



The Methodist Mosaic



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Dear Friends,

Whenever we join in a creed, such as the Confirmation Creed that our Confirmation Class prepared this past month, we affirm that we believe *in God . . . in Jesus Christ . . . and in the Holy Spirit.*

We have an understanding of God, the creator of all things.

We have a clear picture of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

But what exactly is the Holy Spirit?

The “third person of the Trinity” is the most difficult to grasp. Yet according to the book of Acts, it was the Holy Spirit that inspired and empowered the early Christians to do all that they did. Are we missing something? Do we need, in our own lives, a fresh experience of the Holy Spirit?

This summer in worship we will embark into a sermon series entitled, “Catch the Wind,” in which we will explore in depth what the Holy Spirit is and how the Holy Spirit can be genuinely at work in our lives today. The series will begin on June 8, which is Children’s Day at the 10:30 service. Our worship schedule for June will be as follows:

June 1 Ascension Sunday

We will celebrate the Ascension of Jesus (40 days after Easter) and its meaning for people today. Note that there will be no Communion on June 1, even though it is the first Sunday of the month. In June, we have no Communion at the 10:30 hour, because we have Communion twice in May at 10:30 (the second time on Confirmation Sunday), and at the 8:30 and 9:30 hours we juxtapose Communion with the Children’s Day service, which this year will be on June 8.

June 8 Pentecost / Children’s Day / Communion at 8:30 and 9:30

At the 10:30 hour, our Children’s Choir will present the musical, “Tale of Three Trees.” I will share a sermon at all three hours entitled, “God’s Draft Picks.” During worship we celebrate Pentecost, the day on which the Holy Spirit came with power upon the first disciples. This will be the beginning of the “Catch the Wind” sermon series.

June 15 Father’s Day

The sermon series on the Holy Spirit continues with a sermon entitled, “Catch the Wind.”

June 22 Rev. Douglas Denton preaching / VBS Leader Commissioning

Worship at all three hours will include a commissioning of our Vacation Bible School leaders. VBS begins on Monday, June 23!

June 29 Commissioning for Mountain T.O.P. / New members received / VBS children sing

The “Catch the Wind” sermon series continues. Vacation Bible School children will sing at 10:30, and there will be a commissioning of our Mountain T.O.P. mission team, which will depart the next Saturday. New members will be received at any of the three worship hours.

I look forward to sharing with you in worship this month!

In His Service,
Dr. David Palmer

Major Capital Projects Unfold

Here is the financial picture for the major church capital projects that are unfolding in the near term:

Boiler replacement 80,000

We have been working toward this project for several years. The final cost is less than we expected! (Our initial estimates were that it could be as high as \$100,000). The lower cost is a good thing, especially because our Trustees discovered that we also need a major building-wide upgrade of our HVAC controls system (see below).

HVAC controls system upgrade 114,500

It is one thing to heat up water (what the boiler does); it is another thing deliver the heat to the right place in the building at the right time in the right amount (what the heating controls system does). As our Trustees researched our church heating plant, they found that we had major problems and inefficiencies in our controls system in numerous parts of the building. The boiler would only have the proper impact when the controls system was also upgraded. The needed upgrade to the system – involving new thermostats, electronic dampers and controls, and a fully computerized operating platform for the entire building – would cost even more than the boiler! But the net result will be significant energy savings – especially in areas such as the education wing that have been extremely inefficient – and more comfortable rooms throughout the winter. The air conditioning controls, plus parking lot lighting controls, will also be incorporated into the new system. All the boiler and HVAC work will be done by Johnson Controls, which also does the HVAC work at Kent State University.

Campus Ministry Wing Window Replacement 11,600

A set of 50-year old windows in our campus ministry wing had deteriorated to the point that they were mostly no longer operable. Nine sets of large, vertical windows are being replaced.

Rest Room Renovations 45,500

We are proceeding with the renovation of the campus ministry wing rest rooms. These rest rooms (especially the boys') are in such bad condition that they must be renovated in order to pass the end-of-summer health inspection required for the operation of the day care in that wing. We will continue to work on additional rest rooms as more funds become available.

Debt retirement 94,900

We are committed to paying off the final debt that we owe on the 2006 building expansion.

