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Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 13

8:30 am in the Chapel; 9:30 am in the Palmer Gym; 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Holy Week begins by embodying its sharp contrasts. In the palm procession, we experience the joyous parade of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. In the concluding reading of the Gospel, we are confronted by Jesus' suffering. By this sharp contrast, we are reminded of our various seasons of faithfulness: that our lives are filled both with joy and with suffering, with times of following Jesus closely and with times of falling away.

Maundy Thursday: April 17

7 pm in the Sanctuary

On Maundy Thursday, named for the command or "mandate" Jesus gives us to love one another, we remember Jesus' example of servanthood and celebrate God's presence with us in the Lord's Supper (Communion).

Good Friday: April 18

7 pm in the Palmer Gym

Our worship on Good Friday continues the service begun on Maundy Thursday. We will move to the Palmer Gym, and the modern worship team will lead us in songs while our scripture readings lead us into the story of Jesus' suffering, abandonment, and death.

Easter Sunday: April 20

7:30 am in the Outdoor Chapel; 8:30 am in the Sanctuary;

9:30 am in the Palmer Gym; 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

The Easter Season, also known as the Great Fifty Days of Easter, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues to the Day of Pentecost (this year, on June 8). This is our most joyous season and the core of the entire Christian year. Together in worship, we focus on Christ's resurrection as the triumph of God's love over all the powers of death and the continuing invitation to us to live as Easter people, sharing God's love with the world.

Youth Ministry News

April 2025

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 14 members of our youth group and various adults registered to attend Mountain T.O.P.

In order to support this trip we have a brick 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 YOUTH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 5	9:30–12 Confirmation
SUNDAY 6	6–7 PM ZAMARingers 7–8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 13	6–7 PM ZAMARingers 7–8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
THURSDAY 17	Maundy Thursday
FRIDAY 18	Good Friday
SUNDAY 20	Easter (No Youth Activities)
SUNDAY 27	6–7 PM ZAMARingers 7–8:30 PM Youth Fellowship

APRIL ACOLYTES

APRIL 6	Liam Russell
APRIL 13	Evelyn Goff
APRIL 17 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)	Libby Filler
APRIL 18 (GOOD FRIDAY)	Rose Filler
APRIL 20	Zach Filler
APRIL 27	Maddy Conley



Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 1 pm to 3 pm

On Saturday, April 12, from 1 pm to 3 pm, we will join with Kids Kare Daycare and Tree City Preschool to host a Community Easter Egg Hunt on our property. All children up to age 12 are welcome and encouraged to participate and will be asked to register in advance (details on registration will be provided in upcoming weekly email newsletters, or you can contact Pastor Nathan at nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

This will be a great opportunity for our whole congregation both to connect with the daycare and preschool and to reach out with God's love to children and their families in our neighborhood. Please prayerfully consider being involved in any of the following ways:

1. help plan the event;
2. donate small, individually-wrapped candy; and/or
3. serve as a host on the day of the event.

To express your interest and for more information, please contact Pastor Nathan or Chelsea Alderson (chelseaalderson@kentmethodist.org). Thank you!



Come to the table...
Potluck Dinners and Conversations
Wednesdays through April 16
6 pm to 8 pm, Pierson Hall

All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Bring a dish to share and your own table service; beverages will be provided. Through April 9, our meal will be followed by Bible study and table conversations, designed for collaborative learning among children, youth, and adults. On April 16, our meal will be followed by a presentation from a representative of the Kent Environmental Council regarding ways that we can live more sustainably and faithfully as caretakers of God's good creation. Join us this Lent as we break bread together, savor God's generosity, learn from each other, and rise to share with the world out of the abundance we have received from the bread of life.

Coins for Lent 2025

Throughout the season of Lent, we have been invited to use "Coins for Lent Giving Calendars" to consider the simple material blessings that are part of our lives and to donate a coin for each of them as an opportunity to express our gratitude through generosity. Please remember to bring your total donation for Lent to worship with you on Easter Sunday, April 20. All donations will be given to support ongoing feeding programs through Kent Social Services. Thank you!

