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CONNECT

FIVE ESSENTIAL PRACTICES TO RECONNECT US
WITH GOD AND WITH EACH OTHER

Discipleship in the Wesleyan (Methodist) tradition is an invitation into a new way of living: a way that connects us more deeply with God and with each other. In The United Methodist Church, our decision to follow Christ includes joining others on a similar path and inviting others to journey with us. This includes both fellow disciples in our local community and disciples across our global United Methodist connection. During five weeks in October, we will explore the ways that five essential practices help to connect us more deeply to God and to each other.

This worship series will conclude with a Commitment Sunday on October 29, when each of us will be invited to name our commitments to each of our core practices of worshiping, studying, serving, giving, and sharing throughout the coming year. 2024 Commitment Cards are being sent in the mail, but they also can be completed and submitted online at www.kentmethodist.org/digital-pledge-card. Please join us in worship at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, or 10:30 am on Sundays throughout October, and please join us in renewing our commitment to grow in our love for God and for our neighbors through our support of the mission and ministries of our congregation.

All Saints' Day Commemoration

This year, All Saints' Sunday will be commemorated on November 5. During all worship services that day, the names of our loved ones who have died during the past year (November 2022–October 2023) will be read as we remember and give thanks for their ongoing lives in God's grace. Please use the form on our website (www.kentmethodist.org/saints/) to submit names for remembrance. If you have any questions, or need to make changes to your dedication, please contact the church office.

Blessing of the Pets

**Sunday, October 1, 5 pm
on the Lawn between the Chapel and
the Sanctuary**

On Sunday, October 1 at 5 pm, all are welcome to bring their pets and join us in the lawn near the office entrance to our building as we give thanks to God for our animal companions and ask God's blessing on them and us. Please have larger animals on a leash and smaller animals in a carrier. For more information, please contact Pastor Nathan at nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org.

Youth Ministry News

October 2023

OCTOBER ACOLYTES

OCT 1	Sienna H
OCT 8	Jozsi J
OCT 15	Joseph L
OCT 22	Audrey H
OCT 29	Alex A
NOV 5	Savannah S

What a great start to the school year it has been! On September 10, the youth group officially returned to the UMC of Kent with food, games and an outdoor time of worship around the church's bonfire area including music provided by Michael Goff. ZAMARingers also began practicing that night. If you'd like to be a part of our youth handbell choir, please come to the sanctuary on Sunday nights at 6:00, no music experience is necessary. Looking forward to October, be sure and remember Saturday, October 21 when our youth are hoping to host a hayride. Look for details about this event soon in your mail soon.

Many people don't realize that taking a group of youth on a mission trip takes nearly a year to plan. Therefore, we have begun preparations for next summer's mission trip. We will again be partnering with Mountain T.O.P. in order to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range. The trip is scheduled for June 22-29, 2024. Preparation for this trip began with a parent/student interest meeting on September 24. Additionally, the application process started at this meeting. If you are planning to go on the mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. please be sure to get an application and return it with your deposit to Rick by Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Shalom,
Rick<><

Intern Being Sought

We are seeking a ministry intern to support our youth ministries and Christian Education. The internship will focus on youth ministry, and Christian Education.

The goal of this program is to offer college age students and young adults the opportunity to explore ministry in a hands on way, answer questions about ministry as a vocation, and explore the idea of "call" in a person's life. And better yet, they get paid to do it!

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to learn more about or if you know of someone who you feel might be interested in this opportunity please contact me via, my cell 330-283-4838 or at rickstout@kentmethodist.org to learn more about this exciting program.

OCTOBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 1	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SATURDAY 7	Confirmation
SUNDAY 8	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 15	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SATURDAY 21	Youth Hayride, details TBA
SUNDAY 22	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
TH-SUN 26-29	Adult Mt TOP Trip
SUNDAY 29	6-7 ZAMARingers No Youth Fellowship

Grundy County Fall Festival Coat Drive

On October 28 the Mountain T.O.P. ministry will host its annual Grundy County Fall Festival! Mountain T.O.P. will be distributing shoes, winter coats, hats, gloves, books and school supplies to the people of Grundy County. Towards this end Mountain T.O.P. has asked our church to sponsor a coat collection for the fall festival. If you'd like to participate in the coat drive please bring NEW or EXTREMELY GENTLY used coats and jackets of various sizes to the church. Donated items may be dropped off at Rick Stout's office to be given out to the people of Grundy County. If you have questions or if you would like to go with the coats to Mountain T.O.P. and be a part of the fall festival please contact Rick Stout in the church office.

