



# THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

### **“Loving Our Neighbors” Collection for November**

Throughout the month of November, we are collecting nonperishable food items to support our neighbors through the ministry of Kent Social Services. Please place your donations in the donation box in the atrium any time during the month of November. Thank you for your generosity!

### **All Saints Sunday** *Sunday, November 2*

The Festival of All Saints is celebrated throughout the church on November 1 (or the first Sunday following). It is our annual opportunity to give thanks together for all the faithful ones who have helped to form and nurture our faith as we celebrate that the body of Christ includes not only those who are living now but also all those who have gone before us and all those who are yet to come. Please be sure to join us in worship on Sunday, November 2, as we read the names of persons connected to the UMC of Kent who have died during the past twelve months, giving thanks that through God’s grace, we are held in communion with them still. If you would like to submit a name for remembrance, please call Cara at the office at 330-673-5879 x13 or email Adam or Cara at [info@kentmethodist.org](mailto:info@kentmethodist.org) by Thursday, October 30.

### **Kent Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** *Tuesday, November 25, 7 pm* *Trinity Lutheran Church (600 South Water Street, Kent)*

This year’s community Thanksgiving worship service will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church. Please join us and our neighbors at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 25, as we give thanks together for God’s presence and celebrate God’s love throughout our community. An offering will be received during the worship service to be given to support the ongoing work of Kent Social Services, feeding neighbors throughout our community. You are invited to contribute to that offering either financially and/or with nonperishable food items.

# Youth Ministry News

## November 2025

On Saturday, November 1, the youth along with youth from the UCC and FCC will have an afternoon of fall fun at the Maize Valley Farm. Activities will include a corn maze, pumpkin cannon, wagon ride, and campfire with hot dogs and fall treats. Cost is \$10 per student, and the activity is open to friends. To reserve your spot contact Rick ASAP.

On Sunday, November 16 the Kent UMC Youth will be hosting Project Feed. Our goal is to package 75 thousand meals to be sent to the Midwest Mission for disbursement all over the world. Our youth need to be at the church by 2:00 and pick up will be at 6.

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 20-27, 2026. Applications to be a part of the trip are being accepted from now until January 4 of 2026. The cost this year will be \$320 per participant. We will also this year be offering rising ninth graders and beyond a Day Camp option.

If you're still interested in the trip but missed the interest meeting, please email Rick at [rickstout@kentmethodist.org](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org) or call/text his cell 330-283-4838 or call the church office in order to reserve your spot.

Shalom,  
Rick<><

### NOVEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 1	2:30-7:30 Corn Maze and Campfire
SUNDAY 2	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 9	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 16	2-6 Project Feed <b>No Other Youth Activities</b>
SUNDAY 23	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SATURDAY 29	Ohio State beats T.T.U.N.
SUNDAY 30	<b>No Youth Activities</b>



**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** 7:00 PM  
TRINITY LUTHERAN
- DEC 7** **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** 10:30 AM

### 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 2 and continuing until our annual Thanksgiving parade on November 23.

### 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](http://www.kentmethodist.org/volunteer).

## Don't Forget to Vote on or by Tuesday, November 4

*"Our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable. As United Methodists, we acknowledge that love requires responsible political action and engagement aimed at the betterment of society and the promotion of the common good. We acknowledge that such political engagement demands humility and mindfulness of our own complicity in perpetuating injustice. It also necessitates compassion, prayer, and a willingness to discern God's guidance."*

UMC Social Principles—Political Community

For up-to-date information about early voting and voting locations on Election Day, visit the Portage County Board of Elections website at [www.portagecounty-oh.gov/board-elections](http://www.portagecounty-oh.gov/board-elections) or the Summit County Board of Elections website at [www.boe.ohio.gov/summit](http://www.boe.ohio.gov/summit).

### Charge Conference Meeting

*Saturday, November 8, 11 am  
Green Valley UMC, Akron*

The annual meeting of our charge conference will gather with other congregations from our Northern Waters District at Green Valley UMC on Saturday, November 8, at 11 am. During this meeting, we will review our ministries from the past year and set our goals and budget for the coming year. All members of the church council are invited to participate with voice and vote. For more information, please contact Pastor Nathan ([nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org](mailto:nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org)).

### Reign of Christ Sunday

*Sunday, November 23*

Reign of Christ is one of the most recent additions to the Christian calendar and remains incredibly relevant for our world and practice of ministry today. Begun in 1925, the celebration was intended initially as a response to competing claims for our allegiance, especially as narrow ideologies and tribal nationalism were spreading across much of Europe in the wake of the First World War. Celebrated each year on the final Sunday of the Christian year (before the new year begins on the 1st Sunday of Advent), Reign of Christ remains for us an essential opportunity to gather and reaffirm the primacy of God's call in our lives and throughout creation.



