

STEEPLETALK

MAY 2016



After presenting examples of Biblical characters who exemplified faith, the writer to the Hebrews declared, *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...”* (Hebrews 12:1-2a) These words remind us that who we are today is in part

due to those who went before us. It also calls us to look ahead, keeping our eyes on Jesus.

Corrie Ten Boom once wrote, “Memories are the key, not to the past, but to the future.” We celebrate and learn from our past, but we are always moving into the future.

Mentor UMC is very fortunate to have an active History Committee. They are actively planning for the congregation’s 200th anniversary in 2018. Don Humphrey gives leadership to the committee as the chair. Recently he was recognized as Local Church Historian of the Year for the East Ohio Conference. That’s a pretty impressive recognition out of a pool of about 700 congregations.

Here are some of the things that were said about Don in the nomination for this

“He (Don) is always looking for ways to lift up the church’s history and keep it in the forefront of the congregation. His understanding of the significance of history extends beyond the local church district, conference, denomination and church history. One of the significant marks of his leadership is a monthly historical article, “Through the Years.” Since 2003 he has used this article to share history unique to the congregation and beyond. Often times his article aligns with a season of the year.”

“Mr. Humphrey is not one to only celebrate the past. While he serves the church’s ministry of memory, he is living in the present. He also understands how we can learn from our past as we move into our future,

award:

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First, we want to say, “Congratulations Don!” This is a wonderful tribute that is certainly well deserved. Second, we also want to thank you for helping us celebrate the past while we lean into the future. The book of Hebrews reminds us, there’s still a

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FINANCE NEWS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



YTD through MARCH 2016

Receipts	\$241,387.
Disbursements	236,125.
Surplus	5,262.

Electronic giving is available online at
www.mentorumc.org

Spring Bereavement Series

A support group for those working through the process of grief. DeJohn Funeral Homes & Crematory, 28890 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, is offering a six-week session for those working through their grief. This will be a series of six Monday evenings, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and June 6 and 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. For information or to register, contact Alana or Stephanie at 440-516-

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS: The UMW will be offering items for sale Sunday, May 1st & May 8th

We have scrubbies, knit cotton dish cloths, potato bags (for baking) AND our specialty (whether or not you're a mom!), caramelized corn puffs. **You can find us at a table in the Sign-Up Center (Atrium outside Fellowship Hall doors).** All money raised is for UMW Missions.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR WORKSHOPS

We have started up the 2016 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. No experience necessary.

NEW DAY CIRCLE

Experience the joy of serving at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank by helping with food repacking Monday, May 9th from 10 a.m. to noon. **ALL are invited to join in this special event!** You **MUST** register online in advance in order to attend, and space is limited and is filled on a first come, first served basis.

Register at https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0136&console_type=event

Please make sure that you register for the May 9th "Monday—Repacking" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. if you wish to join us. Follow the online instructions to set up a volunteer account that you may use in the future if you volunteer there again.

We will meet in the Gallery at 9:20 a.m. to carpool and will return by 12:30.

If you have questions or need assistance getting registered, please contact Carole Ring at 255-7213 or umw@mentorumc.org. Sponsored by the New Day Circle. All are welcome to join us!

RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE

Join us Tuesday, May 10, as Paula Langdon shares her experiences as part of a recent medical mission team to Guatemala. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the Gallery, and the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Ruth-Esther Circle. **Open to ALL! Please join us!**

ASBURY FELLOWSHIP sponsored

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Spring*
*Dinner

Pine Ridge Country Club — May 21st

Come and join the Asbury Fellowship group for their Annual Spring Dinner & Program at

THROUGH THE YEARS

March 31, 2016 marked the two hundredth anniversary of the death of Francis Asbury, the first Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. Rev. Asbury was born in 1745 in the small English town of Sandwell near Birmingham. Asbury had a great appetite for learning and reading and accepted Christ at age 13 through the influence of a traveling Baptist showmaker. There is no record, ironically, of him ever being baptized. Due to a lack of resources, Asbury was unable to go to a university and was apprenticed to a metalworker. While still an apprentice, making buckles and nails, he became a local pastor in the Wesleyan Connection. Asbury would get up at four a.m. each morning to work in the forge and then walk four or five miles to Methodist meetings which kept him out until midnight.

When his six and a half year apprenticeship was over, he became one of 104 itinerant preachers of the Methodist Connection across Great Britain and Ireland. In 1771, Rev. Asbury heard the call from John Wesley to go to America and bring God to the people. He arrived later that year and preached his first sermon in historic St. George's Church in Philadelphia, the first of over 16,500 sermons he gave. When the American Revolution broke out, most Methodist Episcopal preachers returned to England. Rev. Asbury stayed in America and hid out in Delaware as some considered him a Tory sympathizer.

