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April 2014

Dear Friends

This month we move toward the high point of the Christian year, with the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Our worship schedule is as follows:

Sunday, April 6 -- We join in the sacrament of **Communion** at all three worship hours. At the 10:30 service, our **Collegiate Ringers** will share an extended **prelude** – plan to arrive by 10:20!

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday. At the 10:30 service, children join in a ***palm parade*** at the start of the worship hour (children wishing to participate should gather in Pierson Hall prior to the start of the service). The Children's Choir will sing.

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – Communion and Tenebrae Service (service of shadows) at 7:30pm. This powerful service follows the Last Supper and the events of Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. The Sanctuary Choir will sing.

Sunday, April 20 – Easter. I will be preaching as usual at all three worship hours:

8:30 –Sanctuary Worship, including the Sanctuary Choir and Chancel Ringers. New Spirit prelude at 8:20.

9:30 -- Contemporary Worship (Gym). Our Praise Band will express the joy of the resurrection with an expanded set of songs. The service will be close to an hour, but Children's Choir parents can depart as needed

9:00 – 11:00 -- Paschal Breakfast in Pierson Hall. The time span encompasses worshippers from all hours

10:30 -- Sanctuary Worship, including the Sanctuary Choir and Chancel Ringers. New Spirit prelude at 10:20

There will be regular Sunday School classes (except for adults) and Children's Choir rehearsal on Easter

Sunday, April 27 – New sermon series begins. I will be doing something I have never done before in a sermon series: I will be preaching a five-part series on a single Biblical story -- the story of Naaman in II Kings chapter 5. How can I preach for five weeks on one story, and a not so familiar story at that? It is a long story. But it is also a very intriguing story with fascinating characters and several key spiritual messages – and it is one of few Old Testament stories explicitly mentioned by Jesus in the gospels. The entire series, entitled, "**Healing Waters**," is outlined below.

Also please note our ongoing schedule for our Wednesday night Lenten series. We have excellent speakers still to come!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

*"Healing Waters" sermon series –
based on the story of Naaman*

Sunday, April 27	"Go Soak Your Head"
Sunday, May 4	"The Right Place to Find the Answer"
Sunday, May 11	"Miracles in the Muck"
Sunday, May 18	"What Are You After?"
Sunday, May 25	"What Jesus Said that Made People Want to Throw Him Off a Cliff"

Bible Challenge and Luncheon!

Gear up for a friendly Bible Challenge and Lunch hosted by the Fellowship Committee on April, 6th at 11:30 in Pierson Hall. Each table will enjoy a free lunch of Sloppy Joes while working together to answer 20 Bible Challenge questions. There is a catch - if your table wants first pick at the dessert table you need to finish your challenge questions correctly before the other tables! Bibles will be provided, or bring your own. Fun for all ages! We look forward to seeing you there!

Youth Ministry News April 2014

One of the highlights of the youth calendar is our church's "Youth Sunday." It's the one Sunday when the youth of our church lead us completely in worship. I'd like to say thank you to all the youth who helped out whether you were a greeter, usher, reader, singer, musician or a part of one of the plays. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and Youth Sunday could not have happened without you! Additionally, I want to especially recognize those who assumed leadership roles as part of the production. Congratulations go to Donovan Beer, Kelsey Gallagher, Brooke Harvey, Hanna Holman, Meredith Hartsook, Will Kulis, Rachel Palmer, Derek Stout, Ryan Stout and John Subick for their performances in the skits. Additionally, I'd like to say "well done" to the confirmation class for their interpretative painting during the song "Death in His Grave" by John Mark McMillam performed by *Resurrection* and to our youth intern Brandon Smith for his rap during the musical benediction.

I also can't express how thankful I am to the many adults who helped make this event possible. I would especially like to thank Brad Brode and Mike Goff for all their hard work. The combination of both groups during "Death in His Grave" was a very powerful way to conclude our service and showcased all the talent that our youth have. Our students have two amazing opportunities to be involved in praising God through music thanks to the hard work of these men. Our intern Brandon Smith deserves special thanks for his efforts preparing for the big day and for sharing his rap talent with the congregation. I also want to say thank you to all the parents for the wonderful breakfast they organized for the students between the services. Last but not least, to our secretary Erica Peeps thank you for all your support throughout and patience with my endless additions to the bulletin and for inputting all the words to "Still," "Death in His Grave" and Brandon's rap into the power-point presentation. I am truly blessed to be a part of the youth ministry here at Kent and I look forward to everyone's continued support and to many more successful Youth Sundays.

