

STEEPLETALK

APRIL 2015



Holy Week is soon upon us. We will focus on the last week of Jesus' life and celebrate the resurrection. The season of Lent will come to a close on Easter Sunday.

To me, this is one, if not the best week of the year. I am continually moved by the message and mood that takes us from Palm Sunday to Easter, with stops at Holy Thursday and Good Friday. While the name "Holy Week" has been coined by the Church after the Bible was written, there is evidence that these significant events were packaged together and observed all the way back to the fourth century. We approach this week with sincere reverence and a desire to better grasp and respond to the power of these defining days.

On Holy Thursday, often times called, Maundy Thursday, we remember the institution of the Lord's Supper. Jesus shared the first meal with his disciples in the upper room. Later that evening Jesus was betrayed and arrested. The tradition of foot washing has also been used at times on this special night. This year we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our 7:30 p.m. service. We will hear from five of the disciples what it was like to eat dinner with Jesus. Then we will share in the Lord's Supper.

On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of Jesus, churches often hold services at noon to coincide with the time that Jesus was crucified and died. Another practice has been a service of darkness, known as a Tenebrae service with extinguishing of candles. We will gather in the sanctuary on Friday evening for a 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae service. We will leave in silence.

Occasionally people will ask that we do a combined worship service of all four services. This will happen on these two dates. It is an opportunity for us to worship together as one on these two special nights.

On Saturday we will have an Easter egg hunt. Eggs have had a long tradition for Easter. They symbolize new life; they have a shell around the body inside, just as the tomb was around Jesus' body and then cracked open; and dyed with pretty colors they represent joy, the joy we share on Easter Sunday. We are taking our egg hunt to the community by hosting a community Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park in Mentor. All are invited for food, games, a telling of the Easter story and of course, finding Easter eggs.

Typically, Easter Sunday is one of the biggest Sundays of the year in terms of church attendance. That's in large part due to the fact that everyone seeks to attend that Sunday. It is a special time, but if you want to make it especially meaningful, make it a priority to take in as much of Holy Week as you can. During these days together we will celebrate his entry into Jerusalem, observe the first Lord's Supper, be challenged by the crucifixion, and rejoice in the resurrection. It will be a special time.

— Pastor Kurt

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SANCTUARY
Rooted in Tradition, Growing in Christ





Better weather has allowed seasonal work to move forward in the areas of roofing, masonry, and exterior brick work.

Roofers have been on the job and completing their work. HVAC, electrical, and plumbing work continues. Drywall and taping is moving forward with the end in sight.

The Construction Committee continues to oversee construction and monitor escalating costs with care and caution. The hope is for the completion of the project by May 1st.

On-site parking includes:

- The NE parking lot (please allow this lot to be used by seniors, handicapped and visitors)
- NW parking lot (access to sanctuary)
- South & East parking lots (access to the south end of the Education Wing and into iConnect)

Sunday only parking

- The SW parking area can be used—subject to snow levels

Off-site Sunday parking

- The law offices on the corner of Mentor Avenue & Murray Avenue (sanctuary access)
- The Village Plaza (east one block on Mentor Ave.)
- Jimmy's Backyard Barbeque (only in the rear please)

EASTER SUNDAY PARKING: Please note that with Easter Sunday we typically have parking issues. As you are able, please consider parking at the rear of the strip mall and across Mentor Avenue at the Federated Parts Store lot. Thank you for doing what you can to open a space for another.



2015 MUMC SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH!!!

Applicants must complete and return the application and **ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** to the Church Office no later than 4 p.m. Friday, April 10th.



FINANCE UPDATE
YTD through FEBRUARY 2015

Receipts	\$132,885
Disbursements	152,508
Deficit	(\$19,623)

Electronic giving is available online at www.mentorumc.org

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Please join us at Heartland Rehab & Nursing Home on April 19th at 10:45 a.m. where we will present a brief worship service for the residents.

MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL



Free Community Dinner

Please consider joining us. Extra hands are always appreciated for set-up, starting at 4:30 through clean-up, which is usually around 7 p.m. Stop in, lend a hand, eat and visit with some of our guests so that you can share in this wonderful ministry. Our next meal will be Saturday, April 25. If you'd like more information, please contact Karen Martin at dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Lauren Ring—Iring@mentorumc.org



PRESALE FOR ANNUALS IN FLATS & POTS!!

Order forms available at the Welcome Center

Orders due by Noon on April 26th

Mother's Day Weekend

May 8—9—10 MUMC East Front Parking Lot

Friday 12 p.m.—7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.—7 p.m. & Sunday Morning

Hanging Baskets—Hanging Bags—Planters

Proceeds from the sale support the Youth Service Project (YSP) trip to Northport, Michigan

Gearing Up for Summer!



There are some great summer camps out there for youth this summer. Be sure to grab a camp newspaper brochure at the Welcome Center to see all of the options. Note that MUMC's GEM Committee provides camp scholarships for families who apply. Please contact Tammy Palermo for more details. There are also scholarships available from the Western Reserve District Office and East Ohio Conference.

Check out the camp website at <http://www.eocumc.com/camps/summercamp.html>.



Royal Family Kids invites you to attend our

**“Kids Singing for KIDS” Concert & Silent Auction
featuring
The Singing Angels & The Mentor Top 25 Show Choir**

**Saturday, April 18th
Mentor Performing Arts Center
6477 Center Street—Mentor
Doors Open at 6 p.m.**

Tickets on Sale NOW in the Church Office or at www.Ticketleap.com.
Adults (13 & up) \$15 * Children 6-12 \$8
Children under 6 free

All proceeds benefit Royal Family Kids Camp 271 & Mentoring Club 053

THROUGH THE YEARS

The Easter season sees Christians throughout the world celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There are many interesting Holy Week traditions observed around the world. In Bermuda, Good Friday is observed by flying kites shaped in a cross. The reason for the tradition goes back to a British Army teacher who used a kite to demonstrate Jesus' ascension to heaven to his Sunday school class. The kites are made from colorful tissue paper, wood, metal, and string.

Brazilians revere the macela flower, which only blooms in Lent. The flowers are brought to church on Palm Sunday to be blessed by the priest. On Good Friday, some Brazilians make straw men and hang them on the street. The straw men represent Judas and they are beaten for betraying Christ.

Christians in the Philippines start their Easter processions at dawn on Sunday. There are three, the first is made up of children dressed as angels. The second has men following an image of the resurrected Christ. Women make up the third procession and follow an image of a black veil clad Mother Mary. When all three groups arrive at the church, the black veil is removed from Mary and Easter festivities can start.

In the United Kingdom, most of us are aware of the tradition of hot cross buns. However, there is also the tradition of the simmel cake. It is a fruit cake with eleven marzipan balls on top, one for each of the apostles except Judas. Marzipan is a confection consisting mainly of sugar or honey and almond meal.

A spectacular celebration, dating back to 1622, occurs in Florence, Italy. A cart, approximately two or three stories high, is loaded with fireworks on Easter and is drawn by oxen and stops outside the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral (aka the Duomo). The cart is accompanied by drummers, flag throwers, and figures dressed in historical costumes. Around 10 a.m., a priest strikes three pieces of flint believed to be from the Holy Sepulchre to create the Holy Fire. He uses this to light coals inside the cart. The Holy Fire is presented to the Archbishop inside the cathedral during the singing of the Gloria, he uses it to light a rocket (representing the Holy Spirit) which is attached by wire to the cart. This sets off the fireworks which go on for several minutes!

Whether your Easter celebration is spectacular or very quiet and reflective, let us rejoice in the resurrection of Christ! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

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 you can email him at dhumphrey@ameritch.net.

