

STEEPLE TALK

November 2014



"Let's Start with Prayer"

Back in the spring I attended a conference for large United Methodist Churches. Pastors, staff, and lay leadership came from churches across the country to be renewed and learn effective ministry strategies for large congregations. Typical of conferences, a welcome packet was provided and throughout the conference pens and supplies were passed out. The supplies have been useful, then pens clutter my desk and drawers while doing little to improve my penmanship, and most of the resources are filed away in either a folder or the round file. But a little gem dropped in my welcome bag has been renewing and helpful, a little book by John Devries called, "Why Pray? 40 days—from words to relationship."

Day 14 reads...

I have a bit of "salesman" in me, so it always hurts to read the story of the ascension in Acts 1. It hurts because, from all sales perspectives, Jesus missed a golden opportunity—the disciples were at an emotional highpoint. After the crucifixion, they had never been lower, wondering what happened to the One they believed to be the Messiah. How their spirits soared as the resurrected Jesus appeared to them for a forty-day period! During that same time Jesus proved beyond any shadow of doubt that He was living and real. All of that climaxed on the glorious day of the ascension, as His followers watched Him rise until He was hidden from their sight by a cloud. Then two angels explained that Jesus would come again, in the same way they saw Him go. What a perfect moment to send someone out! What a motivation to go into the world and tell everyone of these marvelous things!

He goes on to share that instead of going out into the world and sharing, they followed Jesus' instruction and waited for the next 10 days, "*They all joined together constantly in prayer.*" (Acts 1:14) But when the 10 days were up, the Holy Spirit came in a mighty way and then they went out and turned the world upside down.

Sometimes our approach to life and matters of ministry is to act first. But Jesus instructed us to pray first.

The prayer ministry of Mentor UMC offers prayer in a variety of ways, certainly one of these happens on Sunday mornings at 8:00. People gather in the Adams Parlor to pray. Before most of the morning activities begin, there is prayer resounding in the courts of heaven. The beauty of this prayer time is not in the elegance of prayers spoken, but in the humility of divine dependence. Worship leaders, choirs, Sunday School teachers, pastors, greeters, fellowship hour set up, ushers, etc. are covered in prayer. Prayers are offered for those who come to worship, whether first time or seasoned members. Not just for Sunday, but for the ministry that will follow throughout the coming week.

This prayer time is open to anyone that would like to come and pray for God's work to be done. And when we pray we acknowledge that "*God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.*" (Ephesians 3:20)

Just as it's important to start your personal life in prayer, join us as we start Sunday and a new week in prayer.

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Work has continued on electrical and plumbing needs. As of October 19th, heating was addressed so that some heat has been restored to limited locations. It is anticipated that the new heating units will be set in place on Friday, October 24 with connections and operation set for the following week.

Rain has continued to hamper work at other sites and slow scheduling of concrete and parking lot work. We are hopeful that the pouring of concrete and setting of underground parking lot retention basins will take place the week of October 27th.

In the coming weeks base parking materials will follow with some parking areas returned to service by early November. We continue to work toward opening phases of the remodel and new construction work as they are ready. The overall work is projected to be completed by early March. Updates will be provided as we move forward.

YOUTH MINISTRY
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Ham for the

HONEYBAKED HAM ORDERS for Christmas can be placed at the Welcome Center on Sundays, November 30th—December 14th.

Holidays

Order forms have hams, turkeys, desserts, condiments, gift certificates and more. Your holiday dinner fixing's made easy! Orders will be ready for pick up at the church Tuesday, December 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. NO WAITING in line at the store!!

Proceeds from this sale benefit Middle School Mission Week. Questions, contact Nancy Nagle at 255-1452.

Up-coming Events:

November 2: First YSP Info Meeting! 7:30 p.m. for all! Adults will not meet prior for this first meeting only.

November 9: Mission/UMW Liberian Program

November 14-16: Youth Explosion Christian Youth Conference - <http://youthexplosioncleveland.com/>

November 16: Shoe Box Collection for Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child"

NO HIGH DEFINITION due to
Youth Explosion Weekend

November 23: Youth serve during Fellowship Time after each service. Bring cookies and sign up for a time slot to help serve!

November 30: NO Credo (Confirmation Class) or High Definition for the Holiday weekend.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



Thanksgiving Dinners

DINNER DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS needed for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sign ups for dinner donations and volunteer help will be on Sundays, November 9, and 16th — Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and sign up to make a food donation for our 2014 Thanksgiving Dinner or to volunteer to help with the dinner.

HEARTLAND WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us at Heartland in a brief worship service for the residents at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 16th.

CURRENT NEEDS

HOPE CHEST ALERT!

