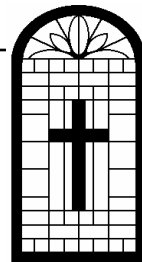


THE METHODIST MOSAIC



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Dear Friends,

Over the past fourteen years as the pastor of this church, I have taught fourteen Disciple I Bible Study classes. I have found it always to be an exciting and worthwhile experience, because this is one of the best opportunities we have for people in our church to come to know the Bible, to see the shape of the whole story of salvation, and to be personally inspired by God's Word.

This past year eleven persons completed Disciple I and twelve completed Disciple III. All these Disciple class members will be recognized during worship on Sunday, July 19.

Here are some comments from this year's participants in Disciple I about their experience in the Disciple Bible Study –

- Disciple I has opened up a new relationship with God that has given me a renewed drive to learn more.
- This experience was uplifting and rewarding, especially as we listened and grew in our faith while sharing with others.
- I have found what I was hoping for when I joined the Disciple Study: a closer walk with God.
- Disciple helped me grow in my faith and be more Christ-like.
- I've read the Bible in the past but never truly understood it. Now I understand it.
- I've come away from Disciple a better Christian, husband, father, and person.
- This was a great experience – I learned more than I ever thought I would about God's word and how these ancient texts remain meaningful in our world today.
- This class has increased the quality of my life.
- Don't hesitate to sign up for Disciple I; if you feel it's too difficult to give time to study and to commit to once a week – it is totally worth it!

Disciple is a 34-week study which takes participants through the entire Bible. Participants read Bible passages each day (about a half hour's worth) and then come together once a week for a two-hour session. The goal of Disciple is not simply learning facts but *spiritual formation through Bible study* — we seek to grow in our walk with God by letting our lives be shaped by the Biblical Word.

Disciple is designed to be of value no matter where you are in your spiritual walk or in your level of Bible knowledge. The main thing that is required is a significant commitment to the study. If you enroll in Disciple, you will be asked to "covenant" to do the daily Bible readings (with the aid of an accompanying workbook that contains a brief commentary for each week) and to be regular in attendance at the weekly sessions. We also ask that each participant contribute \$33 toward the cost of the workbook.

The purpose of Disciple means that it operates in a small group format, so as to allow for discussion and sharing and personal reflection. The group size is limited to twelve--like the original twelve disciples!

I will be leading Disciple I on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 9 pm. The class starts September 8 and continues through May, with weeks off over Christmas, New Year's, and Spring Break.

We will also be offering a Disciple II class, for anyone who has completed Disciple I. Disciple II provides an in-depth journey through Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts. It will be led by a teaching team of Maureen McFarland, Al Siegfried, and others. Disciple II will be held on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

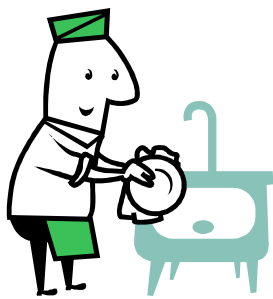
You can register for Disciple I or Disciple II by signing the sign-up sheet on the table in the atrium. Those who register will receive another letter with additional information.

In His Service,
Rev. Dave Palmer

Are Your Hands Chapped?

Usually summer is pretty kind to people who do dishes in their homes. We revert to paper plates once in a while and eat more casually without using quite as many pots and pans. But, the cooler weather will come again and bring with it our dishpan hands. It's a given.

Now imagine running a church kitchen without a working dishwasher. Think of the many uncomfortable sets of dishpan hands that would create! The good news is that we can eliminate



much of that misery if we just get our new dishwasher project completed. Our old dishwasher has done a great job for us, but it must be replaced. Many of you have contributed already but if the rest of us just step up to the plate (or cup, or knife or pan) we can

bring this project to a necessary end. Write your check today and either drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office, UMC of Kent, PO Box 646, Kent, Ohio 44240. Many hands will applaud you and thank you when they are not cracked and raw!

Your Stewardship Committee

Do You Have an Old Chair?

The County Clothing Center is looking for chairs – old wooden kitchen chairs, even children's chairs, rockers, benches, stools, etc.! You may remember that last year the Clothing Center had a fund raiser with desks donated by the University. Local artists painted, decorated, and recreated those desks into real works of art and the Clothing Center successfully auctioned these creations to raise money to support the Center. Plans are underway to have another fund raising auction next spring, but this time with chairs. So, if you have a wooden chair, rocker, etc. that is just right for an artist's touch and you would be willing to donate it, please call Gail Closs 330-626-2062.



Being Prepared!

Disasters can happen in a split second. Being ready to alleviate human suffering is the goal of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, La. It is the headquarters for relief supply operations within the U.S. and around the globe. Relief supplies worth approximately \$4 million are shipped each year from Sager Brown to people in need. The more than 2,000 volunteers who come to work at Sager Brown each year make these shipments happen. Our Church mission team of 20 volunteers will depart for Sager Brown, October 24, and will work in the Depot through October 30. There is still room for a couple more volunteers.

