

STEEPLETALK

AUGUST 2015



"Come and See" - Part 2 John 1:39

In our July Steepletalk I shared that John's gospel begins with the words, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) This is John's way of introducing Jesus. In verse 14 the gospel writer declares, "The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us." (John 1:14). That's the incarnation. John then immediately introduces John the Baptist as the one who testifies about the Word that became flesh, Jesus is the Word. A couple of days later John was with two of his disciples. They saw Jesus passing by. John declared, "Look, the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36) With his announcement, the two disciples followed Jesus, and Jesus turned and looked back, and spoke for the first time in the gospel, "What do you want?" (John 1:39) The disciples wanted to know where he was staying, and Jesus responded, "Come...and see..." (John 1:39) They followed Jesus, spent the day with him, and then one of the two, Andrew, went and shared the news with his brother Simon (Peter).

For centuries disciples have given the invitation to come and see what the Lord is doing. The best heralds of the Good News are those who see it in action and invite others to see what God is doing.

On August 30th we will be holding an open house to the church family, neighbors, and community to "come and see" what we have been about with all the construction. We want people to see the facilities, but more importantly, we want to display what God is doing in ministry and mission through this congregation.

Our mission is to "lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship." The goal of building enhancements has always been about our mission. To better serve our community and the work we're called to do, building enhancements will help further that call. Some examples:

- Well marked parking lots and sidewalks
- Entry points that clearly direct people into the church with visual hospitality
- A beautiful, centrally located, secure space for nursery through preschool
- Renovation of tired children's classroom space
- Revamped preschool rooms with all season heating and air conditioning
- A larger food pantry to serve the community
- A visible and accessible library
- New entrances without steps
- Rooms for classes and meetings
- Facilities for deployment into missions

Our facilities will help serve the church's mission to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. That's what this is all about.

Showing off the building might be one of the easiest ways to witness to our faith and our mission. **Join us for the Open House on Sunday, August 30th from 12:30-3:00 p.m.** And invite your neighbors, family, and friends. Not only will they discover the facilities, they will discover our ministry and mission. **In addition to the Open House, we will officially consecrate the facilities for ministry and mission during our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00.**

If you are in need of transportation, contact the Church Office and we will line up transportation.

— Pastor Kurt

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Building Update In the next week or so, final flooring will be installed, interior painting completed, and exterior work addressed. It is anticipated that with the final work completed and inspections, we should be open on Sundays by the last Sunday of July.

With the completion of work, we are nearing the time when we will roll the construction loan into a permanent loan. To date, we are approximately \$235,000 from fulfilling our pledge commitments. For every \$10,000 that comes in and we can reduce the mortgage, \$65 will be saved a month or \$780/year. If the total \$235,000 is received, that translates into \$1,528/month savings or \$18,330/year.

Fulfillment of your pledges will help tremendously in debt retirement.

Thank you for your continued support of the project through pledges and contributions.



Welcome

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee announces the hiring of Teresa Simons as Office Manager. Teresa has over twenty years of experience and consultation in office management, organizational, and computer skills. She will bring experience and skills into the managerial role that will give oversight to the church office, financial and custodial staff. She is an active member of the congregation and you see her often with her daughter, Emma. Teresa started on Monday, July 6th.



After over 2 1/2 decades of serving in the Church Office, Joan Sadler will be retiring this summer. She has been a faithful and loyal servant to the church and congregation members. For her years of service, the congregation will have an opportunity to express their gratitude during a reception.

On August 9th, following both services, there will be a reception in the Gallery. Stop by after the service of your preference and greet Joan.

If you would like to make a donation toward a gift, please mark your envelope "J. Sadler Gift" and drop in the offering plate, drop off in the church office, or mail to the church.

Thank you for your love and support for Joan.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Please join us at Heartland Rehab & Nursing Home on August 16th at 10:45 a.m. where we will present a brief worship service for the residents.

MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL



Free Community Dinner

Our next More than a Meal will be held on Saturday, August 29th. Please consider joining us. Extra hands are always appreciated for set-up, starting at 4:30 p.m. 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.



