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United Methodist Church of Kent - A Place to Grow

March 2014

Dear Friends,

This month we begin the season of *Lent*, starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

For centuries, the forty days of Lent have been a special time of spiritual focus for Christians – a time of reflecting about what Christ has done for us, and a time of deepening our relationship with Christ. Opportunities for spiritual growth during Lent include the following:

- We begin Lent with a **Service of Ashes** on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m. See the relevant article in this newsletter for more details.
- We will have our usual series of **Wednesday Evening Lenten Potlucks**, beginning at 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday starting March 5. Bring one dish to share, plus table service; beverages will be provided. This is always a nice dinner and fellowship time in Pierson Hall. Everyone is invited!
- The potluck suppers are followed by a **Lenten Program**. On March 5, the supper is followed by the Ash Wednesday Service of Ashes. On March 12 through April 9, the supper will be followed at 7:00 by a program on the theme of *Missions that Make a Difference*. We will have a different speaker each week; you will find a full listing in this newsletter.
- We will have **Lenten devotional materials** available in the atrium and the chapel vestibule; these booklets provide a daily devotion for each day of Lent
- Our children will be encouraged to put a dime a day in a **Lenten coin folder** as a spiritual exercise in self-giving. The folders will be distributed in our Sunday school classes; the dimes will go toward United Methodist mission work.
- We also look forward to couple of special Sundays this month:
 - Sunday, March 9, will be Youth Sunday. This service, led entirely by our senior high and middle school youth, utilizes a lively mix of drama, word, and music to present the gospel message. There will be two worship hours on March 9, at 8:30 and 10:30, in the sanctuary. Contemporary service worshippers should choose one or the other hour.

Sunday, March 23, will be **UMW Sunday.** Members of our United Methodist Women lead the worship service. There will be drama along with a spoken message and special music from our women's ensemble – "Grace." *There will be worship as usual at all three worship hours, 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30, on March 23.*

I look forward to sharing with you as together in many ways we grow in our walk with Christ!

In His Service,

Dr. David Palmer

ADULT RETREAT

It may still be possible to join in the Adult Retreat, being held on the weekend of March 14-16 at the Berlin Grande Hotel in the heart of Amish country. This is a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, and spiritual growth, open to all adults, single or married. For more information, contact Roger Stiller at rstiller@kent.edu.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES POTLUCK SUPPER AT 6:15, PROGRAM 7:00-8:00, IN PIERSON HALL THEME: MISSIONS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

March 12 - New Horizon Methodist School, Paraguay

The director of this school, Sue Givens, will be our presenter. She will share the exciting story of this Methodist school, founded in 2001, which serves a poor population in Lambare, Paraguay,

March 19 - The Immigration Issue

In this presentation we will be taking a look at the impact our current immigration system has on people and families and the need for a humane comprehensive immigration reform. We will also take a look at the things we can do as a church and as individuals to address this situation.

Our speaker will be Rev. Nestor Nazario. Rev. Nazario was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He obtained a Masters in Divinity from Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, a Masters in Counseling from Mississippi State University, and a year of Clinical Pastoral Education from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He has served as pastor at the Transfiguration UMC in San Juan, PR, First Hispanic UMC and Christ UMC in Cleveland, OH, and has also served as a US Navy Chaplain for twenty years. Rev. Nazario is currently pastor at Hope United Methodist Church in Bedford, Ohio.

March 26 – Hospice ministry

Our presenter will be Rev. Cynthia Danals, an ordained United Methodist minister in our East Ohio Conference, who for the past several years has been serving as a hospice chaplain. She will speak about hospice both as a service for those who need it and as a ministry for those who wish to be a part of its compassionate care.

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

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On March 5th we begin the season of *Lent*. For centuries, the season of Lent, a 40 day period prior to Easter, has served for Christians as a special time for spiritual reflection. We consider how Jesus journeyed to the cross, and we are drawn to follow Him in deeper faith and discipleship.

Lent begins on *Ash Wednesday, March 5th*, with a **Service of Ashes** at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This service uses the ancient Biblical symbolism of ashes as a sign of repentance and receiving God's forgiveness. Child care is provided. The service is preceded by a potluck supper at 6:15 p.m. in Pierson Hall.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer sponsored by Church Women United, will begin at 1 P.M. March 14 at Faith United Methodist Church in Brimfield, 1235 Tallmadge Road. This year's program is entitled, "Streams in the Desert." Paper products, hygiene products or canned goods for donation to Kent Social Services would be appreciated.



