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Dear Friends,

This month I will be starting a new sermon series entitled, *Old Words, New Life—transformative teachings from the Old Testament*. From now until Advent, we will be journeying through important stories in the Old Testament that bring key messages for living today.

To grow in God's Word, a further outstanding opportunity in our church is Disciple Bible Study. This fall I will be offering Disciple for the final time. It will be the 28<sup>th</sup> Disciple I study that I will have offered in my 28 years here. Whether the next pastor offers Disciple will be up to that pastor; there are other Bible studies and other good approaches. So if you ever thought about taking Disciple I, now is the time! The class will be offered on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting on August 8 and ending before Memorial Day next spring (with several break times in the sequence). Note that on August 8 the class will be a one-hour orientation and will commence at 8:00, right after the Goodyear Band concert that we are hosting that night. See the article in this newsletter for a full description of the Disciple experience.

We are also pleased to offer Disciple III this fall. This is an in-depth study of the prophets (and the Bible history corresponding to them) and the New Testament letters of Paul. It is open to anyone who has taken Disciple I (you do not need to have taken Disciple II; Disciple I is the prerequisite for all advanced Disciple courses). Disciple III will be co-led by Judith Nedel and Kiersten McMahon.

Disciple Sunday – a day when we recognize Disciple participants from the past year – will be on July 10. We will have a moment of recognition during all three worship hours, and we officially launch registration for fall classes on that day. You can register for Disciple through our website or by signing up at the church.

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

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# Youth Ministry News

## July 2022

As I sit in the humidity that has gripped Northeast Ohio the past two weeks, I write this newsletter having just returned from our churches 22<sup>nd</sup> trip to the mountain. On occasion I have people ask “What is the Mountain TOP experience?” or maybe “what is Mountain TOP like” The technical answer the answer to that question might sound something like this:

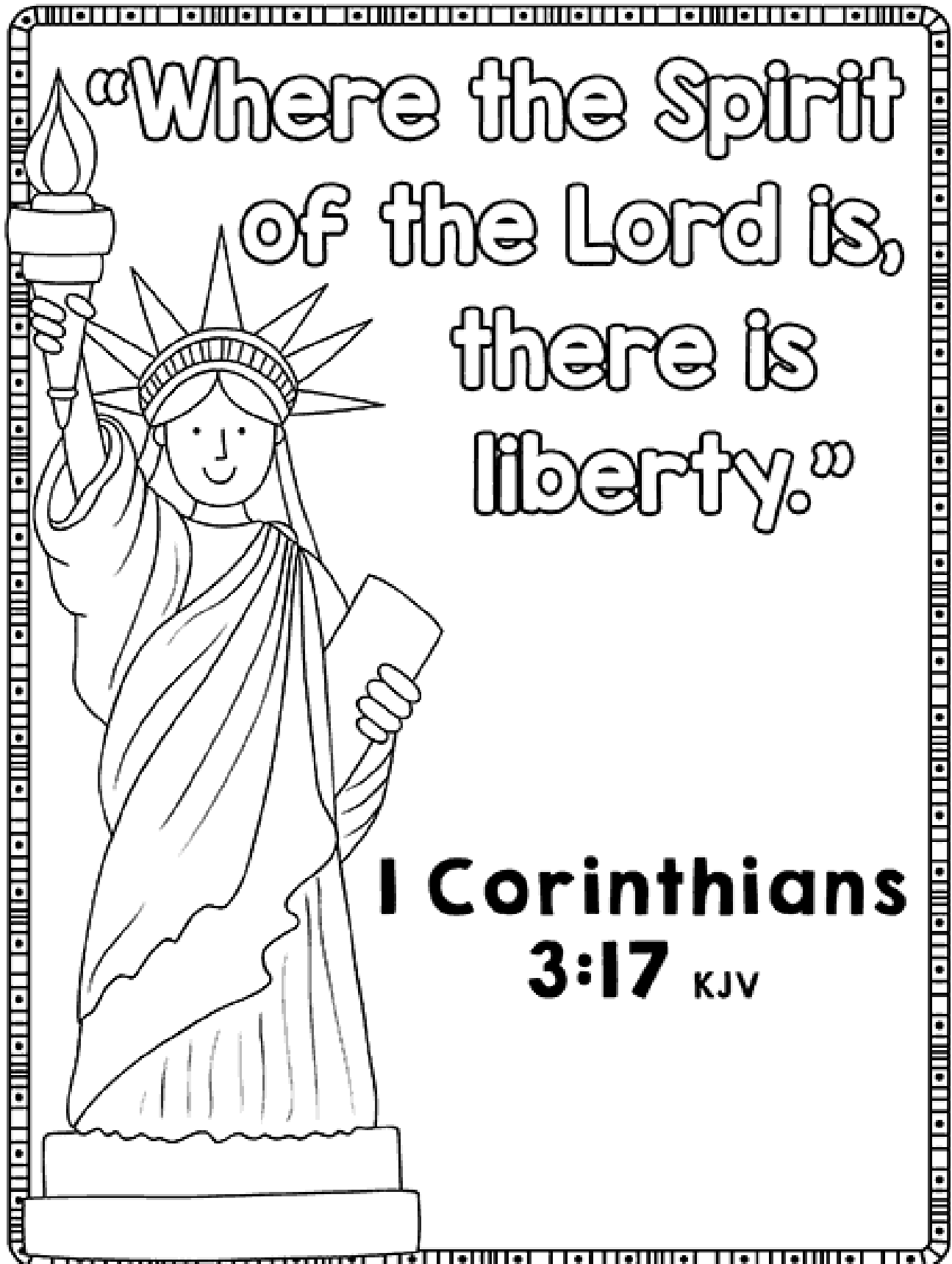
*The camp communities depending on the camp size are broken down into several Youth Renewal Groups (YRGs), made up of six or seven youth and adults, who serve families in 13 different Tennessee counties. Whether the project includes building a porch, painting a room, or repairing a fence, the service is founded in Christian compassion. The summer staff plan and coordinate all projects as well as provide materials. All projects are considered minor home repair or maintenance projects. Adults that participate have a camper role equal to that of the youth. Each evening, the community gathers for dinner, a time of sharing about their day's experiences, and worship. They spend time examining how their experiences were an outreach of their faith, and how they met the different needs of the families they served. It is a time of worship that allows youth to reflect upon how their service that day helped them to grow in their relationship with Christ. The Mountain T.O.P. experience not only provides the opportunity to be in service to others, but more importantly, it provides the opportunity to understand “why” we are in service.*