### Remember to "Fall Back" on November 2

Daylight Saving Time will end on November 2 at 2 am. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour so you can be sure to worship with us on All Saints Sunday at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, or 10:30 am.

### Advent Bible Study: "Voices of Advent"

*Mondays, December 1 – 22  
Parlor*

This Advent, join us on Monday evenings for a study that will guide us in listening to scriptures' voices that speak about God's arrival in our lives and in the world: Jesus' promise to return to us, John the Baptist as he prepares the way for the messiah, the faithful people and poets who anticipate the magnificence of Jesus' birth, and the angels and visionaries who praise God when Christmas dawns. As we listen carefully together to scriptures' various voices, we will hear hope in each of them, and an invitation to join their story. Study books will cost \$10 each, payable to UMCK. Contact Pastor Nathan ([nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org](mailto:nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org)) by November 17 if you plan to participate.

*“Christ holds all  
the parts together”*

EPHESIANS 2: 21-22

# DAY OF THANKSGIVING & UNITY | NOVEMBER 15

## **Day of Thanksgiving and Unity**

*Ohio Episcopal Area of our United Methodist Church  
Saturday, November 15, Roscoe UMC, Coshocton*

You are invited to join laity and clergy from across Ohio to celebrate the second annual Day of Thanksgiving & Unity on Saturday, November 15 at Roscoe UMC in Coshocton. The theme for our time together will be “Christ Holds All the Parts Together” grounded in the words from Ephesians 2:21-22.

Bishop Lanette L. Plambeck, resident bishop of the Minnesota Conference and the Dakotas Conference, will preach and lead a one-hour plenary in the morning. Rev. Dr. Beth Stroud, assistant professor of History at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, will present in the afternoon. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will preach the closing worship service.

Roscoe UMC  
475 High Street  
Coshocton, Ohio 43812

### SCHEDULE:

- Check-in (9:30 - 10:00 a.m.)
- Opening Worship (10:00 a.m.)
- Bishop Lanette L. Plambeck presents (11:00 a.m.)
- Lunch (12:00 p.m.)
- Rev. Dr. Beth Stroud presents (1:00 p.m.)
- Bishop Hee-Soo Jung leads Closing Worship with Communion (2:30 p.m.)
- Dismissal (3:00 p.m.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 7, 2025

REGISTRATION LINK: [www.kentmethodist.org/unity/](http://www.kentmethodist.org/unity/)

If you plan to participate, please register yourself and contact Pastor Nathan if you would like to share rides to the location.

JOIN US IN FIGHTING HUNGER!

# THANKSGIVING PARADE



Sunday  
November 23  
10:30 am

Throughout November, Sunday School is collecting non-perishable food items to donate to Kent Social Services. On November 23, we will bring these offerings forward at the 10:30 service.

## High Demand Items (Kent Social Services)

Peanut Butter	Canned Tuna	Cereal
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UMCK Sunday School Presents

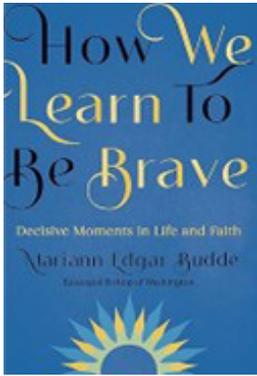
# Carriers of the *Light*

A Christmas Musical Program  
By Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

**December 7th**  
10:30 am, Sanctuary



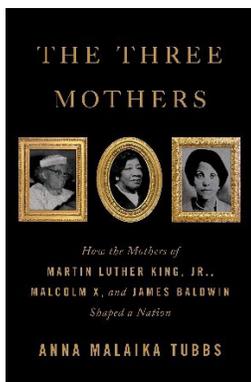
## Upcoming Book Discussions



### ***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.



### ***The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation***

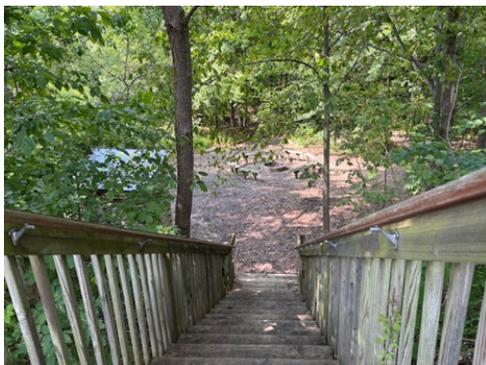
by Anna Malaika Tubbs

***Tuesday, January 6, at 7 pm in the Conference Room***

Much has been written about Berdis Baldwin's son, James, about Alberta King's son, Martin Luther, and about Louise Little's son, Malcolm. But very little has been said about the extraordinary women who raised and helped to shape them. In her groundbreaking and essential debut, *The Three Mothers*, scholar Anna Malaika Tubbs celebrates Black motherhood by telling the story of the three women who helped to form some of America's most pivotal heroes.

