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ISAIAH 40:31 (NIV)



2024 EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2024 session of the East Ohio Annual Conference will meet at the John S. Knight Center in Akron from June 13 to 15. We will continue to focus on our quadrennial theme, “Faith, Hope, Love.” Our three days of holy conferencing will be grounded the prophetic promise of Isaiah 40.31: “...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.”

Visit www.eocumc.com/eoac24 for more information about this year’s session of the annual conference. And please pray for all of those who will be leading and participating in worship services, business meetings, and other gatherings that are part of our United Methodist connection.

New Member Class: A Disciple’s Path

*Mondays, June 3, 10, 17; July 1
Conference Room*

A Disciple’s Path is a four-week study based on a Wesleyan (or “Methodist”) practice of discipleship that explores what it means to grow in our relationship with God through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. This study is perfect for those who are new to our congregation, who are interested in learning about membership in The United Methodist Church, or who want to deepen their relationship with Christ and the church. At the conclusion of these four weeks, those who are interested in becoming professing members of the UMC of Kent will be invited to do so.

For more information or to express your interest in participating, please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

Youth Ministry News

June 2024

JUNE/JULY ACOLYTES

JUNE 2	Alvin Fields
JUNE 9	Sienna Heeman
JUNE 16	Joseph Lepp
JUNE 23	Jozsi Jakab
JUNE 30	Audrey Hinkle
JULY 7	Alex Alderson
JULY 14	Savannah Stephan

The youth Mountain TOP trip is scheduled to take place from June 22-29. We will be finishing our training in preparation for the trip by building new steps for the Stout family on June 2nd from 5-7. Additionally, the team has sent out a mailing requesting that the congregation please consider supporting this trip by purchasing a symbolic "brick" in the amount of \$25. If you did not receive a donation letter please contact Rick Stout to receive one or simply place a check in the offering and mark the memo line brick sale. The youth would also like to thank everyone for their support of this worthwhile cause.

At the time of this writing, our youth program is officially on summer recess but there are many plans underway for a full return to activity in the fall. Please be watching the mail and our upcoming newsletters for announcements regarding the restart of youth group in the fall, confirmation class, our "Time and Talent" auction, youth Sunday School and much more.

I am looking forward to an exciting fall and hope everyone else is too.

Shalom,

Rick<><

VBS is returning to the Kent UMC!

We are currently planning to hold VBS at the Kent UMC the week of June 17-20. (four days) The theme this year will be JUST Like Me! "JUST Like Me is an inclusive VBS curriculum that will help kids celebrate their identity as God's beloved creations just as they are! Through scripted lessons and extension activities, students will practice sharing, asking questions, using their voice, finding community, and speaking up for others."

Everyone has a song to sing and a gift to bring! This is especially true in our community garden. Each member of the Garden Group is unique, and we need each of their gifts to make our garden thrive. Just like the characters in the Bible stories we learn each day, our gardeners know that the things that make them different are also the things that make them special!

So come and join us in the garden June 17-20 as we celebrate who we are, learn how to use our voice, and share our gifts with our community! Each day we'll meet a new member of our Garden Group who will share their special gift and invite us into a new Bible lesson and skill. Visiting gardeners (students) will get to explore the stories of a variety of First and Second Testament characters through the eyes of our gardeners in order to understand that these amazing characters in the Bible are just like us!

Summer Sunday School News

Our Sunday School program will continue over the summer months during the 9:30 hour only. Children ages 4 through sixth grade are welcome to meet in room 204 of the education wing for Bible lessons and crafts. The toddler room and cry room will continue to be available for age appropriate children during both hours.



LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

East Ohio Annual Conference Mission Collection

Throughout the month of May, we collected items for “Home Care Kits” to be given to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center during this June’s session of the annual conference. Together, with United Methodists throughout our East Ohio Conference, we will send these life-changing items to be given to neighbors who need them, globally and locally. During Fellowship Hour on Sunday, June 2 (after the 10:30 am worship service, in Pierson Hall), we will assemble kits to prepare for delivery. Please join us!

View a video that shows these items and kits at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xi9fXfCiXHk.



SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT
around the world and around the corner

Updated Contact Directories Coming Soon!

Later this month, we plan to publish (hard-copy and as .pdf) updated contact directories with a list of active participants in our congregation and their contact information. If, in the past couple of years, you have eliminated a landline, moved, changed your email address, or otherwise changed any of your contact information, please contact the church office (330-673-5879 or info@kentmethodist.org) by June 10 to let us know. Thank you!

