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LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

"Loving Our Neighbors" Collection for June

Gift cards for the Kent South End Community Garden and for the Miller Community House

During the month of June, you are invited to express our love for our neighbors by donating gift cards for either or both of these community partners:

- The Kent South End Community Garden depends on volunteers throughout the growing season, and organizers try to provide food for those volunteers as they are able. Gift cards to Dunkin', Domino's, and/or Guido's are requested to help with these efforts.
- The staff at Miller Community House provides simple parties to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions in the lives of their residents. Gift cards to Walmart are requested to help with the cost of these supplies.

Donated gift cards can be placed in the bin the atrium. Thank you!

2026 East Ohio Annual Conference

June 11 - June 13, College of Wooster

The 57th session of the East Ohio Annual Conference will meet at the College of Wooster from Thursday, June 11, through Saturday, June 13. Our theme will be "Abundant Grace," based on the story of the feeding of the multitude from Matthew 14:13-21.



Visit www.eocumc.com/eoac26 for more information about this year's session of the annual conference, and please pray for Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and all who will be leading and participating in worship services, business meetings, and other gatherings that are part of our United Methodist connection here in East Ohio.

Youth Ministry News

June 2026

The youth Mountain TOP trip is scheduled to take place from June 20-27. We will be finishing our training in preparation for the trip with our tool training on May 31st from 6-8. 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.

I am including in this month's newsletter a prayer journey that the congregation can use to guide them in prayer for the youth as they head to Mountain TOP on June 20.

Prayer Journey for Mountain T.O.P. *An Experience in Intercessory Prayer*

June 20 day 1 Psalm 139:1-6

Pray for safe travel. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the way for the team and its members to do his work. Pray for the Blackman church where we will stay tonight, and for their generous gift of hospitality. Praise God for this special ministry.

June 21 day 2 Psalm 3:3-5

Pray for a welcoming spirit all around, for all the churches coming, and for those who will receive. Give everyone rest and energy. Praise God that he is able to sustain us.

June 22 day 3 Proverbs 3:5-8

As we begin our first day of service, pray for wisdom to see the paths of understanding between people or mercy in difficult situations. Praise God for his guidance, comfort and strength.

June 23 day 4 Philippians 1:3-11

Pray for our team, and its members, pray for the other church members that form our work teams, and the people they serve to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit. Praise God for Christ who intercedes for us.

June 24 day 5 Exodus 4:10-17

Pray for the team to be spiritually prepared to act and speak like Jesus. Praise God for his protection.

June 25 day 6 Romans 1:14-17

Pray for encouragement in body and spirit. Pray for those losing energy, for the chaperons who are away from loved ones and might be losing strength. Rejoice that God keeps steadfast love for good to those who love him and are called to his purposes.

June 26 day 7 II Corinthians 4: 7-12; 16-18

Pray for renewal of spirit and body for the friendships made, the bonds built, and for the families served, let them know that there is a treasure in this earthly vessel. Praise God for the work he has done.

June 27 day 8 Psalm 8

Praise God for this day, which is his. Pray for these special ones to be kept safe as they return home. For the drivers and the participants may this experience forever effect their lives.

Shalom
Rick ∞

Pastor Nathan on Renewal Leave in July

From June 21 to July 2, Nathan will participate in an Ohio UMC Delegation Trip to Korea led by our bishop, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung. This journey will provide an opportunity to experience Korean Methodism firsthand and to explore some of the historic ties shared between Ohio and the Methodist movement in Korea while building new relationships.

Immediately following that trip to Korea, Nathan will be on renewal leave from July 2 to July 29. In our United Methodist Church, clergy are encouraged to make an extended "renewal leave" of one to six months during every four- to six-month period. The specific details or schedule of a renewal leave can look different for each pastor, but the intent is a planned time to move outside the normal rhythms of pastoral ministry to make space to notice and be grounded in God's renewing grace. During renewal leave in July, Nathan will be camping, hiking, and living with a new monastic community in our United Methodist tradition. While Nathan is away, please contact other staff members as needed regarding ministry and pastoral care. Thank you to the SPRC and entire congregation for prayerfully supporting this deliberate time for renewal.

