

STEEPLETALK

APRIL 2017



“Transformation”

Recently I took a few days to do some home improvement work. While working alone, for company I turned on the television and listened to old reruns. It was a nostalgic walk through the 60's, 70's and 80's. However, what was new to me was the barrage of daytime TV ads obviously geared to the retirement crowd audience. The categories could fall under the two headings of medical or insurance.

Everywhere we look people are trying to sell us something. Every website in the world that's "free" seems to have some kind of advertisement on it; banner ads, and even full commercials. Just how many times during a day is someone trying to get us to buy their product. We almost become numb to the barrage of advertisements, don't we? However, the exception might be those ads that give us examples of how their product impacted someone's life...like a pill that makes the aches and pains go away, an insurance policy that gives peace of mind, or a diet plan with a loss of 50 pounds. Those stories get our attention. What it comes down to is testimony of transformation.

That's where we Christians have the corner on the market! We're about transformation. Like Jesus coming back from the dead on Easter! What about the transformation of lives? Whether we use terms like conversion, changed or saved; people who encounter Christ have major course adjustments. The Christian life is a journey, and along that journey we are being saved and being saved some more. 2 Corinthians 5:17 reads, *“Therefore if anyone be in Christ, they are a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are becoming new.”* That's transformation, but it is not meant to be self-serving. The United Methodist vision is to make disciples for the transformation of the world. Transformed people transform society.

During the month of April and into May we're going to witness transformation...

- ◆ The breaking forth of dormant bulbs and seeds as grass turns green, trees bud and flowers bloom.
- ◆ Sunday, April 16th we'll gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This event transformed death from final to hopeful, and it transformed the course of history.
- ◆ Our “Change the World” emphasis on April 23rd—May 21st when we focus on transformed lives transforming the world. We will look at reversing racism, embracing orphans, empowering the poor, and loving the lonely. It will culminate with a day of changing the world on Saturday, May 20th and testimonies on May 21st.

Transformation is our word. Let's celebrate it and make it happen.

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SANCTUARY
Rooted in Tradition, Growing in Christ



FINANCIAL UPDATE



Through FEBRUARY 2017

Receipts	\$174,556
Disbursements	<u>162,381</u>
Surplus	\$ 12,175

Electronic giving is available online at
www.mentorumc.org

Checking/Savings/Credit Card/Debit Card
Auto Deduction
visit the website to sign up

Text Your Giving
Text 1-440-210-9089 with the amount you
would like to contribute, complete the registration,
and receive verification by text & email

Contact Teresa Simons at 255-3496, ext. 11, if you
have any questions or need assistance.

EASTER OFFERING

Internationally: 1/3 for Mission to Hungary, Mark & Eszti
Landerholm, missionaries

Nationally: 1/3 Western Reserve Early Response Team

Locally: 1/3 Royal Kids Camp



YSP PRESALE FOR ANNUALS IN FLATS & POTS!!

Order forms available at the
Sign-In Center (outside Fellowship Hall)
Orders due by Noon on April 24th

Mother's Day Weekend Sale
May 12th & 13th
Friday 12 p.m.—7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.—7 p.m.

Hanging Baskets—Hanging Bags—Planters



Proceeds from the sale support the 2017
Youth Service Project (YSP) trip to Plym-
outh, North Carolina

BIRTHDAY RETREAT — To those at The Path Retreat
who planned this COMPLETE SURPRISE PARTY for my
96th birthday I thank you so much. The cakes were
beautifully decorated with bright candles, Carol Ryan had
made me a precious hat which I wore all weekend.
When everyone lined up to give me hugs and cards (I

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think there were about 70), I'm sure
God was in line because I really felt
blessed. Andrew Ring took pictures
of some of you in fun outfits. This is
what retreat is all about! This was a
perfect ending to another wonderful
retreat. I'm writing this on the Tues-
day after and I'm still reading cards!

Thank you all! Mid Donahue

COMMUNITY GARDEN . . .

Spring has sprung! Do you like being outdoors and
enjoying the sights, and sounds and fellowship of the
summer season? Do you like getting your hands dirty
and watching the seeds you planted grow and harvest
the veggies in late summer? Then we have a great op-
portunity for you! The Church Community Garden Club
needs your helping hands! You don't have
to have a green thumb to participate in the
garden. We have four plots at Wildwood
Cultural Center that we plant and then pro-
vide fresh veggies to local soup kitchens.



If you are interested and would like to learn more,
please contact Debra Strang at strang@frantzward.com
or Cheryl Vyskocil at CherylVyskocil@gmail.com.

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, April 16th.

If you have any questions, please contact Rich & Katie
Elwell at 440 255-6794 or Don & Pat Humphrey at 440
354-3833.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED . . .

