

CHARGE CONFERENCE
Canal District of the United Methodist Church
Saturday, October 28

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Kent United Methodist Church
1435 E. Main St.
Kent, OH 44240

Wondering what happens there?
The Charge Conference must meet at least once per year and is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. Pastor David and lay leader Kay Bergen plan to attend and would welcome others who would like to attend as well—see either of them for more information!

All Saints Day
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated November 5.

We will recognize WUMC members who have passed since last November 6, along with any other submitted friends and family members.

Complete a form at the "What's Up?" table in Wesley Hall or contact the church office if there is someone you would like to have recognized.

WUMC HELPING HANDS

WE'RE READY TO HELP!
WUMC Helping Hands ministry began from a desire to lend a hand to those in our congregation and community who need a little help with small projects around their homes.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

- moved a chair upstairs from a basement
- washed two windows above a sink
- fixed a keypad (replaced batteries)
- tilled, raked, and seeded a 4' x 6' area in a yard
- installed 6 window blinds
- stained and repaired some deck boards
- provided transportation to an appointment
- removed a basketball pole and recycled

COULD YOU USE A HAND?
We're waiting to hear from you!

Contact Mike Mann
• mdm_mann@hotmail.com
• 330.749.1752

Circuit Rider

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WUMC COLLECTS

Aluminum Pull Tabs
Like the kind you find on soft drinks or soup cans. These benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Used Eyeglasses
Collected for Wooster Noon Lions, who recycle them as part of their "Lions Recycle for Sight" program.

Cancelled Stamps
Kay Bergen oversees this collection which benefits Wickliffe Bible Translators (no flag stamps, please!).

Used Injet Cartridges
Revenue from recycling these benefits WUMC.

Collection containers can be found in the office hallway.

WUMC LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, October 18 · Noon
Pizza and beverages provided!
Bring \$5 towards pizza.
Bring a side or snack to share if you wish!
All are invited!

SAVE THE DATE!
A WUMC holiday tradition, Burning River Brass return to WUMC on Saturday, December 16, at 1:30p.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12 AND THEIR PARENTS ARE INVITED TO THE YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 4:16-5:30P, IN THE YOUTH CENTER GYM.

GAMES • PLANNING • PIZZA

Director of Youth Ministries Deb Clow wants to hear from students and parents:

- What time/day works best for youth group?
- What should we do in youth group?
- What kind of mission projects are you interested in?

RSVP TO DEB CLOW: 217.799.0594

AMPLIFY

Amplify Media is a streaming service that delivers high quality videos with an emphasis on Wesleyan perspective for digital discipleship.

WUMC has a subscription to this service and you are invited to utilize it for small group or personal use. Please scan the code below to join (or visit <https://myamplifymedia.com/amplify>).

When you are prompted for a code, type in BCDXTG. You will then be able to set up your own free Amplify account with your personal login information.

If you have questions, contact the church office!

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The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Pastor's Ponderings: A "New" Year Begins



Autumn Leaves

There's something special about this time of year. Being a visual person, Autumn/Fall ranks as my favorite season. The beauty of nature's changing colors catches my eye. Temperatures are still warm enough to enjoy being outside for longer stretches of time. In the life of the Church, Fall brings with it special moments of celebration and remembrance.

We've already gotten off to a great start with Rally Sunday when over 60 people participated in Sunday School classes as students and teachers. The excitement could be felt in the air!

I've completed seven Neighborhood Meetings with over 75 total people in attendance. These meetings have been very helpful for me to get to know you, the congregation, in a more meaningful way. I especially want to thank those who opened their homes to host these meetings. I look forward to sharing some of what I've heard back with you sometime in October.

On the first Sunday of October, we will join churches all over the globe for World Communion Sunday. Please look for more information about a special offering that will be taken as part of the UMC's Special Sundays that happen throughout the year.

On the first Sunday of November, we remember those who have died during the past year and are no longer with us on All Saints' Sunday. If you have a loved one who has died recently who you would like to be sure that we recognize, please contact our church office to let us know.

The Fall season also means that we complete some important business of the church. Our annual consultation meeting with our District Superintendent has already taken place. Next on the agenda is our annual Charge Conference meeting, which will be held along with all the other Canal District churches at Kent UMC on Saturday, October 28 at 10:00 a.m.

As we move forward together, I envision us becoming more intentional about the ways we pray together, develop spiritual leadership, demonstrate generosity and stewardship, and care for our membership through the ministry of visitation. God has gifted people in this congregation in these areas and my hope is to call forth these gifts in service to God and one another.

Finally, I want to say a word about making connections via social media. Please know that I'm more than glad to connect with you via platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. However, for "healthy boundary" reasons, I'm not able to initiate a friend request. If you'd like to connect with me, I'd kindly ask you to initiate the request and then I can respond.

Friends, take time to enjoy the beauty of the season that's at hand. The goodness of God is on display all around us. All thanks and glory be to God!

Pastor David Rittgers (drittgers@woosterumc.org)



Kind words

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul, and health to the body. Proverbs 16:24

It's wonderful people like you that have helped make our bake sale a success! Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission to make a difference in our community by providing resources for student hygiene products. We could not have done it without you! Blessings, United Women in Faith

Thanks so much for the lovely plant—brightens my day! I'm doing well, but pretty much homebound, and miss my church friends. My best to all! Marie Rutledge

Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent me as Person of the Week. Jeanie Frank

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, flowers, gifts, meals, gift cards, visits, stories and hugs. Tim's life celebration dinner couldn't have been more perfect. Know we appreciate our church family so much. We all feel very blessed.

Ali, Aaron & girls, Nate & Alissa, Nancy

Please keep the church informed of illness and hospitalization of any person who may need a caring visit or phone call.

Recently ill/hospitalized:

Recent deaths: Betty Emler, Marv Hiuser



Above: Rally Day began with all ages of Sunday School participants meeting for a mixer in Wesley Hall.



Left: Youth attended Be Bold: Youth Night of Worship at Wooster High School.



Right: Rally Day Sunday School classes got off to a great start!

