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Dear Friends,

This fall I will be offering a Disciple I Bible Study for the eighteenth time since my arrival here in 1995, and we will be offering an advanced Disciple Class for the fifteenth time. Why do we keep offering Disciple, and why do we keep getting participation in all these classes? -- Because Disciple is one of the best ways that you can grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ!

Here are some comments from this year's participants in Disciple I about their experience:

Disciple renewed my faith journey. Reading through the Bible with guidance is extremely helpful. I have grown in knowledge and in spirit.

Disciple helped me come to a better understanding of the Bible.

I experienced a significant spiritual expansion working through Disciple I.

A remarkable experience – lots of insight, practical and realistic

I never succeeded in reading the Bible all the way through; this class helped me achieve that goal.

It has helped me as a parent to answer my children's questions.

The Disciple I Bible study has brought great joy into my life.

Disciple is a wonderful way to come to really know the Bible, to understand the Bible, and to see how the whole Biblical story connects together. Disciple will not simply expand your mind but will expand your spirit! It is an experience of growing in God's Word.

Disciple I takes participants on an overarching journey through the entire Bible in a span of 34 weeks. Participants read Bible passages each day (about a half hour's worth) and then come together once a week for a two-hour session. This fall the Disciple I class will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., starting after Labor Day and concluding around Memorial Day. I will again lead the group.

Advanced Disciple classes – for people who have completed Disciple I – provide a more in-depth journey into focused sections of the Bible. **This fall we are offering Disciple II**, which takes participants on a journey through Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts. The class sessions will be on either Wednesday night from 7-9pm.

I am happy to announce that **Maureen McFarland will be our leader for Disciple II** this year. Maureen brings substantial experience in leading advanced Disciple classes, as she has previously led Disciple II, Disciple III, and Disciple IV. If you have taken Disciple I at any time in the past, you can sign up for this class. The last time we offered Disciple II was in 2009. Sign up now!

Disciple is designed to be of value no matter where you are in your spiritual walk or your level of Bible knowledge. The main thing that is required is a commitment to the study. Participants are asked to "covenant" to do the daily Bible readings (with the aid of an accompanying study manual) and to be in regular attendance at the weekly sessions. We also ask that each participant contribute \$30 toward the cost of the study manual. Class sizes are limited, so sign up soon in the atrium!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer



Church Picnic

**Sunday, August 24, 11:30
a.m.
Pierson Hall, the gym, and
the church lawn**

Our “back to school” celebration features a bounce house and other games for children and fellowship for all ages. All food is provided; a freewill donation will support the “Heart 4 the City” mission in Akron.

ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED OFF AT CHURCH PICNIC

Attention autograph hounds OSU fans and collectors. After our youth auction we received two signed items that the youth will be auctioning off at the Church picnic on August 24. First we have an OSU football signed by coach Urban Meyer himself and secondly we have an OSU basketball signed by the entire team including Golden State prospect Aaron Craft. Be sure to come the church picnic and enjoy the fun and help out our youth by bidding on these fantastic collectable items!

Interns Being Sought

Starting late summer/early next fall our church will again be supporting two ministry interns. These interns will focus on youth ministry, Christian education and worship respectively.

The goal of this program is to offer college age students and young adults the opportunity to explore ministry in a hands on way, answer questions about ministry as a vocation, and explore the idea of “call” in a person’s life. And better yet, they get paid to do it!

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to learn more about or if you know of someone who you feel might be interested in this opportunity please contact me via, my cell 330-283-4838 or at the church office 330-673-5879 x12 to learn more about this exciting program.

Shalom,
Rick<><

Confirmation Luncheon

There will be a luncheon on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at 11:45 am in Pierson Hall for young people and their parents who will be taking part in this year’s Confirmation Class. A letter with details will be sent out in early August to all 7th graders. If you would like to be a part of Confirmation and have not been active please be in touch with Rick Stout, 330-673-5879 ext. 12.

Third Graders to Receive Bibles Sunday, September 14, 2014

We will give a Bible to each child going into the third grade this September. The curriculum we use in Sunday School is written with the understanding that third graders are ready to have their own Bibles and to use them in classes and at home. The children will receive Bibles on September 14 at the 10:30 am service. Following the 10:30 service, there will be a luncheon for the third graders, their families, and mentors. Children will receive a letter about the Bible presentation in August. If you have a child going into third grade who has not been attending Sunday School, please contact our church office, so that we can be sure your child is included.

Attention Sunday School Teachers

There will be a meeting for all Sunday School Teachers and those interested in becoming Sunday School teachers on Sunday, August 24th at 11:30 in the conference room. Additionally, if you are interested in helping out in the Sunday School this year please plan to attend this meeting.

Mountain TOP

ADULT trip coming soon:

This year we are again planning an **ADULT TRIP** to the mountain on October 23-26. Participants will be once again given the opportunity to participate in either the Major Home Repair Program or the Third Annual Fall Festival with Soles for Souls. 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.

Youth Ministry News

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“How does one describe the Mountain TOP experience?” Or maybe the question would be “What is the Mountain TOP experience?” The technical answer the answer to that question might sound something like this:

The camp communities are broken down into approximately 13 Youth Renewal Groups (YRGs), made up of six or seven youth and adults, who serve families in 13 different Tennessee counties.

Whether the project includes building a porch, painting a room, or repairing a fence, the service is founded in Christian compassion. The summer staff plan and coordinate all projects as well as provide materials. All projects are considered minor home repair or maintenance projects. Adults that participate have a camper role equal to that of the youth.

