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FALL 2025 CLASSES AND SMALL GROUPS

Monday Evening Bible Study

Luke – Acts: Into the Word, Into the World
Mondays at 7 pm, September 8 – November 24
Room 200

This 12-week study will be an exploration of the companion books of Luke and Acts, following a curriculum in the format of Disciple Bible Study II. Each week includes a guide and journal for daily scripture reading and reflection, an opportunity to learn about and practice spiritual disciplines, and an invitation to commit and respond. Three to five chapters of scripture will be read each day, and we will discuss what we have read in our weekly group meetings. Study guides will cost \$12 each, payable to UMCK. Please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org) to sign up or for more information.

New Small Group Ministry

various days and times, beginning mid-September

Beginning in mid-September, join us for a new opportunity to find and build community and grow in our faith by sharing life together. Most all of us have some desire to be known by others and to do good in the world. Small groups are an opportunity to do this in community with others.

What are small groups? Small groups are communities of five to fifteen individuals who meet regularly on the journey of becoming more deeply committed followers of Christ. Groups can meet two or three times per month, deciding the pattern of their own schedule that will work best for their participants. They can meet consistently for up to two years, but to begin, we're asking for a six-meeting commitment. At the end of six meetings, groups and participants can reevaluate their plans and decide what will be best moving forward.

Interested in hosting a small group? Being a host allows you the opportunity to provide a space for others to share joys and concerns, to learn together, to grow in faith, and to serve in our community. Hosts aren't "experts"; they just need to be willing to offer space and love for their neighbors. Groups can meet in our building, in homes, or in community spaces, e.g. parks or coffee shops. Interested or have questions? Please contact Pastor Nathan at nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org.

Interested in participating in a small group? Being part of a small group can be a transformative way to experience connection by journeying together alongside others who are seeking to be known and do good in our community. Please contact Pastor Nathan at nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org to let us know if you are interested in connecting.

Youth Ministry News

September 2025

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER
ACOLYTES**

SEPTEMBER 7	Maddy Conley
SEPTEMBER 14	Liam Russell
SEPTEMBER 21	Evelyn Goff
SEPTEMBER 28	Libby Filler

It hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. Our youth group had a memorable week at Mountain TOP. Many were involved in the programs at our East Ohio Camps. Fall sports, marching band and other school activities have started. Now it's time to resume our youth activities.

Youth Group will begin with a celebration including food, games and a campfire on Sunday, September 7 for all 6th through 12th graders at

7:00 PM. I am also excited to announce that we will continue serve a light dinner on Sundays at 7:00 in between ZAMARingers (which will start Sept 14) and youth group.

Looking forward in the fall, the return of our Time and Talent auction is scheduled for September 28, a hayride is being planned for October 18, and there will be a special activity mid-November. Be sure to mark your calendars and keep these dates open and plan to participate in all of these activities.

Believe it or not we have already started thinking about next year's youth mission trip. We will again this year 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 20-27, of 2026. Preparation for this trip will begin with

a parent/student interest meetings in September 21 at 7:00 PM in Pierson Hall. At this meeting we will announce many changes that are going to occur around next year's trip and we will officially begin taking registrations. It is important that anyone grades 6-12 who is interested in going on the mission trip attend this meeting. The opportunity to register for this trip will close the first week of January. I am very excited about next year's trip and look forward to sharing all the exciting news at the meeting on September 21.

Shalom,

Rick<><

SEPTEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 7	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 14	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 21	Mountain TOP Interest Mtg 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 29	Time and Talent Auction 6-7 ZAMARingers

Building Together for Tomorrow Capital Campaign

We are blessed by your generosity! Through your participation, we have met our goal for the "Building Together for Tomorrow" capital campaign which will allow us to replace the old, original heating units in Education Wing classrooms with newer, more reliable, and more energy-efficient heating and cooling units. Wright Heating and Cooling began work on this project in late August, and we should have all units operating in time for the cold months this winter. Thank you for your pledges and contributions to invest in our many small groups, classes, preschool, and community partners that meet in this section of our building!

Grundy County Fall Festival Coat Drive

This year we are again planning an ADULT TRIP to the mountain on October 23-26. If YOU would like to be a part of this amazing experience. If this sounds like YOU or if YOU feel called to be a part of this ministry, please contact Rick Stout about how you can be a part of this amazing opportunity.

As a part of this trip on the weekend of October 26 the Mountain T.O.P. ministry will host its annual Grundy County Fall Festival! While the festival focuses on new shoes for the needy in the area, Mountain T.O.P. will be distributing winter coats, books and school supplies to the people of Grundy County. Towards this end, Mountain T.O.P. has asked our church to again sponsor a coat collection for the fall festival. Beginning September 1 bins will be placed in the atrium for you to drop off NEW or EXTREMELY GENTLY used coats and jackets of various sizes to be given out to the people of Grundy County. You may also drop them off at Rick Stout's office. 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.