Bus replacement 48,500

This is a new item! We purchased the bus in 2000, and were hoping to keep eking out more life from it, but the latest inspection revealed such major problems that we had to take decisive action. Fourteen years in northeast Ohio winters had taken their toll, with major rust issues on the underside of the bus, plus some mechanical problems. With rebates, discounts, and a good trade-in value on our bus (the diesel drive train was worth something, even if the body of the bus was a mess), we were able to purchase a new bus at a reasonable cost (list price was \$62,000). Our Sunday bus ministry currently has eleven regular riders, and the bus is also used in our youth ministry.

Total cost of all projects: 395,000

How can we pay for this? See the opposite page for the funding plan approved by our Finance and our Gifts, Memorials, and Investments committee.

Capital Projects Funding Plan

Here is the funding plan for the projects listed on the opposite page.

Boiler and Capital Campaign Gifts received **100,000**

As of the end of the first quarter of 2014, we had roughly \$100,000 in cash on hand for our boiler plant project. Most of this consisted of funds that had been received through the “Turn Up the Heat” campaign (2011-2013). \$20,000 of the total consisted of funds received to date for the Bicentennial Campaign.

Bicentennial Pledges made but not yet received **150,000**

Our Bicentennial Campaign – a two year capital campaign designed to raise the balance of the funds for the boiler project, pay off the building debt, and also fund rest room renovations – received a total of \$170,000 in pledges (the goal had been \$250,000). Of the \$170,000 in pledges, \$20,000 was paid by the end of March (reflected in the cash on hand figure above). This leaves \$150,000 that we anticipate will come in by the end of 2015, as people fulfill the pledges that they have made.

Bicentennial “Nonpledge” Giving **15,000**

Many people who did not make a pledge to the Bicentennial Campaign are still making gifts to it. You can make a gift simply by marking it “Bicentennial Campaign.” We estimate that we will receive at least \$15,000 in such gifts by the end of 2015.

United Christian Ministries Contribution **6,000**

Our campus ministry is donating \$5000 toward the rest room renovation project and \$1000 toward the window replacement project taking place in the campus ministry wing.

Estate and Endowment Gifts **87,000**

Contributions from various estates and endowments – especially the Miller, Stockdale, Wertz, and McCracken endowments – have bridged the gap and made the projects possible.

Bus Fund **37,000**

Funds received many years ago from the Gallaway estate had been set aside for bus ministry. We had \$37,000 on hand, which was three-quarters of what the new bus cost. We will need to continue to raise transportation operating funds, as well as funds for the purchase of another bus out in the future!

Total Funding **395,000**

This plan includes one major adjustment in the original design of the Bicentennial Campaign. We had intended for the Bicentennial Campaign to fund the renovation of all eight major church rest rooms by the end of 2015. With the campaign having fallen short of its goal, and with the need for the HVAC controls system upgrade, the new plan is to renovate two rest rooms and delay the others until more funding is received. If we receive new pledges to the Bicentennial Campaign, or more “nonpledge” gifts than we anticipated, we can proceed with additional renovations.

Notice that the big story in this funding plan is the impact of *planned giving* – people have included the church in their estate planning, and so have made an ongoing big difference in the church! See the related article in this newsletter for more information about planned giving.

New Member Orientation

The *New Member Orientation* is for all persons who are interested in learning more about our church and who are interested potentially in joining the church. It is led by Dr. Palmer and will take place in two sessions during the month of June.

The first session will be on Sunday, June 8, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This session provides an overview of the United Methodist Church. The class meets in room 200 in the education wing (the first room at the top of the stairs). Child care is offered throughout the session.

The second session will be on Saturday, June 28, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. This session includes a “New Member Dessert,” with the desserts brought in by members of the church. The session provides a more specific orientation to our local church, plus a preparation for the worship service in which persons are received into membership. Child care is again offered throughout the session.

Persons choosing to join the church will be received into membership during any of our three worship hours on Sunday, June 29. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in being a part of this new member orientation, or if you would like more information, please be in touch with our church office.

June Events Announced for Kent UMW Circles

Miriam Circle of Kent United Methodist Women will hold a "Lunch Out" at Longhitano's Restaurant, West Main Street at 11:30 AM on June 4th. Christine Pryor, Circle Chairperson will host.

