

# STEEPLETALK

APRIL 2016



## "Acts 29"

During the weeks of Lent we looked at the call of Jesus to follow him. The call was simple and to the point, "Come, follow me." We noted that Jesus called for followers, not fans. The contrast between being a fan and a follower comes down to commitment and surrender. Fans get on the bandwagon with zeal, but are easily turned back when they face obstacles or other interests. Fans can be fickle. But followers don't look back, they move forward.

Jesus gave the call to follow, and the early disciples heard and responded. The book that follows the gospels is referred to as "The Book of the Acts of the Apostles." In the first chapter the followers were told they would be "witnesses." (Acts 1:8) In the second chapter, after the coming of the Holy Spirit and the addition of 3,000; they were said to be "devoted." (Acts 2:42) Then in an explosive movement the early followers of Jesus went out and turned the world upside down. The verbs found in the book of Acts show the activity of the early church: going, speaking, serving, teaching, traveling, etc. The early Church, through the ministry of Jesus' followers, was changing the world. Transformed followers were transforming the world.

The book of Acts has 28 chapters. It has been suggested that the book does not have an ending, for chapter 29 has been written by followers of Jesus through the centuries. Without an ending, the 29th chapter is still being written.

I read a list of the 100 historical figures that had the greatest influence on changing the world. The list contains political leaders, musicians, scientists, artists, religious leaders and more. Many were persons of the Christian faith. It is a testimony to the impact Christians have made throughout the past 2,000 years.

Mentor UMC is part of Acts 29 as we continue the work and witness of Jesus Christ in the world today. Followers are invested in changing the world. We are invested 365 days a year. However, one day has been marked to change the world in our community. The date is Saturday, May 14th. We're taking part in "Change the World Day." We have all sorts of plans and activities for the day. Whatever fits your schedule, interests and limitations; we are offering opportunities to change our world.

On an average Sunday, we have 581 persons participating in worship. Church really begins when the people leave the building. So we're aiming to have 581 participants on Change the World Day. 581 persons in worship attendance means we're in the top 6% of protestant churches in America. Imagine the impact we can have, and should make, as we go out and change the world.

Put May 14th on your calendars, sign up on the website at [www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org) or at the Sign-Up Center located in the Atrium outside Fellowship Hall, and let's write more of Acts 29.

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## PRAYER NEEDS?



Nancy Landerholm will be in the Chapel between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, April 13th & 20th.

The purpose of this time is to pray for the church as well as individual needs. If you desire to pray with someone or you are going through a battle of some kind and need someone to "fight" the battle in prayer with you, COME! You are welcome to stay any length of time. Additional future dates will be scheduled and announced in the bulletin



### 2016 MUMC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must complete and return The application and **ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** to the Church Office no

later than 4 p.m. Friday, April 1st.

## FINANCE NEWS



### FINANCE UPDATE YTD through FEBRUARY 2016

Receipts	\$160,063
Disbursements	161,154
Deficit	(\$1,091)

Electronic giving is available online at [www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)



"Remembering the Church as you plan for your estate"

**Your Legacy  
Family, Church, Charity**

It doesn't matter if you're a Midwestern farmer, Pacific coast fisherman or a Southern belle. If there are people or causes you care about, we can help you uncover ways to enrich their futures and unleash your generosity. Join us for a one-hour presentation. We'll discuss ways to develop a strategy to help ensure your legacy lives on.

**Monday, April 11 — 6:30 p.m.  
Asbury & Wesley Rooms  
Dinner will be served**

This event is sponsored by the **GEM (Gifts, Endowments & Memorials) Committee of Mentor United Methodist Church**. The program will be presented by Thrivent Financial representative Karen L. Suttman, FIC, RICP, CLTC.

If you have questions, you can contact Pastor Kurt Landerholm at 255-3496, ext. 13 or email him at [klanderholm@mentorumc.org](mailto:klanderholm@mentorumc.org).

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

Reservations can also be made by calling the Church Office at 255-3496. Reservation deadline is April 4th.

(No products will be sold at this event.)

### FAMILY SUPPORT MINISTRY:

**LEAF Ministry—Listening, Encouraging and Assisting Families**

**Do you have or know of someone who has a family member incarcerated?** For many this is a very difficult time causing feelings of isolation, shame, guilt, anger, and overwhelming sense of being alone. The LEAF Ministry has been formed to be a support to these families.

Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome to participate irrespective of faith affiliation.

In Lake County, the LEAF meetings are held at St. Noel's Catholic Church (on Chardon Road in Willoughby Hills) on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. — next meeting April 18th. No preregistration is necessary. Visit [www.leafministry.org](http://www.leafministry.org) for additional information on this ministry.

### SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

### HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Consider joining us for a brief service at Heartland on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We begin at 10:45 a.m. and are finished approximately 20 minutes later. It's a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with the Heartland residents.

If you have any contact Rich & Humphrey at 440 255-6794



Free Community Dinner

questions, please contact Katie Elwell at 440 354-3833 or Don & Pat 440 354-3833.