APRIL 4 & APRIL 5

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

tomer 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.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 252

Many thanks to the congregation for the outstanding support of the Troop Pancake breakfast. It is terrific to see so many people take part, from each of the three services.

The Troop is very active during the late winter months and camped at Camp Manatoc in February. With two cabins, a winter full of snow and boys eager to get outside, snow tubing at Brandywine was a perfect plan for the weekend.

The March campout location for the monthly outing is still undecided, yet a contingent of Scouts and Scouters will head to Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas for a sailing adventure (Sea Base). Nightly dinner will be the catch of the day! The twelve-man crew is sure to have many stories to share.

Next month, the April campout will be held at Seven Ranges, where all troops planning a week of summer camp must spend a "Good Turn" weekend, updating and preparing facilities for fun, learning and challenges.

VOLUNTEER FOR HOSPICE

Hospice Volunteers give kindness every day as they share their talents with people in need. It is not necessary to have experience in working with people who have a life-limiting illness to become a hospice volunteer. Volunteers uphold the basic hospice philosophy of enhancing the quality of life for our patients, while helping them maintain dignity. Compassion, reliability, and a non-judgment approach are essential qualities. Our volunteers provide a wide variety of services based on each patient and families particular needs and desires.

We are seeking respite volunteers. These volunteers provide relief for the caregiver. Vigil volunteers who provide support to the families when it appears death is imminent are also needed. Other opportunities available are volunteer bakers, cosmetologist, nursing home teams, bereavement support, veterans, and story writers.

Every volunteer is provided the necessary training and ongoing education and support. Training sessions will begin March 11, 2014.

For more information, please call Bernadette Thomas, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, Robinson Memorial Hospital Visiting Nurse and Hospice at 330-297-8899 or bthomas@rmh.org.

UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES AT KSU SPRING STUDENT FUNDRAISING DINNER

An Italian themed dinner including Italian Wedding Soup (with a vegan option), salad, Chicken Parmesan (or eggplant parmesan vegetarian option), and Chocolate Cherry Cake will be served on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 6:00pm in Pierson Hall of the Kent United Methodist Church. Tickets will be \$20 for adults, \$10 for high school and college students, and kids 12 and under eat free. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.myucm.org or by calling the UCM office at 330-673-5687. Proceeds benefit student programs. Thank you for your support of our ecumenical campus ministry at KSU!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF KENT

Beginning at 7:30 P.M., March 4th in Pierson Hall of the United Methodist Church of Kent, UMW circles – Janus, Mary Reed, Miriam, and Rebecca - plan a combined program session entitled "Answering the Call from Hungry Children". Sara Beatty from the Ben Curtis Family Foundation will be the speaker and will describe a program initiated by the Curtis Foundation to address hunger of school children in the Kent community. Members of Rebecca Circle will Hostess.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 6 P.M. a covered dish dinner will be held in Pierson Hall followed by the Ash Wednesday Service. Every Wednesday throughout the Lenten season, a covered dish dinner will preced a planned program. Speakers from various health and social agencies in the area will feature different mission themes. The public is invited to attend.

United Methodist Women of Kent will participate in the World Day of Prayer program to be held at 1 P.M. March 14th at Faith United Methodist Church in Brimfield, 1235 Tallmadge Road.

UMW Executive Board of Kent meets at 7 P.M. March 17th in the Conference Room at the church. UMW SUNDAY will be held on March 23rd. UMC members will lead the worship services @ 8:30, 9:30, & 10:30 AM. The theme is "A Purpose Driven Life: Faith, Hope, and Love in Action". All are welcome.

Miriam Circle will be meeting on Wednesday March 5th at 9:00am in Pierson Hall to make cards with Sandra Andrews. If you have any questions please contact Christine Pryor.

DONATION REQUESTED

After years of faithful service the refrigerator in the Pit has quit working.

Therefore the youth are asking if anyone in the congregation, would like to donate a used (or new) refrigerator.

Please contact Rick Stout at the church at 330-673-5879, ext. 12 or rickstout@kentmethodist.org.

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.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to purchase Easter flowers to beautify the sanctuary. Please complete the information below and mail it to the church office, or drop it into the offering plate on Sunday. All flower requests must be accompanied by payment. All checks must be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Kent **by March 31.** Following the 10:30 a.m. service on *Easter Sunday, April 20th*, flowers will be distributed to shut-ins by Circle members.