The disaster relief kits Sager Brown distributes must contain specific items to satisfy government rules. Detailed lists of kit contents are available on the UMW bulletin board and will be highlighted in coming issues of the Mosaic. Put your contributions in the container marked Sager Brown in the Atrium across from the coffee sales table. The mission team will transport the supplies contributed by our Church to Sager Brown on October 24. For more information go to <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/work/sagerbrown> or call Gail Closs at 330-626-2062.

Pick a Piece of Pie -- July 19, 2007

Say this three times fast: "Pies for Pan-African Pastors' Pensions". Now think about those words. What could they mean?

Basically, the United Methodist Church has many pastors who have served their entire ministry in Pan-African countries where their pension money – which was small to begin with – has disappeared due to political and/or economic turmoil in those areas. You've heard the news over the past several years – civil war in Liberia and the Congo, hyperinflation in Zimbabwe, various severe problems elsewhere. A final blow has come from the world financial crisis. Now there are many United Methodist pastors (and spouses) in Africa who have devoted their lives to the church but who receive almost nothing in pension and are in dire circumstances.

As part of the United Methodist connectional system, we are being asked to create an answer to this crisis – to create a new pension fund for overseas United Methodist pastors that will put their future pensions on solid ground. New steps are also being taken in the respective countries that will create a sound funding stream in each country for pensions going forward, so that overseas pensions in the future will be self-funded. All new pension funds will be managed in New York.

The overseas pension crisis also affects some countries beyond Africa, but we are focusing on Africa at present because this is where United Methodist pension rebuilding efforts are beginning.

We hope to raise \$10,000 over this and the next couple of years, which is the amount necessary to fully fund one pastor's pension (using only the interest). Amazingly, the cost of living is so low in Africa that a suitable pension for a pastor there can be as little as \$50 per month, about the amount that a \$10,000 endowment will provide.

July 19th is the date that Kent Church will have the chance to exchange a slice-of-pie-shaped pledge card for a delicious piece of real pie after the 10:30 service. It will be served by the Stewardship and Mission Committees.

If you can't be there on that particular day, please tear off the following form and return it to the church office during July. Otherwise....come join us and receive a piece of pie as our sign of appreciation for your gift. Thank you from the pastors who need your help and from the Stewardship and Mission Committees.



PIES FOR PAN-AFRICAN PASTORS' PENSIONS PLEDGE

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Envelope # _____

I (We) pledge a total of _____ toward this project, to be paid by December 31.

Or I (we) will make a one time payment of \$ _____ which is enclosed.

Stan Hywet- Goodyear Band Concert

The Stan Hywet-Goodyear Band Concert will be inside our beautiful air-conditioned sanctuary. It has great acoustics for the 40 musicians and your listening pleasure!

Each year the crowd has increased, and we have had to wonder—inside or out—clear up until the band people arrive. We have made an early decision to be inside again this year. People who come early will have a comfortable place to sit and wait for the performance to begin. No one needs to bring chairs. No interference from bands practicing across the street. The concert is a wonderful way to share our church with the community.

Come to hear an hour of your favorite concert pieces under the direction of George Martin. Refreshments after the concert will be served inside or out (with chairs provided) depending on Mother Nature.

See you here Monday, July 20, at 7 pm, for an exciting concert hour. You'll enjoy this summer interlude!!

Concert Series

Pianist Wendel Werner (his second concert) and Tenor Alan Eleazer will present a concert on Tuesday, July 7, at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Their unique twist on familiar sacred and secular songs, along with their wit and banter, make them favorites of audiences across the country. Admission is free; a love offering will be collected.



Bloodmobile Friday, July 17, 2009

The Bloodmobile will be at the United Methodist Church of Kent in the gym on Friday, July 17, from 2 pm to 7 pm. Come and give the gift of life. Each donation can be the difference between life and death!

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

July 5

Terrie Sargi

July 12

Eric Wertz

July 19

Gary Mote

July 26

Mark Krichbaum



July 5—Sharon Coia
July 12—Don Ashton
July 19—Betty Sweet
July 26—TBA

Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Bob Arnold, Andy Denton, Tim Bennett, Margaret Neel, Kathryn Lucken, Dick Pierson, John Faltisco, Betty Pierson, Carol Taylor, Ray Loughridge, June Ake, Dan Brubaker, Joanne Yarnall, Ken Miller, and Tom Swogger.

Our Sympathies

Go To:



Kimberly Moyers and family on the death of her husband, William Moyers; to the family of Ruth Machovec on her death; the family of Wilma Newlon; Al and Margaret Siegfried and family on the death of Margaret's mother, Ora Davidson.

