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Dear Friends,

It has been a great blessing to me to be able to share with this congregation through 28 years of ministry! I look forward to being with you for two more Sundays in worship – on June 4 and 11 – and joining in the luncheon you have planned on June 11. You have excellent leadership coming! Dr. Nathan Howe is well equipped to lead this congregation in transformative ways in the future. Please note his letter below.

In Christ,
Dr. David Palmer

Siblings in Christ,

I am deeply grateful to God through Bishop Tracy S. Malone and our East Ohio Conference cabinet for the opportunity to come alongside you all in ministry in Kent beginning this July. Since this past January, when it was announced that I would be appointed as pastor to the United Methodist Church in Kent, I have been blessed with opportunities to meet with Rev. Palmer, with many members of the UMC of Kent staff, and with the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Through their generosity, I have received a tour through your building, walked through your woods and visited your new outdoor chapel, and driven through different sections of town, including the Kent State University campus. At every step, I have been blessed to hear exciting stories about the incredible ways God has been and is working among and through your congregation to share and to celebrate Christ's love with your neighbors. My wife, Megan, and I look forward to joining you all soon and sharing first-hand in your ongoing journey with God.

Especially in the first few months that I will be with you, I am eager to listen to your stories and to learn from you about the UMC of Kent and the larger community of which it is a part. How has being a part of the UMC of Kent helped you and members of your family to grow in your faith and to deepen your relationships with God and with your neighbors? Where have you noticed God's Spirit working in the life of the congregation and broader community? What is one thing I need to know about the UMC of Kent and the congregation's "mission field"? What is one opportunity for us to build more meaningful connections with our neighbors in the coming year? Where do you sense God calling us to go together next?

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be working to organize "neighborhood gatherings" which will provide intentional opportunities for me to listen and to learn from you as we listen together for God's call. Please participate in one of these groups, if possible. Each of you carries an important part of the story that I need and want to hear.

Finally, please know that I have been praying for you since this past January: for you and your families, for your ministries, for the community of Kent, and for the future we will share together. By God's grace, may our ministry together be fruitful toward the building of beloved community.

Peace,
Pastor Nathan

Youth Ministry News

June 2023

The youth Mountain TOP trip is scheduled to take place from June 17-24. The team has sent out a mailing requesting that the congregation please consider supporting this trip by purchasing a symbolic "brick" in the amount of \$25. If you did not receive a donation letter please contact Rick Stout to receive one or simply place a check in the offering and mark the memo line brick sale. The youth would also like to thank everyone for their support of this worthwhile cause.

At the time of this writing, our youth program is officially on summer recess but there are many plans underway for a full return to activity in the fall. Please be watching the mail and our upcoming newsletters for announcements regarding the restart of youth group in the fall, confirmation class, our "Time and Talent" auction, youth Sunday School and much more.

I am looking forward to an exciting fall and hope everyone else is too.

Shalom,

Rick<><

VBS is returning to the Kent UMC!

We are currently planning to hold VBS at the Kent UMC the week of June 6-9. **(Tuesday through Friday, four days)**

This years theme is Hero Hotline! In the depths of a colorful underground cave, is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, super-heroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere.

When Heroes in the field call in, the Professor, Super Meer, and our team of heroes will spring into action and explore the ultimate Hero Handbook -the Bible- to discover how all Heroes can follow the examples set by a cast of supporting Bible Heroes in stories from the Old and New Testaments, who work together to bring peace, build each other up, and share the great story of God's love for us where they are and with the whole world.

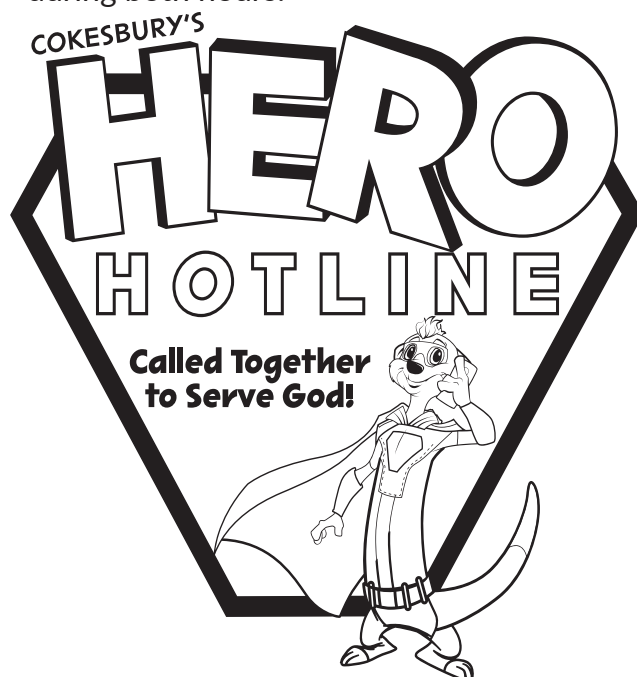
VBS is open to four year olds with pre-school experience up to fourth graders, from 9:30 till noon. So mark your calendars for June 6-9 and come join the Hero Hotline at the Kent UMC. Registration is available through the church website, www.kentmethodist.org/vbs.