I/WE WISH TO PURCHASEPLANTS(S) AT \$10.00 EACH
IN MEMORY OF:
OR
IN HONOR OF:
GIVEN BY:

Youth Ministry News March 2014

A Mission Trip EVERYONE can participate in Matthew 25:40 reads "Then the king will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

As many of you are aware the youth will be traveling again this summer to Mountain T.O.P. located in Altamont, Tennessee to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Plateau. But were you aware that this will be our 15th year of partnership with the ministry! We are very excited to have 37 members (28 youth 9 adults) of our youth group registered to attend this year's mission trip. While all of this is very exciting news it becomes even more exciting when you realize this trip gives the entire congregation an opportunity to be involved in this ministry in a variety of ways.

While each student attending is responsible for more than half of their individual cost for the week, the remaining cost including travel needs to be fundraised. Additionally, there are students from some families who will have difficulty paying their required portion. Therefore, we would like to ask the congregation to consider getting involved in our quest to raise the required funds for this year's trip by considering participating in one of the following financial opportunities to help.

Scholarships. As mentioned above there are several families who may have difficulty in today's economy paying for the required portion of their trip. Monies given toward the \$250 required from each student, and full sponsorships \$375 for families in need are a wonderful way to help.

Corporate sponsorship or donations. Do you know of or work for a company that might like to make a charitable donation to our trip? If you have an idea or know of a company who might be a source of funding in this way contact Rick with the necessary details.

Buy a brick. At the time of this writing, our annual telethon brick sale will be Sunday Night, February

23 beginning at 4:00. When the youth call please prayerfully consider supporting their efforts by purchasing a \$25 brick in support of the trip. Remember every gift no matter how big or small goes to make a difference in the lives of another.

While this trip may seem like a huge undertaking, with God's grace and your generous support we can make it happen.

Shalom, *Ríck* <><

DID YOU KNOW?

Youth Group Alum Caitlin Stephenson has been selected to be on Mountain T.O.P.'s summer staff this year! With her selection Kent UMC has had five consecutive years of former youth serving as missionaries on staff.

Youth group meets Wednesdays, between 7 and 8:30 in **THE PIG.**

As missionaries, Mountain TOP staff members must raise half of their salary and living expenses from outside partnerships.

The annual time and talent auction is scheduled for **April 27**th this year.

March 2014 Youth Calendar

5	NO Youth Fellowship Ash				
	Wednesday				
8	Confirmation 9:30-12				
	Youth Sunday Rehearsal				
	1-3				
9	Youth Sunday				
12	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship				
19	7-8:30 Youth Fellowship				
26	NO Youth Fellowship Spring				
	Break				

Ushers

March 2 - Team 1

March 5 - Team 2

March 9 - Team 3

March 16 - Team 4

March 23 - Team 5

March 30 - Team 6

If you are unsure of what Team you are on please check the website at www.kentmethodist.org

> Calendar > Service Team Schedule

VIDEOTAPING SCHEDULE

March 2 - Eric Wertz

March 5 - Eric Wertz

March 9 - Jack Miller and Gary Mote

March 16 - Gary Mote

March 23 - Eric Wertz

March 30 - Eric Wertz

Remember Our Sympathies Go

Members To:

in Their Sorrow Randy Lewis and family on the death of Randy's father Sam Lewis.

Dan Cox on the death of his mother Norma Cox.

Karen Bennett on the death of her father Don Ritzenthaler.



March 2 - Sharon Coia

March 9 - Don Ashton

March 16 - Betty Sweet

March 23 - April Hinkle

March 30 - Mavis Palmer

Lay Readers

March 2 - Julie Zeager

March 9 - Youth Sunday

March 16 - Rachel Palmer

March 23 - Wanema Flasher

March 30 - Dan Cox

Hospitalized and Surgeries:

Margie Miller, Jack Joy, Beth Harvey, Janet Sessions

Acolyte Schedule

March 2 - Carlie Thompson Ryan Stevens

March 9 - Anna Swan Josh Ronowski

March 16 - Ryan Dean Brooke Harvey

March 23 - Brannon Jacoby Christopher Gavriloff

March 30 - Dylan Kaminski Garrett DeVries

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March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
2 Communion Regular Sunday Schedule	3 7:30 New Spirit/Choir Room	4 8:30 am Men's Work Group 12/Noon Rotary/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym 7:30 UMW Combined Meeting/Pierson Hall	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:15 pm Lenten Potluck Dinner / PH 7:30 Ash Wednesday Service/ Sanctuary 6pm Yoga/Parlor	6 7am Men's Discussion Group/Diggers Rest 12pm Lion Lunch/PH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir	8:30 Worship/Chaj 9:00 Holy Donut S 9:15 Children's Ch 9:30 Contemporary 9:30 New Spirit/Saj 9:30-10:15 Univers 9:30 Child Care 10:30 Worship/Nu 10:40 Sunday Sch 11:30 Fellowship 1 11:45 Chancel Rin	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	
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Thank You Notes

Thank you for fulfilling your commitment to paying your shared ministry funds in full for 2013. Programs and ministries continue to be blessed because of your generosity and commitment. Thank you again for making a difference in East Ohio and the world.

Jessica Vargo

Conference Treasurer

Dear Friends.

Thank you for your support of the Coleman Foundation in 2013. Your generosity is appreciated. [Our Church gave \$300]

The need for Coleman Professional Services in our communities continues to increase, while funding remains uncertain. In the past year Coleman served over 17,700 people of all ages including over 1,100 children. Just over 38,000 services were provided (some people in need of multiple services). Over 84% of Coleman clients have an annual family income of less than \$16,000. Your financial contribution helped to ensure that Coleman has resources to care for all regardless of their ability to pay.

Through treatment, assistance and encouragement, Coleman Professional Services is fostering recovery, building independence, and changing destinies for members of our communities with mental illness.

Sincerely,

William E. Childers

Executive Director

Dear Church Members,

I would like to personally thank you for your recent gift of \$500 though the East Ohio Conference office. Your charitable support will help us make a positive, lasting, measureable difference in the lives of over 17,000 children and families we serve each year. Your dedication to our mission helps give individuals in need hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Most of our children and families struggle with poverty on a daily basis. With your generous gift, we are able to give empower those who are in need. Through our passionate people, and our customized programs, which are designed to build upon one another to address every aspect of a person's needs, we help children, families, and communities become strong members of our community. Because of committed people like you, we can empower our clients to become more self-sufficient and achieve success!

Sincerely,

Alex S. Petrus, CFRE

Vice President of Advancement at Guidestone

(Formerly Berea Children's Home)

Kent UMC Congregation:

Thank you for most recent gifts totaling \$114.80. We are honored for your confidence in the Hunger Network and grateful for your generosity. Your support is greatly appreciated in helping to strengthen our ministries. Your dedication strengthens our commitment to find more and better ways to try to "End Hunger in Ohio though changing conditions that cause poverty."

Thank you again for this contribution and all you do to care for those less able and least fortunate.

Janet Smart, Chairperson

The Hunger Network in Ohio

Dear Rev. Palmer:

Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation recently received your EOC Advance Fund gift of \$500.00. I wanted to thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of Wesleyan Senior Living.

Last year, Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation provided charitable support for nearly 200 of our 400+ residents - individuals who have outlived their personal resources and rely on us to provide for their on-going needs. Wesleyan Senior Living Foundation makes it possible for individuals to remain within the committed and caring environment that they have come to call home, without undue disruption in their lives as their personal finances dwindle.

Thank you to you and your congregation for your commitment to our mission and support.

Sincerely,

Kristen Jones

Vice President of Development and Church Relations

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,

Christie Anderson

KSS Manager







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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES — 10TH OF EACH MONTH

WORSHIP CALENDAR

SUNDAY SERMON SCRIPTURE PREACHER SPECIAL EVENT

March 2 "The Longing of Our Soul" Psalm 42: 1-2 Dr. David Palmer Communion

March 5 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary Dr. David Palmer

March 9 Youth Sunday

March 16 "He Comes to Save, Not Condemn" Rev. Douglas Denton Children's Choir

Romans 14: 10-13, John 3: 1-18

March 23 UMW Sunday Ruth 1: 6-18, Acts 16: 14-15, I Timothy 6: 17-19

March 30 Dr. Jonathan Smith



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Urgent!

If you have changed your email address or home address, please contact the church office with your new email/home address at 330-673-5879 ext. 10 (or if you are temporarily away). Please help us keep our church records correct (and save money on returned postage). Thank you!!