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Dear Friends,

We are moving quickly towards a time of transition in our church, as our pastoral leadership will change at the end of June. Please keep in mind the following dates and opportunities:

Sunday, June 11 – This will be my last preaching Sunday in the church. I will still be the senior pastor through the end of June, but I will be spending the last half of the month leading our Bible Lands Tour.

Sunday, June 25 – This will be Rev. Denton's last preaching Sunday. There will be a recognition of his outstanding leadership. His last day on our church staff is June 30.

Sunday, July 2 – The congregation welcomes Dr. Nathan Howe as the new senior pastor.

July into the fall -- There will be a series of neighborhood gatherings, during which small groups will meet in homes for an evening of conversation with Dr. Howe. This is a prime opportunity for Dr. Howe to get to know you. The format will focus on church members sharing their experiences in the church and their hopes for the future, with Dr. Howe listening and learning who this congregation is. Be sure to sign up for one of the available dates!

In this transition, one key element is that the outgoing pastors must not "hang on" in the church once the new pastor has arrived. There needs to be space for Dr. Howe to form relationships and lead the church into new directions in the future. For this reason, we have a Conference rule that an outgoing pastor must not return to the church for at least a year; and in the case of a very long-term pastorate, the outgoing pastor should keep a distance from the church for a considerably longer period. Both Rev. Denton and I will continue to live in the area, but we will both necessarily begin worshipping in other United Methodist churches. We also will not be returning for any weddings or funerals. Although it is natural in such times to want to seek out the pastor with whom you have had a long relationship, it will be very valuable in precisely such times to seek out Dr. Howe, as he will be leading the church week to week and will be able to provide continuing spiritual care. You will find him to be a compassionate and gifted pastor who is well able to accompany people through times of both grief and joy.

During the month of May, our worship calendar is as follows:

Sunday, May 7 – Communion

Sunday, May 14 – Festival of the Christian Home (Mother's Day)

Sunday, May 21 – Reception of New Members. There will be a New Member Orientation for all interested persons on Saturday, May 20, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. The evening includes a dessert. Sign up in the atrium or online.

Sunday afternoon, May 21 – Organ Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, presented by Dawn Filler.

Sunday, May 28 – Pentecost and Memorial Day Weekend

I look forward to sharing with you in these special events this month!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Youth Ministry News

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One of the highlights of the youth calendar is our church is "Youth Sunday." It's the one Sunday when the youth of our church lead us in the major portions of worship. I'd like to say thank you to all the youth who helped out whether you gave the announcements, read scripture, delivered the message, acted in the skits or are a part of ZAMARingers your efforts are greatly appreciated and Youth Sunday could not have happened without you. Everyone's hard work and dedication to delivering a spirit filled worship service was very evident on this day. Remember, you are an original masterpiece of God, because God does not make junk!

Our congregation will be recognizing graduates during the worship on Sunday, May 21. Seniors may choose to be recognized at any of our worship times, 8:30, 9:30 or 10:30. We will also be presenting gifts to the seniors as an expression of our congratulations and best wishes for their future. In preparation for this event, we ask that all graduates submit a senior portrait and a statement indicating their plans for next fall so that we can include this information as a part of our worship on that day. Please forward a digital copy of your portrait to rickstout@kentmethodist.org by Monday, May 15. Our churches seniors include:

MAY ACOLYTES

MAY 7	Savannah Phillips
MAY 14	Aidan Phillips
MAY 21	Tyler Hymes
MAY 28	TBA

Joseph Crawford
Addy Fritsch
Shelby Beekman
Logan Poole
Jake Fankhauser
Cassidy Holman
Cameron Lantz
Christine Thomas

I am are sure I speak for our entire church when I extend congratulations to you upon your upcoming graduation from high school. I pray that God will continue to bless and guide you as you take new directions in life.

Finally, during the month of May our Mountain TOP mission team will completed its training session in preparation for our trip on June 17. We are very excited to be sending 16 to the mountain to serve the people of the Cumberland Plateau. I look forward to sharing our experiences upon our return. Please pray for our group as they prepare for another exciting yet challenging trip.

Shalom,
Rick <>

MAY YOUTH CALENDAR

MAY 7	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
MAY 14	No Youth Activities (Mother's Day)
MAY 15	Senior Pictures Due
MAY 21	Senior Sunday 4-6 Mandatory Mountain TOP tool training 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship *Last of the school year*

VBS is returning to the Kent UMC!

We are currently planning to hold VBS at the Kent UMC the week of **June 6-9 (four days)**. **Please note the change to start and ending dates!** 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 6-9 and come join the Hero Hotline at the Kent UMC!.

