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

- Luke 6.31



Campaign for Compassion *A Five-Week Worship Series* *September 29 – October 27*

Jesus taught that we should treat each other as we want others to treat us, including those with whom we disagree. Known as the "golden rule," a version of this teaching can be found in almost every religion in the world. This universal rule is a call to compassion and still has the power to reconcile and heal our divided world.

For five weeks this fall, leading up to the next national election on Tuesday, November 5, we will explore and recommit together to Jesus' teaching to "do unto others..." through five essential practices for building God's beloved community:

- September 29:** Justice—Our Shared Moral Vision
- October 6:** Kindness—The Power of Doing Good
- October 13:** Humility—Living on Common Ground
- October 20:** Compassion—Loving Our Neighbors
- October 27:** Advocacy—Our Political Responsibility

Naming Our Commitments for 2025

This five-week worship series also will form the basis of our "Commitment Campaign" for 2025. In a season of division and animosity—perhaps not all that unlike our own—the prophet Micah wondered what God required of us and discerned this enduring response: ...to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. These three practices—justice, kindness, and humility—provide a strong foundation for our work of reconciliation as we continue becoming and building God's beloved community. As we anticipate the coming year, you are encouraged to name your commitments to living Jesus' "golden rule" through these three practices and by participating in our life together as a community of deep faith and broad compassion.

Letters and "Commitment Cards" have been sent by mail and email at the end of September. If you have not yet received one, extra copies are available in the atrium or by contacting the church office. Digital versions also can be completed and submitted online at www.kentmethodist.org/digital-pledge-card. **Please prayerfully consider your commitments for 2025, complete a "2025 Commitment Card," and submit it during worship on Sunday, October 27, when we will offer our commitments to God together.** Thank you for your continuing participation in sharing God's transforming love with the world.

Youth Ministry News

October 2024

OCTOBER ACOLYTES

OCTOBER 6	Evelyn Goff
OCTOBER 13	Libby Filler
OCTOBER 20	Rose Filler
OCTOBER 27	Zach Filler

What a great start to the school year it has been! On September 8, the youth group officially returned to the UMC of Kent with food, games and an outdoor time of worship around the church's bonfire area including music provided by our worship leaders Abby Dean and Michael Goff. ZAMARingers also began practicing that night. If you'd like to be a part of our youth handbell choir, please come to the sanctuary on Sunday nights at 6:00, no music experience is necessary. Looking forward to October, be sure and remember Saturday, October 19 when our youth are hoping to host a hayride. Look for details about this event soon in your mail soon.

Many people don't realize that taking a group of youth on a mission trip takes nearly a year to plan. Therefore, we have begun preparations for next summer's mission trip. We will again 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, 2025. Preparation for this trip will begin with a parent/student interest meeting on September 29th. Additionally, the application process started at this meeting. If you are planning to go on the mission trip to Mountain T.O.P. please be sure to get an application and return it with your deposit to Rick by Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Shalom,
Rick <>>

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.

OCTOBER YOUTH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 5	Confirmation
SUNDAY 6	6-7 ZAMARingers 7-8:30 Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 13	ZAMARingers perform AM 6-7 PM ZAMARingers 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
SATURDAY 19	Youth Hayride, details TBA
SUNDAY 20	6-7 PM ZAMARingers 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship
SUNDAY 27	6-7 PM ZAMARingers 7-8:30 PM Youth Fellowship

Come See Me Sheets

Members of our Youth Group;

Are you involved in a sport, play, club or another activity that you'd like the member of the youth staff to come and see? Fill out a "Come see me sheet" located in The Pit, and the youth board outside the gym and we will be sure to come see you!





LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Loving Our Neighbors Collection for October

Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting NEW underwear and socks to be distributed to our neighbors through the County Clothing Center. All sizes are needed, including large adult sizes. Please place your donations in the marked bin in the atrium any time during the month of October. Thank you for your generosity!

Building Bridges of Opportunity: Bridging Pathways to Hope

*A community experience to support
neighbors re-entering our communities
after incarceration*

October 17, 10 am – 4 pm

On Thursday, October 17, in collaboration with Kent State University, we will be hosting an event including workshops and speakers sharing information about offering community support for neighbors who have been previously incarcerated. The deadline to register for the event is October 1 (at westohioumc.org/ministries/building-bridges-opportunity), but you can also watch the livestream through our YouTube channel (@kentmethodist). We are also looking for volunteers who can offer hospitality, especially at the beginning of the day. If you are interested in helping to host folks who will be new to our building, please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

Voter Registration and Information

*Deadline to register or update
registration is October 7*

Voting is an important opportunity to be engaged in our community and to express our Christian faith. Taking an active stance in society is nothing new for followers of Christ in the way of John Wesley, who set the example for us to combine personal and social holiness. The grace of God calls us to be informed and involved with political and social realities; such public engagement is an expression of the personal change we experience in our baptism and in the Spirit's ongoing call.

If you are not yet registered to vote, have moved, or changed your name and want to vote in the November 5 General Election, you must register or update your registration no later than October 7. You can register to vote by going to www.voteohio.gov or any public library, bureau of motor vehicles, or board of elections. You can also register to vote, check the status of your registration, and find out what will be on your ballot by visiting www.vote411.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).

**World Communion Sunday
Special Offering**

On World Communion Sunday, we will receive a special offering in partnership with other United Methodist congregations to support young adults and to make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering will benefit World Communion scholarships for graduate students in the United States and abroad. The other half of the offering will support Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduate students in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training. These funds are administered by the General Boards of Global Ministries and Higher Education and Ministry. Through our gifts and support, we are investing in the next generation, helping to build a brighter future for them, for their communities, and for the world. Thank you for your generous support.

