



# *The Methodist Mosaic*



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Dear Friends,

Sometimes church life involves standing in a packed sanctuary on Easter morning, letting one's spirit soar with the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus.

Sometimes it involves standing in the clanging roar of the church boiler room, meeting with a heating systems engineer.

Both elements were a part of our overall church life during April.

At the end of April, our church Trustees approved a final proposal to implement a new church boiler system, bringing to completion a project toward which we have been working for the past several years. The new boiler plant has been ordered and will be installed after the present system is shut down in May.

The present 50-year-old system made it, barely, through the past winter. Special thanks to Walt Strawman for keeping this system going for the past years!

Along with the new boiler plant, we are installing a new building-wide controls system. New high-efficiency boiler technology plus the new controls system will solve a number of major inefficiencies and problems that we had with the old system – saving gas costs and creating more comfortable meeting spaces.

The Boiler Subcommittee of our Trustees spent more than six months meeting with a variety of vendors, getting numerous bids and concepts and shaping the best possible final proposal. The project also includes a new maintenance contract.

Funding for the project comes from contributions through the “Turn Up the Heat” campaign (2011-2013), and the present Bicentennial Campaign, plus some additional funding from estate gifts. We are spending now what we anticipate will still be coming in through the Bicentennial Campaign, so those contributions are very important! A full financial report on the boiler project and the Bicentennial Campaign will be included in a summer issue of the Mosaic.

Turning to more inspirational matters – our Sunday worship! – I will be continuing a sermon series throughout the month entitled “Healing Waters,” based upon the Biblical story of Naaman. Worship in May also features Communion on May 4, the “Festival of the Christian Home” -- Mother's Day! – on May 11, Confirmation on May 18, and a Memorial Day veterans' remembrance on May 25. I look forward to sharing with you, as we grow in our faith together.

In His Service,  
Dr. David Palmer

## **Haymaker Farmers' Market Completes Winter Season**

Vendors, customers, and the church were all extremely pleased with the opening year in which the United Methodist Church of Kent hosted the Haymaker Farmers' Market throughout the winter. This was a “win-win” experience all around, as Pierson Hall proved to be an ideal location for the market. The market has its last indoor session on May 10, then will move to its summer location outside in downtown Kent. We anticipate hosting the market again, beginning in the late fall.

## **Rest Room Renovations**

Renovations of the deteriorated men's and women's rest rooms in the campus ministry wing are expected to start soon. Our renovation committee – consisting of Randy and Susan Smith and Gary and Sue Harvey – has been consulting with contractor Jeff Beatty and with architect David Pelligra to design the best plan. Rest room renovations are one of the project areas being supported through the Bicentennial Campaign.

## 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.

## NATURE HIKE WITH KYLE JACOBY

*“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.” ~John Muir*

Nature is abundant within the history of the church, the theologies of our forefathers and mothers, and the text of the Bible. The natural world has established itself as a way to transcend us to see a fuller picture of God and ourselves. Its impact is so great that it has been labeled as “God’s second book” by theologians and environmentalists of old. To experience this transcending power of nature join Environmental Educator and Theologian Kyle Jacoby on a hike at the Ledges of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Meet in the Virginia Kendall Parking lot (701 Truxell Road, Peninsula 44264) at 2:00 pm on Sunday, May 18. The trail is 2 miles with some moderate skill level sections (hills, rocks, and stairs). Wear good shoes and comfortable hiking clothes. Email [kjacoby11@gmail.com](mailto:kjacoby11@gmail.com) with any questions.

## KENT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNOUNCE MAY MEETINGS

Miriam Circle of Kent UMW will meet at **9 AM on May 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Kent Historical Society, 237 East Main Street for a program hosted by Jean Booth and co-hosted by Barbara Ferrell and Carol Taylor. Barbara Ferrell will also present Devotions and the Mission Moment.

A program entitled “Our Church Library” will be held at **1 PM on May 7<sup>th</sup>** by Mary Reed Circle in the Kent United Methodist Church library. Megan Harper-Jacoby, Church Librarian, will be the speaker. Sally Myers will serve as Hostess assisted by Co-hostesses Lois Mauck and Phyllis Neel. Devotions and the Mission Moment will be led by Ruth Anstine.

Kent UMW’s Rebecca Circle will meet at **7:30 PM on May 7<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Hostess Tina Ballentine. Sally Ruckman and Cindy Vaughan will Co-host. Julie Schmidt will present a program entitled “What Do We Do Now?”. Devotions will be led by Carole Stokes and Kathy Hardy will present the Mission Moment.

At **9:15 AM on May 11<sup>th</sup>** Janus Circle will meet in Pierson Hall of Kent United Methodist Church. The program topic will be “Just for Fun” hosted by Mavis Palmer.

The Executive Board of Kent UMW will meet at **7 PM on May 28<sup>th</sup>** in the Conference Room at Kent UMC. Co-Presidents Gail Pytel and Donna Stiller will preside.