COKESBURY'S

HERO

HOTLINE

**Called Together
to Serve God!**



**JUNE 6-9 AT THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF KENT!**

WWW.KENTMETHODIST.ORG/VBS

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!

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.

GIVE A GERANIUM IN HONOR OR MEMORY Honor especially those who have served in our armed forces

Sunday, May 28, is Pentecost this year, and it is also Memorial Day weekend. We use geraniums in worship to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit, and we also utilize those same geraniums to remember our service persons (active military and veterans). We invite you to purchase geraniums in honor or memory of someone you choose, by filling out the form below. You can also place your order through our website. After Pentecost, the geraniums will be planted in front of our church to blossom all summer. Thanks to our Tuesday Work Group for planting and maintaining all of our church flowers!

Order Your Geraniums

You are invited to donate geraniums to beautify the church sanctuary for Memorial Day Sunday, May 28. We will be particularly honoring loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Those names will be displayed on the screen on that Sunday and listed in the June Mosaic. These flowers will then be planted here at the church to beautify our grounds for summer. Please complete the information below (**please print** to avoid any errors), and mail it to the church office. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent and marked "Geraniums" in the memo line. Please return money with the form by **Friday, May 12**.



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

IN MEMORY OF: _____

OR

IN HONOR OF: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE IF VETERAN: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

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.

Another Significant Staff Change

Henrique Alvim, who has very ably served as the worship leader for our contemporary service, is taking a new teaching position at Geneva College in Pennsylvania in the fall, which also includes being program director for their Master's in Higher Education. It is a position that he understands to be a meaningful furtherance of his calling to integrate faith and learning in the university setting. He will continue as our 9:30 worship leader a few weeks beyond the retirements of Dr. Palmer and Rev. Denton. We are now actively searching for a new worship leader for the contemporary service. Information will shortly be posted on our web site.

Retirement Celebrations

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 by June 1.

_____ 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

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	2 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	3 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle/Pierson Hall 7 pm Disciple II/Room 200 7 pm Leadership Comm./Room 207 7 pm Staff Parish Comm/Goff Home	4 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	5	6
7 Regular Schedule	8 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	9 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 Music Comm/Room 207	10 7 pm Disciple II/Room 200 6:30 pm UMW Board Mtg/Conference Room	11 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	12	13
14 Regular Schedule	15 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	16 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	17 7 pm Disciple II/Room 200 7 pm Leadership Comm/Room 207	18 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	19	20 6 pm New Member Orientation/Parlor
21 Regular Schedule 3 pm Organ Concert: Dawn Filler	22 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7 pm Disciple I/Room 200	23 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	24 7 pm Disciple II/Room 200	25 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Little City Grill	26	27
28 Regular Schedule	29 Office Closed Memorial Day	30 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	31 7 pm Disciple II/Room 200 7 pm Leadership Comm/Room 207			

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
May 7	3
May 14	4
May 21	5
May 28	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.



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Bill Head
- Glenn Luttner and family upon the death of his father

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Suzanne Burns, Greg Curtin, Wanema Flasher, Lee Hall, Gretchen Laflin, Kathleen Munn

Thank You Notes

Thanks to Phyllis Neel for delivering me the Easter lily on Easter Sunday. It was greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Margie Stahl

I want to say thank you to the ladies who brought the altar flowers to me these past few weeks.

I want to say how much I appreciated the prayers and cards I received after the passing of my husband, Bill. My special thanks to Doug Denton for his many visits and phone calls during this difficult times.

Sincerely,
Becky Head

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

MAY 7	Eric Wertz
MAY 14	Eric Wertz
MAY 21	Andrew Alderson
MAY 28	TBA

MAY LAY READERS

MAY 7	Janet Sessions
MAY 14	Judith Nedel
MAY 21	Janeen Phillips
MAY 28	Judy 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



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Mailed April 27

Congratulations Class of 2023!

Worship Calendar

Date	Sermon	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
May 7	"Press on to Know the Lord"	Psalm 84:1-7; Hosea 6:3; Philippians 3:10-14	Dr. David Palmer	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
May 14	"Unsung Heroes"	Exodus 1:8-22, 2:1-10	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>
May 21	"The Humble Are Exalted"	II Kings 5:1-14	Dr. David Palmer	<i>New Spirit</i>
May 28	"The Unfinished Life"	Genesis 12:1-5a; Hebrews 11:8-12	Dr. David Palmer	<i>ZAMARingers</i>



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