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**"Do unto others
as you would
have them
do unto you."**
- Luke 6.31



Campaign for Compassion

Naming Our Commitments for 2025

During the month of October, we refocused during worship services on Jesus' teaching known as the "Golden Rule." In response, we were encouraged to name our commitments to living this rule in the upcoming year by practicing justice, kindness, and humility and by participating in our life together as a community of deep faith and broad compassion.

Commitment Sunday was October 27, but if you have not yet named your commitments for 2025, it's not too late to join the rest of our congregation in doing so. 2025 Commitment Cards can be completed and submitted online at www.kentmethodist.org/digital-pledge-card. If you need a hard copy, please contact the church office or stop by the table in the atrium. Thank you for your ongoing support of our mission and ministry in the coming year.

Justice ✚
Kindness ✚
Humility ✚
Compassion ✚
Advocacy



Youth Ministry News

November 2024

NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

NOVEMBER 3	Maddy Conley
NOVEMBER 10	Liam Russell
NOVEMBER 17	Evelyn Goff
NOVEMBER 24	Libby Filler

I would like to update everyone about our mission trip being offered next summer. At the time of this writing, we have made our reservations to go to Mountain TOP the week of June 21-28, 2025. Applications to be a part of the trip are being accepted from now until January 5 of 2025. The cost this year will be \$320 per participant. We will also this year be

offering rising ninth graders and beyond a Day Camp option.

If you're still interested in the trip but missed the interest meeting, please email Rick at rickstout@kentmethodist.org or call/text his cell 330-283-4838 or call the church office in order to reserve your spot.

Shalom,

Rick<><

Dinner With Our Youth

As you may or may not know our youth group shares a meal every Sunday as part of our youth fellowship time. In an effort to be a more multi-generational community, we would like to share this meal with interested members of our congregation on Sunday November 3 at 7:00 PM. If you'd be interested in "breaking bread" with the members of our youth group please sign up with Rick by November 1 so that we can plan for food. Email: rickstout@kentmethodist.org; text or call:

330-283-4838

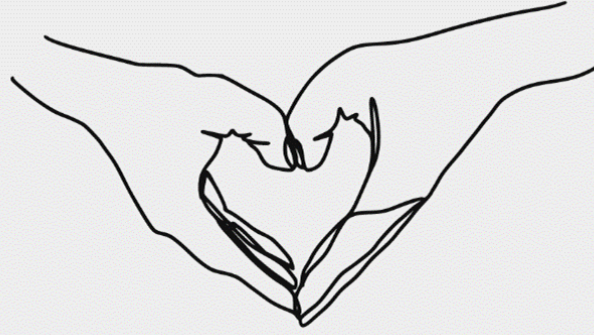
NOVEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 2	Confirmation
SUNDAY 3	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 10	6-7 PM ZAMARingers 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
SATURDAY 16	Youth Activity (Movie Night?)
SUNDAY 17	6-7 PM ZAMARingers 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 24	6-7 PM ZAMARingers 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
SATURDAY 30	Ohio State beats T.T.U.N.

Annual Thanksgiving Canned Good Drive

Once again the Sunday School department will be collecting canned goods during the Thanksgiving season to be given to Kent Social Services. Canned goods may be brought to your children's Sunday School classes starting November 3 and continuing until our annual Thanksgiving parade on November 24.





LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Loving Our Neighbors Collection for November

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for Kent Social Services. Please place your donations in the marked box in the atrium any time during the month of November. Thank you for your generosity!

Serving Together at the Lord's Lunch
Saturdays, November 30
and December 14
Trinity Lutheran Church

We are signed up to prepare and serve a free lunch-time meal at the Lord's Lunch (Trinity Lutheran Church, 600 South Water Street, Kent) on Saturdays, November 30 and December 14. We would like to have between six and eight individuals for each date. Please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org) for more information or to express your desire to participate. Thank you!

