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Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



Living Together Toward Our New Vision 3-Week Worship Series

September 28 – October 12

Earlier this year, the Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table of our United Methodist Church unveiled a new vision for The United Methodist Church, a vision rooted in our Wesleyan heritage

and reflecting our deep and abiding commitment to embodying God's dream for the world:

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

This renewed vision is more than words; it is a call to action and an invitation to embrace joy and hope as we live together God's mission. It provides us with a clear, Christ-centered framework for missional unity and collaboration across our worldwide connection and for renewed engagement with our neighborhood locally.

During our worship together on three upcoming Sundays—September 28 through October 12—we will explore together what living toward this vision might mean for us in the coming year, both individually and as a congregation.

September 28—“Love Boldly”: We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life (cf. Matthew 22.37-39; John 13.34-35).

October 5—“Serve Joyfully”: With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy (cf. Psalm 100.1; Nehemiah 8.10; John 13.14-15; 1 Peter 4.10).

October 12—“Lead Courageously”: Following Jesus' example, we seek to resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation (cf. Joshua 1.9; Ephesians 6.10).

Naming Our Commitments for 2026

Commitment Sunday: October 19

This three-week worship series also will lead us toward Commitment Sunday, October 19, when we will be invited to name our commitments to five essential practices—*worshipping, studying, serving, giving, and sharing*—that will enable us to live toward our vision more fully.

Letters and “Commitment Cards” have been sent by mail and email, but if you have not yet received one, extra copies are available in the atrium or by contacting the church office. Digital versions also can be completed and submitted online at www.kentmethodist.org/digital-pledge-card. **Please prayerfully consider your commitments for 2026, complete a “2026 Commitment Card,” and submit it during worship on Sunday, October 19, when we will offer our commitments to God together.** Thank you for your ongoing commitment to and participation in the life of our congregation as we continue making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Youth Ministry News

October 2025

The youth have had a great start to the year! On September 7, the youth group officially restarted. We invited our friends from the UCC and First Christian to join us for a night of Pizza, Laser tag and an outdoor time of worship around the church's bonfire area including music provided by our worship leaders Abby Dean and Michael Goff. Additionally, ZAMARingers began practicing on Sunday September 21. 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,

November 1 when our youth will be hosting a fall outing and hayride at Maize Valley farm including our friends from the UCC and First Christian as well. 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 20-27, 2025. Preparation for this trip will begin with a parent/student interest meeting on September 21st . Additionally, the application process started at this meeting. If you are planning

FALL EVENTS
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KENT

- OCT 5** **PET BLESSING** 5:00 PM
- OCT 27** **TRUNK OR TREAT** 6:30 PM
- NOV 23** **THANKSGIVING PARADE** 10:30 AM
- NOV 25** **THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE** TRINITY LUTHERYN 7:00 PM
- DEC 7** **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** 10:30 AM

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 4, 2026.

Shalom,
 Rick<><

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!

Acolytes Needed

Due to the fact there will not be a confirmation program this year, we are asking all active youth to volunteer as acolytes. To sign up, visit the "Acolyting" section of our website at www.kentmethodist.org/volunteer.

OCTOBER YOUTH CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY 5 | 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship |
| SUNDAY 12 | 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship |
| SUNDAY 19 | 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship |
| SUNDAY 26 | Time and Talent Auction 6-7 ZAMARingers |
| SATURDAY 1 | Youth Fall activity and hayride |

Grundy County Fall Festival Coat Drive

On October 25' 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 in the atrium or 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.

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.



UCM KSU Homecoming Open House & Fundraising Event

October 11, 2025

Homecoming Parade 10:30AM

The parade begins at the intersection of Johnston Drive, Loop Road, and Rhodes Road by the Kent State University Ice Arena, and travels west on Summit Street to Terrace Drive.

The best spot to watch the parade is by the Student Green and University Library along Summit Street.

Open House 11:30-1:30PM

At the UCM Lounge and Chapel
(1435 E. Main St., Kent)

Meet current students, connect with alumni, share memories, and support UCM's vital ministry at Kent State!

FREE EVENT!

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\$1500 = SUPPORTING ONE SEMESTER FOR A STUDENT INTERN

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING UCM WITH YOUR MOST GENEROUS DONATION!



World Communion Sunday

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).



World Communion Sunday Special Offering

World Communion Sunday celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion. Embracing this commitment, United Methodists nurture diverse leadership by supporting scholarships and training for under-represented students, extending Christ's table so that all may find a place and a purpose. Together, we are united in our impact.