Shalom,

Rick <><

April Schedule

2	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
9	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
10 12	Confirmation 9:30-3 Camp Asbury
13	4-6 Mountain TOP training #1
16	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
20	EASTER
23	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
26	Time and Talent Auction set up
27	Time and Talent Auction



Mission Trip News

The members of our Youth Mission Team would like to say thank you to all those who supported our mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. through the purchase of a symbolic brick. Thanks to you we are well on our way to meeting our goal. If you have not had an opportunity to donate but would still like to please feel free to drop a check in the collection basket and marking the envelope "Brick Sale." Be sure to look for pictures from our trip in the September issue of the Mosaic.

COLLEGIATE RINGERS READY TO RING

On April 6th, our Collegiate Ringers will finish out their fourth year together by presenting an EXTENDED PRELUDE before the 10:30 Service. Please plan on arriving a little early in order to hear these talented young ringers share their talents with our congregation.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES

POTLUCK SUPPER AT 6:15, PROGRAM 7:00-8:00, IN PIERSON HALL

THEME: MISSIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

April 2 -- Faithful Servants free clinic : Faithful Servants Care Center is a volunteer, non-profit organization established in the fall of 2012 by Doctors Mark and Sue Meyer as a way for the medical and church communities to provide compassionate, high quality urgent care to those who have fallen through the cracks of health care. The center currently operates in Tallmadge and serves people in the greater Akron area; it is looking to expand further into Portage County. A mission opportunity for our church is to become a "support church" for the center by providing volunteers, financial help (for medications and operating costs), and other forms of leadership and service. Our presenter will be Dr. Sue Meyer. **Health care professionals in our congregation are especially encouraged to attend this session.**

April 9 – Heart for the City: Our presenter will be Brett Bartels, who is the pastor of the Heart for the City mission church, located in the Goodyear Heights neighborhood of Akron. We got an introduction to this mission last year, and much has developed since then. Pastor Bartels will talk about the many forms of outreach and worship that have been growing in the church

Annual Time and Talent Auction Sunday, April 27

Sunday, April 27th will be the annual "Time and Talent Auction" and luncheon sponsored by the Kent Youth Group. Each year our auction serves as the MAJOR FUNDRAISER used to support the many activities our youth participate in during the year.

The youth are very excited about this year's event. Already we have already received a football signed by Heisman Trophy winner **Troy Smith** for this year's auction along with **corn-hole boards, dinner packages, golf passes** and much more!

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
- Sporting event tickets, Indians, Akron Rubber Ducks, Cavs, Browns, OSU or KSU
- Theater or movie tickets Carousel or Weathervane
- Kick-Knacks
- Books or Bibles
- Use of a cottage Cabin or Time Share
- Dinner events
- Use of a pool or picnic area
- Artwork or photography
- Music or dance lessons
- Gift certificates
- Collectables or antiques
- Professional services

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 @ 330-283-4838 or by email at rick-stout@kentmethodist.org

Vacation Bible School 2014

As you are aware our church has been selected to be a TEST CHURCH for Cokesbury's VBS program this year. While we are not able to share the theme or the logo publicly yet we are looking for leaders to be a part of this year's VBS and asking everyone to mark their calendars for the week of June 23-27, 2014, from 9:30am-12:00pm.

Since we are going to be a pilot church, adult volunteers are desperately needed to make this year's VBS a success! If you're good at decorating, making crafts, music, helping in the kitchen, playing games or just like to hang out with kids we have a place for you in our Vacation Bible School.

Don't miss out on any of the action! For information call Rick Stout, 330-673-5879 x 12 or rick-stout@kentmethodist.org

More former Youth to be on Mountain TOP Staff.

We are very excited to announce that for the fifth year in a row another former member of our Youth Group has been hired to be on staff at Mountain TOP in the summer! Caitlin Stephenson, granddaughter of Dave and Shirley Beaumont, will spend her first summer on the mountain as a Service Project Ministry Coordinator. As you may remember, being on summer staff means that Caitlin is considered a missionary for the summer and will therefore have to raise half of her summer support and living expenses. If you'd like to partner with Caitlin during this amazing experience please contact her at highjumprope10@gmail.com or see Rick Stout in the church office to receive the details of how you can become a staff partner this summer.