Charge Conference Meeting
Saturday, November 2, 2 pm
First UMC, Akron

The annual meeting of our charge conference will gather with other congregations from our Northern Waters District at First UMC in Akron on Saturday, November 2, at 2 pm. During this meeting, we will review our ministries from the past year and set our goals and budget for the coming year. All members of the church council are invited to participate with voice and vote. For more information, please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

Don't Forget to Vote on or by Tuesday,
November 5

"Our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable. As United Methodists, we acknowledge that love requires responsible political action and engagement aimed at the betterment of society and the promotion of the common good. We acknowledge that such political engagement demands humility and mindfulness of our own complicity in perpetuating injustice. It also necessitates compassion, prayer, and a willingness to discern God's guidance."

—UMC Social Principles - Political Community

For up-to-date information about early voting and voting locations on Election Day, visit the Portage County Board of Elections website at www.portagecounty-oh.gov/board-elections or the Summit County Board of Elections website at www.boe.ohio.gov/summit.

Short-Term Studies for Youth and Adults Mondays at 7 pm in the Parlor

All youth and adults are welcome to join us for short-term studies on Monday evenings in the parlor. Children always are welcome, too, with childcare available in Room 202 (the children's choir room). Please join us:

Cultivating Christlikeness: Loving as Jesus Loved (4 weeks)

Mondays at 7 pm, October 28–November 18

Cultivating Christlikeness is a practical guide to exploring essential Wesleyan teachings about God and the beloved community. Through this exploration, we will be invited to choose ways of living that are grace-filled and redemptive, for ourselves and for others, participating in Jesus' work of resurrection in every aspect of our lives. This four-week study began on October 28, but it's not too late to join us. Contact Pastor Nathan for more information (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

The Christmas Letters: Celebrating Advent with Those Who Told the Story First (4 weeks)

Mondays at 7 pm, November 25 – December 16

This four-week study for Advent will invite us to hear the story and significance of Jesus' birth from those who first told the story: the writers of the New Testament's letters. These letters contain the church's first attempts to understand and celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation—Jesus Christ being fully human and fully divine. Join us as we consider these sacred, ancient words together. Please RSVP to Pastor Nathan by November 11 if you plan to participate in this four-week study (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

Our United Methodist Social Principles (6 weeks)

Mondays at 7 pm, January 20 – February 24

First adopted by the 1972 General Conference, the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church reflect our shared response to today's most pressing social issues. During an eight-year timeframe, the General Board of Church and Society managed a global process toward a significant revision of these statements which was then approved by the 2024 General Conference. As 2025 begins, we will explore and discuss our Social Principles and consider opportunities for our congregation to move from discussion to advocacy, moving our faith into faithful action. Please join us.

United Methodist Student Day Special Offering

Sunday, November 24

United Methodist Student Day is a denomination-wide celebration focused on the value of education. We honor this day by giving generously to support student scholarships which contribute to community transformation and leadership empowerment by investing in students. Your gift is a practical expression of care, equipping students to shape a hopeful future. Supporting United Methodist students provides both financial and spiritual support, demonstrating our confidence in their potential and sending young leaders into the world with wisdom and understanding. Please prayerfully consider your generosity to this important offering.



All Saints Sunday *Sunday, November 3*

The Festival of All Saints is celebrated by the church on November 1 (or the first Sunday following). It is our annual opportunity to give thanks for all the faithful ones who have helped to form and nurture our faith as we celebrate that the body of Christ includes not only those who are living now but also all those who have gone before us and all those who are yet to come. Please be sure to join us in worship on Sunday, November 3, as we read names of persons connected to the UMC of Kent who have died during the past twelve months, giving thanks that through God's grace, we are held in communion with them still. If you would like to submit a name for remembrance, please call Cara at the office at 330-673-5879 x13 or email Adam or Cara at info@kentmethodist.org.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Tuesday, November 26, 7 pm

We will host this year's Kent Community Thanksgiving worship service in our Sanctuary. Please join us and our neighbors at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 26, as we give thanks together for God's presence and celebrate God's love with our community. An offering will be received during the worship service to be given to support the ongoing work of Kent Social Services, feeding people throughout our neighborhood. You are invited to contribute to that offering financially and/or with nonperishable food items.