Following the revolution, Asbury returned to his role as a Methodist pastor and embraced the new nation and the need for the church in it. He was elected General Superintendent (or Bishop) of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1784.

Rev. Asbury traveled over 265,000 miles on horseback up and down the eastern seaboard and into wilderness areas spreading the faith and welcoming new members of the church. Indeed, membership under his guidance grew from 1,160 members and 10 preachers in 1773 to 214,235 members and almost 700 preachers in 1816. Rev. Asbury's tireless traveling, (he never married) earned him the title "Prophet of the Long Road." He became the second most recognizable man in the country, with George Washington being number one. His biographer, John Wiggins, called him a true "American Saint."

Francis Asbury died on March 31, 1816 at the age of 70. He is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Baltimore, Maryland. A statue of him stands in Washington, D.C., dedicated by Calvin Coolidge. Many cities, hospitals, and schools bear his name. As Methodists, we owe him an incalculable debt.

Thank you to Pastor Landerholm for alerting me to the anniversary of his death.

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

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Or you can email him at dhumphrey@ameritech.net.



INTERIORS COMMITTEE

STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT

The Interiors Committee has taken on the challenge of restoring two stained glass windows from the old sanctuary which stood where our chapel is now. These windows have been in storage and were removed during the recent construction project. They 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. These windows are of historical significance to our church.**



To date, we have raised \$377.00 towards our goal. **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.**

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL: This year's Heifer project is under way. Our goal is to earn enough money to buy 12 goats (\$1200). Parents, please have your children turn in their loose change and money earned each week. Remember the girls and boys are competing to see who can buy more goats! If we reach our goal, Tammy will kiss a goat! **The congregation can help out too!** You can help us reach our goal by donating online. You can find our online giving page on the Children's Ministry page by clicking on Heifer Project 2016, or by going to www.mentorumc.org/heifer-project. **You can also help by contributing to our NOISY OFFERING on May 1st.**

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENTS

Thursday, May 5th

7:15-9:00 a.m., Prayer Breakfast (FREE)

Central Branch of the YMCA—featuring Dr. Daniel Henderson from Strategic Renewal as Keynote Speaker.
RSVP to Pastor Jeff Sivyer at jsivyer01@gmail.com

11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Prayer on the Square

Veterans Memorial Park downtown Painesville—At noon we will be praying specifically for our local leaders.

6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m., National Day of Prayer Rally

Veterans Memorial Park downtown Painesville—Worship and prayer with Dr. Daniel Henderson.

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. **Why not join us for our next service on Sunday, May 15th.** We need you and would love to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Rich & Katie Elwell at 440 255-6794 or Don & Pat Humphrey at 440 354-3833.

MISSIONS MAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION: School will soon be out for the summer "Yah!" UNLESS you live in a low income family. Summer means you have 10 more meals per week, per child to provide with your grocery budget already stretched thin. (There is no more free breakfast and free lunch from school.)

Please help us to make sure these children have enough food over the summer. **We will be doing an end of school food distribution, Monday, May 23rd.** Some of our needs are peanut butter, jelly, crackers, breakfast foods & cereal, canned fruit, Spaghetti O's, mac & cheese — things that kids can easily prepare themselves for a healthy meal or snack.

We will be passing out grocery bags with a list of items needed on Sunday, May 15th for you to return on Sunday, May 22nd. Sorting will be done Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us in preparation for this distribution. **We also will need your help on Monday, May 23rd at 9 a.m. to complete boxing the food. Distribution to families will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Any time you can contribute to help with sorting, preparation, or distribution will greatly appreciated. Thank you for sharing your blessings!

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER—May 22nd: Please join Gabe Gainar and family as they host a spaghetti dinner to support Gabe and his mom Victoria's mission trip to Liberia! They will be traveling with a group from Andover UMC in July. They will be participating in mission work to build a playground at Camphor Mission. Gabe will also be completing his Eagle Scout project to build four benches at a soccer field in Liberia. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10/adults and \$5/4 & up. Family max is \$25. Tickets are available at the Sign-Up Center outside Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings in May. You can also contact the family at 440-796-4879 for tickets. If you cannot make this event but would like to make a donation, please send them to Andover UMC, 181 South Main Street, Andover OH 44003—memo Africa Gainar. We would also like to have a silent auction that evening. If you are interested in donating auction items, please leave them at the Sign-Up Center or church office with a note identifying what it is for. The Gainar family appreciates all contributions and hopes to see you at the dinner!

MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL



Free Community Dinner

Our next meal is May 28th at 5:30 p.m. We are looking for additional families or groups to host several open months

SPR ANNOUNCEMENT



On Sunday, March 13th, it was announced that effective July 1st Pastor Jon Wilterdink will be taking family leave and Pastor Kathy Dickriede will end her service at Mentor UMC. Both pastors came to their decisions through prayer and discernment.

