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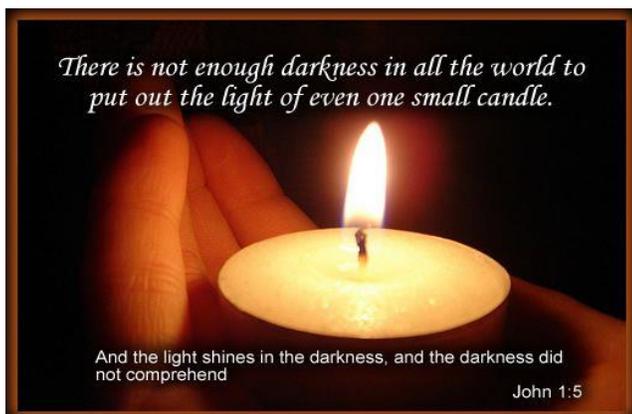
An Open and Affirming, Accessible to All Congregation

A Message from Our Senior Pastor, Rev. Amy Gopp

I sang in the Gospel Choir when I was in seminary. The incomparable Mark Miller was our director. He's also a composer, and the inspiration for our Advent theme this year comes from Mark's beautiful anthem, "I Believe." I can't wait for you to hear our Chancel Choir sing it (yes, they recorded virtually!). The lyrics of the song are taken from a poem found on a wall during WWII, believed to be written by a Jewish person in hiding: *I believe in the sun even when it's not shining. I believe in love even when I don't feel it. I believe in God even when He is silent.*



Now in 2020, as the coronavirus pandemic continues to rage in the United States and right here in Ohio, most of our daily life looks very different than "normal." Everything has changed, including the way we come together for worship. As we enter the Advent and Christmas season we have to alter many of our beloved traditions in the name of safety and compassion for each other and our community and seek comfort and peace through other rituals during this stressful and bewildering time. The context surrounding this poem is of course *extremely* different from the circumstances we face today, and yet the power of hope in the face of human despair is a miracle that we need at this time. Thus, our Advent theme this year: "I Believe *Even When...*".



In the midst of this global pandemic, social isolation, political angst, racial injustice, economic recession, and the climate crisis we are all looking to hear some comfort and good news this Christmas. O come, o come, Emmanuel! We need you! We need music and light in these dark winter days void of live music and communal singing. So, I hope you'll make luminaries to share the light of Christ in our home and neighborhood. I also invite you to set up your own Advent wreath at

home; we'll be lighting the Advent candles during worship every Sunday. Please join us for our worship services online, including our annual Lessons and Carols service on Sunday evening, December 13. Our children will not be able to do a full-fledged pageant this year but will present a Christmas program. You won't want to miss our Christmas Hymn Sing on Wednesday, December 16 at 7pm on Facebook Live. If you haven't voted for your favorite hymns, please do so! And please join our inspiring Advent documentary film festival! For all those experiencing grief and/or struggling with the holiday season, I also extend a heartfelt invitation to our special Longest Night of the Year service on Monday, December 21 (the winter solstice).

Last, while we cannot gather together physically this Christmas Eve, we can still pass the light of Christ to one another and sing "Silent Night" as part of our online worship service...you'll find instructions for how to do so in upcoming Friday updates. It will be a silent night in many more ways than we're used to, but even in that silence we can still believe; we can still look to the light which always overcomes the darkness.

This Advent and Christmas season, let us "fill the night with music and light" and affirm and act on the reasons why we can still "believe, even when" we are discouraged and afraid, lacking faith, searching for hope, and longing for better days. They are coming...they *are* coming...

With great anticipation for the coming of the Christ-child and the Light He brings,
and deep gratitude and love for you,
Pastor Amy

Moderator's Message – Jaime Baughman

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. (Ephesians 1:16)

Greetings Friends!

How appropriate that this was the scripture for my daily devotional today! Immediately following, I had planned to sit down and write to all of you. This time of year naturally lends itself to a reflection of what has been and what is to come. In all aspects, I find myself giving thanks for you!

