

STEEPLETALK

JULY 2015



“Come and See” John 1:39

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.”* (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!”* (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!”* (1:39) The disciples wanted to know where he was staying, and Jesus responded, *“Come...and see...”* (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).

We are all called to be witnesses like John the Baptist and Andrew, and later Peter. We are called to point people to the work of God in Jesus Christ. It is our challenge to share with others what we have seen.

In the book of Acts, the last words of Jesus before ascending into heaven, were a call to be witnesses.

Witnessing to our faith does not always come easy, in fact, most of the time it can be awkward and difficult. But there is an easier way to do so...

Many years ago discussions began around building enhancements. Ideas and dreams were shared. Through the years the ideas met with many detours and problems, but the dream did not die. The dream was about enhancing our facilities for ministry. Eventually the dream took on a design that led toward a positive call to move forward. Financial commitments were made and the dream, though stepped into two phases, moved forward. In June of 2014 the congregation voted to build. Workers began showing up in June and we watched walls drop, parking scraped away, and entrances closed. For over a year we have watched demolition, and then the slow work of construction. Parts of the remodeled areas have opened for ministry; most of the new will be finally completed in July. All along, the purpose of the building enhancements has been to facilitate ministry and mission.

Showing off the building might be one of the easiest ways to witness to our faith. We are planning a “Come and See” event for Sunday, August 30th. We will officially consecrate the work for ministry and mission during our worship services, and then from 12:30—3:00 p.m. we will hold a community open house. Please hold this date on your calendars, and invite your neighbors, friends, and family to “Come and See.”

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

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Building Update

The flooring continues to be put in place and remains on schedule. The parking lots are newly paved and have been striped for parking. The glass

outside doors leading into the Gallery and the Conference Room doors are hung, and the air conditioning installed. The Education Wing was completed and ready for Vacation Bible School.

In the coming weeks, the support columns for the overhang outside the Gallery should be here and installed. It is planned to have the Gallery cleared and cleaned out. Painting of the trim work around the Gallery has been completed.

The opening of the rest of the construction area is projected by mid-July.

Thanks for your continued patience with construction and inconveniences. Your continued support of the project through pledges and contributions is deeply appreciated.



A special called Church Conference is scheduled for Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The purpose of the Church Conference is to authorize a campaign for our building ministry. The congregation has invested in building enhancements for ministry and mission. We will continue to invest through a three year commitment to pay for the building costs. In addition to the scope of the campaign, if the Church Conference approves, we will seek to raise additional funds for exterior signage and the possibility of some internal furnishings. **All church members are welcome to attend and vote.**

SINGLES MINISTRY

On July 2nd at 7 p.m. our **S.A.L.T.** singles ministry for those in their twenties and thirties will be having a movie night in the Adams Parlor. Then on July 4th, we'll be meeting for dinner followed by watching the fireworks at Mentor High School.

If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please call Robyn Sadler at 440-478-2803 or email her at robsad79@gmail.com.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Please join us at Heartland Rehab & Nursing Home on July 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

Our next More than a Meal will be held on Saturday, July 25th. 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

CRAFT FAIR WORKSHOPS

We are now 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.



The UMW NEW DAY CIRCLE will be collecting basic school supplies for needy Lake County children, and also men's socks, t-shirts and travel-Size deodorants to be distributed

through the Salvation Army in Painesville. Items will be collected throughout the month of July.

Please consider helping to make a difference in the life of a child or person in need. Stop by the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall or near the Chapel to pick up a reminder ornament. Your new, unwrapped donation may be left under one of the trees. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christ with those in need!

Items needed: pencils, glue sticks, medium size pink erasers, wide ruled spiral notebooks, 24 count crayons, colored pencils, markers, scissors, rulers, plastic supply boxes, wide ruled notebook paper, bottle glue, pocket folders with prongs, blue or black pens, red pens, highlighters, 1 inch 3 ring binders, dry erase markers, ruled index cards, backpacks, men's t-shirts (colored or white), men's socks, travel size deodorants.

THROUGH THE YEARS

Recently I had the privilege of interviewing Clarence L. Bowers, oldest child of Clarence H. Bowers, the pastor of our church from 1937 to 1940. It was known then as the Mentor Methodist Episcopal Church. Church membership was around 200. Rev. Bowers came to our church on September 1, 1937. At that time, September was when pastors took their new assignments. Today, July 1 is when United Methodist pastors move to new churches.