On June 4th @ 6:00 PM Mary Reed Circle of UMW will meet for a covered dish picnic at the Kent Historic Jail in Fred Fuller Park. Davina Gosnell will serve as Hostess assisted by Co-hostess Mary Lou McGregor. Gretchen Laflin will lead the Devotions and Mission Moment.

Kent UMW's Rebecca Circle members and their spouses will meet at 6:30 PM on June 4th at the Kent Garden Club's "Ode to Joy" Center at the corner of Ravenna & Seasons Road. A catered meal will be served. Members are invited to bring desserts. Judy Price will lead Devotions and Margie Miller will present the Mission Moment.

At 9:15 AM on June 8th Janus Circle will meet in Pierson Hall of Kent United Methodist Church for a program entitled "Image". Becky Mulloy will serve as Hostess.

There will be no circle meetings in July.

Janus Scholarship Announcement

The Janus Circle is announcing their sponsorship of a student scholarship beginning with the 2015 class of graduating high school seniors. The purpose is to recognize student members of the Kent United Methodist Church for their active involvement in our church and service to the community who plan to pursue post-secondary education the following school year.

The award recipient(s) will be announced at Senior Day Sunday. It is possible for the award to be shared among multiple recipients.

Initially, the scholarship will be a combination of monies generated by a new Janus Scholarship Endowment Fund managed by the Gifts & Memorials Committee and additional pass-through amounts to create a \$500 award. Donations to the Janus Scholarship Endowment Fund are welcome!

Applications are available from the church office or on-line on the UMC of Kent website. The Janus Circle wants to tangibly recognize the youth members who demonstrate their commitment and service to our church and community. For more information, please contact Denise Mote at 330-678-6048.

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.easthiocamps.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.easthiocamps.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.

There are many, many different types of camp experiences, and there are day camps and two-day overnight camps for the younger campers.

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 or Julie Zeager.

Youth Ministry News

June 2014

The business of the end of the school year and its many school activities has done nothing to slow down the activity level of our youth group. On May 18 twelve members of our seventh grade class officially finished confirmation and became members of our church. Also on May 18th, the 34 members of our Mountain TOP team officially finished training in preparation for our trip to Tennessee on July 5th. We also will be sending a team of eight delegates to YAC (Youth Annual Conference) on the weekend of June 13-15.

Wednesday evening youth group has continued to be well attended, and on Wednesday, June 4 from 7-9:30 we are planning to wrap up the year with an afternoon full of fun, food, games and fellowship courtesy of Carol and Joe Pozuc. Look for more information on Facebook and in the mail about this exciting conclusion to our youth group year.

Finally, on Sunday, May 25 we recognized the members of this year's senior class. It has been a great pleasure working with and getting to know these fine young men and women over the years. Our graduating seniors include:

Chase Barnwell
 Mylane Bella-Smuts
 Dawn Ceccardi
 Brandon Coia
 Joey Gallagher
 Matt Lewis
 Gabriella Seed
 Monica Pozuc
 Matt Sommers
 Derek Stout
 John Subick
 Tori Wind

Best of luck to our senior as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

Shalom
 Rick <><

June Calendar

- 4 7pm till 9:30pm last Youth Fellowship end of year picnic
- 8 7-8 pm Mountain TOP Chaperone Meeting
- 9 4-6 Mountain TOP training (Tool Training)
- 13-15 YAC Lakeside, Ohio
- 23-26 VBS
- 29 Mission Trip Commissioning Service (parent meeting)

Intern Being Sought

Starting late summer/early next fall our church will again be supporting two ministry interns. These interns will focus on youth ministry, and Christian Education respectively. While the Christian Education position has been filled we are currently looking for a youth ministry intern.

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 <><

Children's Choir Spring Program

The children's musical will be June 8th. The title is "Tale of Three Trees." It will comprise a portion of the 10:30 worship hour.

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Sunday School teachers will be recognized at the 10:30 worship hour on Sunday, June 8th. We appreciate the leadership of our teachers in helping our children to grow in faith!