KNOW

- **Sunday School**
 - . Babies and Toddler/2 year olds meet in the Adams Parlor
 - . 3 year olds (as of Sept.1, 2014 and toilet trained) AND 3rd Grade will meet the Education Wing — parents need to sign these children in at their classrooms
 - . Kindergarten through 6th Grade (MINUS 3rd Grade) will meet in the Chapel after check-in
 - . Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month and K-6th graders (MINUS 3rd Grade) remain in worship with their families; a special KidMin bulletin is available at check-in
 - . <http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>

GROW

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
 - . **Friday, April 17 is TBD**
 - . **Friday, May 1 is TBD**
 - . www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group
 - . **Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Veterans Park Saturday, April 4th at 10 a.m.**
 - . www.mentorumc.org/generations
- **SUMMER PROGRAM DATES**
 - . Vacation Bible School — June 22-26
 - . Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp — June 22-26
 - . Theatre Arts Camp — July 20-24 AND 27-31
 - . www.mentorumc.org/summer-programs
- **MOPS & MOMSnext Monthly Meeting**
 - . “Courage to Face Finances”
 - . Friday, April 10 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon
 - . www.mentorumc.org/mops

SHOW

- **Sunday School Leadership sign up**
 - . www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school
- **Summer Program Leadership sign up**
 - . www.mentorumc.org/children

NEWSLETTERS & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:

- . www.mentorumc.org/children

CARING

Celebration for Pastor Beth Streiff Wilterdink on her approval for ordination as an elder. Please pray for guidance for Pastor Jon Wilterdink as he continues as a provisional member. And celebration for Pastor Quincy Wheeler who was approved for provisional membership. Pastor Beth will be ordained in June and Pastor Quincy will be commissioned at that time.

NEW DAY CIRCLE: We will be screening the documentary “I Believe You: Faiths’ Response to Intimate Partner Violence” on Monday, April 13th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

This extraordinary interfaith documentary explores the stories of survivors of abuse and the response of faith groups to address their needs. The church cannot be silent about this issue, and all women are welcome to join us to help look toward a possible future all-church event. Please contact Carole Ring at 255-7213 or email her at umw@mentorumc.org.

RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE: Our next meeting is **April 14th at 9:30 a.m.** Come for a time of fellowship and refreshments. All women are welcome to join us.

MAKE PLANS FOR . . .



GENERATIONS FELLOWSHIP
Sponsored Annual Easter Egg Hunt

This year we are moving our egg hunt offsite so that more families can celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. **The egg hunt will be held at Veterans Park (5630 Hopkins Rd. in Mentor) on Saturday, April 4th at 10 a.m. — rain or shine!**

We'll have snacks, activities, including the popular egg drop competition, and lots of egg hunting fun. No need to bring eggs or a brunch dish this year as food and eggs will be provided. But we do need you to bring friends and family. We are asking church folks to RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/MUMCEggHunt> but we will be ready for a crowd!



LAKE COUNTY YMCA
49TH Annual Good Friday Breakfast
Friday, April 3rd — 7:30 a.m.
Program 8:15 a.m.-9 a.m.

All are welcome to come and reflect on the crucifixion through fellowship, live music, worship, and a hot breakfast. Cost is \$5 per person. Tables of 8 are available for \$40. You can register in person at any Lake County YMCA or through our website lakecountymca.org or call 440 946-1160. Lake County YMCA, West End is located at 37100 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby.

The Willoughby Area Ministerial Association (WAMA) will hold their annual Cross Walk following the Good Friday Breakfast. They will leave from the Y parking lot and finish at the Willoughby United Methodist Church. All are invited to join them.



Our Easter offering will be distributed as follows . . .

International: 1/3 to World Gospel Mission, Hungary

National: Flat Rock Home

Local: MUMC Pastor's Discretionary Fund



“SOCK IT” TO HUNGER — Lenten Mission Project

If you picked up a sock during our Lenten “Sock It” to Hunger Campaign, please be sure to return it — place it in the offering plate or leave in the Church Office.

DO YOU THINK GOD MIGHT BE NEEDING YOU TO LEAD A MISSION TRIP SOMEDAY?