Hunger Network Ohio/ 2 Cents a Meal

“Speak up for the people who have no voice, for the rights of all the down-and-outers. Speak out for justice! Speak out for the poor and destitute! Proverbs 31: 8-9 from “The Message.”

Hunger Network Ohio is a faith-based advocacy and networking organization. Their mission is “Motivated by faith, we work to end hunger in Ohio by networking with fellow advocates to engage public officials in creating policies that reduce poverty.” There are a number of denominations including East and West Ohio Conferences of the UMC that have representatives on the board. HNO provides information on Ohio state policies and how we as citizens of Ohio can help make a difference in the lives of people who are struggling to live healthy, whole lives.

2 Cents-a-Meal is a way that all of us including children can help provide funding for HNO’s work. The idea is that as we offer our thanksgiving for our food we can add 2 cents to a jar for those who might not have enough food. We have had canning jars marked 2 cents a meal by the Chapel and near the Sanctuary. We will be adding jars in the Sunday School Wing and by the Gymnasium for you to drop your donations in. 2 Cents-a-Meal is a way for the child in all of us to be part of the work to end hunger in Ohio. All those pennies and spare change add up and help so much.

Over the last few months, our church has collected \$161.20. Half of all money collected is sent to Hunger Network Ohio to help with their work and half stays in our community to help with hunger issues here. If you have any questions, please contact Judith Nedel.

Save the Dates: Trash and Treasure Sale August 22–24

The dates have been set for this year's Trash and Treasure Sale. With a big "thank you" to Carol Pozuc and the excellent team of committed volunteers, please mark your calendars with the following dates:

- Donations of items will be received beginning the evening of August 13 through August 20.
- The sale will run from the evening of August 22 through August 24.

EarthKeepers Application Opens on June 1

United Methodist Global Ministries' EarthKeepers is a training program that equips US-based United Methodists to launch and grow environmental projects in their local communities. Topics include eco-theology, antiracism, community organizing, and project planning. During the training, all participants plan and begin implementing a project. Applications for the October 3-6 training open on June 1. Learn more about EarthKeepers training at <https://creationcare.umcmmission.org/events/138565>.



Sunday Afternoon Walk June 9 at 4 pm, Kent State University Campus

In addition to the many local parks that are a blessing to us, the Kent State University campus also provides opportunities to be outside, to walk, and to enjoy the gift and beauty of God's creation. All are welcome to join us for our next Sunday afternoon walk on Sunday, June 9, when we will meet in our parking lot at 4 pm and then walk across the street and around the KSU campus. Invite a friend or neighbor, and if you plan to be with us, please RSVP to Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org) by the end of the day on Thursday, June 6.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

Offering envelopes serve as a tangible symbol of generosity and support within our church. These envelopes provide a convenient and confidential way for individuals to contribute financially to our church's mission and ministries. Whether it's a regular tithe, a special donation, or a designated gift, offering envelopes ensure that each contribution is handled securely and efficiently. Did you know that every donor has an assigned envelope number to help accurately track your donations? When your number is not recorded on your envelope, we must look each one up before your donation can be processed and recorded. This can be time-consuming as you might imagine. Won't you please assist us by allowing us to send you preprinted envelopes or by giving on-line? To request your envelopes call me at 330-673-5879 ext. 111 or email, Lynnette@kentmethodist.org To give online go to <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/umckent> We are grateful for the continued support of our members and friends, as every donation helps to further our mission and strengthen our community.

Summer tithing awareness brings attention to the importance of consistent giving even during the warmer months when routines may change. As vacations, outdoor activities, and travel plans become more prevalent, it's easy for charitable giving to slip from our minds. However, summer tithing awareness reminds us that the financial support we provide to our church remains vital year-round. Whether attending services in person or remotely, your commitment and generosity ensures the ongoing support of our church's ministries, outreach programs, and operational needs. By staying mindful of our giving during the summer months, we uphold our dedication to our faith community and its mission, even amidst the joys of summertime activities. We are grateful for your continued support, **Lynnette**