Come See Me Sheets

Members of our Youth Group:

Are you involved in a sport, play, club or another activity that you'd like the member of the youth staff to come and see? Fill out a "Come see me sheet" located in The Pit, and the youth board outside the gym and we will be sure to come see you!

Neighborhood Gatherings

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee would like to invite you to sign up for one of the final Neighborhood Gatherings. Don't miss your opportunity to have meaningful conversation and fellowship with Pastor Nathan and other church members. We are offering one gathering during the day (in the church parlor), one at Tamarack Ridge Healthcare, both of which are accessible for those with mobility concerns. If none of the six dates in October will work for you, we also have a Zoom Gathering scheduled November 14. Please check the Sign-Up Genius, or call Cara in the church office to get signed up.

Upcoming Gatherings: October 4, October 10, October 19 (1:00 pm), October 19 (evening), October 25 and October 26. Zoom: November 14

Thank you all, and a special thank you to all who volunteered to host gatherings! We couldn't do it without YOU.

Opportunities to Care for One Another

Are you someone who:

- is willing to help a neighbor with light housework/yardwork?
- has a background in nursing and is interested in exploring how to use those skills to care for folks in our congregation/community?
- is willing to make phone calls, write cards, or visit members of our community who are homebound?
- is willing to serve Communion to homebound members on a regular basis (either monthly or quarterly)?
- is willing to help with transportation, either to medical appointments or to worship services?
- is willing to help prepare a meal for someone recently home from the hospital?

As we open ourselves to opportunities to care for one another well, if one or more of the above opportunities is of interest to you, please contact Rev. Bob Machovec, our Minister of Pastoral Care, at bobmachovec@kentmethodist.org. Thank you.

Upcoming Book Discussions

At the heart of our discipleship journey—growing in our love of God and neighbor—is the ongoing challenge and opportunity to perceive ourselves and each other more fully and more truly as God's beloved children. All are welcome to join us for one or more of these conversations around books that can help us grow in this sacred work.

Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All the Difference

by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu

Tuesday, October 3 at 7 pm in the Conference Room

Archbishop Desmond Tutu witnessed and lived through some of the world's most difficult moments, fighting for decades against the racist government policy of apartheid in South Africa and serving worldwide as an ambassador of peace amid political, diplomatic, and natural disasters. And yet, those who knew him also found him to be one of the most joyful and hopeful people they had ever encountered. In *Made for Goodness*, a 2011 book co-authored with his daughter, Mpho, an ordained Anglican priest, Tutu argues that God has made us for goodness, and when we walk in the direction of this calling, God is there always to meet us, to encourage us, and to embrace us. Together, father and daughter offer an inspiring message of hope with the power to transform readers into activists for change and blessing in the world.

The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict

by the Arbinger Institute

Wednesday, November 15 at 7 pm in the Conference Room

What if conflicts at home, conflicts at work, and conflicts in the world all stem from the same root cause? What if we systematically misunderstand that root cause? And what if, as a result, we systematically perpetuate the very problems we think we are trying to solve? Amid a cultural context that can feel increasingly divided and contentious, *The Anatomy of Peace* instills hope and inspires reconciliation by encouraging us to understand and then resolve conflicts at every level by addressing the heart of our division.

Each of these books can be found to borrow through most library systems or to purchase through most online sellers including thriftbooks.com and bookshop.org (two online booksellers that reuse books and support local bookshops).

To express your interest in participating in any of these discussions, please RSVP to Pastor Nathan at nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org.

