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April

2018

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2018 Annual All-Church Rummage Sale

April 28, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Hear Ye Hear Ye, Come one, Come all!

Gather up all those useful household items, clean clothing (NO FOOT WEAR) and bring them to the church Monday, April 23, through Thursday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sorting your own donations is a great way to help! Just put your items on the appropriate tables.

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 27.

Please NO major appliances, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, tires, sofa beds, non-flat screen televisions, bowling balls, encyclopedias, cook books, landline telephones or footwear.

All workers and church members are welcome to come bid on our silent auction/buy it now priced items. They will be displayed again this year on the counter in the gallery Tuesday through Friday with bids accepted until 6:00 pm on Friday.

Workers are needed all week to help unload, sort, set up and price items. On Saturday, the day of the sale, we need workers to help customers check-out (cash only) and get their purchases to their cars.

Please be sure to sign up, as this helps us plan. On Saturday, lunch and snacks will be provided for workers.

Sign up with friends and enjoy time together of fun and fellowship while working for a good cause!

Stop by the Sign Up Table starting April 8. Help is needed all week!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Money earned from this project supports significant church projects.

Contact Rhonda Hoon at rhondahoon@yahoo.com or 440-255-6569 with any questions.



From the Pastor

"Holy Week"

March 24 – March 31 marks Holy Week. It is the last week of Lent and the week before Easter. The season of Lent began on February 14 with the application of ashes and Holy Communion. During the 40 days and six Sundays of Lent, we have concentrated on John 13 – 17, often known as the final discourse of Jesus.

Most of the 40 days of Lent is past, but we are in the midst of Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday (March 24) and ends at sundown on Saturday, March 31. Along the way, we experience Holy or Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On Saturday, we have a community Easter Egg hunt; and it all culminates with the Easter Sunday celebrations.

The week is known as "Holy Week" and the word "holy" means to be set apart. I would challenge you to treat "Holy Week" as a week apart. Here's my challenge: Don't make your Easter just Easter, but make it a whole week set apart.

Palm Sunday is the initiation for the week. But I want to focus on the other stops along the way.

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday or Covenant Thursday, is the day we remember the last meal Jesus had with his disciples. It was during this meal that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. We will gather together for a 7:30 PM service where we will experience the sharing of Holy Communion and other meaningful acts of worship.

Good Friday is thought to be misnamed. After all, it focuses on the trial, crucifixion and death of Jesus—nothing sounds good about that. Some suggest that its name originated from "God's Friday." Through a service of shadows, we'll seek to be reminded in a moving way of the passion and death of Jesus. This is good news, for it ushers in God's plan for our salvation. We will worship at 7:30 PM.

On Saturday, we'll have a Community Easter Egg hunt at 10:00 AM at Garfield Park. This is an important outreach to the community where many who are without a church home bring their children. Perhaps you have family or neighbors you could invite.

Finally, there is Easter Sunday. Our Easter 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services will culminate the events of Holy Week. I am certain that the way to best experience and appreciate Easter begins with making Holy Week part of your experience. Can you imagine running a 100 yard race by lining up at the one foot line, stepping across and feeling like you ran the race, or receiving a diploma without taking a class. The journey, with all the ups and downs, pain and suffering, is culminated with the completion. That's what Holy Week is to Easter.

So come out this Easter, but take in Holy Week as well.

Have a blessed and holy week during this holiest of seasons.

- Pastor Kurt

April Prayer Focus - Nancy Landerholm

Each day we are reminded of the dangers our children, grandchildren, and all children face in the world in which we live.

Read Psalm 127 during the month of April. Pray that families and homes, your family and home, will be built on 'the Solid Rock' Jesus (vs. 1a). In addition, pray that Jesus will guard children, your children, from the physical dangers in this world, but, equally from the dangers that would destroy their spiritual and emotional lives (vs. 1b). Unless we are willing to guard our children by building our homes on truth and diligently guarding them with our prayers, these precious gifts from the Lord (children) will fall prey to the dangers and evil of this world.