Sunday Afternoon Walk

Sunday, June 7, 4 pm

Morgan Park

(8828 State Route 44, Ravenna)

Enjoy the beauty and goodness of God's creation, both outside and in each other! Invite a friend or neighbor and join us. All are welcome. We will meet in the parking lot of Morgan Park at 4 pm and then walk some of the trails (mix of meadow and woods) together.

Join UMCK at Cleveland Pride

Saturday, June 6

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate God's love for all people and bear witness to our congregation's commitment to welcome and affirm all persons as persons of sacred worth. We will be in Cleveland for Pride in the CLE on Saturday, June 6. Please sign up on the table in the atrium or contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org) for more information.



Join UMCK at the Kent Heritage Festival

Friday, July 3

We have reserved a booth this year at Kent's downtown Heritage Festival on Friday, July 3. This will be a great opportunity for us to connect and share God's love with our neighbors. If you would be interested in helping at the booth at any point during the day, please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org).

Make and Take a Rain Barrel

Wednesday, June 3, 7 pm

parking lot outside Pierson Hall

On Wednesday, June 3, the Portage County Soil and Water Conservation District will host a "make and take" rain barrel workshop in our parking lot outside Pierson Hall. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the benefits of rain barrels and to make a rain barrel which you can use at your home. There is a limited number of rain barrels available, so advance RSVP is required; please contact Pastor Nathan (nathanhowe@kentmethodist.org) as soon as possible if you would like to participate. Rain barrels will cost just \$20 each.



VBS is returning to the Kent UMC!
Announcing Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS!

At Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they find their strength in God. They will become Challengers and discover how with God, they can do all things.

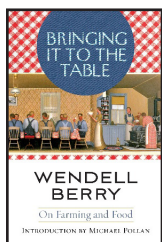
After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Challengers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal each Lift Lesson to equip your Challengers for an active life with God. Your Challengers will also discover our Mountain Motto (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS. The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Challengers will hear about our mission project as they respond to God's call for action!

Snowball Mountain Challenge is scheduled to be in Pierson Hall July 13-16 from 6-8pm. This VBS is open to all kids who have just finished PreK through rising 6th graders.

To learn more, call Chelsea or Rick in the church office or send an email to rickstout@kentmethodist.org To register please scan the QR code or visit this link: <https://events.kentmethodist.org/vbs-2026>



Upcoming Book Discussions

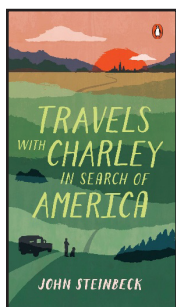


Bringing It to the Table: On Farming and Food

by Wendell Berry

Tuesday, June 2, at 7 pm in the Conference Room

For seven decades, Wendell Berry has embodied mindful eating through his land practices and his writing. "Eating is an agricultural act," he writes. Eating is a theological act, too: a habit of our relationship with God and God's creation. Drawn from Berry's writing over thirty years, this collection of essays is essential reading for anyone who cares about what they eat and how eating connects us with God's world.



Travels with Charley: In Search of America

by John Steinbeck

Tuesday, August 4, at 7 pm in the Conference Room

Published in 1962 as a travelogue of a cross-country road trip made by Steinbeck in the company of his poodle, Charley, *Travels with Charley* is a reflection on aging and adapting to a changing world and the American character experienced along the way.

2026 Trash-n-Treasure Sale

A Mission Market | Donate, Volunteer, Shop

OPEN TO ALL

PRESALE

Thu. 5-6 p.m.

\$10 at the door

THU.

Aug. 27

6-8 p.m.

FRI.

Aug. 28

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

SAT.

Aug. 29

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Aug. 19: 2-7:30 p.m.

Aug. 20, 21, 24: 9 a.m.-noon & 4-7:30 p.m.

Aug. 22: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Final donations: Aug. 25, 9 a.m.-noon & 5-7:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER / PICKUP HELP NEEDED

Help accept donations, price items, cashier, tear down, deliver leftovers, or assist with large-item pickups.