Lake Health is seeking volunteers for TriPoint Medical
Center in Concord, West Medical Center in Willoughby
and Mentor Campus in Mentor. Volunteers are needed
in Administration Reception Desk, Emergency Depart-
ment, Gift Shop, Information Desk, Patient Room Ser-
vice, Patient Transport, Patient Registration, Patient
Visitation, Pastoral Care, Pet Therapy, Stephen Minis-
ters, Surgical Desk and other areas. Anyone 14 years
of age or older is welcome to apply. Call Volunteer
Services at 440-354-1665.

KAIROS COOKIE RESPONSE . . .

THROUGH THE YEARS

Easter sunrise services have long been a part of the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Many of the faithful gather at dawn in locations all over the world to celebrate Easter.

The first sunrise service ever recorded took place in 1732 in the village of Herrnhut, Saxony. This small town is located in Germany near the Czech border. Members of the Moravian Church's Single Brethren (unmarried men) gathered on the estate of Count Nicholas von Zinzendorf and proceeded to the town graveyard, known as God's Acre, after an all night vigil. They gathered at the graveyard to celebrate the victory over death by our Lord. The following year the whole congregation joined in the sunrise service. Added to the annual event were brass choirs playing chorales.

The most famous sunrise service in the United States also belongs to the Moravian Church. The location was Salem (now Winston-Salem), North Carolina and the year was 1772. This tradition continues to this day. People gather in front of the Home Moravian Church at 6:00 a.m. The service has grown to over six thousand worshippers. As many as 500 brass musicians play during the procession to the Salem Moravian Graveyard, known as "God's Acre". The brass choirs actually begin playing before the service, going into the city playing chorales. The first piece they play is "Sleepers Wake" by Johann Sebastian Bach.

An even earlier tradition, one that began in 1755, continues to this day in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. A Moravian trombone choir begins playing throughout the city on Easter morn. They assemble at two o'clock in the morning and musically announce the Easter message.

John Wesley was quite fond of the Moravian Church. Indeed, it was the calmness that the Moravians exhibited during a rough sea voyage when he was returning to England that was a key moment in Rev. Wesley's life. In fact, after returning to London, Wesley attended a Moravian Society meeting on Aldersgate Street. After hearing Martin Luther's preface to the Book of Romans at this service, Wesley stated: "I felt my heart strangely warmed, I felt I did trust in Christ alone for salvation."

Whenever or wherever you decide to celebrate Easter, whether it be early or later in the morning, the important thing is to celebrate the victory over death of Jesus Christ. He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

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@ameritech.net.

CHURCH TEAM OPPORTUNITIES



CHURCH SOFTBALL begins soon! This season we are looking to expand from one team to two. We can definitely use more players, and someone to act as manager for the new team. Ballplayers need not be members, so feel free to invite your friends. Practice begins in April and game nights are Mondays and Wednesdays in May, June, and July (playoffs in August). Interested players should contact Brian Bly at 1-440-463-7712 or you can email him at brianbly11@gmail.com.



DO YOU LIKE GOLF? Are you a golfer at heart and just love to play? We are putting together a church golf league starting this May. It is open to anyone that attends our church. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at Blackbrook Golf Course in Mentor. The time will be announced once we see how many players we have signed up. Each week will be filled with fun games, great

company, and Christian fellowship. Interested, please contact Michael Palermo at 1-440-364-1016 or drpalermo71@yahoo.com.



Applicants must complete and return
**THE APPLICATION AND
ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**
to the Church Office

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SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING FOOD DONATIONS FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY: Your items can be left at the Sign Up Center (in the Atrium outside Fellowship Hall) on Sunday mornings or dropped off at the church during the week. Some of our needs are:

peanut butter & jelly
macaroni & cheese
complete box dinners
Spaghetti O's
Stew, chili, ravioli

applesauce
all types of crackers
spaghetti sauce/pasta
instant potatoes
packaged cookies

canned/boxed soups
canned fruit
cereal - hot & cold
canned vegetables
canned tuna, chicken

We can also use your donations of paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels).

GROCERY BAGS will be given out on Sunday, April 2nd (they will have a list of food needs attached). We will also have special envelopes available for those wishing to give monetary donations. **The In-gathering of the donations will take place on Sunday, April 9th.**

FOOD SORTING FOR EASTER DISTRIBUTION: Join us on Sunday, April 9th in Fellowship Hall beginning at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us in preparation for the distribution.

WE ALSO WILL NEED HELP ON MONDAY, APRIL 10TH 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 the sorting, preparation, or distribution will be greatly appreciated.

DINE TO DONATE

Per a United Way Lake County news release nearly 21,000—9.2 percent—of Lake County residents live in poverty, which includes 6,142 children and 2,322 senior citizens. A total of 28,410 residents live with food insecurity. One simple way that you can help is to eat breakfast, lunch or dinner at one of over 40 participating restaurants on April 20th during United Way Lake County's DINE TO DONATE community-wide restaurant fundraiser. A list of all participating restaurants that will donate a portion of their day's sales to "Feed Lake County" will be posted soon at www.uwlc.org.