It is amazing to witness the ongoing work of our church in spite of a global pandemic.

Most recently, the gathering of volunteers for our fall outdoor work session organized by our Property Ministry, the wonderful Thanksgiving meal made by many hands and provided to-go for members of our community, and your tremendous support of our Stewardship Campaign, come to mind.

I've heard of UYF members raking leaves, continuing work on our Apostle's Build, folks dropping off ACME tapes to our Blue Box for the Community Cashback program and wonderful support of our Kent Social Services November collection: The "Bob Clark Turkey Fund - Pandemic Style."

Thanks to Pastor Amy, Pastor Kim and our Director of Music, Corey Fowler, I anticipate an Advent season that is amazing and meaningful and certainly unlike any we have ever experienced before!

I give thanks for each of you and for our church family and I remember you in my prayers. God Bless!

Special Congregational Meeting December 6 via Zoom!

Sunday, December 6 at 11:30 a.m. we'll hold a special **Congregational Meeting** via Zoom to address our failing Sanctuary lights. Your participation is key; we must have a quorum of at least 50 voting members. A meeting link will be sent in an email the week prior to December 6. Information has been sent to all of our membership regarding the lighting project and the meeting. If you have not received such a letter, please contact the church office immediately. We hope to see you on Zoom!

Stewardship News - Karen Carmany

Stewardship commitment packets were delivered to member homes or mailed in late October. Commitments received to fund the Mission and Ministry we share were dedicated on Sunday, November 22. If you have not yet done so, we ask that you prayerfully consider the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others through our church. Please complete your 2021 commitment card, or use the one printed below, and return it to the church office. We also encourage everyone to utilize the "ENGAGE" program on the Kent UCC website to initiate automatic monthly donations. If you have any questions, please me.

God has provided us with enough. We will use these precious resources to transform our community and the world to be the way God would like it to be.

I/We thank God for the opportunity to support the ministries of this congregation.
 As I/we seek to be devoted to good works and acts of charity, I/we commit to pray the same for others in our church

My/our financial commitment for the upcoming year is \$ _____

I intend to give via mail-in check/money order or online giving via kentucc.org/give (circle one)

I/we understand that I can adjust this estimate of giving at any time by contacting the financial secretary.

I/we would like to speak with someone about using our gifts and talents to support our church's ministry.

I/we would like to speak with someone about our giving plans or help with my online pledge.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Email: _____



The Blue Box!

Did you know we have a blue box outside our front office doors? It's large enough to accommodate a great many things. Currently, it's holding devotional materials. Would you like a copy? Stop by and pick one up! It also works the other way. Do you have Acme receipts? Drop them off in the blue box. If you have several receipts, try to paper clip them together or put them in an envelope, clearly marked as Acme receipts. Our Women's Fellowship collects and tallies the receipts for the community cash back rewards.

Finally, we've been talking about collecting items for our time capsule. Do you have things you would like to have included? A photo? A newspaper article? Drop them off to the blue box. Please include your name and contact information, in case we have any questions.

Time's a Ticking for our Time Capsule! – Jaime Baughman, Bicentennial Chair



Carol Birkner wins the prize for being the first person to officially contribute to our Time Capsule project! Gold stars, smiley faces, and kudos to her! She also gave me a great idea. She asked me to pick up her items. I can do that!

Everyone is invited to participate in our time capsule project. What speaks to you about this unique and challenging time in our history? Maybe it's a newspaper article or a photo... or even a mask.

Please save the items for our Kent UCC time capsule. You can leave them in the Blue Box next to the church office doors, mail them to the church or give me a call or email to arrange for pick-up. Contact me at Sjbaughman1@gmail.com or 330-256-5899. We will plan to bury a time capsule when we come back together! Thanks, Carol for getting us started!