Funeral/Memorial Service Pre-Planning

Funerals, memorial services, and other Christian celebrations of life are important rituals to provide healing and comfort to our loved ones following our death within the context of our faith tradition and faith community. One of the ways we can assist our loved ones in planning our funeral or memorial service is by sharing our desires in advance. To help with this, we have prepared a "Funeral/Memorial Service Arrangements" form that you can complete and then leave with the church office. On the form, you will be invited to consider the sort of music you would like to be included, the passages of scripture you would like to be read, the persons you would like to be included in leadership roles, and other details that will assist your loved ones in celebrating your life. For more information and/or to receive a form, please contact Pastor Bob (bobmachovec@kentmethodist.org) or Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

Join UMCK at "Clean Up Kent"

Saturday, April 26, 9 am to 11 am

Together, as a congregation, we will join Main Street Kent for their annual spring "Clean Up Kent" event on Saturday, April 26. (If you have purchased any UMCK shirts in the past, this is a great opportunity to wear them.) We will meet at the gazebo (on the corner of West Main Street and Franklin Avenue) at 8:45 am, and then sign up for a section of downtown to clean up by removing trash, etc. If you are able to join us, please RSVP to Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org) by the end of the day on Thursday, April 24. Thank you!

New Ministry Teams for Emerging Opportunities

Throughout recent months, we have been in an ongoing process of discovery and discernment, responding together to God's call on our lives as individuals and our life together as a faithful congregation in ministry with our neighbors. To help plan and guide new and emerging ministry opportunities, we have formed a few new teams which meet regularly and are open to all who are interested in being involved, helping to shape our life together. Please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org) for more information or to express your interest in participating in one or more of these teams:

Community Connections Team

The Community Connections Team focuses on opportunities to build relationships with our neighbors and neighborhood through hands-on service and generosity, including service projects, social justice and advocacy ministries, and participating in community gatherings on behalf of UMCK. During the past year, this team began our monthly "Loving Our Neighbors" collections, coordinated opportunities to serve at the Lord's Lunch and Miller Community House, and organized our presence at the Kent Heritage Festival, among other ministry opportunities. This team meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

LGBTQ+ Ministry Team

The LGBTQ+ Ministry Team is a group of LGBTQ+ persons and allies committed to increasing the witness of our congregation as a community of faith where all persons will be loved and celebrated as beloved children of God and will find a place of belonging. During the past year, this team hosted our "Safe Space: Ally Training" from the Kent State University LGBTQ+ Center, coordinated our congregation's presence at Pride festivals in Cleveland, Canton, Akron, Kent State University, and the city of Kent, and is exploring more opportunities for advocacy and fellowship.

Green Team

The Green Team is committed to helping the congregation become more informed and involved regarding the current climate crisis and opportunities to be faithful stewards of the goodness of God's earth. Some participants on this team have attended training events through the East and West Ohio Conferences of our United Methodist Church, and we are looking forward to increasing opportunities to live our faith in connection with all creation. This team meets monthly on Sundays after the 10:30 am worship service.

Communication Ministry Team

The Communication Ministry Team is focused on developing effective communication both within the congregation and between the congregation and the broader community. Current areas of focus are the redesign of our UMCK website and exploring options for "welcome centers" or "connection points" within our building and increasing UMCK's online presence. This team meets monthly on Thursday evenings.

Ministry with Migrants Team

The Ministry with Migrants Team has been formed in response to a webinar on February 10 from our United Methodist Church called "Solidarity with the Sojourners" (www.resourceumc.org/en/content/solidarity-with-the-sojourners). This team is focused on exploring opportunities to be in ministry with migrant families and communities in our region and advocating for public policies that align with our faithful commitments to justice, compassion, and dignity for all.

2025 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!

Interested in going for bicycle ride?

One of the great things about living in this area is the number of available trails for hiking and biking. Do you like to ride a bicycle? If so – now that the weather is getting warmer let's go for a ride! Contact Bob Machovec (bobmachovec@kentmethodist.org) and we can get interested folks together and pick a date and let's go for a ride!

Sunday Afternoon Walk

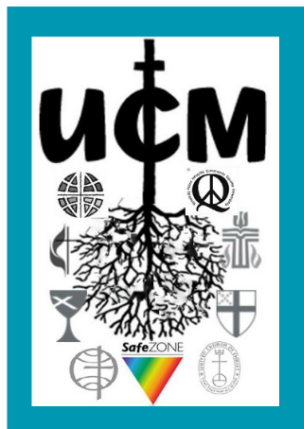
Sunday, April 13
4 pm at Dix Park

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation—both outdoors and in each other! Invite a friend or neighbor and join us. All are welcome! We will meet in the parking lot of Dix Park (7318 State Route 44, Ravenna) at 4 pm and then walk some of the trails together.