With winter upon us Hope Chest is in dire need of blankets, gloves, hats, and coats. If you have items to donate, please put your items in the Hope Chest box which is located across from the Fellowship Hall doors.



Shoeboxes for kids

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

EVERYONE is welcome and encouraged to put together a shoebox. Again this year, Samaritans Purse will hand deliver more than 100 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 100 countries on six continents.

Pick up a shoebox and folder with directions at the Welcome Center. All filled shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 16th. \$7 per shoebox donation is asked to help cover the cost of shipping — you can donate the \$7 even if you aren't filling a shoebox (cks. to MUMC - note Shoebox).

For more information about this program and the impact it has on the children who receive the shoeboxes check out Samaritan's Purse website at www.operationchristmaschild.org.



Finance Update

FINANCE UPDATE
YTD through **SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

Receipts	\$678,420.68
Disbursements	688,360.13
Deficit	(\$9,939.45)

Electronic giving is available online at
www.mentorumc.org

GriefShare: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

*Why are the holidays tough?
Don't avoid holiday pain. Plan your holiday season.
Healing through relationships.
Christmas: A reason for hope.*

We are offering a video seminar and support group for those who are grieving. You can attend any one of three different days and times being offered:

Wednesday, November 12th, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 19th, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 25th, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
(Cost is \$5 for the workbook)

To register, please contact Rev. Beverly Wrobel at 255-3496, ext. 14 or blwrobel@mentorumc.org.



If you are interested in class on the basics of the Christian faith consider attending . . .

“The Basics” offered on five Tuesday evenings in January from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3 in the Adams Parlor. Whether you’re a member or want to become a member, these five classes focus on the Bible, Jesus, Prayer and the Church. Led by Pastor Bev Wrobel. Registration is required.

These classes are required for membership but everyone is welcome to attend. To register, please email or call Pastor Bev Wrobel at blwrobel@mentorumc.org or 440-255-3496, ext. 14.

FROM THE MISSION COMMISSION



MUMC MISSIONS & MENTOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN are hosting a night of education about Liberia and Ebola on Sunday, November 9th.

Join us for a **meal at 5:15** in Fellowship Hall - Bread, Bowls (soup) and Brownies. Our **presentation** about **Camphor Mission and Orphan Rescue and Relief** begins at **6 p.m.** and from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** we will have a **Panel Discussion** – Dr. Danny Dickriede, ER Doctor & Missionary Partner in Liberia at Camphor Mission Station; Matt Cramer, Missionary in Liberia with Orphan Rescue & Relief, Jefferson UMC; Amber Jenkins, teacher & UMVIM volunteer in Liberia Summer 2013 & 2014; Pryde Bass, Liberian working to connect farmers in Ohio with farmers in Liberia.

We are hoping to collect at least \$5500 for month salary support for the Camphor Mission Station. Donations can be made with checks to Mentor UMC with Camphor in the memo.

The evening is open to the public, please invite friends, neighbors, family and colleagues.



COAT MINISTRY UPDATE:

Last year the MUMC Winter Coat Ministry distributed 353 winter jackets and coats to those in need. This year (due to church construction), we will only be collecting **CLEAN, WINTER-WASHABLE** coats and jackets from **NOVEMBER 1 to JANUARY 1**. All sizes needed.

Please place your gently used jackets and coats in the large, wooden box near the Welcome Center table. (This box is usually used for Hope Chest.) If you wash your donation before placing it in the box, please attach a note saying it has been washed. This saves our volunteers a bunch of time. Thanks to all who have helped this MUMC ministry over the past 12 years. Carol Ryan, Coat Ministry Coordinator.

Help Wanted: Looking for someone to distribute winter coats and jackets at our Annual MUMC Thanksgiving Dinner. Time need: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Individual needs to have an outgoing personality and feel comfortable speaking with our Thanksgiving guests. If you are interested in doing this important ministry, please contact either Carol Ryan at trulyours@en.com or 974-8014, or kdickriede@mentorumc.org. Thank you!

FOOD MINISTRY FOR NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER is Thanksgiving Non-Perishable month. Please donate items to the Food Pantry that you would use in preparation of your Thanksgiving dinner. Leave your food items at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office during the week.

– Thank you! Mission Food Ministry



THROUGH THE YEARS

Pastor Quincy Wheeler joined the pastoral staff at Mentor United Methodist on July 1, 2014. Pastor Wheeler, or Quincy, is Associate Pastor of Modern Worship and Evangelism. Quincy was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1983. His father, Harley, is a United Methodist Minister currently serving in Minerva, Ohio. His mother, Mary Powell lives in Maryland. Quincy has five sisters and one brother and is the oldest child in the family.

