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April 2023

Dear Friends,

This month we head toward the celebration of Easter. Our worship services include many special elements:

Sunday, April 3 – Palm Sunday. At the 10:30 hour, children will process with palm branches. Worship at all hours will include the sacrament of **Communion**.

Thursday, April 6 – Our **Maundy Thursday** service, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, will include Communion, as we remember the Last Supper, and it will then move into a Tenebrae service, which tells the story of the crucifixion with special music (presented by our Sanctuary Choir) and the symbolism of darkness.

Friday, April 7 – We have a **Good Friday** service at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium, presented by our Worship Band. This service utilizes multiple elements to help us to reflect about the meaning of the cross.

Easter, April 9 – We rejoice in the good news of the Resurrection! We have a new element this year in our Easter services – a **sunrise service at 7:30 in the chapel in the woods**. This will be a shorter (half hour or less) praise service, in which we recall the Easter story that “very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, the women went to the tomb.” (Mark 16:2) This will be the first use of our chapel in the woods! New seating was recently completed through an Eagle project by Chase Williams. The chapel in the woods as a whole is the result of multiple Eagle projects and work projects by our Scouts and other volunteers. You access the chapel in the woods via a path; note that the terrain is not favorable for anyone who has difficulty walking. Wear casual clothing, suitable for whatever the weather is. If it is raining, there is a covered pavilion in which we can gather. Our regular **Easter services**, which include the sermon of the morning, will be at 8:30 and 10:30 in the sanctuary and 9:30 in the gym. From **8:00 to noon we have a Paschal Breakfast** in Pierson Hall, featuring sweet breads and beverages. We need volunteers to bake items to contribute! Please sign up in the atrium or on the Volunteer Opportunities page on our website.

Sunday, April 16 – **Children’s Musical**. Our children will present a brief musical at both the 9:30 and 10:30 worship hours. The “Living in the Vine” sermon series continues

Sunday, April 23 – **Youth Sunday**. Our senior high and middle school youth will present the main elements of the worship service at all three worship hours. This will include drama, a message, and special music.

Sunday, April 30 – **Sacrament of Baptism**. The sacrament of baptism for children is being offered this Sunday. Interested parents should be in touch with the church office.

We are blessed to have many capable leaders in our church who are involved in all the various elements of these special services!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

April 2022

As many of you are aware the youth will be traveling again this summer to Mountain T.O.P. located in Altamont, Tennessee to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Plateau. This year we are very excited to have 10 members of our youth group and various adults registered to attend Mountain T.O.P.

In order to support this trip we have sent letters out encouraging our church family to donate to our annual brick sale. When you receive your letter please prayerfully consider donating to this worthwhile cause.

Shalom,

Rick<><

APRIL ACOLYTES

APR 2	Aidan Phillips
APR 9	Tyler Hymes
APR 16	TBA
APR 23	TBA
APR 30	Allison Hinkle



Children's news

Sunday, April 2 is Palm Sunday. We will be asking those children who come to the 9:30 Sunday school hour to stay and join with any children present for the 10:30 hour in order to lead our traditional Palm Sunday opening Palm parade. The parade will occur during the opening hymn of the 10:30 hour so children will not be asked to stay a long time.

Additionally, on Sunday, April 16 those children who participate in our Children's choir will perform a musical during both the 9:30 and 10:30 hours. The Musical will showcase the songs that they have learned over the year in Sunday school. Please mark your calendars for that special day.

APRIL YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 2	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 9	No Youth Activities
SUNDAY 16	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 23	No Youth Activities
SUNDAY 30	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

VBS is returning to the Kent UMC!

We are currently planning to hold VBS at the Kent UMC the week of June 5-8. (four days) The theme this year will be Hero Hotline based on Romans 14:19 "So let's strive for things that bring peace and things that build each other up."

This VBS invites children to be a part of community and work together to bring peace to the world and strive to build each other up.

At the Hero Hotline, everyone's gifts are valued and each hero has a role to play. Peace comes from God and Gods people are called to share that peace with the world. We work together help each other and encourage each other because God has called us to live in community and fellowship with each other.

So mark your calendars for June 5-8 and come join the Hero Hotline at the Kent UMC.



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 www.eocumc.com/camps. 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 great way for young people to grow in faith, in God's great out-of-doors!

Mary Ragna Yetter to present concert

In celebration of the recent restoration of our sanctuary organ, we have invited our former organist, Mary Ragna Yetter, to perform an organ concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m. Mary Ragna played a key role in the beginning phases of the organ rebuilding project, and we are pleased that she is able to return to share this concert on the rebuilt instrument. Everyone is invited!

Dawn Filler, who recently completed a very nice Lenten organ series, will be sharing a concert on Sunday, May 21, also at 3:00 p.m.

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.

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.

EASTER LILIES

You are invited to purchase Easter lilies to beautify the church during our Easter services. Please complete the information below and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. **Please print** for the best legibility! All flower requests must be accompanied by payment. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent by April 2. Following the 10:30 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 9, flowers will be distributed to shut-ins by members of our UMW Circles.

