

STEEPLETALK

October 2013



Recently someone declared to me, "I love Sundays at our church!" On Sunday mornings the entrances and hallways are abuzz with activity. The hustle and bustle begins early with the arrival of worship leaders and staff and continues as the doors swing open with each arriving worshipper. By 9:00 a.m. worship is underway in the sanctuary and iConnect. A second round of services kicks off at 11:00 a.m. with the repeated chorus of music and the sound of worship. One-by-one people leave expressing gratitude for the inspiration of music and the challenge of the proclaimed message. This congregation worships.

I was in a group the other day when someone shared, "I used to go to church out of habit, but then I joined a Bible study group and it has changed my life. My faith grew with intensity in that small group and now I long for Sunday morning worship." This person has experienced the spiritual development that comes through intentional discipleship. Repeatedly, members find the benefits of small group studies and the intimacy of a small group to help refine their spiritual life and put them on a track toward Christian maturity. It is that reality that we find in each other the encouragement and accountability that helps sharpen the edge of Christian character. This congregation offers opportunities for spiritual growth.

I have the privilege of receiving messages from people who have been blessed through personal contact with this congregation. Recently someone shared how caring people in the congregation helped their family through a personal struggle. Another message I received relayed gratitude for how this congregation has sustained them through their personal loss. In addition, pastoral counseling, hospital visits and lay visitation bring hope and healing. The benefit of Christian community is realized again and again by the relationships that are formed and being formed in the growth and maturation of the Mentor UMC.

Every day across this community and around the world, the outreach of this congregation is felt. Meals are served, homeless cared for, and school supplies received. The outreach ministry of this church touches people who are struggling to make ends meet and to hold their lives together. Through the extended arms of care, suffering is eased and hope is given. By being the hands and feet of Jesus this congregation is sharing the love of Jesus with others. From our food pantry to the ministry of the McCurdy School, to the world of Camphor Mission Station in Liberia, the sun does not go down on the mission extension of this congregation.

Several months ago a homeless person showed up at the church. He was helped and encouraged, eventually finding shelter, a job and hope for the future. This church became a place of refuge and a place to call home. He worshipped, spiritual growth was realized, relationships were made, and he began serving in the church. Sadly, an untimely death brought his life to an end. While we were saddened by the loss, he was in a better place by the ministry of this church.

Thanks for being a part of the mission of this congregation to lead all onto a transforming path of Christ-centered discipleship. Together we are growing upward in worship, deeper in discipleship, together in fellowship, and outward in service.

Grace & Peace,
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YOUTH MINISTRY

For up-to-date details, email lring@mentorumc.org to be added to parent or youth email lists. Check Youth Ministries at www.mentorumc.org and find us on Facebook!

First YSP 2014 Meeting!!!

Sunday, October 6, 6:30-8 pm.

High School & College students, as well as Adult Volunteers are invited to attend our Kick Off YSP 2014 meeting in Fellowship Hall. Youth Service Project is a summer mission trip where we learn and do home repairs for needy families, and have some awesome fun along the way! Dates: June 20-28, 2014 Location: TBD

Register NOW for...

Acquire the Fire:

EPIC TRUTH - stronger than fiction

November 1st & 2nd at the Wolstein Center

This Christian Youth Conference delivers 27 Life Changing Hours. Youth grades 7-12: You have the option of staying overnight with the youth group, or going home and meeting us the next day. More details to be announced. Cost is \$49 which includes admission, transportation and food. Scholarships available. **MUST PRE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 6TH! Reach Lauren Ring, Director of Youth Ministry, at 255-3496, ext. 16.**

Youth Movie Night: *To Save a Life*

Sunday, October 20, 5:30—9 p.m.

For ALL students grades 7-12 in Fellowship Hall. Cost \$4 for pizza (5:30), popcorn and candy! RSVP to Lauren Ring at lring@mentorumc.org. **7th and 8th grades need a permission form.** Other church youth groups are welcome to join us!

To Save a Life is distributed by Outreach Films. You can learn more about the film including viewing clips at www.outreach.com. This movie is rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements involving teen suicide, teen drinking, some drug content, disturbing images and sexuality.

To Save a Life is a powerful movie about the real-life challenges of teens and their choices. It is centered around the biblical concept that we're never more like Jesus than when we are reaching out to the hurting and lonely. At some point, every teen has to decide: "What's my life going to be about?" ***To Save a Life*** dares to bring that question into their world, encouraging them to answer it with boldness, honesty and Christ-likeness and to put love into action around them.

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS:

Pulse (grades 9-12) Youth Room—10:10 -10:40 a.m.

Pulse 78 (grades 7-8) Asbury/Wesley—10:10–10:40 a.m.

