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Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Tuesday, November 21, 7 pm

Kent United Church of Christ (1400 East Main Street, Kent)

The entire Kent community will be invited to join us in worship on Tuesday, November 21 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary of Kent UCC. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors, and join us as we give thanks together for God's presence and celebrate God's love with our community. An offering will be received during the worship service to be given to support the ongoing work of Kent Social Services, feeding people throughout our neighborhood.

Reign of Christ Sunday

Sunday, November 26 at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, and 10:30 am

Reign of Christ or "Christ the King" Sunday is one of the most recent additions to the Christian calendar. Begun in 1925, the celebration was intended as a response to growing secularism and competing claims for our allegiance, especially as narrow ideologies and tribalistic nationalism was spreading across much of Europe following the First World War. Celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year (before the new year begins on the First Sunday of Advent), Reign of Christ Sunday remains for us an essential opportunity to gather and to reaffirm the primacy of God in our lives and throughout creation.

Youth Ministry News

November 2023

NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

NOV 5	Alex Alderson
NOV 12	Alvin Fields
NOV 19	Sienna Heeman
NOV 29	Jozsi Jakab

It's always amazing to me how fast the fall season goes. On October 21, 16 of our youth, their friends and chaperones had a fun fall evening at the Maize Valley farm in Hartville. On This beautiful fall evening, the youth were able to challenge themselves in various corn mazes, plan in a giant hay bale obstacle course, shoot an apple gun, watch pumpkin cannon demon-

strations and go on a hay ride and cook hotdogs and smores over our campfire. I hope everyone had an excellent time and look forward to doing this exciting event again next year.

I would also like to update everyone about our mission trip being offered next summer. At the time of this writing, we have made our reservations to go to Mountain TOP the week of June 22-29, 2024. Applications to be a part of the trip are being accepted from now until January 7. If you're still interested in the trip but missed the interest meeting, please call Rick on his cell 330-283-4838 or at the church office in order to reserve your spot.

Shalom,

Rick<><

Annual Thanksgiving Canned Good Drive

Once again the Sunday School department will be collecting canned goods during the Thanksgiving season to be given to Kent Social Services. Canned goods may be brought to your children's Sunday School classes starting November 5th and continuing until our annual Thanksgiving parade on November 19th.

NOVEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 4	Confirmation
SUNDAY 5	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 12	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SATURDAY 18	Movie Night!
SUNDAY 19	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SATURDAY 25	Ohio State Beats T.T.U.N.
SUNDAY 26	No Youth Fellowship or ZAMARingers

Sunday Afternoon Walk Sunday, November 12 at 4 pm Wood Hollow Metro Park

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, November 12 as we experience the beauty of one of our local parks. We will meet in the parking lot of Wood Hollow Metro Park (2121 Barlow Road, Hudson) at 4 pm and then walk together along the Downy Loop Trail (a little over one mile). If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org) by the end of the day on Thursday, November 9.

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. 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 book-sellers that reuse books and support local bookshops).

The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict **by the Aringer Institute**

Wednesday, November 15 at 7 pm
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.

Enchantment: Awakening Wonder in an Anxious Age **by Katherine May**

Tuesday, December 12 at 7 pm
Conference Room

Many of us feel trapped in a grind of constant change and anxiety: the noise of our news cycles and social media, our own families split along partisan lines. We feel fearful, tired, and on edge, not quite knowing why we are so wearied. For Katherine May, this low hum of fatigue and anxiety made her wonder what she was missing. Could there be a different way to relate to the world, one that would allow her to feel more rested and at ease, even amid changes? Might there be a way for all of us to move through life with curiosity and tenderness, sensitive to the beauty all around us? *Enchantment* invites each of us to open to the door to human experience in all its complexity, and to find the goodness waiting for us there.

Jesus and the Disinherited **by Howard Thurman**

Tuesday, January 9 at 7 pm
Conference Room

Howard Thurman’s theology and ministry have played a leading role in social justice movements and organizations throughout the 20th and 21st centuries. He was one of the principal architects of the modern nonviolent movement for civil rights and a key mentor to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who reportedly carried a copy of *Jesus and the Disinherited* throughout the Montgomery bus boycott. As our world and churches continue to struggle with issues related to poverty, white supremacy, anger, and distrust, all are welcome to read and join together for a discussion of this important and influential book.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	3	4
5 Regular Schedule	6 7 pm Covenant Bible Study/Room 200 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7:30 New Spirit Rehearsal/Choir Room	7 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	8	9 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary	10	11
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USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
November 5	5
November 12	6
November 19	1
November 26	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.



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our sympathies to:

- Linda Thomas on the death of her cousin
- Tom Emerick on the death of his friend, Mark
- Family and friends of Tim Smith
- Family and friends of Glenn Maxwell

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Davina Gosnell, Gloria Peterson, Claudia Sawyer, Kathi Smith, Patty Yensel

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.

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

NOV 5	Eric Wertz
NOV 12	Andrew Alderson
NOV 19	Tom Lundberg
NOV 26	Andrew Alderson

NOVEMBER LAY READERS

NOV 5	Pat Baldwin
NOV 12	Dottie Emerick
NOV 19	Tom Emerick
NOV 26	Alex Seed

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends –

Thank you so very much for all the lovely cards and notes for Pastor Appreciation Day.

It is such a wonderful privilege to be sharing in ministry together. It truly is a blessing to be part of this amazing church. Once again, thank you for all the continuing love and support.

Be blessed always -

Bob Machovec



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Youth Ministries**

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Worship Calendar

Date	Week	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
November 5	All Saints Sunday	Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10,22; I John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12	Rev. Nathan Howe	Communion
November 12	24th Sunday after Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13	Rev. Nathan Howe	Sunday Afternoon Walk
November 19	25th Sunday after Pentecost	Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30	Rev. Nathan Howe	Thanksgiving Sunday
November 26	Reign of Christ Sunday	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46	Rev. Nathan Howe	



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