

September MUMC Bi-Centennial Moment

We have discussed Mentor United Methodist Church's history in terms of the buildings and we are now going to spend a few minutes discussing the church's many missions. This church has always been very active in reaching out to the community, whether it be local, nation, or international. The proclamations from the Board of Lake County Commissioners and the City of Mentor read at the Reunion Dinner say it very well.

Our church's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. We learn this through knowing the love of God through Jesus Christ and showing God's love by serving others.

The church is actively involved in the community by continuing aid and assistance to Lake County services such as Project Hope, the Hope Chest of Lake County and Royal Family Kids Camp. It also supplies monthly meals to the community through its' More Than a Meal program as well as its' Community Dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

The church's national focus includes providing assistance to the McCurdy Mission School in New Mexico. It also sends dozens of youth and adult volunteers each summer to impoverished areas of the country through its' Youth Service Project.

Internationally, the church supports the Camphor Mission in Liberia to improve public health, elementary and secondary education, sustainable agriculture, and provide clean water.

While these are some highlights, the church has many more ministries to those in need, some of which you may be involved in. The point is that a church bi-centennial is really a celebration of its' service to the world.

These two proclamations are on display in the glass case located in the Community Center. I hope you take a few minutes and observe them and think about our church's mission to all our neighbors.