Blessing of the Pets

*Sunday, October 5
on the lawn between the Chapel and
the Sanctuary*

On Sunday, October 6 at 5 pm, all are welcome to bring their pets and join us on the lawn near the office entrance as we give thanks to God for our animal companions and ask God's blessing on them. Please have larger animals on a leash and smaller animals in a carrier. For more information, please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

In preparation for this year's Blessing of the Pets, you are invited to send pictures of your pets to Pastor Nathan beginning September 22. We will print and display pictures of our beloved animal companions on a bulletin board in our building, giving thanks to God for their presence in our lives.

Fall Kickoff, September 7

On Sunday, September 7, we will resume fall programming, including Sunday school classes for children, youth, and adults. To celebrate the day together, we will have one worship service only, at 10 am in the Sanctuary, and that worship service will be followed by a potluck picnic. Please join us!

Sunday School Teachers needed:

The Sunday school department is in need of teachers for the 9:30 and 10:30 worship hour. If you'd be willing to help your church by teaching Sunday school on a rotating basis please contact Chelsea Alderson or Rick Stout in the office.

Children's Choir and 9:30 Sunday school set to return September 7

Beginning September 7 full Sunday school along with Children's choir will return to the 9:30 hour. Interested students can report to room 202 at 9:30 to participate in these activities.

Mountain T.O.P. interest meeting September 21

Believe it or not plans are underway for our annual mission trip. This year we will again be going to Mountain TOP. Mountain TOP is an interdenominational Christian Mission, affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church. Its ministry is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the rural people living in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. This year's trip is scheduled for June 20 through June 27, 2026.

An interest meeting for anyone interested in attending next year (Even if you've already been to Mountain T.O.P.) is scheduled for September 21 at 7:00 PM in the Pierson Hall. At the meeting any changes to this year's trip will be discussed, therefore; we are requiring that at least one parent attend this meeting along with any 6th through 12th grader interested in going on the trip. However, attendance at this meeting does not guarantee participation on the trip this is only an information gathering time.

Please contact Rick at 330-283-4838 if you are unable to attend this meeting but are planning to go to Mountain T.O.P. Also, feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing everyone on that Sunday.

Greetings,

It's that time of the year again to collect your receipts from Acme. The cash back program has begun and the United Women in Faith are asking for your support. Please keep your receipts and turn them into one of the collection boxes that can be found by the chapel, atrium and in the kitchen in Pierson Hall. We will collect receipts until February 15, 2026. How the program works is we receive 5% cash back from the receipts we collect. When you buy participating brands, you will see a note on the bottom of your receipt that says Community Cash Back Earned today. We need the entire receipt. The UWF use this money to donate to local organizations. Thank you for your support. Any questions you may contact Krista Clavecilla, Tina Ballentine or Janeen Phillips.

Thank You,

Krista Clavecilla, UWF President

Grief Support Group to Begin

We are beginning a Grief Support Group at the church. We will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month, beginning on Thursday, October 9. Meetings will be from 1:00-2:30 pm in the church parlor. Participants will be invited to share stories and explore mutual ways to navigate the grief journey and find healing in the process. The group is open to all. For more information, or if you'd like to sign up to be a part of this group, contact Rev. Bob Machovec at 234-282-6009 or at bobmachovec@kentmethodist.org.

Annual Time and Talent Auction Sunday, September 28

Sunday, September 28 will be the return of the youth's annual "Time and Talent Auction" and luncheon sponsored by the Kent Youth Group. In the past each year our auction served as the MAJOR FUNDRAISER used to support the many activities our youth participate in during the year.

We already have the following items available for this year's auction:

- Two tickets to the UCLA vs. OSU on Nov. 29
- Use of a flat in London for a week
- Autographed OSU football by ESPN commentator and former OSU quarterback Kirk Herbstreit

While we are asking each of the youth to donate an item, there is room for the entire church to get involved in the fun. Donation items could include:

- Theme baskets
- Craft or handmade items
- Theater or movie tickets (Weathervane)
- Kick-Knacks
- Use of a cottage Cabin or Time Share
- Dinner events
- Use of a pool or picnic area
- Gift certificates
- Collectibles or antiques
- The ideas are endless!

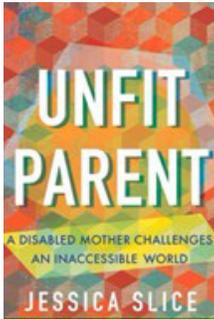
Won't you please prayerfully consider ways you might be able to support our youth ministry through the donation of an item? Those interested in donating an item can do so by calling Rick at 330-283-4838 or by email at rickstout@kentmethodist.org.

Upcoming Book Discussions

Unfit Parent: A Disabled Mother Challenges an Inaccessible World

by Jessica Slice

Tuesday, Sept 2, at 7 pm in the Conference Room

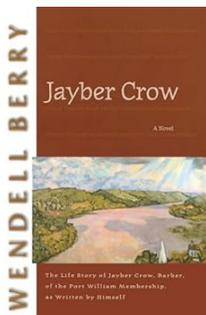


Jessica Slice became disabled in her late twenties, years before becoming a mother. That experience, she says, prepared her for parenthood. And what she has learned through her experience as a disabled parent are lessons that can guide and support all parents and others who care for children, especially in a time when parents generally report feeling overwhelmed and burned out.