UPCOMING DATES (DETAILS WITHIN THIS MESSENGER)

November 29: First Sunday of Advent! Advent Film Festival Begins!

December 3: Book study on *How to Be an Anti-Racist* begins, 7 p.m.

December 6: Special Congregational Zoom meeting at 11:30 a.m. (sanctuary lighting)

December 13: Lessons and Carols Service – 7 p.m. (YouTube and Facebook)

December 16: All-Church Christmas Hymn Sing – 7 p.m. (Facebook Live)

December 21: Longest Night of the Year Service – 7 p.m. (YouTube and Facebook)

December 24: Christmas Eve Service – 7 p.m. (YouTube and Facebook)

January 6, 13, and 27: "Still We Sing" series (virtual)

Faith Formation News – Rev. Kim Nagy

Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays!

Those words have a bit of a different meaning this year. There's no place like home for the holidays because that's really the only place we can go--home. It is the perfect time to adapt some at-home rituals to celebrate Advent and anticipate the hope we celebrate on Christmas.

One of my favorite rituals that can be easily replicated at home is the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath made an appearance in the Christian tradition during the Middle Ages; you guessed it, during the time of another famous plague. People took evergreen, a symbol of everlasting life, added healing components such as berries, and equipped the wreath with four candles, one to be lit each week leading up to Christmas Day.

The Advent wreath was a symbol of hope in a time of fear and deep despair. It reminds us that our deepest despair lasts only a season. This Advent, we are asking you to participate in two particular Advent rituals--creating your own Advent wreath at home to light with us each Sunday morning, and creating your own luminary to light at the same time each day. Each ritual provides a symbol of hope, light, and connection in this pandemic year.

Beyond that, we are excited to offer an adult film festival and a children's film festival during Advent. If you'd like to get involved in an adult discussion group, please call or email me for more information. Many have been working diligently to bring Advent into your homes this year through worship, a virtual Lessons and Carols, hymn sing (have you voted yet??), and Longest Night Service. I hope you'll embrace this season and all the joys, and despair, that comes with it. Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays!

Living with you in hope,
Kim Nagy
Minister of Faith Formation

Children's Education

We continue to connect with our children through a weekly children's church video on our Video KUCC YouTube page and a weekly email sent to families with additional activities for the week. Tune in each week of Advent to learn about our children's film festival and light your Advent wreath! If you'd like to be added to these weekly emails, please reach out to Kim Nagy.

Kim has also created an interactive Google classroom for our Sunday school students. This interactive classroom can be accessed [HERE](#). In December it will be all decked out for the season of Advent!

J-Walkers (Middle School Ministry)

On November 8, J-Walkers gathered on Zoom for a quick check-in, and on November 22, families participated in a vehicle scavenger hunt around Kent. Any youth in grades 6-8 are welcome to join us for J-Walker activities! Please let Kim know if you want to receive communications.

The J-Walkers have great ideas for gathering outdoors in the back parking lot when it is safe and appropriate to do so. **We will meet virtually if it is raining and/or if Portage County is in the red zone or above for COVID-19.** The best way to know what is happening from week to week is to join our Remind 101 text alerts by texting @jwalkers2 to 81010. Thank you for your flexibility and patience as we continue to navigate ministry during a global pandemic!

United Youth Force (High School Ministry)

United Youth Force continues to meet virtually almost every week at this time. On November 1, several members gathered on Zoom to play a game and plan our Transgender Day of Remembrance service. The TDOR service was held on Zoom on November 8; members memorialized our 34 trans siblings who have died at the hands of transphobia in 2020. Jo Mothersbaugh bravely told their story.

A few UYF members helped pack and hand out meals for the Thanksgiving Community Meal. Thank you to Gayle Wall and *all* of you who cooked and volunteered!

Finally, Will Moody helped us finish up our November activities by teaching us how to bake strawberry shortcake on Zoom November 22. It was a new, creative way to be together at this time!