Memorial Day Geranium Dedications

DEDICATED BY	IN MEMORY OF
Cara Garrett Desko	Lt. Col. John Keith Garrett, US Army
Sarah Derrit & Georgia Foster, First Sgt US Army, ret.	their parents, Shirley Foster & Sam Foster, Sgt Maj US Army
Donna Jobin	Ray Jobin
Al & Margaret Siegfried	their parents
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The Hardy girls and families	Mike Hardy
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Karen & Larry Andrews	Patrick Kirby
Sara Miller	Terry E. Miller, US Army
	All Who Serve

Upcoming Book Discussions

God’s Word on Human Sexuality: It’s Not What Many Think!
 by David A. Palmer
 Tuesday, June 11 at 7 pm in the Conference Room

Various Christian traditions hold different attitudes regarding the inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons. Biblical verses are often quoted, but these are often “slog-anized” and stripped of their context. In this book, Dr. Palmer reintroduces the historical and linguistic context of these verses so that readers can come to informed conclusions about what God is truly saying and how Christians can authentically live out the spirit of God’s Word.

Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O’Connell’s Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People
 by Tracy Kidder

Tuesday, August 6, at 7 pm in the Conference Room

When Jim O’Connell graduated from Harvard Medical School and was nearing the end of his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, the chief of medicine made a proposal: Would he defer a prestigious fellowship and spend a year helping to create an organization to bring health care to homeless citizens? That proposal turned into O’Connell’s life’s calling. In *Rough Sleepers*, Tracy Kidder travels with O’Connell as he navigates the city, offering medical care, socks, soup, empathy, humor, and friendship to some of the city’s most vulnerable citizens—the “rough sleepers” who sleep on the streets. Along the way, he shows how one person can make a difference by creating a community of care.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Summer Schedule	3 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7-8 pm New Member Class/Conf. Rm	4 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	5 1:30 pm Rebecca Circe/ Pierson Hall 7 pm Youth/Adult VBS	6 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH	7	1 Cleveland Pride Event Canton Pride Event
9 Summer Schedule 4 pm Sunday Afternoon Walk, KSU	10 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym 7-8 pm New Member Class/Conf. Rm	11 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Book Discussion/Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	12 7 pm Youth/Adult VBS	13 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans	14	8 15
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23 Summer Schedule	24 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	25 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	26	27 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans	28	29
30 Summer Schedule						Summer Sunday Schedule 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym 9:30 Sunday School—Preschool-6th Grade, Youth 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary 10:30 Child Care/Nursery 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
June 2	3
June 9	4
June 16	5
June 23	6
June 30	1

If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x14 or email Cara at caradesko@kentmethodist.org.



Remember These Members in Their Sorrow

Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Margie Stahl
- Bob Dean and family on the death of his mother, Carole Dean

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Karen Andrews, Phil Koussaie, Rose Luttner

JUNE FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

JUNE 2	Staci Stout
JUNE 9	Krista Clavecilla
JUNE 16	If you would like to host fellowship hour, you can sign up at www.kentmethodist.org/volunteer-opportunities/ or contact the office at 330-673-5879 to schedule a Sunday. No baking is required!
JUNE 23	
JUNE 30	

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

JUNE 2	Andrew Alderson
JUNE 9	Eric Wertz
JUNE 16	Eric Wertz
JUNE 23	TBA
JUNE 30	Andrew Alderson

JUNE LAY READERS

JUNE 2	Dottie Emerick
JUNE 9	Tom Emerick
JUNE 16	Judy Smith
JUNE 23	Janet Sessions
JUNE 30	Mark Lewis

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the opportunity to use Pierson Hall last night for the Sandy Lake annual meeting. It is a perfect place to meet. Thank you, too, for the microphone setup you did. It was so easy to hear!

Sincerely,

Sandy Lake Board

Jane Smith for Mary Palmstrom



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Mailed May 30

JUST Like Me Vacation Bible School is June 17-20!

Worship Calendar

Date	Week	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
June 2	Second Sunday after Pentecost	I Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6; II Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6	Rev. Nathan Howe	Communion, Celebration of Sunday School Teachers
June 9	Third Sunday after Pentecost	I Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15; Psalm 138; II Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35	Rev. Nathan Howe	
June 16	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	I Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; II Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34	Rev. Nathan Howe	Commissioning of VBS Teachers and Mt TOP Leaders
June 23	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	I Samuel 17:1-23, 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; II Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41	Report from the East Ohio Annual Conference	
June 30	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	II Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; II Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43	Report from the returning Mt TOP Team	