



# THE METHODIST MOSAIC

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## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

### Grundy County Fall Festival Coat Drive

This year we are again planning an ADULT TRIP to the mountain on October 24-27. If YOU would like to be a part of this amazing experience. 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.

As a part of this trip on the weekend of October 26 the Mountain T.O.P. ministry will host its annual Grundy County Fall Festival! While the festival focuses on new shoes for the needy in the area, Mountain T.O.P. will be distributing winter coats, books and school supplies to the people of Grundy County. Towards this end, Mountain T.O.P. has asked our church to again sponsor a coat collection for the fall festival. Beginning September 1 bins will be placed in the atrium for you to drop off **NEW or EXTREMELY GENTLY** used coats and jackets of various sizes to be given out to the people of Grundy County. You may also drop them off at Rick Stout's office. If you have questions or if you would like to go with the coats to Mountain T.O.P. and be a part of the fall festival please contact Rick Stout in the church office.

### **Sunday Afternoon Walk** **Sunday, September 1, 4 pm** **Morgan Park**

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation—both outdoors and in each other! Invite a friend or a neighbor and join us. All are welcome. We will meet in the parking lot of Morgan Park (8828 SR 44, Ravenna) at 4 pm and then walk together in the park. Morgan Park includes both a meadow area (a former farm field) and wooded areas. If you plan to participate, please RSVP to Pastor Nathan by the end of the day on Thursday, August 29 ([nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org](mailto:nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org)).

### **Save the Date:** **Fall Kickoff, September 8**

On Sunday, September 8, we will resume fall programming, including Sunday school classes for children, youth, and adults. To celebrate the day together, we will have one worship service only, at 10 am in the Sanctuary, and that worship service will be followed by a potluck picnic. Please plan to join us.



# Youth Ministry News

## September 2024

### SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

SEPTEMBER 1	Alex Alderson
SEPTEMBER 8	Alvin Fields
SEPTEMBER 15	Sienna Heeman
SEPTEMBER 22	Joseph Lepp
SEPTEMBER 29	Jozsi Jakab

It hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. Our youth group had a memorable week at Mountain TOP. Many were involved in the programs at our East Ohio Camps. Fall sports, marching band and other school activities have started. Now it's time to resume our youth activities.

Youth Group will begin with a celebration including food, games and a campfire on Sunday, September 8 for all 6th through 12th graders at 7:00 PM. Additionally, ZAMARingers will also resume on that day at 6:00 PM. I am also excited to announce that we will continue serve a light dinner on Sundays at 7:00 in between ZAMARingers and youth group.

Looking forward in the fall, the return of our Time and Talent auction is scheduled for September 22, a hayride is being planned for October 19, and there will be a special movie night on November 16. Be sure to mark your calendars and keep these dates open and plan to participate in all of these activities.

Believe it or not we have already started thinking about next year's youth mission trip. We will again this year be partnering with Mountain T.O.P. in order to be in ministry with the people of the Cumberland Mountain Range. The trip is scheduled for June 21-28, of 2025. Preparation for this trip will begin with a parent/student interest meetings in September 29 at 7:00 PM in Pierson Hall. At this meeting we will announce many changes that are going to occur around next year's trip and we will officially begin taking registrations. It is important that anyone grades 6-12 who is interested in going on the mission trip attend this meeting. The opportunity to register for this trip will close the first week of January. I am very excited about next year's trip and look forward to sharing all the exciting news at the meeting on September 29.

Shalom,  
Rick<><

### Sunday School Teachers needed:

The Sunday school department is in need of teachers for the 9:30 and 10:30 worship hour. If you'd be willing to help your church by teaching Sunday school on a rotating basis please contact Chelsea Alderson or Rick Stout in the office.

### Children's Choir and 9:30 Sunday school set to return on September 8

Beginning September 8 full Sunday school along with Children's choir will return to the 9:30 hour. Interested students can report to room 201 at 9:30 to participate in these activities.

### SEPTEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SUNDAY 8	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 15	Confirmation Lunch 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 22	Time and Talent Auction 6-7 ZAMARingers
SUNDAY 29	Mountain TOP Interest Mtg 6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship

## Mountain T.O.P. interest meeting September 29

Believe it or not plans are underway for our annual mission trip. This year we will again be going to Mountain TOP. Mountain TOP is an interdenominational Christian Mission, affiliated with the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church. Its ministry is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the rural people living in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. This year's trip is scheduled for June 21 through June 28, 2025.