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Children and Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children
www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

LAMB, Learning And Mommy Bonding

6 week sign up \$40

9:00-11:00 AM

0-2 Year Old Session:

Tuesdays, April 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15

2-3 Year Old Session:

Thursdays, April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17

www.mentorumc.org/lamb

MOPS & MOMSnext Meetings

April 13, 9 AM to 12 PM – Meeting in Fellowship Hall

April 27, 9 AM to 12 PM – Small Groups in Adams

Parlor/Conference Room

www.mentorumc.org/mops

StuCo 56, 5th & 6th grade youth group

April 8, 12 PM to 6:45 PM – Laser Tag with Occupy
 (deadline to PAY is April 4 NO EXCEPTIONS)

LIMITED to 32 KIDS TOTAL!

April 22, 6 PM to 8 PM – Meeting

www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56

Parents Morning Out

Mondays 10 AM to noon, parents may have a morning to themselves! See the website at www.mentorumc.org/parents-morning-out for cost and registration details.

Children's Choir & Cherub Choir

Children's Choir (1-6 Gr) rehearses 10:15-10:45 in Room 112

Cherub Choir (3 YO-K) rehearses 10:15-10:35 in Room 104

Life Changers are needed for SUMMER quarter

Why not sign up to help with our Sunday children's programs? Be a "Life Changer" as an adult or youth who helps children change their lives through the transformative grace of Jesus!

Vacation Bible School

June 18-22 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

6 adults and 3 adult or youth are still needed

See Tammy for details

Summer Programs 2018 Dates

Theatre Arts Camp, June 4-8 & 11-15 / Performances

June 15 & 16

Vacation Bible School, June 18-22

Get Out Doors Camp, June 18-22

Middle School Mission Week, June 25-29

Youth Service Project, July 13-20



Easter Egg Hunt

Come and celebrate Easter by hunting eggs, eating snacks and playing games. Kids ages 8 and up are invited to compete in an egg drop contest!

Activities begin at 10am, Egg hunt at 10:30.

Rain or shine!

Saturday, March 31, 10 AM

Garfield Park, Mentor

RSVP IPalermo@mentorumc.org



Ruth Naomi Circle

Meet us at Marie Scramblers

April 12, 11:30 AM-2 PM

Bring a wrapped, white elephant gift to share and children's socks and/or underwear to donate to Project Hope. Contact Georgeanna Allen with any questions at 440-255-5515.

The Musical Theater Project

Monday, April 16, 2018 - 7:30 PM

If you are a fan of Rodgers and Hammerstein, you won't want to miss their trailblazing musical play - the teams' third Broadway collaboration following Oklahoma! and Carousel.

Tickets are \$30. Use the code MENTORUMC to get \$5 off! Tickets available 24 hours a day through Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006 or www.MusicalTheaterProject.org.

Thank You

Beverly and Jenifer Hill would like to thank everyone in the church for their help and support, especially Amy Bender.



SUPPORT

Brokerage Notification

For those who are taking advantage of the tax incentive to give through a brokerage firm, please be sure to contact the church office. The checks do not always give the name of the donor and we want to ensure your information is recorded correctly. Please contact Teresa Simons at 440-255-3496 ext. 102 or TSimons@mentorumc.org.



News from Commission on Missions Change the World Day

Saturday May 19th, 2018

Change the world day has become a strong tradition here at Mentor UMC. This year we are going to participate in a world changing activity that we helped with a few years ago. We will be packaging meals with Rise Against Hunger.

Changing the world takes planning. We are planning to pack over 20,000 meals on Saturday, May 19 in 2 sessions. The first session will be 8-10 AM and the second from 10:30-12:30 PM. There are openings for 50-60 people in each session. We will also need some help setting up and preparing on Friday the 18 from 7 PM -9PM.

Changing the world is fun. Sign up will be online or at the sign up table in April and May. Sign up with your family or friends and make it a fun time.

Changing the world takes resources. There are opportunities for everyone to be involved in this mission. In order to purchase the supplies for the meal and to distribute them, we will need to raise \$5,925 for this event. The cost is \$.29 per meal. Maybe you and your family decide to set aside a specific amount per meal or per day and donate those funds toward the Change the World mission this year.