Sunday Afternoon Walk

*Sunday, October 13, 4 pm
Munroe Falls Metro Park: Tallmadge
Meadows Area*

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 the Tallmadge Meadows Area of the Munroe Falls Metro Park (1088 North Avenue, Tallmadge) 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, October 10 (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

Short-Term Studies for Youth and Adults

Mondays at 7 pm in Room 200

All youth and adults are welcome to join us for short-term studies on Monday evenings in Room 200. Children always are welcome, too, with childcare available in the room immediately next door. Please join us:

The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News (6 weeks)

Mondays at 7 pm, through October 21, in Room 200

Explore together the earliest of the four Gospels, considering who Christ is and what the good news is for us and for the world today. There is no additional book to purchase; just use, and bring with you, whichever translation of the Bible you prefer.

Cultivating Christlikeness: Loving as Jesus Loved (4 weeks)

Mondays at 7 pm, October 28–November 18, in Room 200

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. Please **RSVP to Pastor Nathan by October 14** via email if you plan to participate in this four-week study or have any questions (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

**Grundy County Fall Festival
Coat Drive 2024**

On October 24–27, the United Methodist Church of Kent will again be sponsoring an adult trip to Mountain T.O.P. As part of this weekend Mountain T.O.P. will be hosting its annual Fall Festival where shoes and boots, winter coats, books and school supplies will be distributed to the people of Grundy County. Towards this end Mountain T.O.P. has asked The United Methodist Church of Kent to sponsor a coat collection for the fall festival. During the months of September and October we will be collecting new or gently used coats and jackets of various sizes to be given out to the people of Grundy County. If you have questions, please contact Rick Stout at 330-283-4838 or at rickstout@kentmethodist.org

Senior Care Fair – Sunday October 13

On Sunday October 13 we are inviting several agencies and individuals to share in information about the services they provide for Senior adults. There will be representatives from such agencies as Home Instead, Visiting Angels, and the Portage County Senior Center. They all will have information of the kinds of services they can provide for Seniors and have people available to answer any questions. The Senior Care Fair will run from 9:30 until noon. You're invited to stop by after worship and see the various services available in Portage County.



The Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 18 from 6-8pm

Cars will park in the rectangular parking lot on the south side of our building beginning at 5:15 pm. You are invited to decorate the trunk of your car with a favorite theme (not too scary), and bring candy to hand out from your trunk. The event will conclude by 8 pm. Please sign up by emailing Pastor Nathan at nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6

World Communion Sunday is celebrated every year on the first Sunday in October. On this day, we gather at God's table to share in our feast of Holy Communion, and as we do so, we remember that God's table extends far beyond our walls. By God's grace, we are held in communion with God and with each other across time and place.

As an expression of our communion, we will send communion elements beyond our walls to share with members of our congregation who are unable to worship with us physically. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please sign up in the atrium or contact Rev. Bob Machovec, Minister of Pastoral Care (bobmachovec@kentmethodist.org).

Upcoming Book Discussions

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.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Book Discussion/Conference Room 7 pm Church Council/Room 200 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	2	3 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Stewardship Comm./Conference Room	4	5 9:30-3 Confirmation
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13 Regular Schedule Scout Pnacake Brunch 9-1 Pierson Hall	14 7 pm Bible Study/Conf. Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	15 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7 pm Gifts, Memorials, and Investments/Conf. Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	16 7 pm Finance Comm/Conf. Room	17 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	18 6-8 pm Trunk or Treat	19
20 Regular Schedule	21 7 pm Bible Study/Conf. Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/Gym	22 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm New Spirit/Choir Rm 7-9 pm Basketball/Gym	23 11-5 Red Cross Blood Drive/Pierson Hall	24 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir/Sanctuary	25	26
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USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	8:30/10:30
October 6	3
October 13	4
October 20	5
October 27	6

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.



Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Jo Ann Dickerson
- Family and friends of Cathy Poremba

Recent Hospitalizations and Surgeries:

Helen Brinker, Dorothy Gizzi, Sean Phillips, Carol Taylor

OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

OCT 6	TBA
OCT 13	Scouts Pancake Breakfast
OCT 20	Helen Troutt
OCT 27	Ginny Smith

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.

10:30 CAMERA SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 6	Tom Lundberg
OCTOBER 13	Eric Wertz
OCTOBER 20	Eric Wertz
OCTOBER 27	Andrew Alderson

OCTOBER LAY READERS

OCTOBER 6	Janeen Phillips
OCTOBER 13	Mark Lewis
OCTOBER 20	Judy Smith
OCTOBER 27	Janet Sessions

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Trunk or Treat is Friday, October 18!

Worship Calendar

Date	Week	Focus	Scripture	Preacher	Special Event
October 6	World Communion Sunday	Kindness— The Power of Doing Good	Genesis 2:18-24; Mark 10:13-16	Rev. Nathan Howe	Communion, <i>Chancel Ringers</i>
October 13	21st Sunday after Pentecost	Humility—Living on Common Ground	Romans 12:3, 9-18; Mark 10:35-45	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>New Spirit</i> , Scout Pancake Brunch
October 20	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Compassion— Loving Our Neighbors	I Corinthians 13:1-8a; Luke 10:25-37	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>ZAMARingers</i>
October 27	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Advocacy— Our Political Responsibility	Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52	Rev. Nathan Howe	<i>New Spirit</i>



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