An interest meeting for anyone interested in attending next year (Even if you've already been to Mountain T.O.P.) is scheduled for September 29 at 7:00 PM in the Pierson Hall. At the meeting any changes to this year's trip will be discussed, therefore; we are requiring that at least one parent attend this meeting along with any 6th through 12th grader interested in going on the trip. However, attendance at this meeting does not guarantee participation on the trip this is only an information gathering time.

Please contact Rick at 330-283-4838 if you are unable to attend this meeting but are planning to go to Mountain T.O.P. Also, feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing everyone on that Sunday.

## Attention all third graders and their parents

As you enter the third grade this year, your church would like to present you with a very special gift -- your very own Bible. The Bible is one of the most wonderful gifts that the church can give, because it contains God's message of salvation!

Bible Presentation Sunday will be September 8 during the unified 10:00 a.m. service being planned for that day; third graders and their parents will be called to the front of the sanctuary to receive Bibles. Parents are involved in the Bible presentation, because this is a way of recognizing the important role that parents play in enabling children to attend church.

Of course, the Bible only becomes valuable when we use it. To this end, we have some powerful helps for third graders learning to use their Bible. First, our Sunday School enables children to really learn the Bible, how to use it, and how to apply its message to our lives. Secondly, we have a Bible mentor program. Each third grader is paired with an adult who will be his or her Bible mentor throughout the school year. Mentors guide third graders through a variety of activities that help them to enjoy, appreciate, and become familiar with their Bible. The mentors are also invited to be part of the Bible presentation and will be given a Mentor guide on that day.

If you have questions or would like to sign your 3rd grader up to receive a Bible, please contact Rick Stout at 330-283-4838 or [rickstout@kentmethodist.org](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org)

## Annual Time and Talent Auction Sunday, September 22

Sunday, September 22 will be the return of the youth's annual "Time and Talent Auction" and luncheon sponsored by the Kent Youth Group. In the past each year our auction served as the MAJOR FUNDRAISER used to support the many activities our youth participate in during the year.

While we are asking each of the youth to donate an item, there is room for the entire church to get involved in the fun. Donation items could include

- Theme baskets
- Craft or handmade items
- Sporting event tickets, Indians, RubberDucks, Cavs, Browns, OSU or KSU
- Theater or movie tickets (Weathervane)
- Kick-Knacks

- Books or Bibles
- Use of a cottage Cabin or Time Share
- Dinner events
- Use of a pool or picnic area
- Artwork or photography
- Music or dance lessons
- Gift certificates
- Collectibles or antiques
- Professional services

The ideas are endless,

Won't you please prayerfully consider ways you might be able to support our youth ministry through the donation of an item. Those interested in donating an item can do so by calling Rick at 330-283-4838 or by email at [rickstout@kentmethodist.org](mailto:rickstout@kentmethodist.org)

## Blessing of the Pets

*Sunday, October 6, 5 pm  
on the Lawn between the Chapel  
and the Sanctuary*

On Sunday, October 6 at 5 pm, all are welcome to bring their pets and join us on the lawn near the office entrance as we give thanks to God for our animal companions and ask God's blessing on them. Please have larger animals on a leash and smaller animals in a carrier. For more information, please contact Pastor Nathan ([nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org](mailto:nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org)).

## East Ohio Conference Book Discussion *Our Hearts Were Strangely Lukewarm: The American Methodist Church and the Struggle with White Supremacy* by John Elford

*Saturday, September 21*

Our East Ohio Conference has invited all congregations to read *Our Hearts Were Strangely Warmed* and to join a broad conversation of the book on Saturday, September 21. This book invites us on a journey through Methodist history from John Wesley to the present day. Along the way, we discover the many ways the White American Methodist Church became seriously entangled with White supremacy, and we'll find inspiration in those Methodists who stood against the tide and those today who are guiding the church toward the horizon of racial justice. More details regarding the book discussion will be shared as they become available. In the meantime, please begin reading this important book and plan to join us.

