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Dear Friends,

On Sunday, January 15, the chairperson of our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Rhonda Wight, announced who the new senior pastor of our church will be. Bishop Malone is appointing Dr. Nathan Howe to serve the Kent congregation, starting July 1, 2023. Dr. Howe earned his bachelor's degree from Ohio Northern University and his master's and doctorate from Wesley Theological Seminary (Wesley, one of our United Methodist seminaries, is adjacent to American University in Washington, D.C.) He served churches in Tiffin from 2008 to 2012, served as the pastor of the Niles United Methodist Church from 2012 to 2016, and since 2016 has been the senior pastor at the Berea United Methodist Church. He thus brings a breadth of experience and a familiarity with a campus community. Dr. Howe has been in several leadership positions in our East Ohio Conference. In the coming months, he will have opportunity to begin to become acquainted with the Kent church, although of course he is still serving full time in Berea! We look forward to welcoming him and his wife, Megan, to Kent this summer.

As you know, Rev. Douglas Denton is also retiring at the end of June this summer. Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee has concluded that it is best to let the new pastor participate in shaping the staff going forward, so we expect there will be a span of time this summer when Dr. Howe is the only pastor at the Kent church. We encourage everyone to keep in mind how busy he will be!

In our church life this February, I will be starting a new sermon series on Feb. 19 entitled, "Living in the Vine." Throughout the month, Dr. Jeffrey Wattles is leading a University of Life class entitled, "Let's Help One Another Live the Golden Rule." The class meets from 9:30 to 10:20 every Sunday morning in the Conference room and is open to all adults. We also recently published a new book, *Other Sheep Not of This Fold*, which deals with the issue of how Christians should think about people who are in other religions. Copies are available from the church office or from Amazon.

The season of Lent begins this year on February 22, **Ash Wednesday**. We will have a traditional service of ashes that day at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This very meaningful service uses the ancient symbolism of ashes to signify our repentance and the forgiveness of Christ. The service will be preceded by the first of our Lenten potlucks, which take place in Pierson Hall each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00.

Our **Wednesday Lenten series** which follows will feature our traditional music ministry and will particularly highlight our renovated sanctuary organ. On each Wednesday of March, starting March 1, there will be a half hour musical program in the sanctuary starting at 7:00 p.m. More details will follow in the March Mosaic.

At the end of February, we will celebrate **Scout Sunday** on February 26. We will present Cub Scout religious awards during worship, and the Scouts will be holding a Pancake Brunch in Pierson Hall from 9:00 to 1:00. Scouts receive freewill donations for the brunch. It is a great way for us to support our Scouting program!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

February 2022

Welcome To February! Wow the year is going fast, and we have a busy month planned!

First I am excited to announce that on the weekend of February 24-25 the youth will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine!

You may not be aware of this, but the world is experiencing its worse hunger crisis in decades. Conflict, COVID-19 and climate change are driving a deadly combination worldwide. The number of people facing daily hunger doubled in 2020 and now sits at 270 million. One in eight people in developing countries do not have enough to eat. Daily 6,000 children under the age of five die from preventable hunger related causes.

But there is good news! In the 30 plus years of its existence over 6 million students representing 68,000 youth groups have experienced the famine event and raised nearly \$190 million to feed hungry children.

FEBRUARY YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 5	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 12	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 19	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 26	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

FEB 5	Audrey Hinkle
FEB 12	Savannah Phillips
FEB 19	Tyler Hymes
FEB 26	Ally Hinkle

The money we raise this year will not only fund emergency food assistance worldwide it also goes toward:

- Treating childhood malnutrition
- Preventing water related diseases
- Supporting more efficient agriculture processes for farmers
- And rehabilitating land for better harvest

More news will be coming out about this exciting event, but you're your calendars for February 24 and get ready to transform the world!

Calling all actors:

April 23 is **Youth Sunday**, an annual day when the youth of our church lead our Sunday morning worship service. It is characterized by a focus on the music of our youth handbell choir the ZAMARingers, occasionally a liturgical dance, drama and teaching by a senior member of our youth group.

We are currently in the process of planning this year's Youth Sunday. If you would like to be involved as part of Youth Sunday in some way, please contact Rick Stout to find out how you can be a part of this year's very special Youth Sunday.

Shalom,
Rick<><

Mission Trip News

For our 23rd summer 16 of our youth and adults will be again traveling to Mountain T.O.P. located in Altamont, Tennessee the week of June 17-24. Grundy County where we will be working is one of the



poorest counties per capita in the entire United States, and our youth group will be traveling there to do minor home repair and make a difference in the lives of the people living “on the mountain.” If you missed the opportunity to sign up but would like to attend this trip please contact Rick as soon as possible to check on available space.

