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Spiritual Parenting Online
Purchase the book Spiritual Parenting by Michelle Anthony from your retailer of choice and register at mentorumc.org/positive-parenting.

Class will be online from your own home Tuesdays, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19. We will start at 8:30 PM in order for you to get your kids to bed.

It’s hard enough to train kids to behave, but good behavior isn’t what Jesus calls for in the Bible. He wants hearts and souls that are shaped in vibrant faith and love toward God and others. How can parents cultivate this in their children? In this book Dr. Michelle Anthony shares practical examples and biblical insight on the spiritual role of parenting.

MUM Preschool Pre-Registration for 2019-2020
Complete the form to be in the queue for registration at: mentorumc.org/preschool

Parents’ Morning Out
Mondays from 10 AM to 12 PM, Spots still available. Info and registration at mentorumc.org/parents-morning-out

LAMB (Learning And Mommy Bonding)
Tuesdays from 9 AM to 11 AM starting January 8

Prayer Buddies
Adults without children in the home are encouraged to sign up to pray for a child in our church. Children are encouraged to sign up to be the recipient of prayers! All the details and sign up information is at mentorumc.org/prayer-buddy.

Occupy and StuCo56 Snow Tubing
Sign up for Snow Tubing at Boston Mills Brandywine on Sunday, February 10. We will enjoy lunch at MUMC before carpooling at 1:00 PM with an estimated return time of 6:00 PM. Parents and siblings are eligible to participate with the students as well, just sign up and pay! Payment and details can be found at the Sign Up link. Sign up and payment deadline is Sunday, February 3 by 1 PM.

Sign Up Here: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cabab29a2fa7-stuco9
Valentine Boxes for our College Students
Mentor United Methodist Women is collecting monetary donations to purchase items for Valentine boxes (we will purchase the items so all the boxes are identical). Place your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or give to the Church Office. Please be sure to note “Valentine Boxes”. The last Sunday for donations will be February 3.

PARENTS: Please email your college student’s full name and address to Carolyn Nagy at cnagy@mentorumc.org, drop in the offering plate or leave in the Church Office by February 3. We regret that because of the prohibitive cost, we cannot ship packages to locations outside the U.S. All women are welcome to help pack boxes on Monday, February 11 at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall.

More-Than-A-Meal
This is our free community meal served on the last Saturday of the month. We are presently looking for Journey Groups, Committees, or individuals to sign up to prepare and serve the meals throughout 2019. This requires preparing for 100 persons and covering the costs if possible. If some funding is needed, there are limited funds available. Regular workers and experienced persons will be present to assist. If you are interested, contact Jim Post at 440-477-6130.

Our mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship
We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe New Year holiday. Launching into our 201st year we want to continue to build on our ministry and mission as we faithfully live out our discipleship call to stewardship.

As we return to our normal routines, the stewardship committee wants to emphasize that our alignment of resources is a key component to living into our mission. Through faithful giving of our personal finances we are investing in the important ministry of the Mentor United Methodist Church.

Together we make Mentor United Methodist Church’s mission a reality through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. This is the Path of Discipleship.

As of this date, we are short of fulfilling our 2019 pledge commitment for the Operating Budget. We need your help in order to continue the work of our church. If we have not received a response from you for the 2019 campaign, please remember:
• Mentor United Methodist Church ministries are available to everyone regardless of pledge commitments.
• Pledge commitments are confidential with only the Financial Secretary having access to details.
• A commitment in any amount contributes to the achievement of our mission.
• Pledge commitments may be adjusted at any time.
• Pledge commitments can be cancelled or suspended if circumstances arise.

We ask you to take the time for prayerful reflection and seriously consider your contribution to this ministry.

Stewardship is really a way of life. Ultimately, pledging is our commitment to help spread the word of God as Jesus taught us.

Yours in Christ,
Rich Elwell, Jack Oliver and Gary Brown
Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Notice
If you have bill pay set up or online giving for your Stewardship Pledge, please confirm with your bank or account that the amount is updated to your 2019 pledge.
Also, if you have not turned in a pledge card, there are three ways to do that:
1. Fill out the online pledge card at http://mentorumc.org/current/pages/pledge-card or on the app.
2. Fill out and drop off a paper card in the office or put in the offering plate.
3. Email your pledge details to tsimons@mentorumc.org.
   Thank you!