Youth grades 7 and up attend worship with their families. During Pulse and Pulse 78, they can meet with their peers to deepen friendships, pray for each other and learn more about how to become examples to all believers in conduct. - 1 Timothy 4:12

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

VISITATION . . .

Join Pastor Bev Wrobel & Carole Ring on the 1st and/or 3rd Monday of each month at Emeritus (corner of Rte. 2 & Heisley Rd.) for the Sing-A-Long worship service at 10:15 a.m. They would love to add your voice as they provide this ministry to the residents of Emeritus. You are welcome any time. If you have any questions about this ministry, contact Bev Wrobel at 255-3496, ext. 14 or email blwrobel@mentorumc.org.

Heartland—Sunday, October 20

Our time of worship at Heartland is 10:45 a.m. We would love to have you come with us on October 20th. Look for the Elwells or Marge Westman in the atrium after the 9:00 service.

MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL



Free Community Dinner

As our Free Community Dinner continues to grow, we welcome you to lend a helping hand on the last Saturday of every month. Set up begins at 4 p.m., servers and those who want to join our guests for dinner and conversation are asked to come at 5 p.m., and clean-up begins anytime after 6:30 p.m. Our next dinner will be Saturday, October 26th.

Please email Karen Martin at dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net if you are able to join us any month.



PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER GIVING SOME TIME TO OUR CHILDREN

- > **Winter Sunday School** sign up:
<http://tinyurl.com/SSWinter>
- > **Discoverers leadership** sign up:
<http://tinyurl.com/DiscLeaders>

Want more information, contact Tammy Palermo at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.



DINNER DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS needed for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sign ups for dinner donations and volunteer help will be on Sundays, October 20, 27, November 3, 10 and 17th — Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and sign up to make a food donation for our 2013 Thanksgiving Dinner or to volunteer to help with the dinner.

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



This five week class will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m., October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. This course on the basics of the Christian faith will be facilitated by Rev. Beverly and Steve Wrobel and will cover the following topics: Jesus, the Bible, Prayer and the Church. There is no cost and the classes are open to anyone. Class size is limited so registration is required. Child care is available.

For New Members: Those interested in joining the church are required to attend "The Basics" class which is offered several times a year. Please contact Rev. Wrobel at 255-3496, ext. 14 or email blwrobel@mentorumc.org to register for The Basics Class by September 29th.



"Toward a Growing Marriage" Video Conference with Dr. Gary Chapman

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, 25 & November 1
7 to 9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Facilitators: Pastor Bev & Steve Wrobel

Sessions cover:

- 1) Communication 101
- 2) Understanding and Expressing Love
- 3) Initiating Positive Change
- 4) Making Sex a Mutual Joy
- 5) How to Share the Things that Bug You

Child care is provided. No cost to attend.
REGISTRATION is required —
blwrobel@mentorumc.org
Or phone 440-255-3496, ext. 14

The book *The Marriage You've Always Wanted* by Dr. Gary Chapman will be available for purchase.



LIBRARY NEWS

What are Library Book Bags? They are the decorated canvas bags you will find in the Library and at iConnect. Each bag has a different theme such as School, Whales, or Noah's Ark. Inside you will find books on the subject as well as a folder with activity sheets you can do (crayons are already in the bag!) and craft instructions, songs, poems, recipes...each bag is different. The bags may be signed out for 4 weeks. The sign out card is on the folder in the bag.

Did You Know... The Library has many types of magazines from Christian History & Biblical Archeology to Christian Health Reader, Response and Good News. Come check out our magazines - Some are on bookcase 7, some are on the rack behind the desk.



Dear Friends,

We would just like to thank you for the gifts you have given in memory of my mom. We deeply appreciate your thoughts and friendship.

Sincerely,
Bill Small and the family of Virginia Small

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Have you heard the excitement in our Education Wing? Our weekday preschool has begun its forty-seventh year of preparing children for success. We have afternoon openings in our three year old class (must be toilet trained), and openings in Pre-K morning class. For information, please call 255-3496, ext. 23. or contact Suzanne Teringo at 974-9281.



NEW STUDY SERIES: "Walk As Jesus Walked"

Because God speaks to us through the Scriptures, studying them is a rewarding experience. Come join us in a **Bible Study Series** held Sunday mornings between services from 10:10 - 10:50 a.m. in Room 112. There is no cost for study books and you don't have to be a Bible scholar to fit in. All are welcome to attend each lesson or feel free to drop in on the class as your schedule allows.