Rev. Bowers was born in 1889 in Powhatan Point, Ohio. He earned his divinity degree at Garrett Bible Institute (now Garrett-Evangelical Seminary) located on the campus of Northwestern University. His wife's name was May and they had three children, two boys and a girl. Clarence L., worked at Bailey Controls in Wickliffe for 47 years. Mary Helen was a music teacher and retired as the Supervisor of Music in the Akron School System. Paul, the youngest, is a retired Assistant Pastor of a church in Cleveland, Texas.

Before coming to Mentor, Rev. Bowers was a pastor at many other Methodist churches, including Madison and North Madison in Lake County. He served as pastor for two churches at a time for much of his career. In fact, while at Mentor, he was also pastor at Mentor Plains. The Bowers lived in the church's parsonage at 1627 (now 8627) Mentor Avenue. This address today is home to The Country Pedlar. In 1939 Rev. Bowers traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to witness the convention that merged the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South and the Methodist Protestant Churches into the Methodist Church.

Rev. Bowers had strong youth programs and would take the youth to Lakeside Institute each year. He also produced religious dramas annually at Easter.

Rev. Bowers left Mentor and moved to Lorain in 1940. He served at several other churches, including the Jefferson Methodist Church. There, his MYF group included the Haines boys, Jacque and Jim and the Anderson girls, Carol and Mary Lou. Yes, the brothers married the sisters and Mentor UMC has been enriched due to their presence.

Rev. Bowers was in the ministry for fifty-five and a half years. His last assignment came after he had "retired", when he was asked by the Conference to begin a church in Northampton Township, near Cuyahoga Falls. Today this church, Northampton United Methodist Church, is a large and flourishing church in the East Ohio Conference.

Rev. Bowers died in 1977. He served his flock well at Mentor Methodist. He is one of the many great stories regarding the pastors who have served our church so well for nearly 200 years. Next time you walk past the photos of previous Mentor pastors, please give Rev. Bowers a look and say thank you!

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.

FINANCE UPDATE

YTD through MAY 31, 2015

Receipts	\$391,911
Disbursements	410,171
Deficit	(\$18,260)



Available online at www.mentorumc.org



Summer Worship Option . . .

Thursday evening worship services began in June and will continue through August. Perhaps travel or some summer activity will have you away on Sunday morning, you can join us for our Thursday evening service in the Chapel at 8 p.m.

It's informal.
Come straight from work, the ball field, or mowing the lawn. Come as you are and join us for worship and fellowship.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES
Tammy Palermo—tpalermo@mentorumc.org

KNOW

- **Sunday School for JULY**
 - 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

- **SUMMER PROGRAM DATES**
 - Theatre Arts Camp — July 20-24 AND 27-31
 - www.mentorumc.org/summer-programs

SHOW

- **Sunday School Leadership sign up**
 - www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school
- **3 OPENINGS FOR JULY**
 - 9 a.m.: K-5th Grade—1 person
 - 11 a.m.: 3 & 4 Yr. Olds—2 people
- **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

Truth & Light Players presents "Disney's Alice in Wonderland, Jr." Friday, July 31st at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 1st at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$5 each.



Dear Mentor UMC Family,

It has been a privilege to call you our church home these past two years. Thank you for praying for us, loving us, and supporting us both in our ministry and with everything with Samuel. We are sad to leave you but excited to get to work in Hungary.

With love,
Mark, Eszti & Samuel

I want to thank all the friends of Bob Marrott for their care, their prayers and their condolences. Bob passed away on April 25th and his funeral at MUMC was just beautiful. Thank you again for everything, especially all the hugs.

Sincerely,
Carol Marrott & Family

From MUMC Preschool . . .

Thank you to Dave Kobelt for donating his time, workers, and materials to assemble and install the new playground at the preschool! Dave owns and operates Kobelt, Inc., and donated 70 bags of cement, 45 tons of pea gravel, and four days of labor to bring this fun area to life for our preschoolers. **Thanks also to Jeff Teringo, Hector Gonzalez, and Michael Albee** for help with the playground project. The children were thrilled to play outside this spring, and are very thankful to everyone who helped make it happen.