JUNE ACOLYTES

JUNE 4	TBA
JUNE 11	Audrey Hinkle
JUNE 18	Tyler Hymes
JUNE 25	Savannah Phillips

Summer Sunday School News

Our Sunday School program will continue over the summer month during the 9:30 hour only. Children ages 4 through sixth grade are welcome to meet in room 104 of the education wing for Bible lessons and crafts. The toddler room and cry room will continue to be available for age appropriate children during both hours.



Contemporary Service to Take Two-Week Recess

Our 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service will not be meeting on June 18 or June 25, as most of the worship band members – including Henrique Alvim, Michael Goff, and Michael and Laurel Stiller – will be away. The Contemporary Service will be held as usual on June 4 and June 11 and will resume on July 2.

Henrique Alvim to Step Down from Worship Leader Position

As announced in last month's Mosaic, Henrique Alvim has taken a new teaching position at Geneva College in Pennsylvania, which provides him with an excellent opportunity to advance in his calling to integrate faith and education in the university setting. He will necessarily be stepping down from his position as the Worship Leader at our 9:30 contemporary service. His final Sunday as Worship Leader will be July 9. Michael Goff has offered to provide temporary voluntary leadership of the contemporary service for the balance of the summer.

Disciple Recognition

We will recognize all those who completed Disciple I or Disciple III this year on Sunday, June 11. There will be a moment of recognition at all three worship hours.

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE Mega-sale planned for late August

Three years ago we initiated a new format for the Trash and Treasure Sale, in which we had a single large sale that had a long preparation time and utilized multiple rooms in the building. This has proved quite successful, and we are planning the same format for this year. The sale will be held on August 24 through 26, coinciding with the return of students to the Kent State campus. Start gathering your items now! Preparations at the church will take place during the prior weeks in August. Many volunteers are needed! Carol Pozuc is assembling the leadership team; you can indicate your interest to her via email at cpozuc@aol.com. The Trash and Treasure Sale provides important funding for our church's mission work.

Rev. Karen Drotar to Preach

On Sunday, June 18, we will have a special guest preacher – Rev. Karen Drotar, who retired a year ago from pastoral ministry in the East Ohio Conference. Karen grew up in the Kent church and entered the ministry while Dr. Carl Pierson was the pastor here. Several years ago, she again worshipped and served in this congregation while she was pursuing advanced graduate work at Kent State University. She has a great long-term perspective on the life of this congregation! She will be preaching at the 8:30 and 10:30 hours. Note that there will be no 9:30 service on June 18.

Church Positions Open

We are now actively seeking candidates for the Worship Leader position for our contemporary service. We are looking to hire someone who can start in August or September. We are also continuing to look for an Assistant Custodian. The Assistant Custodian job is a small, part-time position that mainly involves hours on Sunday morning. There are job descriptions for both the Worship Leader and Assistant Custodian on our church web site at www.kentmethodist.org. If you know someone who might be good for either position, please encourage them to apply! Resumes can be sent to davepalmer@kentmethodist.org

New Church Leadership

Our Church Leadership Committee is completing its work, and we will soon be posting a new church Leadership Directory on our website. Thanks to all who accepted positions of leadership! Our leadership terms follow the academic year, beginning in July of each summer, with most positions having a three year term. In the Leadership Directory, the year next to a person's name indicates that the person's term ends in June of that year. We are blessed to have so many gifted people sharing in the leadership of this church!

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	2	3
4 Summer Schedule	5 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	6 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	7	8 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	9 11 am Red Cross Blood Drive/Gym	10
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						Summer Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 Sunday School—Preschool—6th Grade, Youth 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:30 Child Care/Nursery 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
June 4	1
June 11	2
June 18	3
June 25	4

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 Sheryl Gardner

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Greg Curtin, Carl Schierhorn, Carl Schrickel, Carrie Shelly, Kathi Smith, Tim Smith, Pauline Yohe

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 <https://www.eocumc.com/camps/2023summercamp.html>. 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 wonderful way for young people to grow in faith, in God's great out-of-doors!

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

JUNE 4	TBA
JUNE 11	TBA
JUNE 18	Andrew Alderson
JUNE 25	Eric Wertz

JUNE LAY READERS

JUNE 4	Andrea Denton
JUNE 11	Edgar Kooijman
JUNE 18	Tom Emerick
JUNE 25	Dottie Emerick

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers that were delivered to my house.

It was very nice of you to think of me.

My surgery went well, and hopefully I will be back on my feet soon.

Thank you again,

Carl Schrickel

Kent United Methodist,

Thanks for remembering me with an Easter lily that heard songs of praise, prayers, and sermon. I guess getting so old (ninety three) makes it difficult to get to church service anymore.

I grew up in several United Methodist Churches. I started as a baby in Kent, Rootstown, Ravenna. Now I'm too old and it's too far here in Streetsboro with no transportation.

Love,

Alice Ross

The board of Sandy Lake Inc. thanks you for the use of Pierson Hall for our annual meeting May 8. Everyone thought it was a wonderful space for the meeting. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jane Smith



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Hero Hotline Vacation Bible School is June 6–9!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
June 4	"Good Memories"	Joshua 3:14–4:7; I Corinthians 11:23–26	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
June 11	"God Gives the Growth"	I Corinthians 3:5–14	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit,</i> Farewell Luncheon
June 18	Special guest, Rev. Karen Drotar, preaches			
June 25	"Mirror and Window"	Isaiah 40:28–31; Hebrews 11:1–2, 12:1	Rev. Douglas Denton	Retirement Reception



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