Like the J-Walkers, UYF has an extensive plan for outdoor activities when it is safe to gather. **We will not gather in-person if it is raining or if Portage County is in the red zone or above.** To keep up with regular UYF updates, join our Remind 101 alert system by texting @uyf3 to 81010.

College Students

Many members of our church packed college care packages to send to our Kent UCC college students before Thanksgiving! Thank you for helping our students near and far feel prayed for and supported.

Tune in to our Epiphany worship service on Sunday, January 3, 2021 to spot some of your favorite Kent UCC college students.

United Christian Ministries, the Kent State University college ministry we support at Kent UCC, held a "Dinnerless Dinner" in November in lieu of their annual fall meal. They were able to raise over \$1,500 for programming and other financial needs. To learn more information or simply to donate to the ministry, visit www.myucm.org.

Adult Education

Fill the night with music and light! Join us this Advent for a film festival that will deepen our spiritual understanding of the season. We are missing live music due to the pandemic, but we can certainly appreciate music and how music has helped humanity overcome even the most challenging of times. The five inspiring films in this series look at music as resistance. Each week of Advent, we'll invite you to watch a different documentary that highlights the hope, peace, joy, and love experienced in music.

Week 1 - Defiant Requiem

Week 2 - Girls on the Wall

Week 3 - Following the Ninth

Week 4 - Sweet Honey in the Rock: Raise Your Voice

Week 5 - The Singing Revolution

It's not too late to sign up! You can do so [HERE](#).

Anti-Racist Book Study

Please join us for our next anti-racist book study, "How to be an Anti-Racist" by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi. This will be a 7-week study, starting on December 3 and ending on January 28 (with a break for the holidays), Thursdays at 7-8:30 pm. All are welcome! Please contact Jen Case at imjenlee@hotmail.com for more information and to receive a Zoom link.

Outreach Update – Terri Silver

Our Habitat for Humanity Apostle Build is on track for a finish early in 2021! Drywall is going up and painting will begin in the next few weeks. We have no volunteer commitments right now, but watch for an update early in December.

The Bob Clark Turkey Fund raised nearly \$3,400. Thank you to Church Council and our wonderfully supportive congregation!

Advent begins November 29 when we will participate in our last 5 for 5 collection with the Veterans of the Cross. This fund cares for active and retired clergy and lay employees by providing emergency grants, health premiums and emergency financial needs. We will be taking contributions November 29 and December 6.

Traditionally, Outreach focuses our attention on current events and imminent needs, both inside and outside our community, with our Christmas Eve collection. This year's donations will support the Portage County NAACP. Racial justice programs and events are in critical need, and we pledge to be a part of these efforts.

Property Ministry Update

Thanks to the many of you who assisted the Property Committee during our Fall Cleanup on Saturday, November 7. We counted a total of 23 people helping rake leaves, trim hedges and trees, and clean up debris. Thanks again for your help!

For those who were able to check out the proposed new folding chairs for Van Meter Hall that day, we are in the process of ordering 88 new chairs to replace the old grey folding chairs. The new chairs, also grey in color, are sturdier, more comfortable, and easier to clean than the old grey padded chairs. The 88 new chairs will complement our round VMH tables.

After meeting with Davey Tree, we determined that the Norway maple tree in the rear parking lot could not be saved and will be removed. Damage from a girdling root and this summer's heat were primary causes.

We are looking forward to the congregational meeting on Sunday, December 6 at 11:30 (via Zoom) to consider our proposal to replace the sanctuary lighting. We hope to move forward with the project in January, pending congregational approval.

Hospitality and Membership Update – Eileen West and Gayle Wall

The H& M Ministry met via Zoom in November to discuss upcoming activities. We tried to schedule one outdoor small-group game experience but were unsuccessful. If you expressed interest in the small group gaming, stay tuned. We will try to facilitate this activity in a virtual format after the holidays. Now that winter is upon us, if you would like to be included in a small group virtual game night, it is not too late. Please contact Gayle Wall (gayle_wall@yahoo.com) to let her know to include you.