**Why not join us for our next service on Sunday, April 17th.** We need you and would love to see you there!

### MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL

## THROUGH THE YEARS

This month we will begin a series of articles on the history of Mentor United Methodist Church. These articles will lead us into the church's bi-centennial in 2018. The history of this congregation begins with the Reverend Ira Eddy. Rev. Eddy was born on March 3, 1796 in Sherburne Center, Rutland County, Vermont. He was the son of Nathan and Rebecca Eddy. He was licensed to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1815. He was admitted, on trial, to the Ohio Conference in 1817. Rev. Eddy was ordained a Deacon in 1819 and an Elder in 1821.

The term "circuit rider" was never used by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The official term was "traveling" clergy. A pastor could not serve a single appointment for more than two consecutive years.

Rev. Eddy was a traveling pastor in the Grand River Circuit and had 43 appointments. In 1818 he established a class in Mentor for worship, this was the foundation of our congregation. His original class consisted of four couples. These founding fathers and mothers were: Noah Nowland and his wife (her first name unknown), Garrit and Lucy Brass, David and Phebe Wilson and Joseph and Huldah Jewett. Rev. Eddy would preach to this group for 21 days and then move on to the next location in his circuit.

Rev. Eddy was followed in 1820 by Rev. Phillip Green. Each succeeding year brought new ministers, sometimes two different ministers came to Mentor in a single year. This continued for several years with Rev. Ira Eddy returning to preach in Mentor in 1846. By this time the Mentor congregation was sharing a building with the Baptists at the southwest corner of Mentor Avenue and Center Street.

Rev. Eddy passed away on November 1, 1874. He died in Cortland, Ohio and is buried in Edinburg Cemetery in Edinburg (Portage County), Ohio.

The Mentor church belonged to various conferences as the Methodist Episcopal movement grew. They were originally in the Ohio Conference, later the Pittsburgh Conference and then the Erie Conference. Finally, the East Ohio Conference was organized in 1876. During the circuit rider era, Mentor was in the Grand River, Willoughby and Painesville circuits. The Mentor circuit was established in 1851.

As you can see, Mentor United Methodist Church grew from humble roots. We all owe a great debt to those original families and the pastors who inspired them.

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

Mr. Don Humphrey  
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Or you can email him at [dhumphrey@ameritech.net](mailto:dhumphrey@ameritech.net).



### **STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT**

The Interiors Committee has taken on the challenge of restoring two stained glass windows from the old sanctuary. These windows have been in storage and were removed during the recent construction project. They will need to be completely disassembled, cleaned and re-leaded. The hope is that one of the windows can be placed in a "light-box" and placed in the gallery between the two doors leading toward the Education Wing. The second window would be added to the middle window of the Chapel. The estimated cost per window is around \$5000. The cost of restoration will come only from special donations.

The plan has been presented to the Board of Trustees, the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council; each affirming the project.

If you would like to help support the project, please mark your gift "Stained Glass Window Project" and place it in the offering plate or send to the Church Office.

### **MEN'S BASEBALL LEAGUE**

## SERVANT PORTUNITIES



**Change the  
World Day**

### DID YOU KNOW . . . CHANGE THE WORLD DAY IS MAY 14<sup>th</sup>

As you have probably seen in the bulletin and around the church, MUMC is hosting a day of serving our local community on Change the World Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

We have MANY events taking place throughout the day and we need YOU to help make it a success!! **Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have event participation sign ups available both at the Sign-Up Center (Atrium outside Fellowship Hall), as well as sign-ups online at SignUp Genius.** Links to the online sign-ups will be made live very soon, so please watch the weekly bulletin. **We have a goal of at least 581 participants for that day, so let's do this!** Bring friends, family, people you just met, young and young at heart.

**There are LOTS of events to choose from** including a Prayer Walk, a 5k, Blessing of the Bicycles, gardening, greeting card ministry, street clean ups, small fix-it projects in homes, clothing drive, a bake sale, and much more! Plus, there will be a Missions Festival at the church later that afternoon featuring local organizations and the iConnect band. Stay tuned for more details, and start signing up for event participation TODAY!

If you have any questions about this, please contact Lara Proegler at [lproegler@hotmail.com](mailto:lproegler@hotmail.com) or call/text 440-487-7607.

### FORBES HOUSE . . .

Forbes House welcomed a new Volunteer Coordinator, Katy Farrell, in February. With this change comes new opportunities for volunteering. Our volunteers are integral to our success and help us with regular and short-term projects at the shelter and elsewhere. If you are interested in joining this dedicated group of individuals, please fill out the Volunteer Application on the Forbes House website or email Katy Farrell at [kfarrell@forbeshouse.org](mailto:kfarrell@forbeshouse.org).

#### Below are a few new volunteer opportunities:

- . Unmasking the Unspoken Reverse Raffle
- . Donations Coordination
- . Community Education/Outreach
- . Fundraising

Visit our website for more information [about volunteering with Forbes House!](#)

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### CLASS OFFERING:

#### **Wonderstruck: Awaken to the Nearness of God**

Recognize the presence of God in the midst of your routine, and discover peace in knowing you're wildly loved. Led by Carole Ring, **Tuesdays, from 9:30-11:00am, March 29 - May 10 at Mentor UMC.** To register for this class, **email** [gavery@mentorumc.org](mailto:gavery@mentorumc.org).