Royal Family Kids Bowling Fundraiser
Sunday, January 27, 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Wickliffe Lanes
Individuals $30/person, Groups $100/lane, Corporate Sponsor $250/lane
Register with Willoughby Hills UMC at 440-585-9462. Reservation and lane fees due by January 19.
Join us for this special fundraising event to help send foster kids to Royal Family KIDS Camp this summer!
January Prayer Focus
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Jesus wants us to talk to him about our temptations. We can tell him about our darkest thoughts and emotions and every destructive desire that would lead us into evil. He already knows what we are thinking and the battles that rage within our minds. We can tell Jesus about our resentful attitude, our adulterous thoughts, our negativity, our lust, our jealousy, our "dirty" mind, our selfish desires, our hatred toward a neighbor, and on and on the list goes. Only Jesus can give victory and has the power to win the battle! (Some battles of the mind are so strong that we need to seek out someone to pray with us and we need to be accountable to that person).

GriefShare - A Grief Recovery Support Group
Winter Session on Wednesdays
February 6 to May 1
(13 weeks at Mentor United Methodist Church) 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Cost: $20.00 (includes book)
Weekly Video Seminars are designed to help you successfully travel the journey from mourning to joy.

DivorceCare - A Divorce Recovery Support Group
Winter Session on Mondays
February 4 to April 29
(13 weeks at Mentor United Methodist Church) 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Cost: $20.00 (includes book)
Weekly Video Seminars are designed to help recover from the pain of separation and divorce.

Register for either group by calling or e-mailing Pastor Bev Wrobel (440) 255-3496 x106 or lwrobel@mentorumc.org. For more information visit the GriefShare website at www.griefshare.org or visit the DivorceCare website at www.divorcecare.org.

Sub Sale
The Mentor UMC Bible Quizzers in grades 5-12 are learning the Gospel of John this season and as they raise money for their trip to the National Bible Quiz Tournament in April, they are selling sub sandwiches for delivery on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3!
You can order subs and cookies at the information center on Sundays, January 13, January 20, and January 27 or during the week by emailing sharidoth@gmail.com. Subs are $4 and you can get a bag of three cookies for $1. Last day to order will be Monday, January 28.

2019 Offering Envelopes
Offering envelopes are available in the Arcade for you to pick up.

Cornerstone Karaoke
Sunday, January 27, 12:30 PM. Join us for karaoke for all ages with Cornerstone! There will be a soup and chili lunch and then a fun time of singing. Please RSVP to Michelle Park at mpark@mentorumc.org that you are coming and let her know your song request. Songs should be Christian music or uplifting selections.

Informational Listening Posts at Mentor UMC for the UMC’s Special General Conference in Feb. 2019
In advance of the United Methodist Church’s Special General Conference to discuss issues of Human Sexuality and the church on February 23-26, 2019, the pastors of Mentor UMC with the backing of church leadership will present three informational listening posts.

The posts are to help any interested persons understand the issues under discussion, the proposed plans under consideration and the possible results of the Conference for the church worldwide, nationwide and on a local level.

On Sunday, January 13 from 2-3:30 PM, Monday, February 11 from 7-8:30 PM, and Wednesday, February 20 from 7-8:30 PM, we will hold a 90-minute session in the Chapel. We will spend 30 minutes describing the two basic positions of United Methodists on the issue of human sexuality and the Biblical issues at play and have 15 minutes of questions regarding the information we have shared and responses. Then we will spend 30 minutes describing the three plans proposed to the Special General Conference and the possible results from the Conference for the church, followed by another 15 minute session of informative questions-and-answers.

To attend these listening posts, you will need to sign-up at the Information Hub or online via Sign-Up Genius. Each session will be limited to 60 participants. We encourage you to sign-up for one of these events so that you can be prepared and informed on this important time in the UMC.