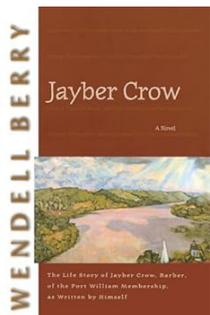
When you give a special offering on World Communion Sunday, fifty percent of funds go toward scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students of color pursuing ordained ministry; thirty-five percent of funds provide grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access; and fifteen percent of funds support leadership development among partner churches and communities in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and communities of color in the U.S. Write a check to UMCK with "World Communion" in the memo line to participate in this world-transforming work.

Upcoming Book Discussions

Jayber Crow

by Wendell Berry

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



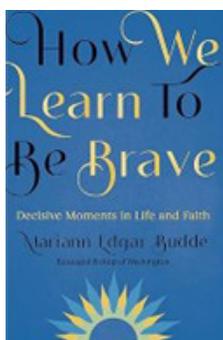
For more than fifty years, Wendell Berry has lived and farmed with his wife, Tanya, in Kentucky. During that time, he also has written more than fifty books of poetry, fiction, and essays, mostly focused on faith, community, and paying attention to the land. His novels center in the fictional town of 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.

How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith

by Mariann Edgar Budde

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



In this 2023 book, Bishop Budde—Episcopal Bishop of Washington, DC—explores key junctures of life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, pave the way for us to become our most courageous selves. Drawing on wisdom from a variety of sources, Bishop Budde weaves together personal experiences with stories from scripture, history, and culture, to provide encouragement and insight for anyone searching for a path forward during uncertain times.

Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, October 12, 1:30–3:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Parish

(164 W. Market St., Akron)

For this month's walk—enjoying the beauty of God's creation both outdoors and in each other—we are invited to join with ecumenical partners who are faithfully caring for God's creation. Organized by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and supported by the Ohio Episcopal Area of our United Methodist Church, we will prayerfully walk from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Parish to Elizabeth Park and back, approximately 1.5 miles roundtrip. The walk will include a brief opening prayer service and a brief prayer service at Elizabeth Park and concludes with a time for fellowship and refreshments in the parish hall. For more information—including a link to register in advance—please visit the Catholic Charities website at www.ccdocle.org/events/2025/10/12/pilgrimage-of-hope-for-creation-akron.

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.



Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

October 12, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Parish



BELOVED EARTH, SACRED ACTION:
LIVING INTO ENVIRONMENTAL HOPE

THE HEARTLAND CONFERENCE'S
3RD ANNUAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT



Keynote speaker:
Pastor Daniel Cooperrider

Author of "Speak With the Earth and It Will Teach You:
A Field Guide to the Bible"

Saturday, October 11, 2025 • 10 AM - 4 PM

At Camp Christian
10335 Maple Dell Rd Marysville, OH 43040



Climate champions from faith communities across Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia! Become grounded in hope, relationship, and reciprocity with the earth as we discern what is ours to do. For more information including available scholarships, contact Hank Stonerook at hankstonerook@gmail.com.



Scouting
America™

Scout Pancake Brunch

On Sunday, October 12, the Scouts will hold a pancake brunch in Pierson Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pancakes, sausage, and beverages are provided; there is no charge, but there will be baskets on the tables for a freewill offering. All proceeds support our Scout program.



If you plan to participate, please register yourself and contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org), so we can coordinate a group to share rides from Kent to Marysville.



LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Our charitable collection for October will be for the Santa Shop at the County Clothing Center. Everything in the shop will be brand new. People choose gifts for loved ones from a variety of categories. Of course one big group is toys. We offer a variety of toys from dolls and stuffed animals to cars and trucks and everything in between. Another needed category is blankets, we always need those. We also offer clothing, men's, women's and children's of all sizes. Among the clothing offerings are underwear, socks, and hats and gloves. We have already received a large supply of women's clothing, but still need all categories of children's clothing. Anything you feel you can contribute will be greatly appreciated by all who benefit from your generosity. Thank you. Your Santa Shop coordinators, Dottie Emerick and Tina Ballentine.



TRUNK or TREAT



**Monday, October 27
6:30 pm to 8 pm**

Decorate your vehicle and hand out candy
in collaboration with our whole campus!



1435 E. Main Street, Kent



If you plan to host a trunk, please scan the QR code
or go to www.kentmethodist.org/trunkortreat
to sign up by October 20.