Ushers

July 5—Team 4

(8:30) Mark Ryland, Head Usher;
Steve and Eileen Battles

(10:30) Judy Price, Head Usher; Mike Hardy,
David Plaskonka, Carl and Marie Knauss,
John and Isobel Faltisco

July 12—Team 5

(8:30) David Munn, Head Usher;
Kathleen Munn, Vern Pees

(10:30) Mike Kulis, Head Usher; Ted Parsons,
Rick Pinson, Becky Mulloy, Grant Richardson,
Don and Jean Booth

July 19—Team 6

8:30) Larry Graham, Head Usher;
Sharon Graham, Sandy Tinker

(10:30) Trisha Schum, Head Usher;
Denise Mote, John and Dee Mandley,
Dan Lavery, Jeff and Julie Zeager

July 26—Team 1

(8:30) David Blair, Head Usher;
Kathy Blair, Carole Stokes

(10:30) Bill Taylor, Head Usher; Ken Wertz,
Bruce and Joanne Yarnall, Eric Wertz,
Dave and Cindy Vaughan

Just a Note to Say “Hi”

Dear friends at UMC of Kent,

- Bonnie and I were so impressed by Andy Denton’s informative and entertaining item in the June “Methodist Mosaic” that we want to contribute our little bit for the new dishwasher. Even though we’re a bit far away to bring a stack of dishes home to wash, we don’t want that to happen to any of you either.

Jim and Bonnie Magaw

Lay Readers

July 5	Richard Pryor
July 12	TBA
July 19	Dan Cox
July 26	Julie Madden

GREETERS

July 5—Team 4

Shirley Beaumont, Lois Mauck,
Mark and Jenny Siebert, Ken and Nancy Wertz

July 12—Team 5

Stan Wearden, Deborah Davis,
Doug and Jan Long,
Dave and Sherry Vanderneut

July 19—Team 6

Bob and Louise Klein, Jack and Peggy Henry,
Geoff and Lesa Broadhead

July 26—Team 1

Mary Champer, Davina Gosnell,
John and Connie Baesemann,
Brad and Amy McDougal

Thank You Notes

- Thanks so much to Janus Circle for the flowers which Becky Mulloy delivered on May 23. They were very welcome as I waited for surgery. I appreciate all the cards and good wishes from everyone during my recovery. This is just a symbol of a very caring congregation. Thank you.
Andy Denton
- So many people in our church volunteer to do many repairs, projects, cleaning etc. in the stewardship of keeping our facility in tip-top condition. They quietly do their projects with little fanfare or expectation of a “thank you.” We truly appreciate all that you do and want to let you know that your work is noticed and always appreciated!
The Staff



A great big **THANK YOU**, to all the people who helped with Vacation Bible School this year! From sharing your time and talents to donating supplies, you are all truly a blessing to the many children who come and spend the week with us. Without you our VBS would have never been a hit!

Rick Stout,
Director of Christian Education



FROM THE
YOUTH DIRECTOR

Youth Ministry News

July, 2009

As it always is, United Methodist Day at Cedar Point followed by Youth Annual Conference was an amazing experience. The weather, unlike last year's downpour, was absolutely beautiful, and the 37 people from our church who attended had their fill of roller coasters and excitement. Additionally, Youth Annual Conference at Lakeside was just as exciting this year. The resolution meetings were well run making them fun to be a part of, and the worship service on Saturday night, featuring the youth band "Noise," performances by "The Jesus Painter" Mike Lewis, and the traditional candle walk was as always inspirational.

Sunday morning's worship which featured devotions led by Bishop Hopkins, a cardboard testimony, a youth led drama, an encore painting by Mike Lewis, and reflections by outgoing CCYM president Sarah Tibbits left our group refreshed, motivated and ready to go out and serve the world in the name of Jesus. I am very proud of our youth and what we have accomplished this year. Their witness and the support of this ministry by our church is an amazing thing that I feel privileged to be a part of it.

Shalom, *Rick* <><

DID YOU KNOW?

The Youth Mission trip to Mountain T.O.P., TN is **July 11-18**. Please be praying for this special group of **44** people and their ministry in the Cumberland Mountains this summer.

The printing industry gives us other popular phrases, such as "mind your 'p's and 'q's." The moveable block type had the letters in reverse so they would read correctly when imprinted on paper. Apprentices had to remove the type from the pages and return the blocks to their upper and lower cases. Each drawer in the case held a different size of letters, and each drawer was divided into compartments (called sorts) for each letter. The letters 'p' and 'q' could easily be mistaken, so the master printer would advise their apprentices to mind their 'p's and 'q's. (This is debated.)

Wednesday, July 22nd the youth will be going on a **Tubing Trip** down the **Clarion River**. Look for details in the mail.

