

# STEEPLETALK

News from Mentor United Methodist Church

January

2020

## From the Pastor

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of (people). At once they left their nets and followed him." Matthew 4:19 & 20*

I actually like New Year's Resolutions. Oh, I'm no better at following them than the next person. One study showed that 60% of us make a resolution – but within 30 days 25% have failed to follow through; by year's end, there is an 80% fail rate. The good news - 8% actually follow through for an entire year.

Change is never easy. We tend to resist change that is inflicted upon us. And few voluntarily choose to alter routines, replace behaviors or attitudes, sacrifice comfort and complacency. Even when the change is beneficial, there is something about our humanity that causes us to dig in our heels ...

I'm always amazed at the disciples' quick response to Jesus' invitation to "Follow Me." Undoubtedly, change unfolded. Yet the men were open to new possibilities. The Spirit must have been at work to empower them to embrace Jesus' invitation. God empowered and equipped them to follow.

Jesus still invites us to follow him. As a new year begins, perhaps we can help each other resolve to be quick in our response to Christ.

Through prayer we can listen for God's voice ...

Through worship we can offer our lives (hurts and praises) ...

Through service we can experience God alive and at work among us...

Through fellowship we can help one another know the Kingdom ....

We all can benefit from assessing our life and setting goals to address certain areas. Where's the harm in an evaluation? Self-reflection can encourage us and empower us to do the things necessary to enrich our lives. What if we resolve to help one another follow through? Lay statistics aside ... quit digging in ...

Believe the Spirit will empower and equip each of us – 100%!

We do not know what the New Year will offer us. But we do know that as we seek to follow Jesus together, we will be able to face each day with grace and power. God is faithful; God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22 & 23)

Happy New Year!

I look forward to following Jesus with you!

*Pastor Sondra*

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## Through The Years



The old Mentor Methodist sanctuary, dedicated in 1906, featured several stained glass windows. These were gifts to the church from individuals or organizations. When the old sanctuary was razed in 1987 to make way for the Chapel, these wonderful works of art were preserved. Today, most of them can still be seen around our church. I will discuss a few of them this month.

First, and most prominent, is the glass dome in the Chapel. This dome served the same purpose in the 1906 sanctuary and was a gift from the Epworth League. The Epworth League was an organization for Methodist young people. The Epworth League came about as a consolidation of other young people's groups and was founded in Cleveland in 1889. The Epworth League consisted of senior and junior branches. The Epworth League remained in existence until 1939 when the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church merged to form the Methodist Church. That merger spelled the end of the Epworth League. The new, merged church called their young peoples group the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

The Epworth League also donated a stained glass window which today sits in the Adams Parlor. It identifies itself as Chapter 8308.

The Arcade contains two stained glass windows from the old sanctuary. The first is dedicated to Martin Sawyer from Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Sawyer. Martin was a long time trustee of the church. Next to the Sawyer window is one donated by Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Cadle in memory of their daughter, Margaret Emily Cadle who passed away in 1902 at the age of thirteen.

All three of these stained glass windows, the Epworth League, Sawyer, and Cadle had been in the choir loft of the 1906 sanctuary. It is truly a blessing to have these windows still with us. We owe the church members involved in the planning for the 1988 renovation a debt of gratitude for having the foresight to preserve them.

There are other windows and decorations around the church that need to be mentioned. They will be discussed in next month's article.

Do you have any MUMC history you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to:

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## Bible Quizzing Super Bowl Sub Sale

The Bible Quizzing ministry at Mentor UMC is selling sub sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday to support their upcoming trip to the Bible Quiz National Tournament in Pittsburgh! You can get a six-inch meat combo or turkey sub for \$4 (includes cheese, lettuce and tomatoes on the side) and/or a pack of 3 chocolate chip cookies for \$1. The quizzers will be selling subs from January 12 through January 26. The subs will be delivered to you at worship services on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2. Contact Pastor Quincy with any questions regarding the sale at [qwheeler@mentorumc.org](mailto:qwheeler@mentorumc.org), and look for quizzers selling subs in the Information Hub.



## Children and Family Ministries

Register for events through the app or at [www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)  
[www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)

We made it through 2019! Remember how twenty years ago everyone was worried about Y2K? Can you even believe that WAS twenty years ago? So crazy how time keeps marching on... Did you make any resolutions?

If reading more is one of your resolutions, the next Book Club Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The book is [Queen Bees & Wanna Bees](#) by Rosalind Wiseman. I am excited to share in meaningful discussion after reading this book. Our kids are inundated with so many different things. I really believe there is a lot to share from this resource.

I was able to participate in Dale Hudson's workshop "10 Keys to Seeing Kids Follow Jesus for a Lifetime" while at the ETCH Conference in September. Hudson used the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13 to illustrate that the soil is what makes the difference. One of the important things that we need to remember is "Today's kids are not yesterday's kids."