Ushers

June 1- Team 4

June 8 - Team 5

June 15 - Team 6

June 22 - Team 1

June 29 - Team 2

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

www.kentmethodist.org

> Calendar > Service Team Schedule

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

June 1- Eric Wertz

June 8 - Gary Mote

June 15 - Eric Wertz

June 22 - Jack Miller

June 29 - Gary Mote



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow **Our Sympathies Go To:**

Family and friends of Jack Yohe.

Jeff Zeager on the death of his father, Jim Zeager.

Cindy Vaughan on the death of her sister, Laurie Parr.

Dorothy Gizzi on the death of her brother, Dave Heasley.

Desmeal Leigh on the death of his father, Dr. Evelyn Leigh.

Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Alice Darr, Ray Loughridge, Morgan Closs, William Suntheimer, George Flanik, Connie Karaffa, Janet Galizio, Eleanor Smith, Phyllis Hendricks, Richard Nemeth, Rowan Rotondo



June 1 - Don Ashton

June 8 - Sharon Coia

June 15 - Betty Sweet

June 22 - April Hinkle

June 29 - Mavis Palmer

Lay Readers

June 1 - Brittany Brode

June 8---Becky Collier

June 15---Pat Baldwin

June 22---Kathy Hardy

June 29---Tom Emerick

Acolyte Schedule

June 1 - Garret DeVries
Josh Palmer

June 8 - Dylan Kaminski
Josh Ronowski

June 15 - Brannon Jacoby
Ryan Dean

June 22 - Ryan Stevenson
Andrew Collier

June 29 - Carlie Thompson
Christopher Gavriloff

VBS NEWS

There will be a leaders meeting on Sunday, June 22 at 11:30 in the conference room for all those teaching a class or leading an age group at this years VBS. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

VBS leaders will be commissioned for service during worship all hours that morning.

Rick<><

Thank You Notes

I deeply appreciate your prayers, cards and calls. More than you can know, your support has lifted my spirits and helped to sustain me over these past few months. Gail and I are truly blessed to be part of this Congregation.

Morgan Closs

Thanks so much for the lovely Easter Lily. We will enjoy it forever and had a nice visit with Gretchen Laffin.

We are glad to get to church always and our poinsettia from Christmas is doing well.

Louise and Bob Klein

Our family would like to thank Rev. Denton for his many phone calls and visits to the hospital and Longmeadow. Thanks to Becky Mulloy for delivering flowers to Longmeadow and Nancy Lewis who delivered the Easter Lily to our home.

Thank you for all the prayers and cards we have received for George.

God Bless,

The Flanik Family

Pictorial Directories Are In

Our new church pictorial directories have arrived! If you had your picture taken for the directory, you receive one for free and can pick it up on Sunday morning after any of the three worship hours or on any weekday from our church office (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). If you did not get your picture taken but would like a directory, you can purchase one for \$10. The directory contains an up-to-date address and phone list, and it is a great tool to help us to get to know one another better!

Gluten Free Communion Bread

We have made provisions for members of our church who have gluten intolerance to receive gluten free bread for Communion. Let Dr. Palmer know ahead of time if you would like to be included among those receiving gluten free bread at any hour on Sunday morning.

The practice of providing gluten free bread carries forth the same principle that is already embodied in our United Methodist practice of providing alcohol-free “wine” (we use Welch’s grape juice!) – we want everyone to be welcome at the Lord’s table!

What Is Planned Giving?

In simple terms, “planned giving” is when people plan to include the church (or another charity) in their will. Many of our church members have planned for a certain amount of their estate to go to the church upon their death. In this way, they create a lasting legacy, as they continue to make an impact for good beyond their lifespan.

Currently, some large and very necessary capital projects in our church are being funded in part by gifts made through such planned giving. Hulda Miller, Lee Stockdale, Elizabeth McCracken, and George and Virginia Gallaway were all faithful members of our church some years ago. They all made significant gifts to the church through their wills, and those gifts are still making a major impact today. (see the related capital projects article in this newsletter)

When making a planned gift, you can designate the gift toward a specific cause – such as missions or Sunday School or the bus ministry or youth ministry – or leave it undesignated (what most donors have done). You can also set up an endowment – in which the original funds are invested and the earnings are used for future projects – or leave the funds to be available as needed.