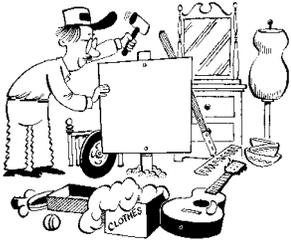
We are also very grateful to everyone who made cash donations to this project. Without your generosity our project would not have become a reality!



Hello! My name is Nicholas Wright Gliha, and I am the summer intern here at Mentor UMC. With such a bustling church community we thought it would be best for me to include an additional way for me to connect with more of you. My ministry began at age five at Lakewood UMC, and extended to my current home church Cove UMC in Lakewood at the age of ten. I have been serving, speaking, and engaging the church's issues since the age of twelve. I received what I felt was my official calling at sixteen during my high school's prayer retreat for sophomores. My calling has been quiet for many years, but now God has led me to a new church with new and exciting missions for His people. Currently I am 22 years old and a senior at Youngstown State University where I am studying Religious Studies. I have ambitions to attend a seminary following my graduation. For the summer I live with my parents, Ann and Frank Gliha. You'll surely see my mom around services throughout the summer! I have a fantastic girlfriend named Mckinsie who has been the major catalyst in me pursuing my calling to the ministry.

Mentor has been a stable image for the Christian movement. You have proven your devotion to the love of neighbors in the many welcoming arms extended to me thus far. Being a part of a church so dedicated to Christ's mission of discipleship has been an absolute blessing. I have had the chance to speak liturgy, serve communion, attend hospital visitations, speak at meetings, assist in youth camps (VBS & G.O.D. Camp) and most importantly pray with many of you. But there are many more to meet and share stories with. Thank you again for welcoming me into the church, and I look forward to continuing to be blessed by new faces. This month I will be graced with an opportunity to lead a small group where I hope to have fantastic discussions with all who feel a greater call to discipleship. I hope with all my heart you are enjoying your summer as much as I am.

With love & prayer,
Nick



Annual All-Church Rummage Sale
Sponsored by the Asbury Fellowship
With assistance from members of our congregation
Saturday, July 11th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gather up all those unused items and bring them to the church starting Monday, July 6th through Thursday, July 9th. Workers will be available at the church to help you unload. **No items will be accepted on Friday, July 10th.** If you need to have items picked up, please contact the Church Office at 255-3496.

We will accept clothing (no footwear please), furniture, small appliances, tools, books, toys, miscellaneous household and business items, etc. **No major appliances** such as dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditions, etc. Also, no televisions and tires.

The money earned from this project will be used for significant church projects. **Come and shop for the many bargains.**

We need people to help with set-up, pricing items, helping people when they drop off items, and picking up larger items (if you have a truck and can donate some time during the week — day or evening for picking up larger items we sure can use you!). We also need people who can help pick up those larger items. On the day of the sale, we need workers to help customers, check-out and help people get their purchases to their cars. We have something for everyone — work for a few hours, days, or all week. It's a great way to meet new people, too! **Sign up sheets will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or during the week. Questions? Contact Jim & Mary Lou Haines at 440-255-2287.**



“Asbury Pre-Rummage Sale Auction”
Friday, July 10th at 7 p.m.

Special rummage sale items will be set aside for those church members wishing to bid on them prior to Saturday's sale. You are welcome to stop by Fellowship Hall during the week prior to the auction to have items set aside that you would like to be included in the auction. Come join us in the fun. Our church benefits from the proceeds of the rummage sale events. We will accept cash and checks payable to “Asbury Fellowship”.



MISSION MINISTRY

General Mills Boxtops & Campbell Soup Labels need 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. Check your food products for these labels.

Bridges Out of Poverty: A One Day Educational Workshop — A comprehensive approach to understanding the dynamics that maintain poverty from the individual to the systemic level. Bridges Out of Poverty uses the lens of the economic class to provide employers, community organizations, social agencies and individuals the concrete tools and specific strategies to prevent, reduce, and alleviate poverty. Presented by Rev. Dr. Ken Price, Gaile Young and Rev. Dr. Linda Somerville.