July Calendar

- 1st Youth Group in **the PIT**
- 4th Kent Heritage Festival, downtown Kent
- 5th Mountain TOP Commissioning Service and Parent Meeting
- 8th Youth Group in **the PIT**
- Mountain TOP trip**
- 15th **NO YOUTH GROUP**
- 22nd Tubing on the Clarion River (no youth group)
- 29th Youth Group in **the PIT**

Confirmation Schedule

Acolytes:

July 5 Monica Pozuc,
Brandon Coia

July 12 Chase Barnwell
Joey Gallagher

July 19 Mylane Bella-Smuts,
Chase Barnwell

July 26 Monica Pozuc,
Brandon Coia



Mission Trip News

As we prepare for our trip our team is in need of tools. If you have the following items that you can donate or loan please contact Rick as soon as possible.

Post hole diggers
Axe
Hedge clipper
Hoe
Spud bar
Gravel rake
Flat shovel

Swing blades
Buckets
Hand pruner
Step ladder
Pick
Leaf rake
Spade shovel

Mops
Grass clippers
Hatchets
Mattock
Pruning shears
Pruning saw
Trowels

WE LIKE TO GET MAIL!

It's always exciting to get mail, letters, cards, and care packages while you're away on a mission trip and this year is no exception. If you would like to support this year's mission trip through the gift of sending mail please feel free to write us while we are gone. The following are the addresses where we can be reached.

Our Addresses are:

Participants Name

Camp Cumberland Pines
Mountain T.O.P.
480 Old Hwy 56
Coalmont, TN 37313

Participants Name

Camp Baker Mountain
Mountain T.O.P.
263 Mountain T.O.P. Rd
Spencer, TN 38585

Mountain T.O.P. Staff Update!

My first few weeks on the mountain have been really crazy, but I'm on break right now, so I have a chance to update. I'm on dual staff at Cumberland Pines, so that means some of our campers will help out with Mountain T.O.P.'s Day Camp program. I have such a great staff! We get our first group of campers on Sunday and I can't wait! These last two weeks we've been first visiting, which means we go visit families in our directory and try and set up projects. We've also been seeking donations.

If you want to write/send me a package my address is:

Erin Moore
Mountain T.O.P.
480 Old Highway 56
Altamont, TN 37301

Also, I still haven't quite reached my financial goal yet. If you haven't had the opportunity to be my financial partner and would still like to, please let me know ASAP. Instead of going out to eat or buying a cup of coffee, consider donating that money to a partnership. And thank you so much if you already are my partner.

I hope you're having a wonderful summer! ♥ In Christ, Erin



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We celebrate this wonderful country in which we live!

DR. PALMER'S SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS CONTINUES.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
July 5	"Failures, Fools, and Other Faithfuls"	II Samuel 12: 1-12, Mark 9: 33-37, Mark 16: 1-7	Rev. Karen Drotar	Communion/Independence Day Weekend
July 12	"Honest to God"	Acts 5:22-42	Dr. David Palmer	Mission Moment
July 19	"Greater Things You Will Do"	Acts 9:32-43	Dr. David Palmer	Disciple Sunday
July 26	"Overcoming All Barriers"	Acts 10:17-35, 44-46	Dr. David Palmer	Acolyte Recognition

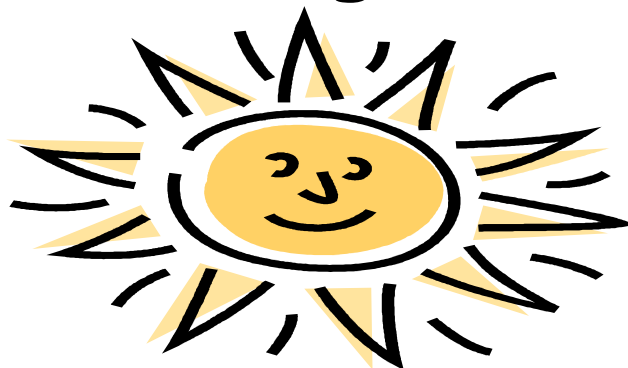
Acolyte Recognition



We will recognize the leadership of our acolytes during the 10:30 worship hour on Sunday, July 26. All young people who have served as acolytes more than once during the past school year will receive a letter about the service. Acolytes receive a gift in recognition of the important role they play in our worship

You Gotta Regatta!

It's time to go TUBING



Who: Kent UMC youth and their friends

What: Tubing on the Clarion River, Cooksburg, PA

When: Wednesday, July 22, 2009

We will leave the church at 8:00AM **please be prompt.**

Pick up is at 9:00PM

What to Bring: Swim suit, towels, spending money and *waivers* (see Rick)

How much: **\$10** for youth and their friends

Sign up and pay with Rick by Tuesday, July 21

Question: Call or email Rick

330-673-5879 ext. 12; rick@kentmethodist.org