Sunday Afternoon Walk *Sunday, November 10, 4 pm* *Towner's Woods 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 Towner's Woods Park (2264 Ravenna Road, Kent) at 4 pm and then walk together in the park. If you plan to participate, please RSVP to Pastor Nathan by the end of the day on Thursday, November 7 (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

Thank You

Thank you for all the notes of appreciation and the flowers on Sunday. It is indeed a great honor and joy to serve among such wonderful and amazing people and with such a dedicated and Christ-filled staff. Thank you to all.

Bob Machovec

Hello to all our church family!

Please come to our Christmas open house on Sunday, December 15. Hours are 3 pm–9 pm at 609 Edgewood Dr. in Kent (330-524-3363). Please help us kick off the holiday season with your presence—we'd love to see you!

—Georgia Foster and Sarah Derrit

Reign of Christ Sunday *Sunday, November 24*

Reign of Christ Sunday is one of the most recent additions to the Christian calendar. Begun in 1925, the celebration was intended initially as a response to competing claims for our allegiance, especially as narrow ideologies and tribal nationalism was spreading across much of Europe following the First World War. Celebrated every year on the last Sunday of the Christian year (before the new year begins on the First Sunday of Advent), Reign of Christ Sunday remains for us an essential opportunity to gather and reaffirm the primacy of God's call in our lives and throughout creation.

Upcoming Book Discussions

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.

Inciting Joy: Essays **by Ross Gay**

Tuesday, December 3, at 7 pm
in the Conference Room

In these gorgeously written and timely pieces, poet and author Ross Gay considers the joy we incite when we care for each other, especially through life's hard moments. Throughout *Inciting Joy*, taking a clear-eyed look at injustice, political polarization, and the destruction of the natural world, he explores how we might resist and how the study of joy might lead us to a wild, unpredictable, and unboundaried solidarity that will help us survive and do so with joy.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:30-3 Confirmation
3 Regular Schedule	4 7 pm Bible Study/Parlor 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	5 Election Day 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	6 1:30 Rebecca Circle/ Pierson Hall	7 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/ Sanctuary	8	9
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24 Regular Schedule	25 6 pm Garden Club/PH 7 pm Advent Study/ Parlor 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	26 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Community Thanks- giving Service/Sanctuary 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	29	30

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

Date	8:30/10:30
November 3	1
November 10	2
November 17	3
November 24	4

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 Jo Ann Dickerson
- Family and friends of Dorothy Gizzi
- Family and friends of Jean Baker
- Tom Emerick on the death of his cousin, Ann Becker
- Deña Kooijman on the death of her brother

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Dave Gynn, Charlotte Lewis

Fellowship Hour— Help Needed

If you would like to host fellowship hour, you can sign up at 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.

NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

NOV 3	Laura Stephens
NOV 10	Becky Mulloy
NOV 17	Lisa Stavitsky
NOV 24	TBA

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 3	Andrew Alderson
NOVEMBER 10	Eric Wertz
NOVEMBER 17	Eric Wertz
NOVEMBER 24	Eric Wertz

NOVEMBER LAY READERS

NOVEMBER 3	Dottie Emerick
NOVEMBER 10	Janet Sessions
NOVEMBER 17	Mark Lewis
NOVEMBER 24	Tom Emerick



Remember to “Fall Back” on November 3

Daylight saving time will come to an end at 2 am on Sunday, November 3. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour so you can be sure to worship with us on All Saints Sunday at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, or 10:30 am.



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Mailed October 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Worship Calendar

Date	Week	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
November 3	All Saints' Sunday	Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Evelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44	Rev. Nathan Howe	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
November 10	25th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>New Spirit</i>
November 17	26th Sunday after Pentecost	I Samuel 1:4-20; I Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
November 24	Reign of Christ Sunday	II Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>New Spirit</i>
November 26	Kent Thanksgiving Worship Service	Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; I Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33	Rev. Nathan Howe and the pastors of Kent churches	Community Choir



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