## Love, Love, Love Ministries

Are you passionate about making a difference in someone's life? Love, Love, Love Ministries is currently accepting applications for caring companions to join our team. We are seeking both part-time employees and volunteers. As a caring companion, you will provide essential emotional and social support to individuals in need, enhancing their quality of life with your compassion and presence. If you have a genuine desire to help others and possess strong interpersonal skills, we encourage you to apply. Join us in creating a supportive and nurturing environment for those we serve. Apply today and be a beacon of kindness and care. Applications can be picked up in the church atrium or apply online via our website. For more information contact the Director, Michelle Ina, at [merl\\_44107@yahoo.com](mailto:merl_44107@yahoo.com)

## A Note from the Pastor

Thank you to the whole congregation for the generosity of your prayers, cards, and meals throughout these weeks of recovery from my recent surgery. Your kindness and care have been tangible expressions of God's grace living through you and a source of healing for us. Thank you to the Staff Parish Relations Committee, to the staff of our congregation, and to many other leaders who have continued and planned significant ministries during my absence, and thank you for your faithful participation in these ministries. We are blessed to be part of such a loving and dynamic community of faith, and we are grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you.

Peace,  
Nathan and Megan Howe

## New 6-Week Bible Study: *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News* *Mondays at 7 pm, September 9 – October 14 Conference Room*

All youth and adults are welcome to join us for a 6-week study of the Bible's earliest Gospel. If you plan to participate, you are invited to read the first four chapters of Mark in preparation for our first group conversation on September 8. There is no additional book to purchase; just use, and bring with you, whichever translation of the Bible you prefer. Contact Pastor Nathan by email ([nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org](mailto:nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org)) for additional information.

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## Interns being sought

Starting late summer/early fall the United Methodist Church of Kent will again be supporting two ministry interns. These interns will focus on a combination of youth ministry and Christian education. Qualified candidates will be entering their second year of college at a minimum.

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 these opportunity please contact Rick Stout via, cell 330-283-4838, by e-mail at rickstout@kentmethodist.org to learn more about this exciting program.

## Lay Visitation Training Continues

Last spring, several folks met together to begin exploring ways in which to develop our lay visitation ministry. The final training session will be September 7. Those interested in becoming trained in Lay Visitation ministry, please contact Rev. Bob Machovec at bobmachovec@kentmethodist.org or phone 234-282-6009.

## A Note from the Finance Director

As we start a new academic year and settle into new routines, you may be wondering where your giving stands. If you would like an interim statement, please feel free to reach out to me. You can reach me via email: lynnette@kentmethodist.org or by phone: 330-673-5879 ext. 111

Your tithe is more than just a donation; it's an act of faith because it fuels the mission of the church, allowing us to spread the message of hope, provide for those in need, and create a strong, supportive community. Your giving not only sustains the church's work but also blesses others, bringing positive change and spiritual growth to all who are touched by our ministry. Your faithful contributions make a lasting difference in the lives of many. Just last month we were able to support the Kent community with a donation of \$1,000 to purchase beef for the food pantry.

Thank you for sharing God's blessings in your life.

Lynnette Begue-Lavery

## Upcoming Book Discussions

*The Book of Joy:  
Lasting Happiness in a Changing World  
by Dalai Lama XIV, Desmond Tutu, and  
Douglas Abrams*

**Tuesday, September 3, at 7 pm in the  
Conference Room**

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Yet, despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they have been two of the most joyful people on the planet. In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home to celebrate His Holiness' eightieth birthday and to create a gift for others, offering some of their hard-won, practical wisdom about living with joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering.

*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and  
Redemption  
by Bryan Stevenson*

**Tuesday, October 1, at 7 pm in the  
Conference Room**

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the impoverished, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

*Homegoing: A Novel  
by Yaa Gyasi*

**Tuesday, November 12, at 7 pm in the  
Conference Room**

This 2017 novel tells the story of two sisters and their descendants through eight generations: from the coast of Ghana in the eighteenth century to the plantations of Mississippi, from the American Civil War to Jazz Age Harlem. Along the way, Gyasi's narrative illuminates slavery's troubling legacy, both for those who were taken and for those who stayed, and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation.