University Of Life

Classes for Adults

Sundays 9:30-10:15am

Child Care Provided

March 9 – April 13

Topic: "Questions God Asks Us"

Leaders: Douglas and Andrea Denton Location: Conference Room

This theme comes from a book with the same title by the Rev. Trevor Hudson. Rev. Hudson has been in the Methodist Ministry for over thirty years, spending most of his time in and around Johannesburg, South Africa. He travels internationally and leads conferences, retreats and workshops. In the summer of 2013 he was the visiting preacher for one of the weeks at Lakeside. We will be listening to recordings of his sermons from there. The sermons are based on chapters in his book, Questions God Asks Us.

April Meetings Planned for Kent United Methodist Women

The Lenten Program Series, *Missions that Make a Difference*, is continuing every Wednesday evening with a Potluck Dinner at 6:15 PM and program from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in Pierson Hall at Kent United Methodist Church. On **April 2nd** the program will be *Faith Servants Free Clinic*. Dr. Sue Meyer will present an overview of the Faithful Servants Care Center, a volunteer, non-profit organization recently established in Tallmadge which provides compassionate, quality urgent care to persons who currently are without health care. On **April 9th**, *Heart 4 the City*, a new outreach and mission church program in the Goodyear Heights neighborhood of Akron, will be presented by Rev. Brett Bartels. All are welcome.

Mary Reed Circle of UMW will meet at 1 PM on **April 1st** in the church parlor. Rev. Douglas Denton, Minister of Pastoral Care, will present a program entitled "**Visitation Do's and Dont's.**" The Mission Moment and Devotions will be lead by Davina Gosnell. Jane Hornyak will serve as hostess, assisted by Pat Gynn and Judy Hayden.

At 7:30PM on **April 1st** UMW's Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Margie Miller who will hostess, assisted by Charleen Pees and Shirley Beaumont. The Mission Moment will be presented by Sally Ruckman and Mickey Peoples will lead Devotions. Sara Miller will present the program entitled "**Music Tells a Thai Story**".

In the church parlor at 9 AM on **April 2nd** Miriam Circle will meet for a program by Judith Nedel entitled "Women of the Bible". Devotions and Mission Moment will be led by Ruthe Loughridge. Gerry Strawman and Kathy Coltrin will co-host.

Janus Circle will meet at 9:15 AM on April 13th in Pierson Hall. The program topic will be "Celebrate" and Rachel Slippy will serve as Hostess.

FAURE REQUIEM TO BE PRESENTED

As a part of their ongoing ecumenical outreach project, New Spirit is combining forces with their "sister" ensemble CANTICUM NOVUM from St. Vincent Church in Akron to present Gabriel Faure's beautiful "Requiem" on Sunday April 6 at 4 P.M. in the sanctuary of St. Vincent Church. St. Vincent Church is located on the corner of Walnut St and West Market St. just west of downtown Akron. The performance, under the direction of Thomas K. Pierson is free and open to the public. Please plan to make this event a part of your Lenten observation this year.

Equal Exchange Coffee

Due to dwindling sales, caused by several things, including the fact that Acme sells it for less than we can, we will be selling the current inventory at our cost (nothing added for the Holy Cow and coffee hours).

We have been selling the Equal Exchange products as a church project since 2005. Through this project we have been able to support missions that have helped enabled small farmers in poor countries to be able to support their families and communities and we have supported Kent Social Services food program in our own community. Thank you for your support over the years.



Making of Palm Crosses

Volunteers are needed Friday, April 11, at 7 pm to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Please call the church office, 330-673-5879 ext. 10, if you are able to help. Everyone is welcome to come for fellowship and to do a service for the church. Many hands make light work!! We will meet in Pierson Hall.



Paschal Breakfast Breads Needed Easter, April 20

9:00-11:00 am in Pierson Hall

The breakfast features sweet breads and coffee and juice. Volunteers are needed to bring breads on Saturday, April 19, or before the 8:30 worship service on Easter Sunday. If you are willing to bring a bread please call the church office, 330-673-5879 Ext. 10.