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

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____



2023 Janus Scholarship Announcement Apply Now

Janus Circle announces that we are now accepting applications for our Scholarship! The Janus Circle Scholarship was established in 2014 to recognize student members of the United Methodist Church of Kent, Ohio for their active involvement in our church and service to the community and who plan to pursue post-secondary education the following school year.

The Janus Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who have demonstrated an exceptional level of service in the church during their teen years. The application calls for a listing of all the points of a student's involvement; however, there are no GPA requirements or essay! In addition, any college or other educational pursuit is eligible!

Applications are available from the church office or may be completed on-line on the UMC of Kent website. More details are also available on the website. Applications may be mailed or delivered in person to the Kent UMC office to the attention of Adam Alderson, postmarked or received in person by April 30th.

The award recipient(s) will be announced at Senior Recognition Sunday and it is possible for the award to be shared among multiple recipients.

Through this scholarship, the Janus Circle offers support and recognition to the youth members who demonstrate their commitment and service to our church and community. For more information, please contact Sally Dean at 330-283-6999. Donations to the Janus Scholarship Endowment Fund are welcome; please mark your envelope Janus Circle Scholarship Fund! Good luck seniors!

Retirement Luncheons

A retirement/farewell luncheon is being planned for Dr. Palmer's last Sunday on June 11 following the 10:30 worship service to honor him for his 28 years of service. The luncheon will be catered and requires a reservation using the form below.

As announced previously, Rev. Denton is retiring this summer. His last Sunday preaching is June 25, and there will be a reception in his honor following the 10:30 worship service on that day.

Dr. Palmer's Retirement Luncheon Reservation

Please complete and return the information below to reserve your meals for Dr. Palmer's retirement luncheon on Sunday, June 11. This form and any donation can be returned to the office, or an online reservation and donation can be made at www.kentmethodist.org/reservation.

_____ Total Number attending

Names attending: _____

_____ Number of Children's Meals

_____ Amount of donation to help with expenses for the celebrations

_____ Amount of donation for gift for Dr. Palmer

_____ Amount of donation for gift for Rev. Denton

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Regular Schedule	3 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	4 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	5 1 pm Rebecca Circle/PH 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	6 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service/Sanctuary	7 7:30 pm Good Friday Service/Gym	1 8
9 Easter Schedule, (See cover letter)	10 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	11 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6:30 pm Janus Circle/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7 pm Gifts & Memorials Comm./Conference Room	12 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	13 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 7 pm Finance Comm./Conference Room	14	15
16 Regular Schedule	17 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	18 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	19 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	20 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	21	22
23 Regular Schedule 3 pm Organ Concert: Mary Ragna Yetter	24 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	25 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7-9 pm Janus Circle/PH	26 7 pm Disciple II/Conf. Rm	27 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	28	29
30 Regular Schedule						

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
April 2	3
April 6	4
April 9	5
April 16	6
April 23	1
April 30	2

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

APRIL 2	Eric Wertz
APRIL 6	Eric Wertz
APRIL 9	Eric Wertz
APRIL 16	Andrew Alderson
APRIL 23	Andrew Alderson
APRIL 30	Eric Wertz

APRIL LAY READERS

APR 2	Tom Emerick
APR 9	Rev. Douglas Denton
APR 16	Edgar Kooijman
APR 23	Mark Lewis
APR 30	Janet Sessions

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Greg Curtin, Davina Gosnell, Hal Hall, Bill Head, Tim Smith

University of Life

Spring term: April 16 – May 21, 2023.

“Evangelism: From scary pressure to Jesus-friendly”

Leader: Dr. Jeffrey Wattles

This class will be team-taught with one or more persons. We will use memory, imagination, prayer, conversations that are the easiest for us, and more advanced opportunities. We will discuss our experiences of sharing spiritual truth with others. What has worked for you personally, what hasn't? What kinds of evangelism have you have seen that you liked? What do we believe we ideally ought to be doing in the way of evangelism? How different things might be if we start from scratch following Jesus? All adults are invited to this class, which meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:20 in the Conference Room.

Habitat for Humanity

Our church has joined with Habitat for Humanity in an “apostle build.” An apostle build is when a group of churches commit themselves to work with Habitat to build a particular house. We are one of the leading churches in a small group of congregations who are working to build a home for a family on Summit Street in Ravenna. We have already raised \$12,500 toward the project, and now we are moving into the time when we need to send volunteers to work on specific work days.

Our first Habitat work day is Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You do not need any special skills or tools. Anyone who shows up will be able to help in some fashion. Please sign up in the atrium! This is an exciting way to make a tangible difference for a needy family in our area.





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“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.”
I Corinthians 6:14

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
April 2	“God Will Provide a Way”	Genesis 22:1–18; I Corinthians 10:13	Dr. David Palmer	Palm Sunday, Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
April 6	Maundy Thursday, 7:30 tenebrae service in the sanctuary			
April 7	Good Friday, 7:30 worship service in the gym			
April 9	“What We Will Be”	I John 3:2	Dr. David Palmer	Easter, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
April 16	“Wholeness in Christ”	Matthew 20:20–34; John 5:2–9a; Ephesians 4:22–24	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i> , Children’s Musical
April 23	Youth Sunday			
April 30	“Temporary Visa”	Ecclesiastes 9:11–12; Psalm 90:1–6, 12; II Corinthians 4:16–5:1	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>



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