Our “December Madness Kent UCC Christmas Hymn Bracket” is in full swing! Nominations and Bracket 1 have been posted. Excitement is building as we continue the process to identify KENT UCC’s favorite Christmas Hymn. We encourage EVERYONE (ALL AGES) to go online and cast their votes. There will be 4 rounds culminating at our **December 16 7 p.m. ALL CHURCH VIRTUAL HYMN Sing**. Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations and is participating in the voting. A shout out to Linnea Stafford and Leah Davis for their creativity and tech skills in facilitating our “December Madness!”

Advent begins at the end of November. Advent bags with treats, information and a calendar of Kent UCC Advent Virtual events are being delivered locally around the first Sunday of Advent. We hope to mail the printed information to our members that live out of the area. Special thanks to our Fellowship Ministry, Education Ministry, Pat and Linnea Ray, Julie Wallace, Kim Nagy, Pastor Amy, Leah Davis, and volunteers who helped us with preparing and delivering our Advent “Candy Grams” to our membership.

Three prayer shawls were delivered to members in October. This continues to be an important ministry in our congregation.

We wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving and Advent Season. Stay safe!!

Decorate the Tree!

Our outdoor Christmas tree is lit up and ready for your adornments! The Fellowship Ministry is inviting each person or family in the congregation to bring one weatherproof ornament to add to our outdoor Christmas tree, located to the right of the front doors. Please remember to bring a hanger or wire to attach it. If you prefer to make a bird-feeding ornament, there is a basket of pinecones beneath the tree. You are welcome to take a few to craft a bird treat at home (coat the pinecone in peanut butter and roll it in bird seed.)

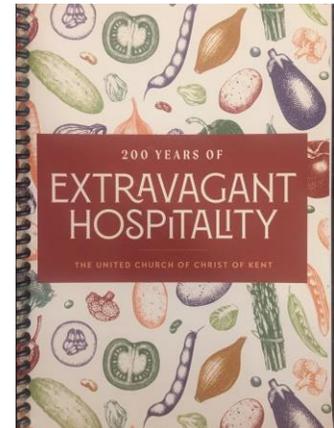
Even if we can’t worship together in the sanctuary, we can still fill the world with light and joy, starting with our communal tree!

Give Them the Perfect Gift

Our church cookbook, *200 Years of Extravagant Hospitality*, is again on sale for holiday gift giving. The price will be the same as the introductory price: \$20 each or only \$18 a piece if you purchase 3 or more. Local delivery is included!

Here's how to order: Send a check to the church, clearly marked in the memo or with an attached note that it is for cookbooks. As soon as it is received, the books will be placed in a bag and delivered (locally) to your doorstep. If you have any special instructions for delivery, include them with your check.

Reviews of the cookbook have been glowing, and folks have indicated they have enjoyed having it handy for Pandemic Cooking. With holidays and cold weather days coming, the Soup Chapter (Kalle's Lemony Lentil Soup!!) and Sweets Chapter (Judy Rees's Aunt Lizzie's Banana Cake!!) will provide lots of comfort. Order today!



Book Group – Kathy Robinson

Mark Saturday, December 19 at 7 p.m. on your calendar and join our Book Group discussion via Zoom. We're reading *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Kruger. It's described on the Amazon website as "... a brilliant novel about a young man, a small town, and murder in the summer of 1961... Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God." Please contact Kathy Robinson (kathyarobinson@gmail.com) for a meeting link.

Adult Small Groups

We have several other small groups that are a great way to build meaningful relationships and have fun! Given the virus outbreak, our groups generally will not meet in person, although some are meeting via Zoom. Look for future meetings for our women's fellowship groups, men's breakfasts, Men Baking Bread, Bagels and Books, Mahjong, yoga, and more. We will all be so glad when it's safe to resume our gatherings!