Quincy was home schooled and moved as his dad took various assignments. He has lived in the following Ohio communities: Bucyrus, East Liverpool, Bridgeport, and Thompson. He graduated from Baldwin-Wallace University in 2006 with a major in communications and a minor in English literature.

Quincy began his pastoral vocation while at B-W as a part-time youth pastor at Thompson United Methodist Church. Following graduation, he was also youth pastor at St. Anne's Anglican Church in Madison. Quincy began his studies at Ashland Theological Seminary. In 2010, he resigned both his part-time positions and took the Associate Pastor position at the Jefferson United Methodist Church. Quincy took over the duties as Pastor of the church following the death of it's senior pastor, Rev. Meredith Coleman.

Pastor Wheeler graduated from Ashland in 2014 and was assigned to his present Mentor UMC position this summer. Quincy is hoping to be commissioned as an Elder next June at Annual Conference.

While many of us already know Quincy, let's take this time to say Welcome!

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.



The Mentor United Methodist Women invite you to join us for our

ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT SHOW

Friday, November 7th, 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 8th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come shop the wonderful array of handmade gift items by over 50+ local crafters. Attic Treasures, Bake Shoppe, Middlefield cheese, and more. Have lunch on Saturday!

The Gingerbread House Craft Show is sponsored by the Mentor United Methodist Women. All proceeds benefit the local, national, and international mission projects of the UMW.

We can still use your help!

**Take a look at the GB House insert in Sunday's bulletins
or call the Church Office, 255-3496, to volunteer.**



MUMC 22nd ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

**Thursday, November 27th
Fellowship Hall — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



Gather together with over 200 people and discover the powerful way God works when people are fed. Celebrate the holiday with us as a day of prayer, sharing and thanksgiving, with all the community. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and friends. Reach out to your neighbors who might be alone on Thanksgiving, invite the homeless, the hungry, those who are hurting or those who are unable to cook for themselves.

The meal is free of charge. No reservations are needed if you are coming to the church for dinner. For those unable to drive transportation is available and for shut-ins meals can be delivered. Those needing transportation to the meal or shut-ins needing delivery can call 255-3496 for assistance.

KNOW

- **Sunday School**
 - Babies & Toddler/2 year olds will meet in the Adams Parlor
 - 3 year olds (as of September 1, 2014 & toilet trained) through 6th grade will meet in the Chapel after check-in
 - <http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>

GROW

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
 - Fun activity **Friday, November 7** from 7-9:00 p.m. — Off-site
 - Service Project Day, **Saturday, November 22** from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group
 - Family Game Night — **Saturday, November 15** Fellowship Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring your favorite board games, and we'll have some great ones you've probably never played before. Signup to bring a side dish or dessert and we'll all chip in a few bucks for pizza.
 - For more information and to register: <http://mentorumc.org/generations>

SHOW

- **Sunday School Leadership** sign up: <http://mentorumc.org/generations>
- **MOPS & MOMSnext Monthly Meeting**
 - **Friday, November 14** from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Hannah's Home
 - MOPS "Courage to Be Well"
 - MOMSnext "Courage to Say, 'Me, Too!'"
 - <http://mentorumc.org/mops>

ADVENT CALENDARS (chocolate count-down to Christmas) are available — \$5 each. Stop[by the Welcome Center or see Tammy Palermo.

NEWSLETTERS & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:
www.mentorumc.org/children



StuCo 56 Babysitting
Saturday, November 22nd

1 p.m. — 4 p.m. at MUMC
Cost is FREE-WILL Donation

MUST sign up at

<http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56BabysittingDay>



The NEW DAY CIRCLE will meet on Monday, November 10th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Adams Parlor.

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, November 11th. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. in the Adams Parlor. All women of the church are invited!

Second



Annual

"Pretty in Pink"

Saturday, November 15th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Join us for food, fun, fellowship, entertainment & a silent auction.

Tickets are \$23 and are available at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. We are limited to 64 tickets so don't miss out.

"O PRAISE HIM"
A Night of Women's Worship

Friday, November 14th
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Renewal + Restoration + Revival
through the power of music

Come and join the worship music ensemble, "O Praise Him", for 90 minutes of uplifting music, worship and prayer for women of all ages. Open to all, whether you're church going or not, come and share in the spiritual embrace of music and love. Give yourself a special gift of freedom from the burdens of life as we raise our voices to find HOPE. Childcare and refreshments provided. For more information call Pastor Bev Wrobel at 255-3496, ext. 14 or email blwrobel@mentorumc.org.

WOMEN — Are you . . . Blessed Beyond Measure?