Saturday, July 11th at North Mentor Centenary UMC, 9290 Lakeshore Blvd.: Gathering time 8:30 a.m.; Training 9 a.m.—3:30 p.m. (45 min. break for lunch). To register and find out more about the training, please go to mentorumc.org and click on Bridges Out of Poverty link, or you can contact Kathy Dickriede at kdickriede@mentorumc or Gayle at 440-255-3496. Registration deadline is July 1st. Cost for the program is \$25 and includes textbook, materials and lunch.



JULY SMALL GROUPS . . .

Covenant – Tuesdays, June 30 - August 11 – 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Hope Ridge

Covenant is an opportunity to read and discuss the bible together. Learn how to love God and each other by exploring, living, and trusting God's promises. Led by Sue Nahumck.

The Letters of Paul

Sundays, July 5 - August 30 – 10:45 a.m. in the Gingrich home

Discover Paul's letters which are among some of the earliest documents of Christian faith ever written! These letters provide insights into the beliefs and controversies of early Christians and are foundational texts claiming who God is and how we live out our faith. Each session is a conversational approach and unpacking of these letters. Led by Matt Gingrich.

Purpose Driven Life “Life Together”

Sundays, July 5 - August 30 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Strang home

Beginning Life Together, Connecting with God's Family, Growing to Be Like Christ, Developing Your Shape to Serve Others, Sharing Your Life's Mission Every Day, and Surrendering Your Life for God's Pleasure. Grow deeper with God and others through these six small group study sessions. Each session includes a theme-introducing video (3-4 minutes long), a 10 to 15 minute long teaching segment, small group conversation, and time to get to know others. Mark and Debra Strang will be leading these sessions.

GUYS Grades 8-12!! Wiffleball Wednesdays at Wildwood

July 8 - August 13 – 10 a.m. - Noon at Wildwood Park, Little Mountain Road

Meet Pastor Quincy Wheeler for wiffleball, football, frisbee, as well as diving into the Bible.

Local Bands: Thursdays, July 9 - August 30

8 p.m. - 10 p.m., Toth's Place, 6966 Heisley Road

Enjoy music from local bands as well as meeting other people from the area. This is a casual and fun way to connect with others while enjoying local musicians.

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

Thursday, July 9th at 1 p.m., Chapel

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

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

Diving into “A.D.”: Tuesdays, July 14 - August 4

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Curious how the early disciples spread the mission of Jesus? Curious how your faith relates to theirs? Join Nick Gliha, our summer intern, as he explore the themes of doubt, transformation, resilience and redemption in a four week study on the Book of Acts using the popular NBC series *A.D. The Bible Continues* to go deeper into scripture and its truths. To register email Gayle at gavery@mentorumc.org or call 440-255-3496, ext. 25.



LOOKING AHEAD . . .

CHURCH & COMMUNITY PICNIC

Sunday, August 2, 2-6 p.m. at Garfield Park

You are invited out for a fun afternoon 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, craig@powerpurellc.com.

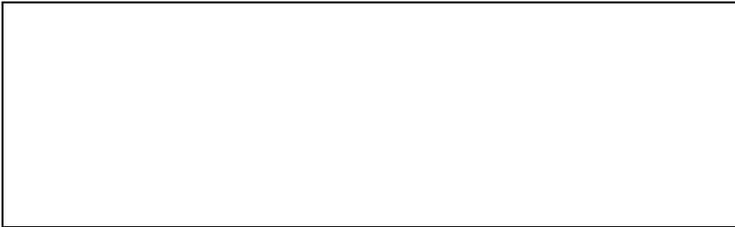
THE BASICS: August 4—September 1, Tuesdays 7-8:30 p.m. — Explore the basics of the Christian faith. An opportunity to connect with others, learn about Mentor UMC and the basics of Christian faith. This class is required for anyone who wishes to become a member. This class is led by Rev. Bev Wrobel and Steve Wrobel.

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: Rev. Bev Wrobel. Register by calling her at 440-255-3496, ext. 14 or email blwrobel@mentorumc.org.

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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

Babies & Toddler/2 Yr. Olds AND 3 & 4 Yr. Olds
(as of Sept. 1st & toilet trained) meet in
Early Childhood Check-In

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9 & 11 a.m.
Kindergarten thru 5th Grade meet in Room 112
6th Graders worship with their families

Family Worship (1st Sunday of month)
Kindergarten through 6th Grade
worship with their families

<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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