How badly do you want to be like Jesus? Over a 10 week period (started September 8th), we will be using the "Walk as Jesus Walked" study book and DVD series written by Ray Vander Laan. As disciples of Jesus, we've discovered that following Him requires our commitment to the biblical text and a devotion to Christian community. But there is more. Come discover the fierce passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters to walk like Jesus — even when the path becomes treacherous.

Class Schedule:	Date:	Theme
	10/06	An Unlikely Disciple — Lystra
	10/13	An Unlikely Disciple — Lystra
	10/20	Why Christians Suffer: The Weight of Gethsemane — Cappadocia
	10/27	Why Christians Suffer: The Weight of Gethsemane — Cappadocia
	11/03	Don't Forget Us — Cappadocia
	11/10	Don't Forget Us — Cappadocia

THROUGH THE YEARS

Thomas Coke is one of the most significant people in the establishment of the Methodist Church in America. Born in Brecon, Wales on September 9, 1747, Coke studied at Oxford University, earning Bachelor's and Master's of Arts and a Doctor of Civil Law. He returned to his home town of Brecon and served as mayor in 1772. That same year, he became ordained in the Church of England. He served a curacy (pastorship) in the county of Somerset, England. A follower of John Wesley, Coke held cottage services and open services as promoted by Wesley. This got him in trouble with the new rector of his church and he was dismissed from his post on Easter Sunday, 1777.

John Wesley knew that his Methodist movement was short of clergy in America. Wesley asked the Bishop of London to ordain clergy for the new world but the Bishop refused. The shortage of American clergy grew worse after the American Revolution, when most of them returned to England. Wesley asked Coke to go to America and consecrate new clergy. Since only a Bishop could convey holy orders, Wesley "laid hands" on Coke and called him a Superintendent on September 2, 1784. This was a significant moment in the establishing of Methodism as a separate church from the Church of England. Coke set sail for the U.S. and ordained clergy and consecrated Francis Asbury as a Superintendent. A conference was held in Baltimore in 1784 and the Methodist church in America was constituted as an independent church. The term Superintendent was changed to Bishop in 1787.

While in the U.S., Coke made an 800 mile tour of the country. He spoke out quite strongly against slavery and wrote a letter to George Washington on the subject. Coke returned to England but made a total of eight visits to the United States. He also visited France during the cruellest days of the French Revolution and ministered to the hungriest citizens. He founded missions in Canada, the West Indies, Sierra Leone, as well as establishing churches in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. He was traveling to Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) on a mission trip when he died at sea in 1814.

Twice a widower, Coke wrote a six volume Commentary on the Bible. The Cokesbury publishing arm of the United Methodist Church is a combination of the names Coke and Asbury.

Do you have any MUM history you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to:
Mr. Don Humphrey, 7330 Holly Park Drive, Concord OH 44060-6704 or email to dhumphrey@ameritech.net.



MISSION FOCUS

Living into our mission to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship, the United Methodist Church supports **Red Bird Mission and Clinic**, a Mission Conference although other denominations also provide support. This ministry has been in place since 1921 in southeastern Kentucky near the town of Beverly. It is a beautiful area of God's creation, but the chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provides many obstacles to a full life to residents. Red Bird Mission and Clinic provides assistance in the areas listed below.

- 1) Education—A Christian K-12 School and Childhood Development Services for ages 3-4
- 2) Health and Wellness—A clinic and visits to homes of people who cannot get to the clinic
- 3) Community Outreach—Help with refurbishing homes, low-cost clothing, and furniture
- 4) Economic Opportunity—Sale of local crafter's Appalachian creations
- 5) Community Housing Improvement—Ministries to older adults, women and children

These five areas of assistance provide opportunities for the people of Red Bird Mission and Clinic to know the love God in Christ Jesus, to grow deeper in their love of God, to see staff members and volunteers show love by serving others.

Right now, there is much financial difficulty. Donations are needed of new and gently used clothing for the low-cost clothing store, school supplies, and money to provide the services needed.

MUMC United Methodist Women and Missions Commission will be hosting a free turkey dinner on Saturday, October 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Tim Crawford, Development Director for Red Bird Mission and Clinic and his wife. They will be in Ohio for just three days this fall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Red Bird and to purchase Appalachian craft items they are bringing from Kentucky. A great time for Christmas shopping! Donations to Red Bird Mission and Clinic will be accepted at that time. There will be many opportunities to see how this ministry is leading others onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Please join us and think about how you can help this United Methodist Mission Ministry.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES



FALL FESTIVAL
Thursday, October 24th
6:30 to 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Open to **EVERYONE!!**

OFFERINGS:

- **Family Sunday:** 1st Sunday of the month; 3rd through 6th grade will remain in worship; no Children's Message; 3 year olds through 2nd grade meet in Chapel then go to Ed Wing.
- **The BREAKFAST CLUB, a Young Family Study**
Sundays from 10:10-10:50 in Room 109; childcare is available in Room 102.
- **Parents Morning Out** (toddlers—4 yr. olds) Mondays, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.
- **Discoverers** (5 yr. olds-6th graders) Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.; "What's in the Bible?" curriculum; last meeting for fall is October 29.
- **Children's Choir** (K-6th grade) rehearses Sundays, 10:15-10:45 in the Chapel.
- **Cherub Choir** (3,4,5 YO) rehearses Sundays, 10:15-10:35 in Room 103
- **StuCo 56 (5th/6th grade)** meets Fridays, October 4 & 18 from 7-9 p.m.—<http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56>.
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group, invited to **MUMC's Fall Festival** on Thursday, October 24th from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM:

A current form needs to be completed for each child for 2013-2014:

Printable: <http://tinyurl.com/MUMCKidMinReg>
Electronic: <http://tinyurl.com/CFMReg13-14>

MOPS & MOMSnext:

"A Beautiful Mess: Embrace Your Story"

- "A Unique Mess": Friday, October 11th from 9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.
- MOPS: moms with children birth through kindergarten
- MOMSnext: moms with school aged children

To learn more, and/or reserve childcare:
email mops@mentorumc.org or call 255-3496, ext. 18 by October 4th.

NEWSLETTERS:

Sunday's Cool News <http://tinyurl.com/SCNOct13> and
ROOTED <http://tinyurl.com/ROOTEDOct13>.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The **NEW DAY CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, October 14th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Asbury Room.

Please feel free to bring a light snack to share. Contact Carole Ring (255-7213) or umw@mentorumc.org if you have questions. All women are welcome to join us!

RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE will have our next meeting on Tuesday, October 8th. Please join us for a workshop day, fellowship and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. in the Asbury/Wesley Rm. All women of the church are invited!



Gingerbread House Craft Fair
Friday, November 8 & Saturday, November 9
Take a look at the GB House insert to see where you can help and sign up!



AN ELEGANT
CHRISTMAS TEA & LUNCHEON
IN THE PARLOR AT NOON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

Come enjoy the lovely *Winter Woods Tea Room* at the MUMC Gingerbread House Craft Fair. Tickets are \$23 **presale only** — checks payable to Mentor UMW. Seating is limited. **Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, October 6th & 13th** for more information and to make your reservation.

Questions? Please contact Deb Lewis 440-339-5162 or Cindy Fuhrman 440-477-5436.



Enjoy a Free Turkey Dinner
as we connect with **RED BIRD MISSION!**
Saturday, October 19th
5:30—7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Please join Mentor United Methodist Women AND the Missions Commission for a delicious turkey dinner, Appalachian crafts and program featuring Tim Crawford of the Red Bird Mission.

Tim and Angela Crawford will bring Appalachian crafts for sale, join us for dinner and afterwards share about the Red Bird Mission in southeastern Kentucky.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the wonderful things happening within this United Methodist Missionary Conference!

Transportation & childcare are available upon request.
ALL are invited to attend!

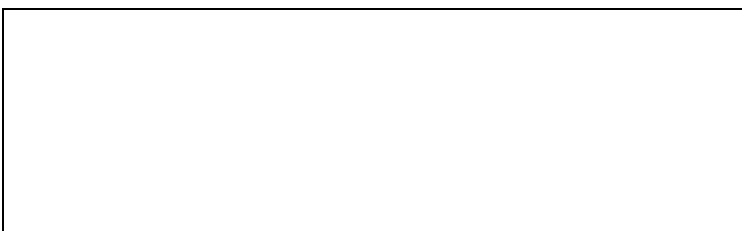
For more information, please call Paula Coleman at 975-2223 or Carole Ring, 255-7213.



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October 10th
For November Issue

WORSHIP

SANCTUARY Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.

iCONNECT Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

COMMUNION — 10:30 a.m.
(Adams Parlor)

CHILDREN

CHILDCARE — 9 & 11 a.m.

For infants—2 year old

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9 & 11 a.m.

For 3 year olds—6th grade

CHECK-IN — 3 year old—6th grade

Check in before worship in the Chapel

PICK-UP — The children are in their
Classrooms in the Education Wing

YOUTH

PULSE — 10:10 a.m. (Pettit Youth Room)

For 9th—12th grade

PULSE 78 — 10:10 a.m. (Room 112)

For 7th & 8th grade

ADULTS

BREAKFAST CLUB — 10:10 a.m. (Room 109)

For young families

ADULT BIBLE STUDY — 10:10 a.m.

(Asbury/Wesley Room)