Jayber Crow

by Wendell Berry

Tuesday, October 7, at 7 pm in the Conference Room



For more than fifty years, Wendell Berry has lived and farmed with his wife, Tanya, in Kentucky. During that time, he also has written more than fifty books of poetry, fiction, and essays, mostly focused on faith, community, and paying attention to the land. His novels center in the fictional town of Port William, about twelve miles south of the Ohio River. *Jayber Crow* is his sixth such novel and tells a story of love and loss, joy and despair, through the life of Port William's barber.

Sunday Afternoon Walk

***Sunday, September 14, 4 pm
Freedom Trail***

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation—both outdoors and in each other! Invite a friend or a neighbor and join us. All are welcome. We will meet in the Middlebury Trailhead parking lot of the Freedom Trail (1324 Middlebury Road, Kent) at 4 pm and then walk a portion of the multipurpose trail together. Please join us!



May trip to Brookdale Orchard

Hospital Notifications

We in the church don't often know whether folks are in the hospital. Very few hospitals notify churches of their parishioners who are hospitalized. If you would like the ministers or church to know if you're in the hospital, please let us know at 330-673-5879. Thank you.

Day of Service at Brookdale Orchard

Saturday, September 27

In May and August, a small group from our congregation traveled to Brookdale Orchard, a community garden and ministry of St. Matthew UMC in the Hough neighborhood of Cleveland. On Saturday, September 27, we will return to the orchard to help with the end of the main growing season. We will carpool from our parking lot, departing at 9 am, and should return to Kent by 4 pm. For more information or to express your intent to participate, please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed for Labor Day 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	2 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Book Discussion/ Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	3 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle/ Pierson Hall 6 pm SPRC/Conference Room 7 pm Small Group Hosts/ Conference Room	4 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	5	6
7 Unified 10 AM Worship followed by the church picnic; Youth Fellowship resumes, 7:00 PM	8 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	9 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	10	11 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans	12	13
14 Fall Schedule 4 PM Walk 7:00 pm ZAMARingers resumes	15 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	16 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	17 11 am Red Cross Blood Drive/Pierson Hall	18 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/Parlor	19	20
21 Fall Schedule	22 6 pm Kent Garden Club/ Pierson Hall 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	23 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	24	25 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 2 pm Mosaic Assembly/ Conference Room	26	27
28 Fall Schedule Time and Talent Auction	29 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	30 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym				

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
SEPTEMBER 7	6
SEPTEMBER 14	1
SEPTEMBER 21	2
SEPTEMBER 28	3

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.



Our sympathies to:

- Laurel Stiller on the death of her mother

Recent Hospitalizations, Surgeries, and Illnesses:

Richard Abbott, Peg Arnold, Hal Hall, Mike Hardy, Doug Long, Mickey Peoples, Richard Pryor, Rick Stout

SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

SEPTEMBER 7	Church Picnic
SEPTEMBER 14	TBA
SEPTEMBER 21	TBA
SEPTEMBER 28	Time and Talent Auction

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

SEPTEMBER 7	Andrew Alderson
SEPTEMBER 14	Tom Lundberg
SEPTEMBER 21	Eric Wertz
SEPTEMBER 28	Tom Lundberg

SEPTEMBER LAY READERS

AUG 3	Janeen Phillips
AUG 10	Karen Bennett
AUG 17	Judith Nedel
AUG 24	Krista Clavecilla
AUG 31	Pat Baldwin

Update to Office Hours

Our church office hours have changed. Effective July 1, the office hours for Cara Desko are 9–12 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and for Adam Alderson 9–3 Tuesday and Thursday and 12–3 Wednesday and Friday.

World Communion Sunday—October 5

World Communion Sunday is celebrated every year on the first Sunday in October. On this day, we gather at God’s table to share in our feast of Holy Communion, and as we do so, we remember that God’s table extends far beyond our walls. By God’s grace, we are held in communion with God and with each other across time and place. As an expression of our communion, we will send communion elements beyond our walls to share with members of our congregation who are unable to worship with us physically. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please sign up in the atrium or contact Rev. Bob Machovec, Minister of Pastoral Care (bobmachovec@kentmethodist.org).

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and cards during my operation. I appreciate your thoughts, and with God, my healing is continuing.

Roselyn Bauman

Dear church members,

We were overcome by the number of kind messages we received congratulating us on our 60th wedding anniversary. Our sincerest thank you to you all.

The church flowers were beautiful and are still quite fresh. We are enjoying them. Thank you all again.

Jill and Barry Beer



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Mailing Label Here

Mailed August 28

This year's fall kickoff picnic will be Sunday, September 7!

Worship Calendar

Date	Week	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
September 7	13th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33	Rev. Nathan Howe	10 AM Unified Service, Communion, Church Picnic
September 14	14th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10	Rev. Nathan Howe	Third-Grade Bible Presentation, Afternoon Walk
September 21	15th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13	Rev. Nathan Howe	
September 28	16th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31	Rev. Nathan Howe	Time and Talent Auction



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