Bits of History

In 1866, our church bought a house from Austin Williams (whose sons Charles and Scott co-founded the Williams Brothers mill that is now Star of the West) to use as a parsonage until the early 1900s. Located on Mantua Street, it is still in existence but is getting ready for demolition. Are you interested in preserving this structure and if yes, do you have a plot of land in which to put the building along with the means to move and perhaps restore it? If interested, please contact me for further information as it is anticipated that action will take place rather soon. Thank you – church archivist Deb Saito, 330-678-9122

Ushers

April 6 - Team 1

April 13 - Team 2

April 17 - Team 3 **Maundy Thursday**

April 20 - Team 4

April 27 - Team 5

If you are unsure of what Team you are on please check the website at

www.kentmethodist.org

> Calendar > Service Team Schedule



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go To:

Family and Friends of Jack Joy.
Family and friends of Bill Stephens.
Sue Harvey on the death of her
nephew Skip Soltysiak.

Roger Stiller and Family on the death of Roger's brother David Stiller.

Acolytes

April 6	Molly Fankhauser Ryan Stevens
April 13	Anna Swan Andrew Collier
April 17	TBA
April 20	Josh Palmer Dylan Kaminski
April 27	Brooke Harvey Garrett Devries



April 6 - Sharon Coia

April 13 - Don Ashton

April 20 - Betty Sweet

April 27 - April Hinkle

Lay Readers

April 6 - Karen Beck

April 13 - Adam Alderson

April 20 - Davina Gosnell

April 27 - Brenda Lewis

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

April 6 - Jack Miller

April 13 - Gary Mote

April 17 - Eric Wertz

April 20 - Eric Wertz

April 27 - Eric Wertz

Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Janet Sessions, Mary Lou McGregor,
Bryan Coia, Lloyd Ericson

Summer Camp

Our church has wonderful summer camp opportunities for elementary aged children up through high school youth. A full description of this summer's camp opportunities may be found online at www.eastohiocamps.org.

To help enable young people to go to camp, our church will pay half the cost for any camper from our church for any one of our United Methodist camps. We call this financial assistance a "campership." To receive a campership, follow this process:

- Go to www.eastohiocamps.org and register online for the camp of your choice.
- Print the confirmation.
- Bring in a copy of the confirmation (or mail it) to our church office, PO Box 646, Kent, Ohio 44240 (specifically to Lynnette Begue, our financial coordinator). The church will send in a payment to the camp's office for half of the cost of your camp, and that office will bill you for the rest.

If you need further financial assistance, see Lynnette about receiving application materials for a District or Conference campership. It is possible to get nearly the entire cost of camp covered if you have the need.

Summer camp is a fun-filled time of spiritual growth and making new friends in God's great out-of-doors. For more information, speak with Dr. Palmer.

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Trash and Treasure Set Up in Pierson Hall	2 6:15pm Lenten Potluck Dinner/Gym 7pm Mission Program/Gym	3 7-9pm Preferred Customer Sale for Trash and Treasure	4 8am - 6pm Trash and Treasure in Pierson Hall	5 8am - 1pm Trash and Treasure in Pierson Hall 10am-1pm Farmer's Market will be outside in the parking lot.
6 Communion Regular Sunday Schedule	7 7:30 New Spirit/Choir Room	8 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12/Noon Rotary/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	9 6:15 pm Lenten Potluck Dinner / PH 7pm Mission Program/PH 6pm Yoga/Parlor	10 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	11	12 10am- 1pm Farmers Market in Pierson Hall
13 PALM SUNDAY Regular Sunday Schedule 4-6pm Mountain TOP Training/ Pit	14 7:30 New Spirit/Choir Room	15 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12/Noon Rotary/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	16 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8:30pm Youth Group/Pit	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service/Sanctuary	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 10am- 1pm Farmers Market in Pierson Hall
20 EASTER Regular Sunday Schedule	21 7:30 New Spirit/Choir Room	22 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12/Noon Rotary/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	23 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8:30pm Youth Group/Pit 7pm Finance Committee Meeting/ Conference Room	24 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir 7pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Committee Meeting/ Conference Room	25	26
27 Regular Sunday Sched. 11:30 Time and Talent Youth Auction 3pm Canal District Conference and Reception for Valerie at Medina UMC.	28 6:00pm Garden Club/ in Pierson Hall 7:30 New Spirit/Choir Room	29 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12/Noon Rotary/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	30 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8:30pm Youth Group		Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship/Chapel 9:00 Holy Donut Shop/Kitchen 9:15 Children's Choir, 4 yrs-6th grade 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service/ Gym 9:30 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30-10:15 University of Life Classes 9:30 Child Care 10:30 Worship/Nursery 10:40 Sunday School Preschool-6th Grade 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall 11:45 Chancel Ringers/Sanc 5to 6 pm Club 56/gym 5 to 6 pm Resurrection/Choir Room 6 pm ZAMARingers(Youth Handbells) Sanctuary	

