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Dear Friends,

Because the first Sunday of the month this January is New Year's Day – when we have one worship service at 10:00 – we will be celebrating Communion on January 8, which is **Epiphany Sunday**. This is the day that we remember the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus. On the following Sunday, January 15, the sermon series on “God’s Answer to the World’s Need” will come to its conclusion.

On Sunday, January 22, our **District Superintendent will visit**. D.S. Angela Lewis will present the sermon at all three worship hours. This will likely be close to the time when we find out who the new lead pastor in Kent will be.

The new pastor for UMC Kent will be selected through a careful, consultative process that is led by our Bishop Tracy Malone and that includes the District Superintendents (who form the Cabinet) and our own Staff-Parish Committee, which has already provided a good deal of input. Bishop Malone has known of the opening in Kent for a year and a half, and she is well acquainted with our church, so she has had much time to consider who the best candidate will be. In our United Methodist process, there is not a series of interviews, nor are there trial sermons or congregational votes. The Bishop and Cabinet select the pastor that they feel is the best match for the church, and our Staff-Parish Committee will have an interview with that candidate to confirm (or reject) the selection. Once the new pastor is confirmed by all the parties involved, an announcement will be made in Sunday morning worship. This will likely happen in January or February. The new pastor will not start until July 1, but will have several months to get “on board” with Kent church processes and leadership before then. You can find out who is on our Staff-Parish Committee by going to the Leadership page on our church web site.

On Sunday, January 29, it will be **UMW Sunday**, when our United Methodist Women take the overall leadership in our Sunday morning services. The sermon will be brought by Carol Pozuc, and there will be other special elements in worship.

On Martin Luther King weekend (Sunday, January 15), we take a special offering for the **Black College Fund**. Our United Methodist church has eleven historically black United Methodist colleges that are scattered across the southern states. These schools were founded in the aftermath of the Civil War, when African-Americans were routinely denied the opportunity to pursue higher education. The eleven colleges – Bennett College, Bethune-Cookman University, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Dillard University, Huston-Tillotson University, Meharry Medical College, Paine College, Philander Smith College, Rust College, and Wiley College – opened the door in the nineteenth century for African-Americans to enter into career fields that had long been closed to them, and these schools continue to provide very important opportunities especially for ethnic minority students today. Our Kent church seeks to give \$1100 to the Black College Fund each year (\$100 for each school). You can contribute at any time by marking a contribution “Black College Fund.”

Wishing you a blessed and joyous New Year,

Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

January 2022

Happy New Year! And what an exciting year we have planned. We have completed our spring calendar and are very excited about our upcoming events. Here are a few of the highlights of what to expect this spring:

(This list is not all activities we are planning.)

- Sunday, January 8 is the last day to register for our trip to Mountain TOP.
- The weekend of February 17 the youth will participate in World Visions 30 hour famine. Once the details are finalized packets and important information will be distributed so see Rick and watch the mail if you need more information about this exciting weekend.
- April 23 is Youth Sunday

Over all I am very excited about our plans and hope that everyone will take advantage of one or more of these events. Additionally, don't forget youth group is every Sunday From 7-8:30 make sure you plan to come and bring a friend to any or all of these events.

Shalom,
Rick<><

JANUARY YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1	NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
SUNDAY 8	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 15	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
MONDAY 16	Possible MLK Day Activity
SUNDAY 22	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 29	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

JANUARY ACOLYTES

JAN 1	TBA
JAN 8	Tyler Hymes
JAN 15	Ally Hinkle
JAN 22	Aidan Phillips
JAN 29	TBA

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.

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.

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 Worship at 10:00 AM only	2	3 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	4 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle/ Pierson Hall	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	6	7
8 Regular Schedule	9 7 pm Worship Band Re- hearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	10 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6:30 pm Janus Circle/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	11 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 10 am-2 pm Portage County Retired Teachers' Luncheon./Pierson Hall	13	14
15 Regular Schedule	16 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	17 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	18 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	19 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	20	21
22 Regular Schedule	23 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	24 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	25 7 pm Disciple III/Rm 200	26 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	27	28
29 Regular Schedule	30 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	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/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
January 1	1
January 8	2
January 15	3
January 22	4
January 29	5

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 Morgan Closs
- Family and friends of Tina Ferrell

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Karen Andrews, Arne Haukass

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.

Church Security

On a Sunday in December, a thief stole purses from at least two church parking lots in Kent. We had one purse reported stolen from a car in our lot, and another church had three purses stolen. In that case, the thief actually went through a coat closet in the church building, searching for keys, and then used those keys to open car doors. When you are at church, we strongly recommend that you lock your car and that you keep your keys with you! This is yet another reminder that we live in a sinful world. As Jesus said, "I am sending you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves; therefore be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16)

YOUR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

We would like to thank all of you for your generous support of the ministries and missions of the church! In our continued effort to keep costs down and be good stewards by utilizing the technology available to us, if you would like a contribution statement, please email Lynnette at lynnette@kentmethodist.org. Of course if you would prefer a statement mailed, please call Lynnette at 330-673-5879 ext. 11, and I will get one out to you by the end of January. Should you have any financial questions or would like information regarding your contributions, please feel free to call anytime.

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

JAN 1	Andrew Alderson
JAN 8	Andrew Alderson
JAN 15	Eric Wertz
JAN 22	Eric Wertz
JAN 29	Eric Wertz

JANUARY LAY READERS

JAN 1	Rick Stout
JAN 8	Karen Bennett
JAN 15	Tom Emerick
JAN 22	Janet Sessions
JAN 29	UMW Sunday



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“I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know
that I am the Lord” —Ezekiel 16:62

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
January 1	“Keeping the Covenant”		Rick Stout	10:00 AM Service
January 8	“Keeping On”	Matthew 1:1,12; Acts 9:23, 30, 16:16–40	Dr. David Palmer	Epiphany, Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
January 15	“Agents of God”	I Samuel 25:2–35; John 14:12	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>
January 22	District Superintendent Angela Lewis to preach at all three worship hours			<i>ZAMARingers</i>
January 29	UMW Sunday			



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