Additionally, Our Annual brick sale in support of this trip will occur the week of March 5th. When you receive your letter in the mail we ask that you please prayerfully consider supporting the efforts the youth are making to share the love of Jesus to those who so desperately need it.

Bible Lands Tour

We currently have 27 people registered for the Bible Lands Tour, but there is room for more! You need to register by the end of February to avoid a late fee. The Bible Lands Tour, led by Dr. Palmer, is visiting Turkey and Israel from June 16 to July 1, 2023. Brochures are available at church and online.

Building Use

Our church building is an extremely active space. We have many church groups meeting each week, and we host multiple community groups in the building. In January, the Haymaker Winter Farmers' Market is moving to a different location, which will free up Pierson Hall on Saturdays, but Pierson Hall and the gym are heavily booked overall. We have been happy to host the Farmers' Market during winter months for the past nine years.

If you or your organization would like to request space in the building, the process is to fill out a building use form through our web site. You will find this under the “about us” tab at www.kentmethodist.org.

New Book Published

Dr. Palmer's latest book has just been published. It is entitled, “Other Sheep Not of This Fold: How God's salvation embraces people across multiple religions.” The book deals with the pressing questions people often have about how Christians should view persons who are a part of other religions. The book is available at church or via Amazon for \$15 for the print version. There is also a Kindle version on Amazon.

Church Job Openings

Our church has two immediate job openings, for the following positions:

Sunday Custodian – This is a Sunday morning position that involves a range of responsibilities from 7:30 a.m. to early afternoon each Sunday. Talk to Dr. Palmer for more details and to apply.

Assistant Worship Band Leader – There is a full description of this position on our web site. Interested persons should send a resume to Dr. Palmer.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle/ Pierson Hall	2 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	3	4
5 Regular Schedule	6 7 pm Worship Band Re- hearsal/Gym	7 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6:30 pm Janus Circle/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	8 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	9 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	10	11
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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
February 5	6
February 12	1
February 19	2
February 26	3

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:

- Tom Emerick on the death of his cousin, Robert Cherry
- Mary Jacoby on the death of her brother, Loren Neville

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Diana Douglas, Arne Haukaas, Ann Nyenhuis, Tim Price, Carol Taylor

Thank You Notes

To: The Kent UMC Staff

Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas gifts. They will continue to bring memories in the years ahead of our wonderful times with the Kent UMC staff.

Sincerely,
Dave and Mavis Palmer

Dear friends,

We want to thank Doug Denton for his many visits to Michael and me at home. He is so encouraging and helpful. We also appreciate the poinsettia delivery by Peg Arnold. Thanks for keeping us connected.

Mike and Joanne Senyek

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, and they have stayed beautiful. I shall try and dry them so they last forever. I shall always remember your kindness. That means a lot to me.

Pauline Yohe

Dear church family,

Just wanted to extend our sincere thanks for the prayers, cards, and visits concerning my brother's passing and also for Kathy's recent knee surgery. Our special thanks to Pastor Denton and Sally Dean for their visits.

Respectfully,
Kathy and Dave Munn

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

FEB 5	Eric Wertz
FEB 12	Andrew Alderson
FEB 19	Eric Wertz
FEB 26	Eric Wertz

FEBRUARY LAY READERS

FEB 5	Mark Lewis
FEB 12	Alex Seed
FEB 19	Janet Sessions
FEB 26	Pat Baldwin

University of Life:
Classes for adults, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room

Let's help one another live the golden rule

Dr. Jeffrey Wattles, who has led several excellent classes in our church in the past, will be starting a new class on Sunday, January 8, entitled, "Let's help one another live the golden rule." The class will go for seven weeks, through February 19. Dr. Wattles' most well-known book is one entitled, *The Golden Rule*. He will make greatly discounted copies of that book available to class members, although the book is not required for the class. Dr. Jeffrey Wattles is a retired Kent State professor of philosophy. All adults are invited to this class! The class starts at 9:30 each Sunday in the Conference Room (in the office wing of the building) and concludes prior to the 10:30 service.



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Mailing Label Here

Mailed January 26

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near... *Mark 2:15*

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
February 5	"How Important Are Our Differences?"	Acts 22:3; II Corinthians 5:16-20	Rev. Douglas Denton	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
February 12	"Living an Extraordinary Life with Christ"	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; I Corinthians 3:1-9	Judith Nedel	<i>New Spirit</i>
February 19	"The Vine and Its Branches"	Jeremiah 17:5-8; John 15:1-5	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
February 22	"From Ashes to Life"	Ash Wednesday, 7:30 service of ashes in our Sanctuary		
February 26	"The Power of Positive Attachment"	Mark 8:34-35; Matthew 20:20-34	Dr. David Palmer	Scout Sunday, <i>New Spirit</i>



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