However; a more personal answer to either one of these questions is not so easily put into words, but I do know that in the 31 trips I've made to the mountain, each one has been the same and each one has been very unique. Words can't describe the feelings one gets from living for a week in the slow pace of the Southern Tennessee mountain life, smiles and waves from the mountain people, pecan pie, sweet tea, biscuits and gravy and pulled pork sandwiches. It is equally difficult to express the feeling comes from living for a week in Christian community, putting the needs of others first and setting an example and living your life the way that Jesus intended for us to live. Equally hard to express is the closeness you feel to God while on the mountain, daily devotions and yet we still get to work by nine and nightly worship services that never seem to grow old. Family style meals that start with grace and end with prayers for the community and a work day that begins and ends in prayer give you a unique perspective on what it really means to live as a Christian.

JULY ACOLYTES	
JULY 3	Savannah Phillips
JULY 10	Aiden Phillips
JULY 17	Allison Hinkle
JULY 24	Tyler Hymes
JULY 31	Kennae Jacoby

“What is the Mountain TOP experience?” It's all these things and so much more. As our team regroups after one of the hottest trips in recent memory, I look forward even more to sharing with everyone in August with testimonies from those who went to “change lives” and wound up changed themselves

Shalom,  
Rick <>



## Disciple Bible Study

Disciple I takes participants on an overarching journey through the entire Bible in a span of 34 weeks. Through Disciple, people come to really know the Bible, to understand the Bible, and to see how the whole Biblical story connects together. Disciple will not simply expand your mind but will expand your spirit! It is an experience of growing in God's Word.

Disciple class participants read Bible passages each day (about a half hour's worth) and then come together once a week for a two-hour session. This fall the Disciple I class will meet on Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting on August 8 with an

orientation session, and concluding on May 22, with several break periods during the course. Here are some comments from this past year's participants about their experience in Disciple:

*I was hesitant about joining the class but am so glad I did. I met so many wonderful people and learned so much.*

*This class is unique in that anyone, regardless of previous Bible knowledge, faith journey, or age can participate in the class.*

*I learned a lot about things that I thought I knew.*

*It was amazing how much was covered in the class.*

*Not only did I learn of Biblical stories and history that I only had cursory knowledge of, but complicated and even frightening elements were dispelled through this very scholarly treatment of the Bible.*

*I feel my faith is stronger now that I have a better understanding.*

*Disciple has been a journey of understanding, strengthening, bonding, growing, connecting, learning, loving.*

*I found Disciple class participants to be quite accepting of differences.*

*Disciple has helped reinforce all aspects of worship. I can now relate what we learned in Disciple to the sermon, the scripture, even the hymns.*

*How God never gave up on his people was inspiring and reaffirmed my faith.*

*This class was a rich, high point of my life this year.*

Disciple is designed to be of value no matter where you are in your spiritual walk or your level of Bible knowledge. The main thing that is required is a commitment to the study. Participants are asked to "covenant" to do the daily Bible readings (with the aid of an accompanying study manual) and to be in regular attendance at the weekly sessions. Disciple meets in-person, but it is also possible to attend via Zoom, either for the duration of the class or for periods of time or individual sessions. We also ask that each participant contribute \$40 toward the cost of the study manual. The class starts soon, so sign up in the atrium!

## Disciple III to Be Offered this Year

Disciple III is for anyone who has taken Disciple I. Disciple III takes participants through the prophets and their times and the letters of Paul. It is an excellent opportunity to journey deeply through these important sections of the Bible. Disciple III will be held a weeknight (TBD) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting in early September. The cost of the study manual is \$40. Please sign up in the atrium or [kentmethodist.org](http://kentmethodist.org)!