Mental Health and Addiction Ministry – Jackie Peck and Mary Homer

Seven members of our congregation attended the virtual W.I.S.E. Conference in November. Kent UCC is becoming W.I.S.E. through a process of learning, engaging, and covenanting to be 'Welcoming~Inclusive~Supportive~Engaged' with persons experiencing mental illness and/or addiction and their families. This is not news for many in our congregation who have participated in book discussions, poetry workshops, and events with our Coleman group home residents over the past years. The W.I.S.E. process helps the whole congregation affirm this support and engagement.

Our 7 conference participants, including members of the Mental Health/Addiction Ministry, Stephen Ministers, and Pastor Amy, attended a variety of workshops. Linda Morris attended one titled Anxiety, Depression, Grief in the time of COVID. She reminds us that everyone is dealing with stress and experiencing difficulties. The idea that "people with mental illnesses are others" is false. We are all affected at times like this.

Jackie Peck learned more about Black Mental Health, including the impact of individual and collective historical trauma compounded by sustained community devastation and disturbance. She also reminds us how important it is to support Clergy Care for our beloved Pastor Amy.

Perhaps the most important take away is this: **The church has the power to save lives!** Look for opportunities to explore how we can realize that power in the coming days.

Stephen Ministry – Sue Otterson

The holidays can be stressful, and with the current health and political situations, it can be even more so. If you are feeling the extra need to breathe, please consider a short-term assignment with a Stephen Minister. We are here to help. Contact me or Pastor Amy, and we will get you taken care of. Email is the surest way to contact me: sueotterson@gmail.com.

Social Justice and Advocacy Ministry News – Barb Hanniford

Many thanks to Pastor Amy and Pastor Kim for facilitating a recent discussion on James Cone's powerful book, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. The parallels between the cross and lynching trees are clear yet were either missed completely or ignored by white Christians during the lynching era and beyond.

Recently, KIFA (Kent Interfaith Alliance on Racial Justice and Reconciliation) held a virtual meeting to view and discuss *The Children's March*. This 40-minute documentary tells the true story of students in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963 who showed inspiring courage, commitment, and leadership. You can view the film at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jsxD4D2h2m>. KIFA may repeat this program, so watch for an announcement on the church Facebook page or follow KIFA on Facebook.

As noted earlier in the newsletter, another book study will begin in December—*How to Be an Anti-Racist*. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to read and share reactions, ideas, and commitments.

Chancel Flower Sign-Up for 2021

Though we may not be worshipping any time soon in our sanctuary, a chancel floral arrangement viewed during these times we worship virtually does lift all our spirits and warms our hearts as we hear of a special occasion a member of our congregation is celebrating or remember a loved one! Nancy Bubenzer continues to coordinate with those who wish to donate a chancel flower arrangement for the first three months of the new year:

Sunday, January 10, 2021	February 7, 2021	March 7, 2021
Sunday, January 17, 2021	February 14, 2021	March 14, 2021
Sunday, January 24, 2021	February 21, 2021	March 21, 2021
Sunday, January 31, 2021	February 28, 2021	March 28, 2021

To save one of these dates to dedicate your chancel floral arrangement, contact Nancy Bubenzer at 330-678-3436 (H), 330-671-1014 (cell) or email her at nbubenzer@gmail.com.

Nancy will contact you at the beginning of the week to remind you of your flower donation for the upcoming Sunday worship service and the delivery procedures and the message you would like printed in the worship bulletin and announced.

Coming in January—Virtual “Still We Sing” Devotionals

Save Wednesday nights, January 6, 13, and 27 for a unique experience perfect for dark winter nights. These devotional programs will be conducted virtually and are open to the whole congregation, not just the choir! Watch for more information soon and join us.



STILL WE SING

Weaving together songs and stories, Amanda Powell invites communities into a time of renewal and open-hearted connection. Amanda utilizes Zoom technology in creative ways to lead participants through unique journeys of singing, reflection, laughter and prayer.