Changing the world is possible. Rise Against Hunger is a ministry that has a vision to relieve world hunger by 2030. That means 815 million people currently facing hunger will be reduced to 0 in 12 years. Check out <http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/> to learn more about the mission.



Mentor on a Mission.

Coming this spring, Mentor UMC will join with other churches and organizations on a Habitat for Humanity Apostle build. The home will be built on Riverside Dr. in Painesville. The family that we will get to meet and work with is a single mom with a 6-year-old son.

In an Apostle build, each organization takes on 1/12 of the project, from finances to construction. We will be invited to the ground breaking in the spring and the home dedication once the house is ready. As we get further information, we will announce it and post in the bulletins and newsletters.

Rise Against Hunger 5k run

Come join in a growing Mentor UMC tradition. Our annual 5k run and 1-mile walk will be held on Saturday, May 12 at 9 AM. Your donations will support our Change the World mission of Rise Against Hunger. The run starts and ends at the church. We stay on safe side streets and have some police traffic control. Bring your family and friends and runners/ walkers of all abilities for a fun morning for a good cause.

CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Weekly March Meetings:

These meetings are listed here instead of the calendar. Contact your group leader for any time changes. Please see other events on the calendar page.

Sunday:

10:00 AM Journey Group
10:15 AM Journey Group - Petrowski
10:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (except Easter)
10:15 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal (except Easter)
07:00 PM Journey Group - Nagle

Monday:

10:00 AM Parents' Morning Out (except April 2)
10:00 AM Centenary Bible Study - Carr
06:30 PM DivorceCare
07:00 PM Men's Group Meeting

Tuesday:

06:30 AM Men's Journey Group
09:30 AM Journey Group - Palermo
09:30 AM Journey Group - Ring
07:00 PM Emmaus/Journey Group
07:00 PM Canticle Bells
07:00 PM Journey Group - Imbler
07:00 PM Boy Scout #280

Wednesday:

09:00 AM Journey Group - N. Landerholm (except April 25)
10:00 AM Journey Group - Wednesday Morning Way
01:00 PM Knitting Group (except April 25)
01:00 PM GriefShare
07:00 PM Journey Group

Thursday:

10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
06:45 PM Charter Members
07:00 PM Journey Group - S.A.L.T.
07:45 PM Chancel Choir

Friday:

01:00 Journey Group - Fournier / Korenko

Saturday:

08:00 AM iConnect Rehearsal



Good News from Liberia!

Middle School Mission Week provides scholarships for four Liberia students by doing a car wash and the special collection from the congregation on MSMW Sunday. All the money collected goes to the scholarships.

We started sponsoring Daniel M. Jarto Jaymen in 2011 as a middle school student and he just now finished his second semester of college. He is now an adult in his late twenties. His education has been disrupted many times (civil war, Ebola crisis, financial issues) yet he keeps persevering.

The Liberia conference recently set a 3.0 GPA requirement for all scholarship students to keep receiving support. He is so proud to report a GPA of 3.39! He is studying Public Administration as his major and Sociology as a minor.

If you would like to send words of encouragement, just email the office at CNagy@mentorumc.org regarding Daniel Jaymen, Jr. and we will forward your messages.

This is his message to us:

Hello to everyone here, I'm Daniel M. Jaymen, Jr. I'm very excited to share with you my joy today, I firstly I want to give thanks and appreciation to everyone of this great church for helping me in my education. I want you to please extend my greetings to all the members of Mentor UMC and all the members of the Mentor youth group. I'm a student of the United Methodist University here in Monrovia, Liberia. I'm studying Public Administration Major and Sociology as my Minor.

I just received my grade sheet from the office and I'm proud to say thank you so much again. It is an opportunity for me to be among the students with the highest average in the university. I have the average of 3.39 and I'm very excited to share it with you and to everyone at Mentor UMC because you are the one who have to enjoy this happiness.



Mentor UMC Scholarship for Post Secondary Education

Deadline: April 6, 2018 4PM

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer Mentor UMC scholarships for both vocational and academic post secondary pursuits.