### Trash-n-Treasure Sale: A Mission Market

Thur., Aug 25	6 - 8 pm	
Fri., Aug 26	9 - 3	open to all
Sat., Aug 27	9 - 1	

- We need help knowing how to price items. If you are a thrift shopper, could you help us decide how to price?
- Also, we would like to try to sell some things on the local internet sites like Kent Buy Sell and Trade. This even could be done from your home if we send you photos
- Accept donations during designated hours
- Pick up large item donations
- Work during the sale: cashier, runner, department aid
- Clean-up, help deliver left over items after sale
- Sponsor a designated department with a friend:
  - Handle only the items in that department
  - Organize, price and help during sale
  - Determine your own volunteer time schedule

Date		
Wed. Aug 10	Table set up 9- 11 am	Donation collection noon - 4
Thur. Aug 11	Donation collection 9 - noon	Donation collection 5 - 7:30 pm
Sat. Aug 13	Donation collection 9 - noon	
Mon - Thurs. Aug 15-18	Donation collection 9 - noon	Donation collection 5 - 7:30 pm
Sat. Aug 20	Donation collection 9 - noon	
Mon. Aug 22	Donation collection 9 - noon	Donation collection 5 - 7:30 pm
Tues - Thur. Aug 23 - 25	Pricing 9 - 3	
Sat. Aug 27	<b>Clean up / Tear down 1:30 - 4:00</b>	
<b>??? call Carol Pozuc: 330-571-5741</b>		
Volunteers can choose to work whatever shifts or partial shifts that fit their schedule		
Clothes will be located in the <b>air-conditioned gym!</b> Books, Games, Crafts and Holiday will share room 200 and the children's choir room and have access to <b>air conditioning</b> as well!!!! Kitchen items will be in Pierson Hall ( <b>air conditioned</b> )		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please donate with dignity: items should be clean and gently used.</li> <li>• We do not accept Tube TVs, cribs or car seats</li> </ul>		

# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	5 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	6	7 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	1 2	2
10 Summer Schedule	11 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Leadership Comm./Conference Rm.	12 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/Gym 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	13	14 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	15 12 pm -7 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	16
17 Summer Schedule	18 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Music Comm./Conference Room	19 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	20	21 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7 pm Staff-Parish Comm./Conference Room	22	23
24 Summer Schedule	25 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	26 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	27 7 pm Gifts, Memorials and Investments Comm./Conference Room	28 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Finance Comm./Conference Room	29	30
31 Summer Schedule					<b>Summer Sunday Schedule</b> 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Child Care/Nursery 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:30 Sunday School—Preschool-6th Grade, Youth 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall	

**USHERS AND GREETERS**

Date	8:30/10:30
July 3	3
July 10	4
July 17	5
July 24	6
July 31	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](mailto:caradesko@kentmethodist.org).

**10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE**

JULY 3 Eric Wertz

JULY 10 TBA

JULY 17 TBA

JULY 24 Eric Wertz

JULY 31 TBA

**JULY LAY READERS**

JULY 3 Dottie Emerick

JULY 10 Judith Nedel

JULY 17 Mark Lewis

JULY 24 Tom Emerick

JULY 31 Alex Seed

**Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:**

Jill Beer, Jess Bennett, John Enlow, Hal Hall, Lois Mauck, Sally Ruckman, Claudia Sawyer, Cindy Vaughan

A great big **THANK YOU** to all the people who helped with Vacation Bible School this year! From sharing your time and talents to donating supplies, you are all truly a blessing to the many children who come and spend the week with us. Without you our VBS would have never been a success!

*Rick Stout, Director of Christian Education*

**Interns being sought**

Starting late summer/early next fall our church will again be supporting a ministry intern. The internship will focus on youth ministry, Christian education and Christian Education.

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 me via, my cell 330-283-4838 or at [rickstout@kentmethodist.org](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org) to learn more about this exciting program.

**Pave the Way**

Our major church repaving project is scheduled to take place during the month of July. The entire lot will be resurfaced, many deteriorated concrete sidewalk areas will be replaced, and the "hump" in the west parking lot entrance will be eliminated. We need contributions toward this major project! Please mark your donation "pave the way."

**Thank You Note**

I am grateful to everyone who sent cards, was very supportive, and attended Nancy Wertz's recent Celebration of Life service. Those who helped in various ways at her service and lunch afterward are greatly appreciated. It is wonderful to be part of such a caring church family and it gives me strength during this difficult time .

Sincerely,

Eric Wertz



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*Happy Independence Day!*

## Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
July 3	"Where Our Strength Lies"	Judges 16:4-21, 23-25, 28-30a	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
July 10	"The Judge on High"	Obadiah 1-4, 12-15	Dr. David Palmer	Disciple Sunday, <i>New Spirit</i>
July 17	"Make Room for Mystery"	Genesis 18:1-10; II Kings 5:9-14	Dr. David Palmer	
July 24	"The Great Day of the Lord"	Nahum 1:2-8; Zephaniah 1:2-16, 3:14-20	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>
July 31	"Don't Keep It to Yourself"	Luke 12:13-21; Colossians 3:5-11	Judith Nedel	



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