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Regular Schedule Blessing of the Pets	2 7 pm Covenant Bible Study/Room 200 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7:30 New Spirit Rehearsal/Choir Room	3 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Book Discussion/Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	4 7 pm Neighborhood Gathering	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	6 11 am-5 pm Blood Drive/Gym	7
8 Regular Schedule Walk at Towner's Woods	9 7 pm Covenant Bible Study/Room 200 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7:30 New Spirit Rehearsal/Choir Room	10 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Neighborhood Gathering 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	11 7 pm Church Council Mtg/Room 200	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	13	14
15 Regular Schedule Scout Pancake Breakfast 8 am-1 pm	16 7 pm Covenant Bible Study/Room 200 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7:30 New Spirit Rehearsal/Choir Room	17 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, Investments/Conf. Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	18 7 pm Finance Comm/Conference Room	19 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 1 pm Neighborhood Gathering 7 pm Neighborhood Gathering 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	20	21
22 Regular Schedule Hymn Sing 3 pm	23 7 pm Covenant Bible Study/Room 200 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7:30 New Spirit Rehearsal/Choir Room	24 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	25 7 pm Neighborhood Gathering	26 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 7 pm Neighborhood Gathering 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	27	28
29 Regular Schedule	30 7 pm Covenant Bible Study/Room 200 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7:30 New Spirit Rehearsal/Choir Room	31			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
October 1	6
October 8	1
October 15	2
October 22	3
October 29	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.



- Our sympathies to:**
- Peg Arnold on the death of her sister, Jean
 - Janet Sessions on the death of her brother, Allan Miner

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Greg Beatty, Bob Berger, Davina Gosnell, Jane Minard, Tim Smith

Sunday Afternoon Walk
October 8 at 4 pm at Towner's Woods

We are blessed locally with multiple park systems that provide abundant opportunities to enjoy God's creation. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us on Sunday, October 8 as we experience the beauty of one of our local parks. We will meet in the parking lot of Towner's Woods Park (2264 Ravenna Road, Kent) at 4 pm and then walk together in the park. Towner's Woods Park includes multiple trails with natural surfaces. We will decide which trail to walk based on those who come. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org) by the end of the day on Thursday, October 5.

Members of the congregation,

The United Women in Faith of Kent will be featuring one member of our Janus or Rebecca Circles to spotlight each month. This month, we will be featuring our UMWIF president, Becky Malloy. Member spotlights will be presented on our UMWIF board in the atrium. If you would like to attend a circle meeting, contact Tina Ballentine for the Rebecca Circle, Sally Dean for the Janus Circle, or myself, Krista Clavecilla.

God bless,

Krista Clavecilla

UMWIF Membership Nurture and Outreach

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

OCT 1	Tom Lundberg
OCT 8	Tom Lundberg
OCT 15	Eric Wertz
OCT 22	Eric Wertz
OCT 29	Eric Wertz

OCTOBER LAY READERS

OCT 1	Alex Seed
OCT 8	Karen Bennett
OCT 15	Edgar Kooijman
OCT 22	Janeen Phillips
OCT 29	Mark Lewis

Thank You Notes

Dear congregation,

I would like to thank Bob Machovec and the rest of the congregation for the words of sympathy after the death of my sister, Jean. Thanks also for the beautiful flowers. They cheered me up.

Peg Arnold

Rev. Bob Machovec,

Just wanted to express my appreciation for all the birthday wishes for my 101st birthday! I'm so thankful for all the well wishes.

Sincerely,

Helen Brinker



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Worship Calendar

Date	Focus	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
October 1	Worship—cultivating a life of gratitude	Psalms 100; Philippians 2:1–13	Rev. Nathan Howe	Worldwide Communion Sunday
October 8	Study—cultivating a life of learning	Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Psalms 19; Philippians 3:4b–14	Rev. Nathan Howe	
October 15	Serve—cultivating a life of justice and kindness	Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14	Rev. Nathan Howe	Scout Pancake Breakfast
October 22	Give—cultivating a life of generosity	I Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22	Rev. Nathan Howe	Hymn Sing
October 29	Share—cultivating a life that bears witness	Deuteronomy 34:1–12; I Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–40	Rev. Nathan Howe	Commitment Sunday



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