### SUNDAY EVENING SMALL GROUP

Leaders Kurt & Nancy Landerholm

**In All the Places to Go . . . How Will You Know?** Is a six week study by John Ortberg. Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to "stay." God opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it - into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the lives we will lead the people we will become. In fact, to fail to embrace the open door is to miss the work God has made for us to do.

**Dates:** April 10, 24



**Annual All-Church Rummage Sale**  
**Sponsored by the Asbury Fellowship**  
**With assistance from members of our congregation**  
**Saturday, April 30th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Gather up all those unused items and bring them to the church starting Monday, April 25th through Thursday, April 28th. Workers will be available at the church to help you unload. **No items will be accepted on Friday, April 29th.** 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 conditioners, 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 Sign-Up Center (Atrium outside Fellowship Hall) on Sunday mornings or during the week.** Questions? Contact Jim & Mary Lou Haines at 440-255-2287. **IT'S ONLY A SUCCESS IF WE ALL PITCH IN!**



**Pre-Rummage Sale Auction**  
**Friday, April 29th 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 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

**CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Tammy Palermo, Director  
 tpalermo@mentorumc.org

**KNOW**

- Sunday School
  - . Children 0-4 yrs.—Early Childhood area
  - . K-2nd Grade—Room 107
  - . 3rd grade sign in at Room 103 at 9 a.m.
  - . 4th-6th grade sign in at Room 104 at 9 a.m.
  - . 3rd-6th grade sign in at Room 104 at 11 a.m.
  - . Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month and K-6th graders remain in worship with their families

**GROW**

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
  - . Sunday April 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at MUMC
  - . Sunday, April 24, 5-7 p.m., Busy Bees Pottery & Art Studio, 7537 Mentor Ave., #17, Mentor
  - . [www.mentorumc.org/stucco-56](http://www.mentorumc.org/stucco-56) for detail & RSVP
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group
  - . April 9 from 3-5 p.m. at SCORES Fun Center for bowling; cost is \$6 per person and includes shoe rental (please bring exact amount.) RSVP by April 6.

Children & Family Ministries Continued . . .

• **MOPS & MOMSnext**

- . Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 8 from 9:30 a.m. to noon, "Gardening Emergencies"
- . Friday, April 22 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; MOPS Playgroup & MOMSnext discussion "Sex & Marriage"
- . [www.mentorumc.org/mops](http://www.mentorumc.org/mops)

**SHOW**

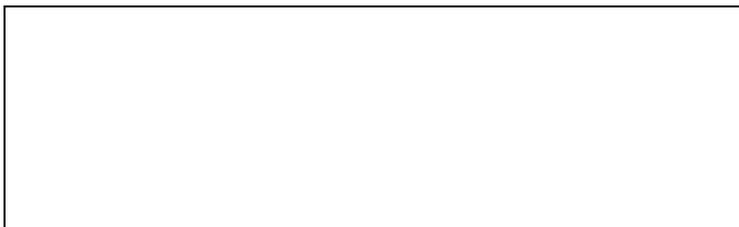
- **Sunday School Servant** sign up for SUMMER months (one month commitment)
  - . [www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)
- **Vacation Bible School Servant** sign up
  - . [www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)
- **Children's Choir** (1-6 grade) rehearses 10:15-10:45 in Room 112 on Sunday mornings  
**Cherub Choir** (3 yr. olds-K) rehearses 10:15-10:35 in Room 104 on Sunday mornings
- **Heifer Project**—NOISY OFFERING on May 1st.

**NEWSLETTER & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:**

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8600 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor OH 44060

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**



**SANCTUARY** Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.  
**iCONNECT** Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.  
(Fellowship Hall)

**COMMUNION**

10:15 a.m.  
Join us in the Chapel  
(Except for the 1st Sunday of the month)

**CHILDCARE**

9 & 11 a.m.  
Babies & Toddler/2 Yr. Olds  
(as of September 1st 2015 & toilet trained)  
Early Childhood Check-In

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9 & 11 a.m.  
K—2nd Grade — Room 105  
3rd Grade — Room 103;  
4th—6th Grade — Room 104

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

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



**PRESALE FOR ANNUALS  
IN FLATS & POTS!!**

Order forms available at the  
**Sign-In Center in the Atrium**

**Outside Fellowship Hall**

**Orders due by Noon on April 24th**

**Mother's Day Weekend**

**May 6—7—8**

**MUMC East Front Parking Lot**

**Friday 12 p.m.—7 p.m.**

**Saturday 9 a.m.—7 p.m. & Sunday Morning**

**Hanging Baskets—Hanging Bags—Planters**



**STEEPLETALK**  
Proceeds from the sale sup-  
port the  
**Deadline**  
**For MAY Issue**  
2016 Youth Service Project  
**April 11th**