MORE THAN A MEAL



Free Community Dinner

Our next free community meal will be April 29th at 5:30 p.m. — doors open at 5:00 p.m. 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!

Missions is looking for a sponsor for May and June's More than a Meal program on the last Saturday of the month. Call Jim Post at 1-440-477-6130 if you are interested in helping or have questions about our More than a Meal ministry.

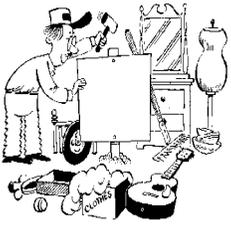
"HELPING HISPANICS HOPE"

Dr. Alan Brown of "Helping Hispanics Hope" shared with us during worship on Sunday, February 26th four ways that you can minister cross-culturally in English to Hispanics in Painesville. If you indicated your interest to serve or wanted more information, please call or text Alan at 1-440-292-7915; email abrown@caminoglobal.org. You can also sign up at the table in the Sig-Up Center (outside Fellowship Hall) if you would like to be contacted.

SAVE THE DATE!



Change the World Day 2017 is Saturday, May 20th. Details and sign-ups are coming soon and your participation is requested in a 5K race/1 mile walk and packing care packages for our active duty servicemen and women. We are arranging to have a successful guest from Project Hope speak about homelessness, along with scheduling visits to congregation members who reside in nursing homes or are shut-



Annual All-Church Rummage Sale
Sponsored by the Asbury Fellowship
With assistance from members of our congregation
Saturday, April 29th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gather up all those unused items and bring them to the church starting Monday, April 24th through Thursday, April 27th. Workers will be available at the church to help you unload.

No items will be accepted on Friday, April 28th. If you need to have items picked up, please contact the Church Office at 255-3496.

We will accept clothing (no footwear), furniture, small appliances, tools, books (**no encyclopedias**), toys, miscellaneous household and business items, etc. **No major appliances** such as dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. Also, no televisions, VCRs, tires, bowling balls or sofa beds please.

We need your help with set-up, pricing items, helping people when they drop off items. Work for a few hours, days or all week. 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 go with a driver to help pick up those larger items. On the day of the sale, plenty of help is also needed. We have something for everyone — spend a few hours or all day. It's a great way to meet new people, too! We will again have a Silent Auction, Wednesday through Friday on new and desirable items. Bids will close on Friday night at 6 p.m.

You can sign up on Sunday morning at the Sign Up Center outside Fellowship Hall, go to our website and use the Sign Up Genius or our Facebook page. Questions? Contact Rhonda Hoon at 255-6569. It will be a success if we all pitch in!

The money earned from the sale will be used for significant church projects.

~~Be sure to tell your family & friends to come and shop our~~

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-4th Grade—Room 103
 - 5th-6th Grade—Room 104
 - Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month and K-6th graders worship with their families
 - www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

GROW

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
 - Sunday April 9 from noon to 7:30 p.m. to assist with food sorting; lunch with Occupy youth ministry, and go to Laser Tag with Occupy
 - Sunday, April 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - www.mentorumc.org/stucco-56
- **MOPS & MOMSnext**
 - Friday, April 7 from 9:30-12:00; Meeting
 - Friday, April 28 from 9:30-11:30; Discussion Grps
 - www.mentorumc.org/mops
- **SUMMER PROGRAMS**
 - **Theatre Arts Camp**
 - “Beauty & the Beast, Jr.”
 - Auditions: Saturday, April 22, 9 to 11 a.m.
 - Camp: June 5-9 & 12-16

Children & Family Ministries Continued . . .

• **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

- **Vacation Bible School**
 - June 19-23, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - “Hero Central”
- **Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp**
 - June 19-23, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - “Water of Life”
 - www.mentorumc.org/summer-programs

SHOW

- **Sunday School Servant** sign up
www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school
- **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
- **Thank you to all who supported MOPS &**

Annual
Easter
Sale!



**MOMSnext
Malley’s
Candy**

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH — 10 A.M.
Garfield Park
7967 Mentor Avenue

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Food, games & activities begin at 10 a.m. and the egg hunt will begin at



**It's Raining
Diamonds!!**

**MOTHER'S DAY TEA
SUNDAY, May 7th from 4-6 p.m.
Great Food! Silent Auction! Gift Baskets!**

Tickets are available now at the Sing-Up Center table on Sunday mornings
Adults, \$15; Children 12 years & under, \$7.50
Moms, grandmothers, dad, grandfathers,
children, aunts & uncles — All are welcome to attend!

You can also see Debi Lewis or Cindy Fuhrman for tickets.