Come and learn more about being a United Methodist Volunteer in Mission Team Leader (UMVIM). Enjoy a day of fellowship and conversation to learn about leading a mission team locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Mission Committee will pay the cost of the training. A group is forming and will be carpooling to Lorain Lighthouse UMC on **Saturday, April 18th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, lunch will be included in the day's events. Let Johanna Martin know by Sunday, April 5th if you are interested — johannamartin@sbcglobal.net.



McCurdy Ministries: The evening of Sunday, April 26th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, the McCurdy Mission Team, Missions Commission and United Methodist Women will host a free will offering dinner and informational time highlighting the McCurdy Ministries in Espanola, New Mexico.

McCurdy Ministries is thriving and striving to make an important difference in the Espanola Valley of New Mexico. McCurdy Ministries include: McCurdy Preschool, Project Carino (mental health counseling program for MCS students and families), After School Care, Camp Stars (summer camp that combines the best of VBS with STEM education), the McCurdy Charter School which is a two year old New Mexico public school educating 543 students in K-12 grades, and the MCS Breakfast and Lunch program.

Our church has had a covenant relationship with McCurdy School for many years and we will be sending our first mission team to McCurdy School in late September.

We hope you will join us for a time to learn more about this ministry and support our mission team.



SAVE THE DATE!! May 16th — STOP HUNGER NOW meal packaging event coming to MUMC. Join us and be one of the meal packaging volunteers! Watch for more information in the bulletin and upcoming newsletters.

SHN collaborates with existing development efforts in vulnerable communities to provide meals to places such as schools, orphanages, nurseries and medical clinics. Each six-serving bag packaged by volunteers includes rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix with 21 essential vitamins and minerals and has a shelf-life of two years. Find out more about SHN at www.stophungernow.org.

RETIREMENT NEWS . . .

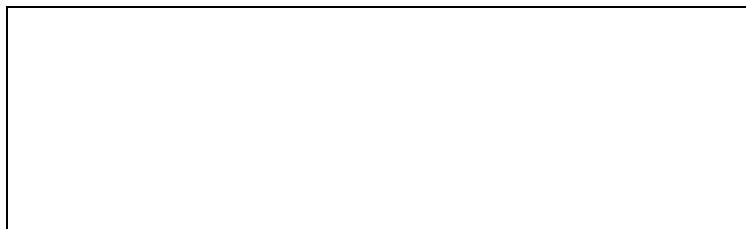


Joan Sadler, Financial Secretary, has notified the Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of her decision to retire. She has served the congregation in this capacity, and in many other areas, for 27 years. The SPPR Committee has begun the initial process of filling the position. Her retirement date has not been set, but she has indicated her wish to retire in the summer. She is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren. There will be a time set when the congregation will have the opportunity to show their appreciation to Joan and her years of faithful service.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



WORSHIP

SANCTUARY Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.

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

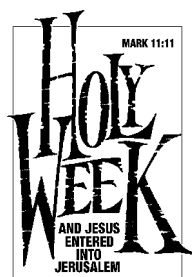
COMMUNION — 10:40 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

CHILDREN

CHILDCARE — 9 & 11 a.m.
For infants—2 year old
Adams Parlor

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9 & 11 a.m.
3 & 4 Yr. Olds check-in and remain in Room 105/107
in Education Wing; **3rd Graders** will check-in and
remain in Room 108/110 in Education Wing;
K-6th Grade (MINUS 3rd Grade) will check-in
and remain in Chapel.

Family Worship (1st Sunday of month)
3 & 4 Year Olds—Adams Parlor
K-6th Grade remain in worship



Maundy Thursday
April 2 — 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday
April 3 — 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary



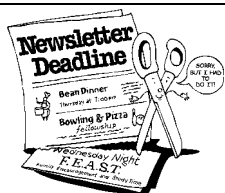
Easter Celebration
Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service
7 a.m. — Sanctuary

Worship Service
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. — Sanctuary

iConnect Service
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. — Fellowship Hall

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Infants-2 Year Olds — Adams Parlor
3 & 4 Year Olds — Room 105/107 Education Wing
K-6th Grade attend church with their families



STEEPLETALK
Deadline
For MAY Issue
April 9th