Fall 2016 Stewardship Campaign  
GO and do the same!  

Mission Spending Plan
Supporting Worship and the Arts in Ministry

In worship, we learn how to GO and do likewise. We explore various aspects of Christ's mission in a variety of contexts: through our inspiring worship liturgies and provocative sermons, youth-led services, choral music, liturgical dance, special concerts, and visual artistic displays.
Musical offerings from the Children's Choir and the Chancel Choir
Growing our Faith
Relationships

We show extravagant hospitality through our fellowship activities. Family movie nights, men's breakfasts, Women's Fellowship, UYF and J-Walkers offer opportunities for connection and inter-generational relationships. Through our website, newsletter, and presence in the community, including the Kent Heritage Festival and Corn Festival, we also invite others to share in our life. So GO: share your own story of faith and invite others to join you at Kent UCC!
Teaching and Nurturing our Members

We learn to GO and be the hands, feet and heart of Christ through second Sunday seminars, church school for children, opportunities for youth, special programs for adults such as the book studies and Lenten programs, Vacation Bible School, and intergenerational activities like the Advent Workshop and “Kent UCC’s Got Talent.”
In April, Rev. Avery offered the opening prayer at the Ohio State Senate, at the request of State Senator John Eklund.
Maintaining our Sacred and Welcoming Space

Our building and grounds provide the gathering space for worship, our education and outreach programs, fellowship meals, and numerous community activities, including the Wick Poetry Center, which hosts a writing group for veterans. Organizations such as our Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and local social service agencies make use of our open doors as the next generation learns to GO and serve their community.
Caring For our Church Family

We care for our church family by reaching out and GOing to share God’s love... through our inclusive prayer list, visits to shut-in members, our Stephen Ministry program, and special services such as the Longest Night.

Deacons serve communion to home-bound members

Our Stephen Ministers are trained to offer personal care in safe environments. For some, this means physically walking side by side in fellowship and love.
Reaching Out in Mission and Working for Justice and Peace:

We GO and do the same through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasure to help others. We support the wider UCC through our gifts to Our Church’s Wider Mission and give generously to local causes, including United Christian Ministries, Kent Social Services, and the County Clothing Closet. We join our neighbors in walks for racial reconciliation and greater mental health awareness.
Outside and Inside
Our Community

Our UYF’s annual mission trip reaches others in urban and rural communities. Our third Sunday community meals, spearheaded by our UYF, serve 80-100 people each month. In addition to our budgeted contributions to mission and outreach, we also support all of the United Church of Christ’s special offerings, such as Neighbors in Need, and collect food, clothing, toys, and even diapers for local agencies. Our entire Christmas offering supports local need.
GO and do the same!
[Luke 10:37]

In this verse, Jesus calls us to care for others, even when they are strangers or of another culture. At Kent UCC, we answer this call through our mission and ministries as shown through the pages of this booklet.

Therefore, the Mission Spending Plan shown in this booklet is very preliminary. The percentages shown are those computed for 2016. We expect that even with budget changes in 2017 (our new senior pastor's package, our commitment to Pastor Avery on completion of his doctorate, and the retirement of Pastor Heather), the percentages for each of our missions will remain essentially the same.

In the midst of transition, one thing remains steady at Kent UCC, and that is our commitment to "GO and do the same" in our community and world. Thank you for generously supporting the mission and ministries of Kent UCC.