Here is Hudson's list:

1. Know Jesus instead of just knowing about Jesus.
2. Teach the next generation to keep their eyes focused on the perfect person and the perfect purpose.
3. Teach them why we believe what we believe.
4. Ask the hard questions now.
5. Connect them with Godly adults.
6. Help them understand Jesus doesn't just want to be a part of their life. He wants to be the center of their life.
7. Make church a priority.
8. Teach them to read and apply God's Word. Help them memorize and understand God's Word.
9. Help them develop spiritual gifts.
10. Help them understand it's about serving more than being served.

This is a great list to keep in mind as you disciple your family in 2020. No matter if you are a regular attender or attend worship as it fits, Jesus wants to meet you where you are! It is never too late to start any of the things on this list. If your kids question you, you can just say that you are trying something new. You are the parent and can do just that.

As you start filling in your 2020 calendar, write in church on Sunday mornings, Youth 56 on the second and fourth Sunday evenings, and any of the other things that we are doing, be it a study or a family fun time. I want to encourage and support you as you lead your family onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. God has big plans for each and every one of us. Let's help Him make those plans a reality this year!

By HIS Grace and through HIS love,  
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## New Year's Resolution? Join a Journey Group at Mentor UMC!

Start your New Year off right by joining a Journey Group! Several of our groups have space for new members, including a Sunday night group for young families, a Friday afternoon group for women (of any age!) and a monthly Saturday hiking group (beginning when the weather warms up!). If you would like to be part of a group that uses fellowship to draw closer to Jesus and to encourage one another in our faith walk, let Pastor Quincy know at [qwheeler@mentorumc.org](mailto:qwheeler@mentorumc.org) or 440-417-8078.

### Brokerage Notification

For those who are taking advantage of the tax incentive to give through a brokerage firm, please be sure to contact the church office. The checks do not always give the name of the donor and we want to ensure your information is recorded correctly. Please contact Teresa Simons at 440-255-3496 ext. 102 or [TSimons@mentorumc.org](mailto:TSimons@mentorumc.org).



### Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are on the tables in the Arcade by the Chapel. Please feel free to pick yours up.



### Coat Ministry

Thank you for your generous donations to the Coat Ministry. We have had another successful year. The bin will be out until March. Please be sensitive that we need warm, winter, casual coats. Please do not donate dress coats or coats requiring dry cleaning. Thank you!

### Thank you from Beverly Wrobel

Dear MUMC family: Thank you! Thank you for the conversations, cards, caring, support, gifts and outpouring of love shown during my reception on December 15. I am grateful to have served as Associate Pastor these past thirteen years and thankful that we can stay connected as Steve and I continue to worship at MUMC. I will transition to my new position as Chaplain at Ohio Living Breckenridge Village on January 1. I remain blessed by the privilege of serving such an incredible church family. Love, Pastor Bev Wrobel



### Thank you from Chuck Tice

Chuck Tice would thank everyone for their visits, calls and especially prayers.

### Joseph Ministry

Do you have a small home repair project that is too small for contractors? Maybe you have a leaky faucet or a bad light switch or perhaps need a railing or a shower bar installed. We have a team of volunteers on call for your minor emergency fix-it project. The Joseph Ministry is ready to help. Contact the church office at 440-255-3496 and let them know what you need, and we may, with some exceptions, be able to help.

### Prayer Focus - January – Servant Leadership

*“God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.”*  
1 Corinthians 12: 18 - 20



Though we are many ... we are one in Christ. God has a wonderful way of bringing the people of God together to form a community. As a New Year dawns, we celebrate those who have faithfully served our church in leadership positions, and pray for those who begin new roles. There are countless people who offer their time and talents to benefit the whole! Pray for those who lead our church. Take time to pray for our committees, our Journey Group leaders, and all who provide leadership in our church. We, as a community of faith, need persons who are willing to step forward and guide. Pray that all who lead will be led by the One who calls us to follow His path.

God provides the path to life abundant and full, and sends leaders to help show us the way.

For the most current information, please see the calendar at [www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org).

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### **Cornerstone**

Provides opportunities for fun, spiritual fulfillment and service to others in an atmosphere of Christ-centered discipleship.

Coming up: Movie night (January or February); Valentine dinner (February 22);

Stan Hywet Hall tour in May (please email Larry or Jo Ann to sign up)

All Church Rummage Sale: proceeds go to fund missions and church projects (April 25)

Questions, ideas for a trip, or to sign up, email [larryhoon@yahoo.com](mailto:larryhoon@yahoo.com) or [jag5.1@icloud.com](mailto:jag5.1@icloud.com).

### **More Than a Meal**

The last Saturday of each month MUMC provides a free dinner for the community. To sign up to host one of these dinners, please contact Quincy at [qwheeler@mentorumc.org](mailto:qwheeler@mentorumc.org). This is a great outreach opportunity for your group, family, or an individual.

### **Change the World Day**

Save the Date: On Saturday, May 16, 2020, we will again be packing meals for Rise Against Hunger for our annual Change the World Day event.

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Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM

Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM

Deadline for the newsletter is the 8th of each month.