2022

### JUNE ACOLYTES

JUNE 5	Savannah Phillips
JUNE 12	Allison Hinkle
JUNE 19	Tyler Hymes
JUNE 26	Kennae Jacoby

The youth Mountain TOP trip is scheduled to take place from June 18–25. The team sent out a mailing requesting that the congregation please consider supporting this trip by purchasing a symbolic “brick” in the amount of \$25 to support this trip. If you did not receive a donation letter please contact Rick Stout to receive one or simply place a check in the offering and mark the memo line “brick sale”. The youth would also like to thank everyone in advance for their support of this worthwhile cause.

Our congregation will be recognizing graduates during the worship on Sunday, June 12. Seniors may choose to be recognized at any of our worship times, 8:30, 9:30 or 10:30. We will also be presenting gifts to the seniors as an expression of our congratulations and best wishes for their future. In preparation for this event, we ask that all graduates submit a senior portrait and a statement indicating their plans for next fall so that we can include this information as a part of our worship on that day. Please forward a digital copy of your portrait to [rickstout@kentmethodist.org](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org) by Monday, June 6.

Our church’s seniors include:

Zane Ferrara  
 Kevin Ina  
 Aron Kooijman  
 Desmeal Leigh  
 Jaden Lepp  
 Mallory Moldvay  
 Kyle Schmidt  
 Maren Seaholts  
 Abby Stiller  
 Will Stresing  
 Mya Syphrit

I am sure I speak for our entire church when I extend congratulations to you upon your upcoming graduation from high school. I pray that God will continue to bless and guide you as you take new directions in life.

Lastly, at the time of this writing, our youth program is officially on summer recess but there are many plans underway for a full return to activity. Please be watching the mail and our upcoming newsletters for announcements regarding the restart of youth group in the fall, confirmation class, our “Time and Talent” auction, youth Sunday School and much more.

I am looking forward to an exciting fall and hope everyone else is too.

Shalom,  
*Rick* ☞

## TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

### *Mega-sale planned for late August*

Two years ago we initiated a new format for the Trash and Treasure Sale, in which we had a single large sale that had a long preparation time and utilized multiple rooms in the building. This has proved quite successful, and we are planning the same format for this year. The sale will be held on August 26 and 27, coinciding with the return of students to the Kent State campus. Start gathering your items now! Preparations at the church will take place during the prior weeks in August. Many volunteers are needed! Carol Pozuc is assembling the leadership team; you can indicate your interest to her via email at [cpozuc@aol.com](mailto:cpozuc@aol.com). The Trash and Treasure Sale provides important funding for our church's mission work.

## Annual Conference

The Annual Conference is an annual meeting that makes basic decisions with regard to our church policies and missions in East Ohio. The East Ohio Annual Conference is meeting this year at the John S. Knight Center in Akron from June 8 to June 11. We have six voting members attending the Annual Conference this year: Dr. Palmer, Roger Stiller, Claire Bank, Tom Emerick, Judith Nedel, and Michael Stiller. Please keep this year's Conference in your prayers!

## 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.

VBS is open to four year olds with pre-school experience up to fourth graders, from 9:30 till noon. So mark your calendars for June 13–16 and come join the Food Truck Party at the Kent UMC. Registration is available through the church website, [www.kentmethodist.org/vbs](http://www.kentmethodist.org/vbs)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE HAVEN

The Haven, the new homeless shelter in Portage County that is located on Rt. 59 between Kent and Ravenna, opened in mid-April and is currently appealing for volunteers. The biggest need is for monitors across several shifts. Monitors are responsible for doing hourly bed checks and ensuring the safety and security of the building and its guests throughout the late night through early morning. Additionally, two of the shifts perform lights-out or wake-up duties.

Shifts are: 9 pm–1 am — Lights-out/monitoring; 1 am–5 am — Monitoring; 5 am–9 am — Monitoring/wake-up/breakfast. There is also an intake shift 5 pm–9 pm, which is much more highly involved: checking guests in, serving dinner, facilitating guest needs, etc. All volunteers need to be over 18, but there will be future opportunities for groups and youth to participate.

For more information, please contact Laura Stephens in our church at [laura@neutralspace.org](mailto:laura@neutralspace.org) or 614-264-1070. To register directly with The Haven of Portage County, go to [www.portagehaven.org](http://www.portagehaven.org), where you can fill out a volunteer application.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	2 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	3	4
5 Summer Schedule	6 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	7 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	8	9 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	10	11
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**USHERS AND GREETERS**

Date	8:30/10:30
June 5	5
June 12	6
June 19	1
June 26	2

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](mailto:caradesko@kentmethodist.org).



Remember  
These  
Members  
in Their  
Sorrow

**Our sympathies to:**

- Family and friends of Joanne Maynard
- Family and friends of Bill Hershisier
- Family and friends of Nancy Wertz
- Family and friends of Chris Palmer

**Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:**

Dave Gynn, Lee Hall, Bill Head, Mark Ryland, Thelma Seifert

**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](http://www.kentmethodist.org) (go to Ministries> Children's Ministry> Summer Camp). You may also contact Dr. Palmer or Lynnette Begue-Lavery, our financial coordinator.

**NEW LINKS FOR ONLINE GIVING COMING!**

If you have set up recurring online giving you will need to create a new account (with our new provider) under the new system by July 1. Over the next month we will be transitioning to our new provider with Faithlife. Online giving will be easier than ever! If you have any questions or need help doing this please contact [lynnette@kentmethodist.org](mailto:lynnette@kentmethodist.org).

**Thank You Notes**

We wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of you who has prepared food or helped in some other way for the family funeral luncheons. It takes many people to come together to make this service of the church happen. We have a great team of women who work at a moment's notice in preparing these luncheons, and they are very much appreciated also. What a blessing that we have such a caring congregation! God is working in us to serve others. Thank you so much.

Donna Dietz, service committee

Thank you for the altar flowers and the many cards.

Thank you especially for the prayers!

Gail Lundberg

**10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE**

JUNE 5 TBA

JUNE 12 Andrew Alderson

JUNE 19 TBA

JUNE 26 Andrew Alderson

**JUNE LAY READERS**

JUNE 5 Janeen Phillips

JUNE 12 Pat Baldwin

JUNE 19 Janet Sessions

JUNE 26 Alex Seed



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Youth Ministries**

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**Mailed May 26**

*Food Truck Party vacation Bible school is June 13–16!*

## Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
June 5	"The Outpouring of God's Spirit"	Isaiah 32:14-18; Joel 2:28-29; Luke 24:45-49	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
June 12	"Never Give Up"	Luke 11:5-9, 18:1-8; Matthew 24:45-51	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>
June 19	"Good and Bad All in a Mix"	Matthew 13:24-30, 47-48; Luke 13:6-9	Dr. David Palmer	
June 26	"In the Vineyard of the Lord"	Mark 12:1-12; Matthew 21:28-32	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>



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