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends at UMC of Kent,
I would like to thank everyone involved in helping me cope with the recent loss of my Dear Wife, Joan. Rev. Denton was especially helpful in visiting her, not only while she was in Emeritus, but also in Akron City Hospital. I also appreciate the cards and flowers she received while she was there.

Thanks also to Dr. Palmer and Rev. Denton for the inspiring Memorial Service recently held for Joan in the Chapel. I greatly appreciate the beautiful music provided by our organist, Mary Ragna Yetter.

Last, but not least, I owe special thanks to Phyllis Neel for her support and transportation to and from Akron City Hospital while Joan was hospitalized.

Byron McCandless

I am sending a big thank you to all of you in the church for your prayers and concern during my recent hospitalization. Special thanks are due Rev. Doug Denton for his visit at the hospital and to Phyllis Neel for the flowers she delivered after the Sunday Service.

All were much appreciated.

Janet Sessions

To the lovely Methodist Ladies,
Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon you prepared after my mother Margaret Longenberger's Memorial Service. You were all so gracious and kind, and very patient with all our "decorating" touches, too!

It was nice so nice to be able to sit and visit with folks, especially since we live 350 miles away.

Mom would have truly appreciated your kindness, and we did too!

With love,

Merrellyn, Bruce, and Chelsea Bowers

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the many cards and calls I received during my recent hospitalization. Also, many thanks to Doug Denton for his visits and phone calls. I also enjoyed my visit from Jane Hornyak who brought flowers from the church. It has been great to have support from all of you.

Margie Miller

Many thanks to everyone for your calls, emails, cards and especially for your prayers. Thanks to Doug for keeping in touch even though he isn't allowed to visit. Such a caring congregation is truly a blessing.

Thank you,

Morgan Closs

Dear Church Family,

Your kindness is appreciated very much.

Thank you for all the healing prayers, and thoughts that have been sent my way during the past few months as I have gone through multiple surgeries and recovery.

Thank you Rev. Denton for his many phone calls to check on me and for the beautiful spring flowers from the church and Miriam Circle. I am finally on the road to recovery.

I feel blessed to be part of a caring church family.

Bryan Coia

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff volunteers and recipients of the Lord's Pantry and Hot Meal Program of Kent Social Services, we would like to express our deepest thanks for your recent donation. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial aid and moral support needed to continue our mission.

With your financial contributions you've demonstrated your deep commitment to our work of feeding the hungry, and providing for those in need. You and other generous people in the Kent community are enabling us to help people who are struggling to maintain their essential needs and their self-respect. Thank you for your continued support to such a rewarding cause.

Sincerely,

Christie Anderson

KSS Manager

Marquice Seward,

KSS Assistant Manager



Trash & Treasures Sale

APRIL 4

& APRIL 5

Mark your calendar!!
This spring the Trash & Treasure Sale will be Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5. Preferred

Customer Sale for church members will be Thursday, April 3, from 7 to 9 pm. Items for the sale may be brought to Pierson Hall starting Tuesday, April 1, after 2 pm.



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Holy Week April 13th -20th

WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
April 6	"God is Nigh"	Isaiah 55: 6-7 Ephesians2:13	Dr. David Palmer	Communion/ Collegiate Ringers
April 13	"See and Perceive"	Matthew 13: 14-16 John 12: 12-16	Dr. David Palmer	Palm Sunday/ Children's Choir
April 17	7:30pm Maundy Thursday	Communion and Tenebrae Service	Dr. David Palmer	
April 20	"A New Creation"	John 13: 38-42 Mark 16: 1-7 II Corinthians 5: 17	Dr. David Palmer	Easter
April 27	"Go Soak Your Head"	James4: 6,10 II Kings 5: 1-14	Dr. David Palmer	ZAMARingers/ Resurrection



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