## Youth Ministry News

### May 2014

**Matthew 28:19-20: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**

Youth Annual Conference (YAC) is a weekend for youth from the East Ohio Conference of the UMC to meet together for a time of worship, leadership development and fellowship. It is a weekend for teens planned by teens! On June 13th, youth from all over East Ohio will make their way back to Lakeside for Youth Annual Conference. Like the past years, YAC has a weekend jam-packed with events for youth to participate in. The theme this year is, "Navigate." This theme will be carried throughout the weekend in worship services, teen testimonies and other events.

Cedar Point is back in 2014. On Friday we will head to Cedar Point for the day, then at 5 PM head over to Lakeside to kick off YAC 2014 with a dance party! YAC 2014 features a concert by local Christian recording artist "Christon Gray" and "All Things New" performances by illusionist "Jared Hall." Our special guest speaker for the weekend is Rev. Jared Pri-set.

A former class mate of mine at Ashland Theological Seminary, Jared can be described in many ways. He is a United Methodist pastor, an avid runner, a twin, a former police officer, a cross-country coach, a father, and a husband. Jared was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. After high school, he attended Roberts Wesleyan College for his undergraduate studies, graduating in 2003 with a degree in History and Criminal Justice. After working four years as a police officer in Virginia, he decided to move to Ohio to enter seminary and pursue a desire to become a pastor. After attending Seminary in Ashland, Ohio, and working as a youth pastor while he was there, he graduated in 2010 and moved to Aurora, Ohio, where he started pastoring his first church, Aurora United Methodist. Jared is still in Aurora and is enjoying his time there. Jared enjoys a lot of different activities. He is a passionate runner and has participated in four marathons, including the Boston Marathon. This year, he was an assistant

coach for the Aurora High School cross-country team. Jared has a passion for seeing people come into a reconciled relationship with Almighty God through the person of Jesus Christ. Whether he is working with children, teenagers, or those advanced in years, Pastor Jared's prayer and heart's cry is to love God, love others, and bring people to Christ.

Every youth group is encouraged to participate in YAC. Each church may send up to five voting delegates, but we are welcome to bring all of our youth to experience this Spirit-filled weekend. See Rick for details if you would like to attend YAC 2014.

Shalom,  
Rick <><

### May Calendar

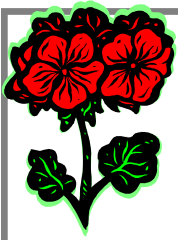
7	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
11	Mother's Day
14	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
17	Confirmation 2:30-8
18	Confirmation Sunday
18	3-5 Mountain TOP training #2
	<b>Note time change</b>
21	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
28	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship



### May 18, 2014

We rejoice in welcoming the following seventh graders who are to be confirmed on May 18:

Ryan Dean  
Garrett DeVries  
Molly Fankhauser  
Christopher Gavriloff  
Brooke Harvey  
Brannon Jacoby  
Dylan Kaminski  
Joshua Palmer  
Joshua Ronowski  
Ryan Stevens  
Anna Swan  
Carlie Thompson



## Order your Geraniums!

You are invited to donate geraniums to beautify the sanctuary for Memorial Day. We will be honoring our loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Flowers will be planted here at the church to make the grounds look beautiful for summer. Please complete the information below, and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent by May 16<sup>th</sup>.

I/WE \_\_\_\_\_

WISH TO DONATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLANTS(S) AT \$8.00 for two.

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE:

*OR (CIRCLE ONE AND PRINT NAMES(S))*

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE:

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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.

## Ushers

May 4 - Team 6

May 11 - Team 1

May 18 - Team 2

May 25 - Team 3

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

[www.kentmethodist.org](http://www.kentmethodist.org)

> Calendar > Service Team Schedule

### VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

May 4 - Gary Mote

May 11 - Eric Wertz

May 18 - Gary Mote

May 25 - Jack Miller



May 4 - Sharon Coia

May 11 - Don Ashton

May 18 - Betty Sweet

May 25 - April Hinkle

## Acolyte Schedule

May 4 - Ryan Dean

Christopher Gavriloff

May 11 - Brannon Jacoby

Josh Ronowski

May 18 - Molly Fankhauser

Anna Swan

May 25 - Brooke Harvey

Carlie Thompson

## Hospitalized and Surgeries:

George Flanik, Ray Beighley, Morgan Closs, Eleanor Smith, Lynn Ericson



Remember  
These  
Members  
in Their  
Sorrow

## Our Sympathies Go

To:

Family and Friends of Sandra Biedermann.

Ed Clark on the death of his mother.

Barb Keener on the death of her brother.

## Lay Readers

May 4 - Janeen Phillips

May 11 - Janice Anderson

May 18 - Georgia Foster

May 25 - Brooke Harvey

## BUCKET LIST

Each year The Midwest Mission Distribution Center has a truck at Annual Conference to collect materials for the Relief Supply Kits.

These kits, full of cleaning supplies, are then distributed where the need is greatest in times of domestic disasters.

Won't you please be a part of filling these buckets by bringing supplies to church this month.

Our contributions will then be taken to Annual Conference and added to the relief drive.