Sunday Flower Deliverers Needed

Each Sunday individuals and families graciously donate flowers to enhance our worship experience. Flowers are often given to celebrate a significant event or in memory of a loved one, all given to enrich our life together. Following the service, they are delivered to those who may be homebound or recovering from a recent hospitalization as an outreach ministry of the church. Those that receive the flowers are blessed and feel part of the church community in a special way.

Sharing the Sunday flowers with someone is an outreach ministry of the church. Flowers are available for delivery after the 10:30 service and should be delivered either Sunday or Monday. If you'd like to know more you can contact Bob Machovec (bobmachovec@kentmethodist.org) or Krista Clavecilla (Kristalpn@icloud.com) If you are interested in sharing in this opportunity to be a blessing to others, there is a sign-up in the Atrium or contact either Bob or Krista and see what a blessing you can be to someone else.



UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES SPRING 2025

STUDENT FUNDRAISER

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6
2:00-3:30 PM**

**KENT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST,
VANMETER HALL (1400 E. MAIN ST.)**

**DONATE AND
RSVP Today!**



GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FAMOUS UCM DESSERTS

- Enjoy our famous UCM cakes- Chocolate Cherry, Andes Mint and Toffee cakes, and other light refreshments.
- Catch up with UCM and Kappa Phi students, alumni, board members and local church friends

HEAR FROM CURRENT STAFF & STUDENTS

- We will have a brief presentation from UCM and Kappa Phi students about campus ministry and student life at KSU today!
- Connect with Alumni and other UCM supporters.



SILENT AUCTION BASKETS

NEW!

- Make an additional donation to support UCM by bidding on silent auction baskets!
- Want to donate a basket? Email ucm@kent.edu!

JOIN A WALKING TOUR OF THE MAY 4TH MEMORIAL STARTING AT 3:15

- Tour will leave the UCC around 3:15
- Guided tour of the May 4th Memorial with Rev. Lauren and Dr. David Odell-Scott
- Dress for the weather with good walking shoes.



RSVP AND PAY AT THE DOOR

OR MAKE YOUR DONATION ONLINE

- Email ucm@kent.edu or call **330.678.5879 x121** to let us know you are coming!
- Go to myucm.org to make online donations (check the box for Student Programs)
- Mail checks to **UCM, PO Box 646, Kent, OH 44240**

FREE EVENT

**YOUR GENEROUS
DONATION KEEPS UCM
STRONG!**

\$40 = STUDENT MEETINGS FOOD
\$60 = COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT SUPPLIES
\$100 = EVANGELISM & OUTREACH ON CAMPUS
\$250 = SPECIAL PROGRAMS STUDENT INTERN
\$1500 = SUPPORTING ONE SEMESTER FOR A STUDENT INTERN
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING UCM WITH YOUR MOST GENEROUS DONATION!

Kent Ecumenical GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS



April 18, 2025, 12pm

Remember the events of Good Friday as
we walk through downtown Kent.

Meet in the parking lot of First Christian
Church (335 W. Main). Walk is about 1
mile long.

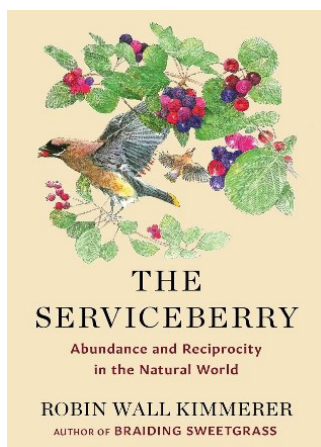
Upcoming Book Discussions

The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Tuesday, April 1, at 7 pm in the Conference Room

As Indigenous scientist (and author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*) Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries



alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy. How, she asks, can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most? Our economy is rooted in scarcity, competition, and the hoarding of resources, and we have surrendered our values to a system that actively harms what we love. Meanwhile, the serviceberry's relationship with the natural world is an embodiment of reciprocity, interconnectedness, and gratitude. The tree distributes its wealth—its abundance of sweet, juicy berries—to meet the needs of its natural community, and this distribution ensures its own survival. As

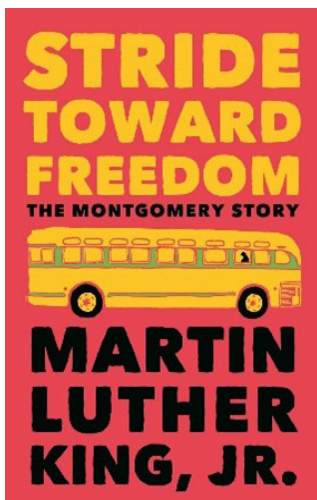
Kimmerer explains, “Serviceberries show us another model, one based upon reciprocity, where wealth comes from the quality of your relationships, not from the illusion of self-sufficiency.”

Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday, May 13, at 7 pm in the Conference Room

Written just two years after the successful completion of the boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama bus system,



a young Rev. King tells the stories that informed his thinking before, during, and after the boycott—from first witnessing economic injustice as a teenager and watching his parents experience discrimination to his decision to begin working with the NAACP. Throughout, he demonstrates how activism and leadership can come from any experience at any age. Both comprehensive and intimate, *Stride Toward Freedom* emphasizes the collective nature of the movement and includes King's experiences learning from others, including Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin. In so doing, it provides wisdom for our ongoing collective movements for social change as we seek together a

more beloved world.

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7 pm Book Discussion/Parlor 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	2 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle/Pierson Hall 6 pm Lenten Potluck/PH 7 pm Lenten Program/PH	3 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	4	5
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13 Regular Schedule Afternoon Walk 4 pm Green Team meeting 11:30 am in Conference Room	14 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	15 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Community Connections Team/Conf. Room 7 pm Janus Circle/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	16 11 am-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Palmer Gym 6 pm Lenten Potluck/PH 7 pm Lenten Program/PH	17 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	18	19
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27 Regular Schedule	28 6 pm Kent Garden Club/Pierson Hall 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	29 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Comm/Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	30 7 pm Finance Comm/Conference Room	<div> 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 </div>		

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
April 6	6
April 13	1
April 17	2
April 20	3
April 27	4

If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x114 or email Cara at caradesko@kentmethodist.org.



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

- Family and friends of Carrie Shelly
- Family and friends of Richard Sears
- Family and friends of Cathy Wells
- Family and friends of David Hornsby

Our sympathies to:**Recent Hospitalizations, Surgeries, and Illnesses:**

Maggie Bergman, Lori Foldessy, Megan Howe, Andy Lepp, Pete Lorenz, Vern Pees, Tony Russell, Rachelle Ryan, Carolyn Tener, Karin Underwood

APRIL FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

APRIL 6	The Beatty Family
APRIL 13	TBA
APRIL 20	Paschal Breakfast
APRIL 27	TBA

Fellowship Hour—Help Needed

If you would like to host fellowship hour, you can sign up at www.kentmethodist.org/volunteer-opportunities/ or contact the office by phone at 330-673-5879 to schedule a Sunday. No baking is required! All refreshments are provided by the church.

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

APRIL 6	Andrew Alderson
APRIL 13	Eric Wertz
APRIL 17	Eric Wertz
APRIL 20	Eric Wertz
APRIL 27	Tom Lundberg

APRIL LAY READERS

APRIL 6	Krista Clavecilla
APRIL 13	Lori Foldessy
APRIL 20	Bob Machovec
APRIL 27	Lori Foldessy

Thank You Notes

On behalf of Heart 4 the City, thank you for your continues support and generous contribution to our ministries. Your giving has helped our mission to serve out community with love and compassion.

Blessings,

Cathy Rundo

United Women in Faith of Kent,

Thank you so much for your generosity! We are using your donation to assist in buying new mattresses for our residents. Without the thoughtfulness of your group, this would not have been possible. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

The Ladies of PARC (Portage Area Recovery Center)



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**Chelsea Alderson
Director of Children's Ministries**

Mailing Label Here

Mailed March 28

He isn't here, but has been raised.—*Luke 24:6*

Worship Calendar

Date	Week	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
April 6	5th Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b–14; John 12:1–8	Rev. Nathan Howe	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
April 13	Palm/Passion Sunday	Psalm 118:1–2, Luke 19:28–30; Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Luke 22:14–26:56	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>New Spirit</i>
April 17	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm Service in the Sanctuary Exodus 12:1–14; Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19; I Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–35		
April 18	Good Friday	7:00 pm Service in the Palmer Gym Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16–25; John 18:1–19:42		
April 19	Holy Saturday	No worship service in the building; at-home resources will be provided Lamentations 3:1–9, 19–24; Psalm 31:1–4, 15–16; 1 Peter 4:1–8; Matthew 27:57–66		
April 20	Easter Sunday	7:30 am in the Outdoor Chapel; 8:30 am in the Sanctuary; 9:30 am in the Palmer Gym; 10:30 am in the Sanctuary Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; I Corinthians 15:19–26; Luke 24:1–12		
April 27	2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 118:14–29; Revelation 1:4–8; John 20:19–31	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>New Spirit</i>