Call/text Carol Pozuc: 330-571-5741

PLEASE NO LATE DONATIONS

No donations after Tue., Aug. 25. Please donate with dignity: items should be clean and gently used. We **cannot accept** tube TVs, mattresses, cribs, car seats, encyclopedias, **clothes, shoes, or stuffed animals.**

WHY IT MATTERS

Last year's sale was a tremendous success because so many people participated! Please consider how you can be of service this year.

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 pm SPRC Mtg/Conf. Room 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	2 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7 pm Book Discussion/ Conference Room 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	3 7 pm Rain Barrel Wkshp/ Pierson Hall Parking Lot	4 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room	5	6 All Day-Pride in CLE 8 am League of Women Voters/Pierson Hall
7 Summer Sunday Schedule	8 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	9 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Girl Scouts/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	10	11 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 10 am Lion's Mtg/PH	12	13
14 Summer Sunday Schedule	15 6 pm Garden Club/PH 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	16 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym	17	18 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 12 pm Lion's Lunch/PH 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room	19 Juneteenth Office Closed	20
21 Summer Sunday Schedule	22 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	23 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 6 pm Girl Scouts/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym 7:30 pm Janus Circle/PH	24	25 7 am Men's Discussion Group/Bob Evans 1 pm Grief Support Group/Parlor 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room	26	27
28 Summer Sunday Schedule	29 7 pm Worship Band Rehearsal/ Palmer Gym	30 8:30 am Tuesday Morning Work Group 12 pm Rotary Lunch/PH 7-9 pm Basketball/Palmer Gym				
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						



Our sympathies to:

- Family and friends of Juanita Prokay

USHERS AND GREETERS	
Date	8:30/10:30
JUN 7	1
JUN 14	2
JUN 21	3
JUN 28	4
If you are unsure of what team you are on, please call the office at 330-673-5879 x114 or email Cara at caradesko@kentmethodist.org.	

Recent Hospitalizations, Surgeries, and Illnesses:

Tim Bennett, Marilyn Hawkins, Betty Johnson, Lindsay Simon

JUNE FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS	
JUNE 7	Mary Jacoby
JUNE 14	Debbie and Wanema Flasher
JUNE 21	Lisa Stavitski
JUNE 28	Rose Luttner

Fellowship Hour—Help Needed

If you would like to host fellowship hour, you can sign up at www.kentmethodist.org/volunteer/ 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.

JUNE LAY READERS	
JUNE 7	Tom Emerick
JUNE 14	Dottie Emerick
JUNE 21	Janeen Phillips
JUNE 28	Pat Baldwin

10:30 A/V SCHEDULE	
Camera	
JUNE 7	Tom Lundberg
JUNE 14	Tom Lundberg
JUNE 21	Andrew Alderson
JUNE 28	Andrew Alderson

10:30 A/V SCHEDULE	
Proclaim/Sound	
JUNE 7	Adam Stephens
JUNE 14	Bill Childers
JUNE 21	Desmeal Leigh
JUNE 28	Tom Lundberg

**Save the Dates:
United Worship Services with Kent UCC
Sundays, August 2 and 9**

This summer, we will once again worship together with our siblings at Kent UCC. On Sunday, August 2, our two congregations will worship together at 10 am in the Sanctuary of Kent UCC (1400 East Main Street). On Sunday, August 9, our two congregations will worship together at 10 am in our Sanctuary. Please join us both weeks as we celebrate God's presence and our shared mission to love God and love our neighbors well.

Thank You Note

For everyone at the UMC,
I want to thank you all for the prayers. I'm blessed to be part of this wonderful church. The flowers are very beautiful and made my day. Hope to be back soon.
Blessings to all,
Betty Johnson



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Mailing Label Here

Mailed May 21

Registration for Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS (July 13-16)
available now at events.kentmethodist.org

Worship Calendar

Date	Week	Scripture	Special Event
June 7	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Communion, 4 pm walk in Morgan Park
June 14	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:23	
June 21	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39	Report from the 57 th session of the East Ohio Annual Conference
June 28	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42	Report from the Mountain T.O.P. Mission Trip (June 20 - 27)



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