JOURNEY GROUPS

If you are a new or longtime attendee or member of Mentor UMC, we'd love for you to become part of a small group. We have on-going groups of people of all ages, genders and interests who meet for Scripture reading, prayer, and encouragement of each other on the path of following Jesus. Groups meet on weekdays, weeknights, Saturday mornings, Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings—chances are there is a group that meets at a time convenient for you! Childcare is also provided when needed. Please contact Pastor Quincy Wheeler at qwheeler@mentorumc.org and he will connect you with the right group for you!

Make a Connection



RightNow Media:

Did you know that Mentor UMC has a membership with RightNow Media, a Christian discipleship website that provides Bible study, preaching, and devotional videos for believers. Here's the best news: all of this content is FREE for anyone connected to Mentor UMC! All you have to do to get access to this amazing content is email Pastor Quincy with your email address and he will send YOU an invite to join! Check out the library at www.rightnow.org!

Mentor Plains UMC is hosting a half-day retreat on "Reading Scripture with Joy" on Saturday, April 8th from 12:30 until about 5:30. We will have three sessions expressing different avenues for exploring the Bible for greater understanding and personal growth. The afternoon will be led by Rev. Byron Bufkin. All are welcome to attend but this is intended to be relatively introductory material. Picnic themed refreshments will be served. We are asking \$5 per person to help offset the cost of food and printing. RSVPs are requested. Please call the Mentor Plains Church Office at 946-1193 and leave a message.

OUR NEW CARING SERVANTS . . .

Sunday, March 12th, we commissioned twenty-five Caring Servants during the 11 a.m. sanctuary service. Caring Servants are lay people who serve as an extension of the pastoral care. They will provide visitation, phone calls and notes to people in the congregation as a means of staying connected to shut-ins, those in care facilities, in rehab or recently home from the hospital; those who have recently celebrated weddings or births and those who are experiencing illness or grief. Caring Servants bring a special ministry of compassion and empathy vital to meeting the on-going needs of congregational care for our members. Caring Servants will make friendly visits to many in our church family as they represent the Body of Christ. Their pictures are up in the hallway by the Sign-Up Center.

Our new Caring Servants . . .

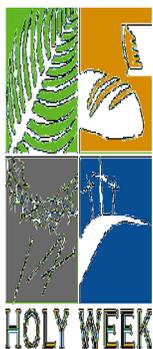
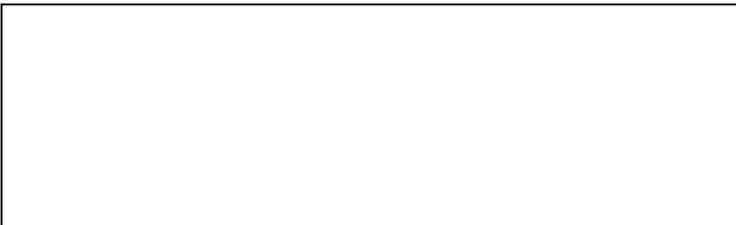
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| Karlene Bonnay | Karin Kroll | Janet Siekmann |
| Karen Brooks | Bev Lee | Julie Smith |
| Andy Champa | Sandy Linsell | Janice Sudekum |
| Diane Champa | Carol Marrott | Gretchen Tice |
| James Cherian | Johanna Martin | Bill Wolfgang |
| Lois Dyckman | Betty McArthur | |
| Jennifer Ellis | Jan Metcalf | |

PLEASE NOTE: As we especially want to visit those members of our church who can no longer get to church, we are seeking your help in identifying those who may not be on our current list of shut-ins. We would like

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Palm Sunday

April 9
9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Children's Processional with Palms

Maundy Thursday

April 13 — 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday

April 14 — 7:30 p.m.
Sanctuary



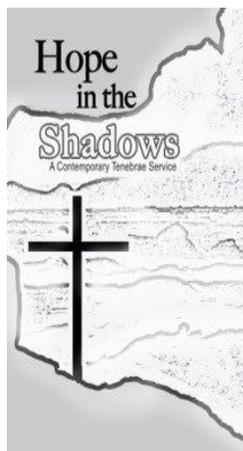
Sunday, April 16

Worship Service
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. — Sanctuary

iConnect Service
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. — Fellowship Hall

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Childcare—Babies & Toddlers
Early Childhood Check-in

K-6th Grade attend church with their families



LENTEN CANTATA
Sunday, April 2nd
9 a.m. & 11 a.m. — Sanctuary
Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Hope in the Shadows recalls Christ's journey to the cross by examining the shadows of betrayal, injustice and agony that marked that journey. It contrasts the selfish exploits of humanity with the divine nature of a loving God.

As we take this sacred journey, may the words of James be a reminder of the hope which is ours:

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 7:73)



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Deadline
For MAY Issue
April 7th