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Dear Friends,

Please note the letter below from Rev. Denton.

In our worship in November, we look forward to the following special events:

Sunday, Nov. 6 – All Saints Sunday. Our worship at all hours includes a remembrance of persons who have died in the past year. We share in the sacrament of Communion.

Sunday, Nov. 13 – Music Sunday. Following upon our dedication of our rebuilt sanctuary organ on October 30, this Sunday will include special musical elements in worship.

Sunday, Nov. 20 – Thanksgiving Sunday. Rev. Denton will be preaching. The 10:30 service will include a Children's Thanksgiving Parade.

Sunday, Nov. 27 – First Sunday of Advent. We begin lighting the Advent Wreath in our worship hours, as we reflect about the promised coming of our Savior.

In Christ, Dr. David Palmer

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I prepared to write this, I found myself reflecting on the scripture, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1). After a significant amount of thought and prayer, I have decided to resign my position as Minister of Pastoral Care. It is "time". This will become effective as of July 1, 2023. This has not been an easy decision. But it is clear to me that this is the right move for me and for the church.

I am announcing this well in advance of when we learn who will be appointed the new pastor. I want it to be clear that this is my decision, and has nothing to do with who that person might be.

My basic reason for resigning? It's "time". I will have served in this position for 20 ½ years. It's "time"!

This is the longest I have served in any kind of position my whole life. I do not regret one minute of it. My ministry with you has been full of challenge, excitement and growth in Christ. Every moment has been worth it. You have helped me grow in faith so many ways that I cannot count them. God has blessed me with your support, your witness, your prayers, and your love.

I am sure that the next 8 months will be just as full and inspiring as the last 20 ½ years. Thanks be to God for the love and care that has kept us going. And I am confident God will continue to be here for us.

Peace, Doug Denton

Youth Ministry News

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NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

NOV 6	Savannah Phillips
NOV 13	Ally Hinkle
NOV 20	TBA
NOV 27	TBA

It's always amazing to me how fast the fall goes. At the time of this writing the youth are planning to host their annual Halloween party. I hope everyone will mark their calendars and bring their friends for this exciting event! The night will include Laser Tag, Octoball and Nine-Square in the Air. A party sub from Jersey Mikes will be eaten, and there will be a costume contest, prizes for the person who brought the most guest, and much, much more!

While the month of October has been full of fun November is

just as jam packed. I want to announce that the youth this year will be again performing a Christmas play. Rehearsals for this year's play will begin mid-November in the gym. Anyone interested in being a part of this production is strongly encouraged to contact Rick ASAP.

In conclusion, I want to update everyone about our mission trip being offered next summer. At the time of this writing we are planning to go to Mountain TOP the week of June 17-24, 2023. Applications to be a part of the trip are being accepted from now until January 8. If you're still interested in the trip but miss the interest meeting, please call Rick on his cell 330-283-4838 or at the church office in order to be reserve your spot.

Shalom,
Rick <><

2022 Mountain T.O.P. Fall Festival report:

On a sunny Saturday October 22, over 250 Grundy county locals filed into the tenth fall festival hosted by Mountain T.O.P. Smiles were plentiful as patrons received 263 winter coats, over 250 pairs of shoes, 900 plus socks, hundreds of hats and over 1000 children's books.

I'd like to extend a great big thank you to those who helped us collect 135 of the winter coats that were given away at this extremely worthwhile event. I also look forward to the continued support that our loyal church members can offer next year.



NOVEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

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
SATURDAY 26	Ohio State beats T.T.U.N.
SUNDAY 27	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

Would you sponsor a college student to go to the Holy Land?

We have several college students in our church who will be going on the Bible Lands Tour and whose way will be paid by their parents (the Palmer kids and Abbey Stiller). We also have at least one Mount Union student, not from our church, who is interested in going but who is in need of financial assistance. If you would be willing to be a sponsor, providing partial support to help a student make this spiritual journey, please be in touch with Dr. Palmer.

Annual Thanksgiving Canned Good Drive

Once again the Sunday School department will be collecting canned goods during the Thanksgiving season to be given to the Lord's Pantry at Kent Social Services, to be distributed to needy families in our area. Canned goods may be brought to your children's Sunday School classes starting November 6 and continuing until our annual Thanksgiving parade on November 20.

MAKE YOUR RECEIPTS COUNT!

Acme announced the dates for its 2022 Community Cash Back program, which runs from August 4 through December 24. Your Acme receipts can be placed in the collection envelope in the kitchen on the refrigerator and will be submitted to the Cash Back program for our UMW mission donations. UMW received over \$250.00 the first of this year for receipts collected in 2020. Receipts that are acceptable must be the entire receipt and have "Community Cash Back" listed at the bottom followed by a dollar amount. Receipts that are missing this information or those that are partial receipts cannot be submitted. The UMW appreciates your efforts to collect and bring these receipts to us, so please let's make sure that they count!

Bible Lands Tour

Registrations are still open for the Bible Lands Tour, a 16-day journey through Turkey and Israel that will be led by Dr. Palmer in late June of next year. The dates are June 16–July 1, 2023. There are brochures around the church building, and there is a direct link to a tour description and online registration on the front page of our church web site.

All Saints' Day Commemoration

This year, All Saints' Sunday will be commemorated on November 6. During all services that day, the names of people who have been lost in the past year (November 2021–October 2022) will be read out to remember those who have ascended to heaven. Please use the form on our website (www.kentmethodist.org/saints) to submit names for remembrance. If you have any questions, or need to make changes to your dedication, please contact the church office.