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Summer Schedule Sunday Afternoon Walk 4 PM	2	3 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Book Discussion/ Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	4 6:30 pm Staff Parish Relations Comm/ Conference Room	5 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Stewardship Comm./Conference Room	6	7 10 am Lay Visitation Training/Conference Room
8 Combined 10 am Service followed by Church Picnic	9 7 pm Bible Study/Conf. Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	10 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	11	12 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Sanctuary	13	14
15 Regular Schedule Confirmation Luncheon	16 7 pm Bible Study/Conf. Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	17 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	18 11 am Red Cross Blood Drive/Pierson Hall	19 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Sanctuary	20	21 Margie Stahl Memorial Service
22 Regular Schedule Time and Talent Auction	23 7 pm Bible Study/Conf. Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	24 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	25	26 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Sanctuary	27	28
29 Regular Schedule 11:30 am Staff Parish Relations Comm/Conf. Rm	30 7 pm Bible Study/Conf. Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym					

**Regular Sunday Schedule**  
 8:30 Worship Service/Chapel  
 9:30 Contemporary Service/Gym  
 9:30 Sunday School/Children's Choir/Childcare  
 10:30 Worship Service/Sanctuary  
 10:30 Sunday School/Childcare  
 11:30 Fellowship Time/Pierson Hall  
 12:00 Chancel Ringers/(Adult Bells)Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm ZAMARingers (Youth Handbells)/Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Youth Fellowship/Gym and Pit

**USHERS AND GREETERS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:30/10:30</b>
September 1	4
September 8	5
September 15	6
September 22	1
September 29	2

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

- Bob Berger and family on the death of his sister, Kenna Roberts
- Mark Bank and family on the death of his father, Donald Bank
- Family and friends of Mary Ryland
- Kathy Halverson on the death of her sister, Joanne Wallace

**Our sympathies to:**

**Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:**

Pastor Nathan Howe

**SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS**

SEP. 1	TBA
SEP. 8	Church Picnic
SEP. 15	Margaret Siegfried
SEP. 22	Ginny Smith
SEP. 29	TBA

**Fellowship Hour— Help Needed**

If you would like to host fellowship hour, you can sign up at [www.kentmethodist.org/volunteer-opportunities/](http://www.kentmethodist.org/volunteer-opportunities/) or contact the office by phone at 330-673-5879 to schedule a Sunday. No baking is required! All refreshments are provided by the church.

**10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE**

SEPTEMBER 1	Andrew Alderson
SEPTEMBER 8	Tom Lundberg
SEPTEMBER 15	Eric Wertz
SEPTEMBER 22	Tom Lundberg
SEPTEMBER 29	Andrew Alderson

**SEPTEMBER LAY READERS**

SEPTEMBER 1	Mark Lewis
SEPTEMBER 8	Janet Sessions
SEPTEMBER 15	TBA
SEPTEMBER 22	TBA
SEPTEMBER 29	Krista Clavecilla

**Thank You Notes**

Dear church family,

Our daughter Christy and her family, Al and I and our families, friends and you our church have shown how prayer and support can make such a difference because we know prayers are heard by God. Certainly God was a constant in the surgery Christy had. The outcome is the cancer was removed. There'll be a chemo course to come as preventative. Praise the Lord and we give our deepest gratitude to you.

In Christ's healing name,  
Al and Margaret Siegfried

United Methodist Church,

Your kind donation to the Miller Community House is greatly appreciated. It is thanks to your generosity that we can offer vital support to families and singles.

Renee Jones  
Child Advocate

Dear friends at the UMC of Kent, OH,

Thank you for your gift of cleaning supplies! Your generosity will bring hope to people who have been affected by flooding or hurricanes.

In His service,  
Midwest Mission Family



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Mailing Label Here

**Mailed August 22**

*This year's potluck church picnic will be held on September 8!*

### Worship Calendar

Date	Week	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
September 1	15th Sunday after Pentecost	Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Rev. Nathan Howe	Communion
September 8	16th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37	Rev. Nathan Howe	10 am Combined Service, Church Picnic
September 15	17th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38	Rev. Nathan Howe	
September 22	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37	Rev. Nathan Howe	Time and Talent Auction
September 29	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50	Rev. Nathan Howe	



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