October 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 6:30 pm UWF General Meeting/Pierson Hall | 2 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH | 3 | 4 League of Women Voters/ Pierson Hall |
| 5 Fall Schedule 5 pm Blessing of the Pets | 6 7 pm Small Group/Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym 7 pm Bible Study/Parlor | 7 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Girl Scouts/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym | 8 6:30 UWF Board Meeting/Conf. Rm 7:00 Small Groups/Rms 207 and 208 | 9 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 1 pm Grief Support Group/Parlor | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Fall Schedule 9 am-1 pm Scout Pancake Breakfast/Pierson Hall | 13 7 pm Small Group/Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym 7 pm Bible Study/Parlor | 14 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Girl Scouts/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym | 15 7:00 Small Groups/Rms 207 and 208 | 16 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH | 17 11 am Red Cross Blood Drive/Palmer Gym | 18 |
| 19 Fall Schedule | 20 7 pm Small Group/Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym 7 pm Bible Study/Parlor | 21 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Girl Scouts/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments/Conf. Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym | 22 7:00 Small Groups/Rms 207 and 208 | 23 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 1 pm Grief Support Group/Parlor 2 pm Mosaic Assembly/Conference Room | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Fall Schedule Time and Talent Auction | 27 6:30 Trunk or Treat/Front Parking Lot 7 pm Small Group/Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym 7 pm Bible Study/Parlor | 28 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Girl Scouts/PH 7 pm Janus Circle/Parlor 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym | 29 7:00 Small Groups/Rms 207 and 208 | 30 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans | 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

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| Date | 8:30/10:30 |
| OCTOBER 5 | 4 |
| OCTOBER 12 | 5 |
| OCTOBER 19 | 6 |
| OCTOBER 26 | 1 |

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:

- Family and friends of Mickey Peoples
- Family and friends of Peg Arnold
- Family and friends of Joyce Whitlock
- Family and friends of Elizabeth Limkemann

Recent Hospitalizations, Surgeries, and Illnesses:

Dottie Cherry, Hal Hall

OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

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| OCTOBER 5 | Staff Recognition |
| OCTOBER 12 | TBA |
| OCTOBER 19 | TBA |
| OCTOBER 26 | TBA |

Fellowship Hour— Help Needed

If you would like to host fellowship hour, you can sign up at www.kentmethodist.org/volunteer/ 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

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| OCTOBER 5 | Andrew Alderson |
| OCTOBER 12 | Tom Lundberg |
| OCTOBER 19 | Tom Lundberg |
| OCTOBER 26 | Eric Wertz |

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation to Haven of Res Ministries. Because of you, we can continue offering consistent care to neighbors facing hardship and uncertainty. May the same peace and renewal be yours, just as you help bring it to others. Thank you for being a source of hope.

In Him,
Rev. Jeffrey, A. Kaiser, CEO of Haven of Rest Ministries

Dear Friends,

Family & Community Services and AxessPointe Community Health Centers, now programs of Axess Family Services, would like to thank you for your generous donation to the County Clothing Center.

The impact of our services is magnified further through the efforts of our dedicated volunteers and donors like you! Your kindness strengthens our mission and ensures we can keep building healthier, stronger communities together. Thank you for helping us **Go Forth and Do Good!**

Sincerely,
Mark Frisone, Executive Director

Dear UMC of Kent,

We are enjoying lots of outdoor activities with our individuals this summer! Thank you for your recent gift through the East Ohio Conference!

Because of your generosity, Flat Rock is able to provide for those who need us most. Wishing you a safe and happy summer!

Yours in Faith,
Karen L. Kligo, President/CEO

OCTOBER LAY READERS

| | |
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| OCT 5 | Mark Lewis |
| OCT 12 | Krista Clavecilla |
| OCT 19 | Alex Seed |
| OCT 26 | Judith Nedel |



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Christian Education and
Youth Ministries**

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

Mailing Label Here

Mailed September 24

Trunk or Treat is Monday, October 27 at 6:30 pm!

Worship Calendar

| Date | Week | Scripture | Preacher | Special Event |
|------------|-----------------------------|--|--|------------------------|
| October 5 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost | Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10 | Rev. Nathan Howe | World Communion Sunday |
| October 12 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost | Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; II Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19 | Rev. Nathan Howe | |
| October 19 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost | Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; II Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8 | Rev. Bob Machovec | Commitment Sunday |
| October 26 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost | Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 | Bill Childers, President and CEO of United Way of Portage Count | |



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