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May 2022

Dear Friends,

The month of May includes many special elements in worship. We look forward to the following:

Sunday, May 1 – Confirmation Sunday and Communion. Our seventh graders who have completed the Confirmation class experience will be confirmed and received into membership during the 10:30 worship service. All worship hours will include the sacrament of Communion.

Sunday, May 8 – Mother’s Day, also in our church called “The Festival of the Christian Home.” In addition to the Mother’s Day theme, there will be a brief video from our bishop at all three worship hours.

Sunday, May 15 – Children’s presentation; Spiritual Gift Inventories Our children will present part of the morning message through word and song at the 9:30 and 10:30 services. The “Life in Christ” sermon series will continue at all three worship hours; and each hour will also include an opportunity to fill out a “Spiritual Gifts Inventory,” which is a way of identifying avenues for participating in service and leadership in the church.

Sunday, May 22 – Youth Sunday. Our senior high and middle school youth are preparing special elements for this service, including skits, special music, readings, and a message from one of our graduating seniors, Jaden Lepp. Youth will be leading at all three worship hours. The 8:30 service will take place in the sanctuary.

Sunday, May 29 – Memorial Day weekend. Our worship will include a recognition moment for veterans. Rev. Denton will be preaching.

We rejoice in all these ways to celebrate God’s working among us!

In Christ,

Dr. David Palmer

GIVE A GERANIUM IN HONOR OR MEMORY ***Honor especially those who have served in our armed forces***

On Memorial Day weekend, we typically use geraniums in worship to remember our service persons (active military and veterans), and since Memorial Day is often around the time of Pentecost, the red color of the geraniums also symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. This year we are again planning for geraniums on Sunday, May 29, which is Memorial Day weekend, and they will continue to be in our worship spaces on Sunday, June 5, which is Pentecost. We invite you to purchase geraniums in honor or memory of someone you choose, by filling out the form below (page 3). You can also place your order through our website (www.kentmethodist.org/geraniums). After Pentecost, the geraniums will be planted in front of our church to blossom all summer. Thanks to our Tuesday Work Group for planting and maintaining all of our church flowers!

Youth Ministry News

May 2022

MAY ACOLYTES

MAY 1	Savannah Phillips
MAY 8	Tyler Hymes
MAY 15	Kennae Jacoby
MAY 22	Aidan Phillips
MAY 29	Kennae Jacoby

April has been an exciting and very busy month for our youth. The confirmation class completing their final Classes of the year. The class will be confirmed on Sunday, May 1. The members of this year's Confirmation Class are:

Allison Hinkle

Tyler Hymes

Kennae Jacoby

Aidan Phillips

Savannah Phillips

During the month of May our Mountain TOP mission team will complete its training session in preparation for our trip on June 18. We are very excited to be sending 10 to the mountain to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau. I look forward to sharing our experiences upon our return. Please pray for our group as they prepare for another exciting yet challenging trip.

Finally, looking ahead seniors will be recognized on Sunday, June 12. Families of seniors please be watching the mail for details about this important day!

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. Registration is available through the church website.

MAY YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1	Confirmation Sunday 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 8	No Youth Activities (Mothers' Day)
SUNDAY 15	4-6 Mountain T.O.P. Brick Sale letter assembly 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 22	Youth Sunday No Evening Youth Activities
SUNDAY 29	No Youth Activities (Memorial Day)



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. The Trash and Treasure Sale provides important funding for our church's mission work.

Tree Work

A significant amount of tree trimming and tree removal was undertaken on our church grounds in late April, in preparation for the paving of our parking lot this summer. Several aging trees that were destroying concrete sidewalks were removed; and some problem trees were removed or trimmed back from parking areas. We anticipate the paving work to begin in late June or July. You can contribute to the paving project by marking your contribution "Pave the Way."

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 or 614-264-1070. To register directly with The Haven of Portage County, go to www.portagehaven.org, where you can fill out a volunteer application.

Order Your Geraniums

You are invited to donate geraniums to beautify the church sanctuary for Memorial Day Sunday, May 29. We will be particularly honoring loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Those names will be displayed on the screen on that Sunday and listed in the June Mosaic. These flowers will then be planted here at the church to beautify our grounds for summer. Please complete the information below (**please print** to avoid any errors), and mail it to the church office. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent and marked "Geraniums" in the memo line. Please return money with the form by **Friday, May 13**.



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

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE IF VETERAN: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Regular Schedule	2 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	3 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 207	4 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	6 	7
8 Regular Schedule	9 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	10 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 207	11 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Portage County RTA/Pierson Hall 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	13 	14
15 Regular Schedule	16 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	17 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 207	18 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	19 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	20 	21
22 Regular Schedule	23 6 pm Garden Club Dinner/Pierson Hall 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm New Spirit Rehearsal/Sanctuary	24 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	25 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	26 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	27 	28
29 Regular Schedule	30 Office Closed Memorial Day	31 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym			Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 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 Chancel Ringers/(Adult Bells)Sanctuary 12:00 ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit 7:00 pm	

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
May 1	6
May 8	1
May 15	2
May 22	3
May 29	4

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 Candy Thaxton
- Family and friends of Joanne Maynard
- Becky Mulloy on the death of her sister, Jane Proctor
- Greg Beatty on the death of his cousin, James McNaughton

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Krista Clavecilla, Pat Gynn, Gail Lundberg, David Palmer, Deb Saito

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 wonderful way for young people to grow in faith, in God's great out-of-doors!

Thank You Notes

Church family,

Thank you for all the cards and prayers. We really appreciate your support. Thank you to Elaine Alexander and Donna Dietz for delivering flowers from the sanctuary following each of my recent surgeries. Our church family is truly a blessing.

Thank you
Susan Smith

CAMERA SCHEDULE

MAY 1 Eric Wertz

MAY 8 Eric Wertz

MAY 15 Eric Wertz

MAY 22 Andrew Alderson

MAY 29 TBA

MAY LAY READERS

MAY 1 Janeen Phillips

MAY 8 Tom Emerick

MAY 15 Dottie Emerick

MAY 22 Edgar Kooijman

MAY 29 Mark Lewis



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Christian Education and
Youth Ministries**

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Congratulations Class of 2022!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
May 1	"Grow Up!"	Luke 14:27-33 Ephesians 4:11-16	Dr. David Palmer	Confirmation, Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
May 8	"The Giver of Good Things"	Luke 11:11-13; Ephesians 1:3-12	Dr. David Palmer	Mothers' Day, <i>New Spirit</i>
May 15	"Seeds of the Kingdom"	Mark 4:1-9, 13-20	Dr. David Palmer	Children's Presentation, Spiritual Gifts Inventories
May 22	Youth Sunday: Youth lead the worship at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30			<i>ZAMARingers</i>
May 29	"There Is No Other"	Romans 8:11	Rev. Douglas Denton	<i>New Spirit</i>



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