In this time of distancing and grief, a sense of community is vital. My life's work is to help people connect to themselves and one another, and to the deep spirit of Love (God!) in our midst. I look forward to singing and walking with your community to find inspiration and strength at this challenging time.
— Amanda Powell

STILL WE SING

Led by renowned songleader, Amanda Powell, Still We Sing is a unique series of devotionals and workshops inviting communities to sing, connect, and have fun.

MAIN SERIES

This three-part series of devotionals provides a wonderful opportunity for your choir, community or congregation to sing, reconnect and find spiritual sustenance.

1. Finding Peace

In the opening devotional, Amanda leads people on a journey to their individual and collective center. Together participants connect with their breath and learn songs of centering and peace.

2. Choosing Love

At this challenging time, we must choose love for ourselves and for one another. This devotional introduces songs that are about deep, unconditional love. We open ourselves to the ways we are being called to bring love into the world.

3. Cultivating Joy

Even as we navigate difficult times, we can look for moments of joy! Experience joyful moments in community with exuberant singing and fun! We learn to keep our eyes wide open for glimmers of joy in the midst of challenge.

SUPPLEMENTAL WORKSHOPS

1. Sing 101

Learn the basics of vocal technique using fun warm-ups and short-form songs. Individuals will sing out loud from the comfort of their homes, with Amanda leading the way into the foundations of singing.

2. The Way of Play

Life is a constant improvisation. Using technology in creative ways, participants explore their unique voice and authentic musical expression. Let's improvise the way forward together!

3. Global Song Sing-along

Spend an engaging hour learning and singing songs from around the world! Explore percussive sounds of West Africa, languid melodies from East Asia, spirituals from the US, and more!

Choose the three-part series, Still We Sing, the supplemental workshop options or a package of both. Each devotional and workshop runs an hour and will be tailored to your particular needs and community. Please see reverse for fees and contact information.

ACME Community Cash Back Deadline

Purchases for Acme Cash Back credit ends Saturday, December 26, 2020. Please turn in you Acme receipts to the Church by Sunday, January 17, 2021. An envelope or plastic baggie with the complete tapes may be placed in the Blue Box by the Office Door or mailed to the Church. Thank you for your support and participation during these uncertain times. Stay safe.

Treasurer's Report - Kay Hansford

As of Nov. 23, 2020

We are 87% into the year and our received pledges are also at 87% of what we had budgeted!

Our monthly income for November as of the above date is: \$52,193.48.

Our year-to-date income for same date is: \$417,134.25, including the \$59,100 Payroll Protection Program loan.

Our November expenses to this date are: \$39,392.27.

Our year-to-date expenses are: \$331,476.90

Our budget for the year was \$452,578.

December Birthdays

01 Douglas Shanley 03 Jamie Arthur 05 Melanie Jackson 07 David Hansford 08 Christina Vaught 11 Molly Mains 13 Grace Polcha, Mara Suvak 14 Terry Johnson 15 Tracy Foreman, Gayle Wall 16 Shana Barker 17 Don Cooley 18 Jeff Saltzman 19 Leah Baddeley 25 Carol Birkner 26 Judy Kletzien, Brittany Robinson, Casey Shepherd 28 Mike Kaulen 29 Sara Shoemaker 31 Mary Hight

Sundays in December

December 6: Second Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion

Sermon by Pastor Amy

10:00 Worship on Facebook and YouTube

December 13: Third Sunday of Advent with Children's Program

Sermon by Pastor Amy

10:00 Worship on Facebook and YouTube

December 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sermon by Pastor Amy

10:00 Worship on Facebook and YouTube

December 27: First Sunday after Christmas

Sermon by Pastor Amy

10:00 Worship on Facebook and YouTube

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OUR MISSION:

Enlivened by the grace of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Kent United Church of Christ does justice, embraces faithful love, and walks humbly with our God to serve and transform lives, our community and the world. (Micah 6:8)