Each evening, the community gathers for dinner, a time of sharing about their day's experiences, and worship. They spend time examining how their experiences were an outreach of their faith, and how they met the different needs of the families they served. It is a time of worship that allows youth to reflect upon how their service that day helped them to grow in their relationship with Christ. The Mountain T.O.P. experience not only provides the opportunity to be in service to others, but more importantly, it provides the opportunity to understand “why” we are in service.

However; a more personal answer to either one of these questions is not so easily put into words, but I do know that in the twenty three trips I've made to the mountain, each one has been the same and each one has been very unique. Words can't describe the feelings one gets from living for a week in the slow pace of the Southern Tennessee mountains, smiles and waves from the mountain people, pecan pie, sweet tea, biscuits and gravy and pulled pork sandwiches. It is equally uneasy to express the feeling that comes from living for a week in Christian community, putting the needs of others first and setting an example and living your life the way that Jesus intended for us to live. Equally hard to express is the closeness you feel to God while on the mountain, daily devotions and yet we still get to work by nine and nightly worship services that never seem to grow old. Family style meals that start with grace and end with prayers for the com-

munity and a work day that begins and ends in prayer give you a unique perspective on what it really means to live as a Christian.

“What is the Mountain TOP experience?” On the drive home one of the boys in my car put it best when he said; “My mom is going to want to know all about my trip when I get home, and I can tell her about the work and our camp and the activities, but I just don't know how to explain how this week made me feel inside.” Powerful words from someone so young... I look forward to sharing more personal experiences in the September issue of our newsletter.

Shalom,
Rick<><

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,
You can't imagine the encouragement Gail and I get from your continued prayers, cards and calls during my long bout with Hodgkin's disease. The good news is that tests show that the chemotherapy seems to be having the desired effect meaning that this course of treatment may well result in the disease going into remission. By the time you read this I will have received two-thirds of the scheduled treatments and I expect the last chemotherapy in September. Thanks to all of you for your demonstration of what Christian love truly means and to Lynnette for making the DVD's which make it possible for me to experience the Worship services.
Morgan Closs

I would just like to say Thank you to all the church family that prayed for my brother during his battle with cancer. Thank you to the Rebecca Circle for being there at the calling hours. Thank you for all the cards from church family and friends. I can tell you it is very nice to have a loving church family.
We are blessed!
David and Tina Ballentine

Ushers

August 3 - Team 1

August 10 - Team 2

August 17 - Team 3

August 24 - Team 4

August 31 - Team 5

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

www.kentmethodist.org

> Calendar > Service Team Schedule

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

August 3 - Jack Miller

August 10 - Gary Mote

August 17 - Jack Miller

August 24 - Eric Wertz

August 31 - Eric Wertz



Remember
These
Members
in Their
Sorrow

Our Sympathies Go

To:

Family and friends of
Harvey Smith

Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Betty Harrington, Peggy Kurtz, Jim Howald,
George Flanik, Jan Taylor, Joanne Stuart,
Alice Darr Tim Birk



August 3 - Sharon Coia

August 10 - Don Ashton

August 17 - Betty Sweet

August 24 - April Hinkle

August 31 - Mavis Palmer

Lay Readers

August 3 - Judith Nedel

August 10 - Richard Abbott

August 17 - Tim Smith

August 24 - Hal Hall

August 31 - Dave Beaumont

Acolyte Schedule

August 3 - Carlie Thompson
Ryan Stevens

August 10 - Brannon Jacoby
Christopher Gavrilloff

August 17 - Andrew Collier
Garrett DeVries

August 24 - Brooke Harvey
Dylan Kaminski

August 31 - Ryan Dean
Josh Palmer



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 am Men's Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	2 6pm Yoga/Parlor	3 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH	1	2
3 COMMUNION Regular Sunday/ Schedule	4	5 8:30 am Men's Work Group 7pm Staff Parrish Meeting/ Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	6 6pm Yoga/Parlor	7 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest	8 1-6pm Blood Mobile/Gym	9
10 Regular Sunday Schedule	11	12 8:30 am Men's Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	13 6pm Yoga/Parlor	14 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH	15	16
17 Regular Sunday Schedule	18	19 8:30 am Men's Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	20 6pm Yoga/Parlor	21 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lions Lunch/PH	22	23
24 Regular Sunday Schedule	25	26 8:30 am Men's Work Group 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	27 6pm Yoga/Parlor	28 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH	29	Summer Worship Schedule 8:30 Worship/Chapel 9:15 New Spirit/Sanctuary 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Worship/Nursery 10:40 Sunday School Toddlers-6th Grade 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall
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Church Picnic August 24

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
August 3	"One Spirit"	Numbers 11: 16-17, 24-29 Ephesians 2: 17-22, 4: 3-5	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
August 10	"Properly Perturbed"	II Corinthians 7: 6-10 Acts 20: 22-23 John 16: 7-8 Jonah 4: 6-11	Dr. David Palmer	
August 17	"The Wind Blows Where It Will"	John 3: 7-8 Acts 10: 44-48, 19: 1-6	Dr. David Palmer	
August 24	"Saved Through the Waters"	Genesis 6: 11-22 Genesis 7: 6-18 I Peter 3: 17-21	Dr. David Palmer	Church Picnic
August 31	"When It's Pouring, Look for the Rainbow"	Genesis 8: 1-11, Genesis 9: 8-13	Dr. David Palmer	Labor Day Weekend

*On August 24, Dr. Palmer will begin a new sermon series entitled, "Foundations for Faith – from Noah to the Nile" (lessons in faith from the book of Genesis). The series starts with two sermons focusing on the story of Noah and its message for us today.



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