Lord's Lunch

Several times a year we provide a Saturday lunch, called "the Lord's Lunch," for needy people in our community. We are a part of a rotation of churches and civic groups that provide this lunch year-round, using the Trinity Lutheran Church as the regular location. Our next date is Saturday, November 19. Volunteers assist Staci Stout with food preparation, serving, and cleanup from about 10:00 to 1:00. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dr. Palmer at davepalmer@kentmethodist.org.

Church Table at the Farmers' Market

During the winter months, starting in December, we host the Farmers' Market in Pierson Hall and in the gym. It is quite popular, especially in December! This year we want to have a church table, primarily for the purpose of letting all the visitors know about our church! We will have church brochures available and also Dr. Palmer's books for sale (proceeds from the sales support the church). We need volunteers to staff the table! The market is open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each Saturday, starting December 4, but it will not be operating on Christmas or New Year's days. Volunteers at our church table will just need to set up our items on the table and then be ready to offer a friendly welcome to people passing by! If you would be willing to help with this outreach ministry, please contact Dr. Palmer at davepalmer@kentmethodist.org.

Thanksgiving Offering

Our Thanksgiving Offering this year will go towards local and area missions. A Thanksgiving letter will be going out this month, which will describe the special projects supported.

Pledge Cards

A stewardship letter went out in October, which invited persons to make a financial pledge to the work of Christ through our church in the coming year. There are additional pledge cards around our church building. Cards can be returned by mail or can be placed into an offering plate on any Sunday morning, or they can also be filled out online.

2023 UMC of Kent Flower Delivery Schedule

The act of service, through recycling and reusing the donated bouquets that decorate our worship spaces, allow us to reach out and connect with members of our congregation. Whether to say, "Get Well," We're thinking of you, or during a time in life when someone needs a kind word, flowers are a simple gesture to bring warmth to another's day.

We are using Signupgenius.com for flower delivery signups for 2023. Please visit the link below to learn more and sign up!

www.kentmethodist.org/altarflowers

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	2 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200 1-5 pm Rebecca Circle/PH	3 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	4	5
6 Regular Schedule	7 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	8 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	9 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	10 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	11	12
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20 Regular Schedule	21 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	22 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	23 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 Regular Schedule	28 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	29 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	30 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200		Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 Sunday School/Children's Choir/Childcare 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:30 Sunday School/Childcare 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 Pit	

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
November 6	3
November 13	4
November 20	5
November 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.

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

NOV 6 Eric Wertz

NOV 13 Eric Wertz

NOV 20 Eric Wertz

NOV 27 Andrew Alderson

Advent Devotional Book

Every year for Advent we publish a book of daily devotions written by members of our church. You can contribute! You can volunteer and get more information on the devotions by contacting Adam Alderson at adamalderson@kentmethodist.org.

Pave the Way

We still need contributions toward our recently completed parking lot project, which involved a considerable amount of concrete work in addition to a complete resurfacing of the asphalt parking lot. You can contribute by simply marking a donation "Pave the Way."

A big thank you goes to our Tuesday Work Group, which has been completing the landscaping work of putting in new topsoil and seed along the new sidewalk areas.

**Our sympathies to:**

- Family and friends of Lois Enlow
- Family and friends of Gordon Seaholts
- Family and friends of Kay Dunlap
- The Harvey family on the death of Beth Harvey
- Dave Munn on the death of his brother

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Les Bennett, Morgan Closs, Dave Gynn, Sue Hassler, Ray Jobin, Kathy Munn, Claudia Sawyer, Mike Stiller

CYNTHIA OSBORN RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Congratulations to Cynthia Osborn, Ph.D., a 2022 recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award!

A Professor of Counselor Education and Supervision in the School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences, Cynthia is coordinator of the addictions counseling certificate program. She earned her Ph.D. degree in Counselor Education and Supervision from Ohio University in 1996 after serving in pastoral ministry for several years. She practiced counseling part-time and then full-time at an addiction treatment facility in Southeast Ohio, serving persons with co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance use disorders).

The 2022 Distinguished Teaching Award (DTA) recipients are an outstanding group of teachers dedicated to their students' success. Sponsored by the Kent State Alumni Association, the DTA is a highly prestigious honor in teaching. The award is presented annually to three full-time faculty members who demonstrate extraordinary teaching, whether it be in the classroom or online.

Thank You Notes

Thanks for the beautiful floral arrangement that Mark and Judith Nedel delivered to me. As I enjoyed them, I thought of the many members who also enjoyed them at church before me.

Thanks to Gail Pytel for delivering communion on Worldwide Communion Sunday. Thanks to all who sent cards during my stay at home with Covid.

You are appreciated,
Margie Stahl

Thank you for all of the kind expressions of sympathy that were shown to our family after the death of Beth Harvey. We appreciated your support during this difficult time.

Gary and Sue Harvey
Brent Harvey family

Thank you for the many cards, messages, phone calls and thoughts and prayers. We are currently enjoying the altar flowers from the October 23 service brought by Becky Mulloy. Thanks to Doug for his many calls and visit to the Hospital.

Our Church Family has been a big support to us.
Morgan and Gail Closs



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Mailing Label Here

Mailed October 27

**“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever.” Psalm 107:1**

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
November 6	“Something for Nothing”	Deuteronomy 8:6–18; Psalm 96:1–4	Dr. David Palmer	All Saints’ Sunday, Communion
November 13	“Make Melody to the Lord”	Genesis 4:19–22; II Chronicles 5:12–13; Revelation 15:2–4	Dr. David Palmer	Kodaly’s <i>Missa Brevis</i>
November 20	“A Biblical Thanksgiving”	Psalm 100; Colossians 1: 11-20	Rev. Douglas Denton	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
New sermon series: <i>God’s Answer to the World’s Need</i>				
November 27	“Surprised By God”	Luke 9:51–56	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit,</i> 1st Sunday of Advent



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