Materials that are useful include; 5-gallon buckets with lids, liquid household cleaner to be mixed with water, liquid laundry detergent (25 or 50 oz.), dish soap, can air freshener, clothesline / pins, insect repellent spray, scrub brush, sponges, cleaning wipes, scouring pads that won't rust, heavy duty trash bags, disposable kitchen gloves, dust masks, and work gloves.

You will find a container for these items in the Atrium during the month of May.

Thank you,  
Mission Committee

## Thank You Notes

Thank you for the flowers. They are very pretty. Thanks to Shirley Beaumont for bringing the flowers to me.

Eva Conard

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the comfort provided by fellow members of the Methodist Church, for Rev. David Palmer and Rev. Douglas Denton giving such a wonderful service. For all the visits that Rev. Denton made to us before Jack's death. A huge Thank you to Margie for organizing the luncheon after the service and to all the Mary Reed members that provided food. I miss Jack very much but know that he is in a better place. An interesting fact, the bombardier from his WWII crew (the only other living member) died just one week before Jack.

I was so proud to have our grandsons participate as pallbearers and believe they were just as proud to be asked. With the help of my wonderful family, each day gets a little better.

Elsie Joy

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 sincere thanks for your generous donation.

Kent Social Services relies on the generosity of donors such as yourself and is grateful for your support. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Christina Anderson, KSS Manager

Marquice Seward, KSS Assistant Manager

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP KEYBOARD FUND APPEAL

We are in need of a new electronic keyboard for the contemporary worship service. An excellent model has been identified at a price of \$800. We are looking for contributions toward the purchase of the keyboard. If you would like to donate, please mark your check or envelope "keyboard." Your gift will enhance our 9:30 hour worship!

## Communion "Equipment" Changes – Volunteers Sought

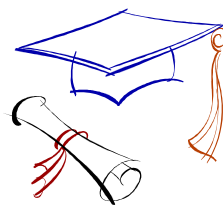
You may have noticed the recent change in our Communion cups, as we moved from glass to plastic. This enormously simplifies the clean-up process, as it is no longer necessary to wash and sterilize several hundred little cups. The used plastic cups are placed into a recycling bin.

We understand that some folks were reluctant to serve as Communion stewards because they did not relish the thought of cleaning all those cups! Now the job is much easier! We are in need of several new volunteers to be a 10:30 hour Communion steward on three or four Sundays a year. The task involves setting up the Communion elements (between 9:30 and 10:30), and then, with help from our confirmands who collect the cups from the rails, doing the brief cleanup afterwards.

If you would be willing to help in this way, please contact our church office via phone or e-mail, and someone will be in touch with more information.

Thanks to our head Communion steward, Becky Mulloy, who led this transition and was able to locate a new plastic cup design that performs well. Nearly twenty years ago, our church moved away from plastic cups into glass because the plastic cups at the time had a propensity to disintegrate when being pulled out of the tray – quite a mess! We have had no problems with the new cups.

We generally have Communion on the first Sunday of each month. In May, we also have Communion during the 10:30 service on Confirmation Sunday, as the confirmands serve Communion to the congregation.



## Graduate Recognition

We will be recognizing high school seniors who are graduating this year during worship on Sunday, May 25. A letter about

the recognition will be sent in early May to all seniors that we have in our church records. If you do not receive a letter, please be in touch with our church office.



# May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 10am- 1pm Farmers Market in Pierson Hall
4 Communion Regular Sunday Schedule	5 7:30 New Spirit/Choir Room	6 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12/Noon Rotary/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	7 1 pm Mary Reed Circle/Library 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8:30pm Youth Group/Pit 7pm Leadership Committee/RM 207	8 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	9	10 10am- 1pm Farmers Market in Pierson Hall
11 Regular Sunday Schedule	12 7:30 New Spirit/Choir Room	13 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12/Noon Rotary/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	14 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8:30pm Youth Group/Pit	15 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	16	17 2:30-8:00pm Confirmation Class
18 Regular Sunday Schedule 3-5pm Mountain TOP Training/ Pit	19 6:00pm Garden Club/ in Pierson Hall 7:30 New Spirit/Choir Room	20 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12/Noon Rotary/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	21 6pm Yoga/Parlor 7-8:30pm Youth Group/Pit 7pm Leadership Committee/RM 207	22 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	23	24
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**WORSHIP CALENDAR**

SUNDAY	SERMON	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER	SPECIAL EVENT
May 4	"The Right Place to Find the Answer"	II Kings 5: 1-8 and II Kings 5: 15-19	Dr. David Palmer	Communion
May 11	"Miracles in the Muck"	II Kings 5: 9-14	Dr. David Palmer	Baptism 9:30am Service Mother's Day/Children's Choir
May 18	"What Are You After"	II Kings 5: 1-5a I Kings 5: 15-16, 19-27	Dr. David Palmer	Confirmation Sunday ZAMARingers
May 25	"What Jesus Said that Made People Want to Throw Him Off a Cliff"	Luke 4: 16-21 Luke 4: 22-30	Dr. David Palmer	Memorial Day/ Graduate Recognition/ Peace with Justice



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