### **Sunday Afternoon Walk** **Sunday, November 9, 4 pm** **UMCK Woods**

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation, both outdoors and in each other! Invite a friend or neighbor and join us. All are welcome as we explore the wooded section of our property. We will meet in our parking lot on the north side of the building (near Pierson Hall) at 4 pm, and then walk through the woods, identifying and appreciating the beauty in our backyard. Please join us!



### **Healthy Living Program Presented by Alzheimer's Association** **Sunday, November 9**

For centuries we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how lifestyle choices help keep you keep your brain and body healthy as you age.

Join us following the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 9 to learn about the latest in diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hand-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. There will be a light lunch served. If you're planning on attending, we ask you to sign up on the list in the atrium or at [www.kentmethodist.org/alzheimers](http://www.kentmethodist.org/alzheimers).

# November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Regular Sunday Schedule	3 7 pm Small Group/Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym 7 pm Bible Study/Parlor	4 <b>Election Day</b> 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	5 1:30 pm Rebecca Circle/Pierson Hall 7:00 Small Groups/Rms 207 and 208	6 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	7	2 8 11 am Charge Conference/Green Valley UMC
9 Regular Sunday Schedule 12 pm Alzheimer's Program and Luncheon 4 pm Walk in the UMC of Kent Woods	10 7 pm Small Group/Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym 7 pm Bible Study/Parlor	11 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Girl Scouts/PH 6 pm Community Connections Team/Conf. Rm 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	12 7:00 Small Groups/Rms 207 and 208	13 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 11 am Portage County Retired Teachers/PH 1 pm Grief Support Group/Parlor 7 pm Education Comm/Conference Room	14	15
16 Regular Sunday Schedule 2 pm CCYM Project Feed	17 7 pm Small Group/Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym 7 pm Bible Study/Parlor	18 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Girl Scouts/PH 7 pm Trustees/Conf. Rm 7 pm Janus Circle/Parlor 7 pm PEO/Pierson Hall 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	19 11 am Red Cross Blood Drive/Pierson Hall 7:00 Small Groups/Rms 207 and 208	20 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	21 11 am Red Cross Blood Drive/Palmer Gym	22
23 Regular Sunday Schedule	24 7 pm Small Group/Conference Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym 7 pm Bible Study/Parlor	25 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	26 7:00 Small Groups/Rms 207 and 208	27 <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	28 <b>Office Closed</b>	29
30 Regular Sunday Schedule						<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 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
NOVEMBER 2	2
NOVEMBER 9	3
NOVEMBER 16	4
NOVEMBER 23	5
NOVEMBER 30	6

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 Alice Hurd
- Family and friends of Terry Miller
- Family and friends of Janet Root

**Recent Hospitalizations, Surgeries, and Illnesses:**

Kimberly Beatty, Roeline Kooijman, Tom Lundberg, Julie Madden, The Simon Family

**NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS**

NOVEMBER 2	Carol Taylor's Birthday
NOVEMBER 9	Alzheimer's Event
NOVEMBER 16	No Fellowship Hour (Project Feed)
NOVEMBER 23	Krista and Leo Clavecilla
NOVEMBER 30	Debbie and Wanema Flasher



**10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE**

NOVEMBER 2	Eric Wertz
NOVEMBER 9	Eric Wertz
NOVEMBER 16	Eric Wertz
NOVEMBER 23	Eric Wertz
NOVEMBER 30	Tom Lundberg

**Fellowship Hour—Help Needed**

If you would like to host fellowship hour, you can sign up at [www.kentmethodist.org/volunteer/](http://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.

**Thank You Notes**

Dear friends,

Thank you so very much for the gorgeous flowers dropped off by Nancy and Sue. They are so cheerful and lovely. God Bless.

Joanne Senyek

Many thanks to the members of our 8:30 AM service for the coffee and coffee cake gathering on Sunday, September 21. Thank you all for attending and for the various conversations and warm memories of my late husband, Peter Lorenz. Special thanks to Jane Hornyak, Sandy Kerstetter, Jeanna Pisegna, and Pat Gynn for their organizing and baking expertise.

With a grateful heart,  
Judy Stephens-Lorenz

**NOVEMBER LAY READERS**

NOV 2	Janeen Phillips
NOV 9	Mark Lewis
NOV 16	TBA
NOV 23	Judith Nedel
NOV 30	TBA



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Happy Thanksgiving!

### Worship Calendar

Date	Week	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
November 2	All Saints Sunday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31	Rev. Nathan Howe	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
November 9	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5; II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>New Spirit</i>
November 16	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; II Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
November 23	Reign of Christ Sunday	Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23: 33-43	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>New Spirit</i>
November 25	Kent Community Thanksgiving Worship	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35	Trinity Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM	
November 30	1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44	Rev. Nathan Howe	