MUMC LIBRARY COMMITTEE needs your help! We are looking for people to build some bookshelves and storage cabinets for the new Library.

If you can help with this project, please contact Phyllis at 1-440-357-8890 or leave a message in the Church Office.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



UMW Annual Girl's Mission Night Out

UMW ANNUAL GIRL'S MISSION NIGHT OUT

Women!! Invite a friend! Invite your daughter! Invite your mother! Sunday, August 16th, 5-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for dinner and a program. "Turning Our Messes into Messages" with Rev. Kathy Dickriede. Hands on mission activities. No reservations needed. Ages 4—104!!



CRAFT FAIR WORKSHOPS

We are holding Gingerbread House Craft Fair Workshops! Join us any Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (you can come for the whole time or part—bring your lunch if you like). We're open to new craft ideas—bring your own or we will have something for you to do. If you have questions, call Kathy Fellows at 255-5899.

This is now the season when people start making applesauce, jams and jellies, and canning some of their harvest items. Please consider setting aside some of the "fruits" of your labor for our *Country Cupboard* tables at the Craft Fair in November.

THROUGH THE YEARS

The Gifts, Endowments, and Memorials (GEM) Committee of Mentor United Methodist Church is responsible for investing and disbursing the funds given over the years to the church. GEM was established at a Charge Conference on May 20, 1991. The idea behind the committee was to establish a proper administering of permanent funds that had been given to the church by its generous members. The committee was put under the charge of the Board of Trustees. The committee consists of at least fourteen members. Nine members are appointed by the Nominating Committee. Each of these members serve a three year term with three nominated each year. The committee also has a pastor (who has no vote), and people representing Trustees, Finance, Stewardship and Memorials.

The first Chair was Karl McEachron. He was succeeded by Terry Ellsworth who chaired for many years. Terry passed away on October 5, 2014. He was one of the founders of GEM. The current Co-Chairs are Bob Coleman and Dave Wroblewski.

The committee established four main categories of funds: Undesignated Memorials, Designated Memorials, Undesignated Endowments, and Designated Endowments.

In addition to disbursing funds over the years for many church programs, GEM worked with the Missions Commission to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. One of these projects was the sponsoring of the Meija family to move from flood ravaged New Orleans to Mentor. The committee also provides the funds for the Scholarship Committee to provide college funds for church members. These are two of the many activities GEM does in the course of its work.

From an original amount of just over \$200,000, the committee now manages assets of nearly \$3.5 million! Truly this has been a "gem" of a committee for our church.

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

Don Humphrey
7330 Holly Park Drive
Concord OH 44060-6704

Or email to: dhumphrey@ameritech.net



**CHURCH & COMMUNITY
PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd
2—6 p.m. at Garfield Park**

You are invited out for a fun after noon of games, music, food, and connecting with others. Family friendly and easy to play games starting at 2 p.m. Food will be served at 4 p.m. with the church providing hotdogs and beverages.

You are invited to bring your favorite picnic food to share as well. Live music starts at 5 p.m. This is a great way to have fun, introduce friends to people who attend Mentor UMC, and build relationships with people you have not met yet!

This is an open event, if you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact the Fellowship Team chairperson, Craig Eppler at craig@powerpurell.com.



**General Mills Boxtops & Campbell Soup
Labels needed for McCurdy Ministries Effort**

As an adult mission trip from MUMC prepares to leave on September 26th for McCurdy Ministries in Espanola, New Mexico, we want to collect as many boxtops and labels as possible to send with the Mission Team. This is a major way that McCurdy purchases items they need to minister to this impoverished area.

A basket with a red ribbon will be at the Welcome Center the next couple of months to collect these items.

Please check your food products for these the boxtops and labels.

KNOW

- **Sunday School for AUGUST**
 - Babies and Toddler/2 year olds AND 3 & 4 year olds (as of September 1 & toilet trained) meet in Early Childhood Check-In
 - Kindergarten through 5th grade meet in Rm. 112
 - 6th graders remain in worship with their families
 - Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month K-5th graders remain in worship with their families; a special KidMin bulletin is available at check-in
 - <http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>

GROW

- **Bibles, Book Bags, and Bag Tags Sunday, August 23**
 - Third Graders receive their Bibles in the Sanctuary service at 9 a.m.
 - Third Graders receive their Bibles in iConnect at 11 a.m.
 - ALL students are invited to bring their book bags for a special blessing and will receive a bag tag

If you have a third grader and haven't received any information regarding the Breakfast & Bible Presentation, please contact Tammy ASAP!