Pastor Jon shares that with conversation about this with our District Superintendent Rev. Sondra Snode, Pastor Kurt Landerholm, and family he has felt God's peace on the decision. He will continue to live in the Mentor area while Beth remains at Hope Ridge UMC, his path will continue to cross our paths. He will be seeking new employment after July 1st.

Jon shares, "I want to affirm the ministry of this church, its pastors, and the many amazing lay people who make ministry possible. It has been a blessing to serve so many people across the Methodist churches of Lake County. I have had the honor of journeying with you all through difficult transitions as well as building impactful small group and outreach opportunities."

Pastor Kathy shares that she has been on staff at Mentor UMC since August 1, 1998 when she came as a layperson working in youth ministry. The congregation has been hugely supportive in times of transition from lay to ordained deacon and from full time youth pastor to part-time pastor of missions.

She shares, "As someone who lives thirty-two miles from the congregation and community of Mentor, I am ready to live locally and turn the responsibilities over to someone better positioned to be engaged in the strong ministries of the church. As I travel from Summit County through Cuyahoga County into Lake County, I realize that I am not "all in" to the ministries that are growing as a result of faithful servants at Mentor UMC. I have been blessed by my involvement with the UMW, Women's Retreats, District events, youth and now young adults, weddings, leading in worship, and being a part of an amazing staff at Mentor. But the time has come for this change in my life."

Kathy will continue serving the Annual Conference, giving leadership to the 3 C's mission work.

In recognition and appreciation of their service, a reception following both worship hours will be held on June 5th for Pastor Jon and June 19th for Pastor Kathy.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Tammy Palermo, Director
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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
 - www.mentorumc.org/Sunday-school

GROW

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
 - **Saturday, May 14th** CHANGE the WORLD Day
 - Select an activity from the list of options
 - Let Tammy know which one you are doing
 - **Sunday, June 5th**—Hello/Goodbye Party
 - **Hello** to the upcoming 5th graders (AKA current 4th graders)
 - **Goodbye** to the outgoing 6th graders
 - Details to follow!

Children & Family Ministries Continued . . .

- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group
 - May 14th is CHANGE the WORLD Day; There are options for families
 - www.mentorumc.org/generations
- **MOPS & MOMSnext**
 - Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 13th from 9:30 a.m. to noon, "Collecting Memories from Your Garden"
 - Friday, May 27 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; MOPS Play Group & MOMSnext discussion "Caring for Yourself"
 - www.mentorumc.org/mops

SHOW

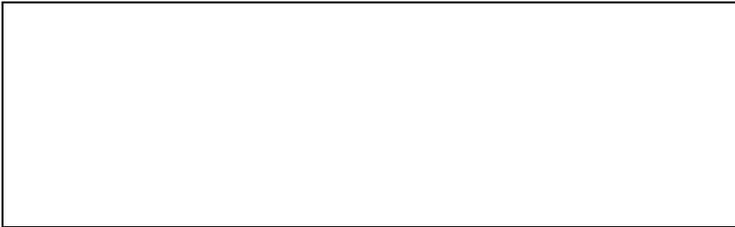
- **Sunday School Servant** sign up for SUMMER months (one month commitment)
 - www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school
- **Vacation Bible School Servant** sign up
 - www.mentorumc.org/children
- **Children's Choir** (1-6 grade) rehearses 10:15-10:45 in Room 112 on Sunday mornings
- **Cherub Choir** (3 yr. olds-K)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

NEWSLETTER & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:

Mentor United Methodist Church
8600 Mentor Avenue
Mentor OH 44060

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Mentor OH 44060
Permit No. 37

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



SANCTUARY Worship
9 & 11 a.m.

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

Worship emphasis for May 1—May 15 will be . . .

“CHANGE THE WORLD”

Pastor Kurt, Quincy and Kathy will be sharing messages in both the Sanctuary and iConnect around the super heroes Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman. The focus will be on the prophet Elijah, King Josiah and Queen Esther. They changed the world, and so can we.

On May 15th, we culminate with real stories from “Change the World” local heroes.

May 1	Wonder Woman (S)	Batman (iC)
May 8	Batman (S)	Wonder Woman (iC)
May 15	Stories (S) 9 a.m.	Stories (iC) 9 a.m.
	Confirmation 11 a.m.	Confirmation 11 a.m.

COMMUNION

10:30 a.m.
Join us in the Chapel
(Except for the 1st Sunday of the month)



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

Hang-  ing
Bas-  kets—

Hanging Bags—Planters



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Deadline
For JUNE Issue
May 9th