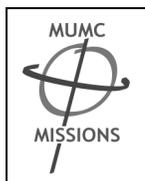
Please join us in giving thanks during November. For the past 132 years, the World Thank Offering has been a way for United Methodist Women to offer their thanks to God. Through the Word Thank Offering we respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude.

The funds collected will be used in the total program of United Methodist Women's mission, in the United States and around the world.

Pick up your *Blessed Beyond Measure* booklet at the Welcome Center and join us as we read and respond to one item in the booklet daily during November.

We hope that your participation will bless you *beyond measure!*

HOLIDAY FOOD & GIFT MINISTRIES



This holiday season show Christ's love to others through buying, sorting, or distributing food baskets and gifts to families in need. Reflecting on the people who were fed by the church last year it is a reminder that Jesus called his disciples to "feed my sheep" and to this day nothing about that calling has changed. As we move into the Thanksgiving season each of us as disciples have an opportunity to help show the love of Christ to our community through the simple act of providing food for another. There are a number of ways you can serve, please pray over connecting in one or more of the areas below.

Shopping for Food: Pick up a grocery bag and shopping list after the worship services on **November 16**, fill the bag with the listed items, and **bring back to the church by November 23rd**. This is a simple way to make showing the love of Christ part of your daily routine. Invite family to shop with you and pray over the items you buy before bringing them to church! Stop by the Welcome Center on these Sundays and see what items still need to be bought for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Grocery bags will again be available on Sunday, December 7th and should be returned by Sunday, December 14th as we gather food for the Christmas distribution.

Sorting or Preparing Food: The church prepares food boxes for anywhere between 70—100 families in the Mentor areas which means there is a great need for people to sort and assemble food boxes so that every family sent to the church gets fed. Join together on Sunday, November 23rd, 12:15 p.m.—3 p.m. to help sort donated food and assemble food boxes for individual families. On Sunday, December 14th, 12:15 p.m.—3 p.m., we will join together to sort and assemble the Christmas food boxes.

Distributing or Serving Food: What better way to show Christ's love than to warmly welcome families into the church and provide them with food that will feed adults and children this season. Come to Fellowship Hall on Monday, November 24th, 9 a.m.—12 p.m. or 6 p.m.—8 p.m. to help take boxes of food to families cars as well as be a loving presence for all that enter the church doors. The same will occur on Monday, December 15th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to help distribute food and gifts to the families. Additionally on Thursday, November 27th, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. help serve our Thanksgiving meal.

Christmas Gift Trees: In conjunction with the Food Distribution you are invited to show Christ's love by gifting the children of families listed as in need of assistance, giving to a local community organization, praying for another, or serving someone nearby you. Starting November 30th, *Praying, Caring, Sharing & Giving* Gift Trees will be located in Fellowship Hall and outside the Chapel. Consider taking an ornament from these trees that include:



A **GREEN TREE** ornament symbolizing **GIVING**. The ornament will have the name, age, gender, and interests of a child for whom you may purchase a gift. Green tag donations must be returned to MUMC by Sunday, December 15th in order to be distributed to the families on Monday, December 16th.



A **RED HEART** symbolizing **SHARING**. There will be hearts with different dollar amounts which include a gift card to give a loved one telling them the charity you have donated to in their name.



A **YELLOW ANGEL** symbolizing **PRAYING**. Each ornament will have the name of someone who needs your prayers throughout the holiday season.



A **BLUE BELL** symbolizing **CARING**. Each ornament has a suggestion for something you can do to help your friends, neighbors, church members or other people in need.



**ASBURY FELLOWSHIP
OUR FAVORITE GAME TIME!
Fellowship Hall — 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 1st**

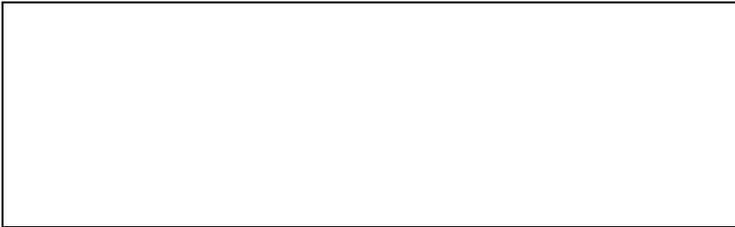
Asbury Fellowship, Youth and other church members will join together to enjoy the "Diemert Traveling Card Game". This is always a time of fun and fellowship.

A brief Asbury Fellowship meeting will be held at 2 p.m., prior to game time.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



DON'T FORGET ...

**Set your clocks back
at 2 a.m. on
Sunday, November 2nd**



In the event of possible church closings
due to weather or power outages,
please go to News Channel 5
for updates.



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 olds
Adams Parlor

Sunday School — 9 & 11 a.m.
3 year olds through 6th Grade
Chapel

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