- **MOPS & MOMSnext 2015-16 KICK-OFF**
 - Veteran's Park on Friday, August 28th from 10 a.m. to noon

SHOW

- **Sunday School Leadership sign up**
 - www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school
- **6 OPENINGS FOR AUGUST**
 - 9 a.m.: K-5th Grade—1 person
 - 11 a.m.: Babies, Toddlers & 2's—1 person;
 - 3 & 4 Yr. Olds—2 people;
 - K-5th Gr.—2 people

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED in July for Theatre Arts Camp! Our Theatre Arts Camp was a success thanks to our directors and helpers.

Here's your chance to see what we accomplished!

MUMC TRUTH & LIGHT PLAYERS presents . . .



**Friday Evening, July 31st
7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday, August 1st Matinee
1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Tickets are \$5 each and available at the door.
Great family event!!!

FINANCE UPDATE

YTD through JUNE 30, 2015

Receipts	\$464,632
Disbursements	485,646
Deficit	(\$21,014)



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we have
electronic
giving

Electronic giving available online at
www.mentorumc.org



2015 East Ohio Reports

Written reports on the 2015 East Ohio Conference have been prepared by Glenn & Kay McKinney and Sally Carr, MUMC Lay Delegates.

Copies of their reports are available at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings. You can also visit the church website at mentorumc.org to read their reports.





AUGUST SMALL GROUPS . . .

Summer book discussion open to all who are interested! Enjoy a good summer read and get together to share insights and talk about the issues presented in this reading experience:

Tuesday, August 4th at 10 a.m., Chapel *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee (released July 14th).

THE BASICS: August 4—September 1, Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m. — Explore the basics of the Christian faith. An opportunity to connect with others, learn about Mentor UMC and the basics of Christian faith. **This class is required for anyone who wishes to become a member.** Led by Pastor Bev Wrobel and Steve Wrobel. Register by calling Pastor Bev at 440-255-3496, ext. 14 or email blwrobel@mentorumc.org.

GriefShare: August 5—October 28, Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. — Real help for deep hurt. If you are harboring the pain of having lost a loved one this group is for you. You are not alone. This group is designed to help you successfully travel the journey from mourning to joy. Cost for the book is \$20. Facilitator: Pastor Bev Wrobel. Register by calling her at 440-255-3496, ext. 14 or email blwrobel@mentorumc.org.

SACRED RHYTHMS — FIRST Monday of the month with the exception of beginning Monday, August 31st (because of Labor Day, Sept. 1), through March 7, 2016, 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at North Mentor Centenary UMC. Do you long for a deep, fundamental change in your life with God? Do you desire a greater intimacy with God? Do you wonder how you might truly live your life as God created you to live it? Each month we will learn about a new spiritual practice and spend the month nourishing your soul with that practice.

Another group will meet on the THIRD Monday of the month beginning September 21st through March 21, 2016, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Mentor UMC.

The book *Sacred Rhythms* is ready to be picked up in the Mentor UMC church office. The cost is \$23 and checks should be made payable to Mentor UMC, mark Sacred Rhythms in the memo area. To register for one of the small groups, email Gayle Avery at gavery@mentorumc.org or call 255-3496, ext. 25.

MISSION MINISTRY



Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution

S. O. A. P. Training
Thursday, August 13th
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

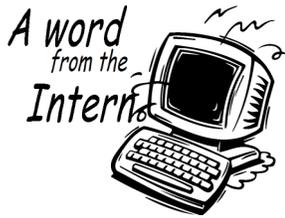
Learn more about the human sex trafficking problem in the United States, Ohio, and the Cleveland area. After completion of this training, participants will be eligible (NOT obligated) to participate in monthly hotel outreaches in the area.