It is possible to fund an endowment while you are still living, so that you can see the impact of the endowment right now! An example in our church is the Wertz endowment.

There are other forms of planned giving, such as a “charitable remainder trust,” in which a donor contributes funds to a trust, which will pay income to the donor during the donor’s life, with the balance in the trust going to the charity upon the donor’s death. There are certain tax advantages with this arrangement.

For more information about planned giving, you can contact our church office or speak with the chairperson of the Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Committee, Kevin Patrick.

VBS Donations Needed

As we prepare for VBS this summer donations are needed to help lower our cost. The following items may be dropped off at the church office anytime between now and June 22nd.

Fig Newtons	Flat River Stones
Small Bear Graham Crackers	Acrylic Paint
Colored Candies	Newspapers
Vanilla Frosting	Fine Point Markers
Red Licorice Candy	Marker Paint
Celery	Sturdy Paper Plates or Flat Boxes
Carrots	Wooden Craft Sticks
Broccoli	Stickers
Cucumbers	Foam Shape Stickers
Cauliflower	Sponges
Ranch Salad Dress	Jumbo Craft Sticks
Pita Bread	School Glue
Mild Salsa	Tape
Shredded Cheese	Magnet Strips
Eggs (uncooked)	Construction Paper (blue, red, yellow, and green)
Potatos	Bendy Straws
Milk 2%	Ping Pong Balls
Vinegar	Card Board Tubes
Rice Crispy Treats	Tin Foil
Food Coloring	Coffee or Oat Cans
Dish-washing Soap	9-volt Battery
Cotton Swabs	Rubber Bands
Resealable Snack bags	Paper Clips
Black Felt	Hex Nuts
Buttons	Safety Goggles

Vacation Bible School

We're inviting all children to be a part of the excitement at our Vacation Bible School. This summer we have been invited to participate as a pilot church for Cokesbury's 2015 theme!

As a pilot church we will be demonstrating and evaluating the VBS theme for 2015! Therefore we will need to keep our theme TOP SECRET for a few more weeks but let me assure you that we are extremely excited for what this year's VBS will include!

Rest assured that VBS will include all your children's favorite activities such as Bible storytelling, games, rockin' music, super science, cool crafts, and more! At this exciting VBS, kids will experience God's love in action, meet welcoming neighbors from the Bible, and explore the excitement of being a disciple of Christ.

Vacation Bible School is open to children three years old through sixth grade. Three year olds need to have had some Sunday School or preschool experience before coming to Vacation Bible School.

Don't miss out on this world wide adventure on June 23 through June 27 from 9:30am till noon. To register call the church office at 330-673-5879 x 12 or fill out a registration form in the Atrium.



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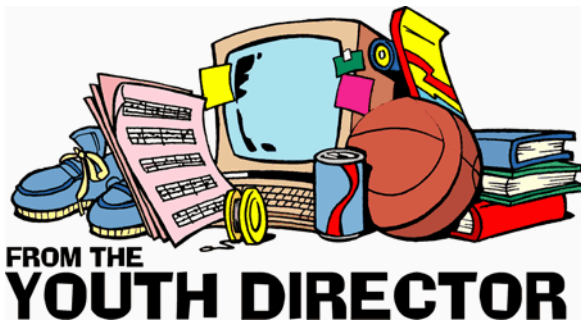
WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
June 1	"Eat, Drink, and Enjoy Yourself"	Ecclesiastes 2: 22-26	Dr. David Palmer	Ascension Sunday
June 8	"God's Draft Picks"	I Corinthians 1: 26-31	Dr. David Palmer	Pentecost/ Children's Day/ Communion 8:30 & 9:30
June 15	"Catch the Wind"	Acts 2: 1-4; Luke 24: 48-49	Dr. David Palmer	Father's Day
June 22	"Religion vs. Christianity"	Psalm 86: 1-11 Acts 17: 22-31	Rev. Douglas Denton	VBS Leader Commissioning One Great Hour of Sharing
June 29	"G-Force"	Judges 6:33-34; I Samuel 16:13; I Thessalonians 1:4-7		VBS Children Singing/ Commissioning for Mountain T.O.P/ New Members Received



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