To learn more about this training event, contact Lynn Kallay at lskallay@gmail.com. You can also learn more by checking out S.O.A.P. website soapcleveland@gmail.com. You can also find them on Facebook SOAP Cleveland.



ANYONE INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO LIBERIA?

UMVIM Teams are beginning to organize for a Camphor Mission trip October 3-17! Most of the team leaders can be found on Facebook, too! If you are interested in going on this trip or finding out more information, contact Bunky Jordan at bunkymail@gmail.com.



Hello Steepletalk Friends!

I have successfully completed another month here at Mentor UMC, and to my surprise, it is possible for things to get better when they seemed perfect before. This past month, I have had the opportunity to be liturgist each week, serve communion, solo hospital visits, attend and organize committee meetings, and lead a small group.

My small group is a great group of ten people that are eager to learn about the Acts of the Apostles and comparing that to the popular television show, *A.D. The Bible Continues*. Pastor Bev guided me for a week on visitations and how to effectively reach each person we interacted with. I was especially excited about this because it is such an important part of ministry, and to learn from someone like her is such a blessing. I worked with Lauren Ring for Middle School Mission Week, an incredible program that breaks down social barriers kids may have or will develop as time goes on.

Each night as the sun sets, I thank God for calling me to ministry. I have never had so much fun. I am glad that I have been able to share conversation and prayer with many of you, and on the visitations it was exciting to hear that many of you have heard of me through this. I've got another three weeks left at Mentor UMC. I cannot wait to learn more and continue to practice the things that I have been taught, but I am saddened to see it coming to an end.

This is a great community of people, and I cannot thank you enough for your loving embrace. May God continue to bless you all abundantly.

With peace and love,
Nicholas W. Gliha,
Ministry Intern MUMC



OPEN HOUSE

**JOIN US
Sunday, August 30th**

We will share a time of building consecration at the end of our worship services that day. And from 12:30 to 3:00 we will host a Community Open House.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

**Children's Choir
Directors Needed**



The Mentor United Methodist Church is looking for qualified candidates to serve as the Children's and/or Cherub Choirs Directors.

Responsibilities include weekly practices on Sunday mornings and monthly worship. These responsibilities coincide with the school year.

Interested persons should send a resume to:
Childrenchoirs@mentorumc.org

The deadline is August 21st.



**TOUCH A LIFE...
Become a Hospice of the Western
Reserve Volunteer**

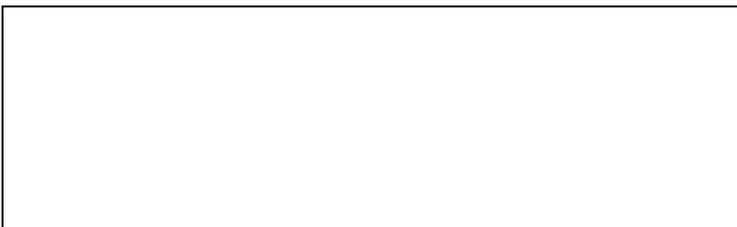
Opportunities to serve are diverse: visit patients and families to provide companionship, socialization, and comfort, help with legacy work, transportation, light housework, meal preparation, run errands, make phone calls, help with clerical work, etc. Volunteers with specialized professional qualifications and training are also needed: attorneys, licensed hair dressers, Massotherapists, pet therapy dogs and their handlers.

Teens & volunteers not having patient contact attend training only four hours while most others attend 16 hours. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call 800-707-8922 ext. 6881.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



WORSHIP

SANCTUARY Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.
iCONNECT Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
Thursday Evening — 8 p.m.

COMMUNION — 10:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

CHILDREN

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(as of Sept. 1st & toilet trained) meet in
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Family Worship (1st Sunday of month)
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<http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>



**Sermon
Podcasts**

If travel, work or illness takes you away from worship, or perhaps you need to listen again, sermons are now available on podcast. Visit the church website at www.mentorumc.org and follow the worship link and the sermon tab. Once there, you can access a message in either the Sanctuary or iConnect. If you select “subscribe”, the next available message will be automatically available to you.



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