THIS YEAR: Scholarships will be awarded not only to high school graduating seniors in 2018, current undergraduate college students, and seminary students, but also to current vocational school students.

Students who are in the present senior high school class, vocational school students, college students, and seminary students are eligible to apply. As in past years, the student applying must be a member of Mentor United Methodist Church (as of April 1, 2017) and meet all other eligibility requirements. If you were confirmed, you are a member. If you took the BASICS classes and joined the church as an older student, you are a member. For questions about your membership, please contact the church office at (440) 255-3496.

This application is designed to be completed online and then printed. You are to mail or deliver this along with your essay and other required documents to the scholarship committee.

All information is saved to an account and password that you set up and does not need to be completed in one session. Questions? Please contact Laurie Babcock, MUMC Scholarship Chairperson at Scholarship@mentorumc.org.



Kids Singing for KIDS

Concert, Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction
Featuring THE SINGING ANGELS, APRIL 6
Support Royal Family Kids Camp by attending the pasta dinner (served 5:00-6:30 cost is by donation) and The Singing Angels in concert at 7:00. Concert tickets are \$10 for 13 and over, \$5 for 6-12 and children 5 and under are free. There will also be a silent auction. Advance sale tickets can be purchased in the office. You can support this year's Camp by attending the dinner and/or the concert.



Through The Years -

As our church continues to celebrate a significant anniversary in our history, this month also marks a significant date in our denomination's history. Fifty years ago on April 23, 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form the United Methodist Church. The merger took place in Dallas, Texas at the constituting General Conference. Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the Methodist Church joined hands with Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, to signify the union of the two denominations.

The two groups shared common traditions in Wesleyanism. Philip William Otterbein, the principal founder of the United Brethren in Christ, one of the forerunners of the EUB church, assisted in the ordination of Francis Asbury as superintendent of the Methodist Church in the United States. The EUBs were essentially created as a branch of the John Wesley movement for Americans who spoke German. Jacob Albright of the Evangelical Association was another nurtured in Methodist class meetings. Both the Methodists and EUBs had undergone various splits and reunifications over the years.

It should be pointed out that not everything went smoothly with the merger. Sixty-Two EUB churches in the Pacific northwest did not join the new United Methodist Church. They formed the Evangelical Church of North America. While the theology of the two groups was not a major problem, some structural changes were required. For example, the EUBs elected their District Superintendents while the Methodists had their D.S. appointed by the Bishop. The Methodist way was adopted.

Despite any differences that arose, the new United Methodist Church has become a powerful force in bringing souls to Christ. The UMC worldwide has over twelve million members with over 42,000 local churches. There are over 80,000 clergy members world wide. The church has 125,000 volunteers in mission with over 800 personnel supported through the General Board of Global Ministries. Here in the U.S., the UMC supports 52 hospitals and over 100 institutes of higher education. In closing, the UMC members are a generous group, an example of this is that in 2014, United Methodists gave over 6.3 billion dollars for all ministries.

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

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Save the Date!

Marriage Renewal Ceremony

August 11, 2018
2:30 PM in the Sanctuary

All couples married at MUMC are invited!

Be a part of this Bicentennial event!

More details will be coming in May.



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The grave is empty.
JESUS IS ALIVE!



Come and see, this Easter.
Sunday, April 1, 2018

Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Modern worship, iConnect, in Fellowship Hall Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 6.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| 1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> | 2 10:00 AM - Worship at Brookdale Heisley 11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek 06:30 PM - Journey Group | 3 | 4 07:00 PM - Trustee Meeting 07:00 PM - Communications Team 07:00 PM - Missions Commission | 5 07:00 PM - Disciple II | 6 05:00 PM - Royal Family Kids Pasta Dinner 07:00 PM - Royal Family Kids Concert | 7 | |
| 8 09:00 AM - Confirmation Class 01:30 PM - StuCo 56 & Occupy Laser Tag 06:00 PM - StuCo 56 06:00 PM - Journey Group - Woolledge | 9 10:00 AM - New Day Circle -- Christianity's Family Tree 07:00 PM - iConnect Planning 07:00 PM - Rummage Sale Meeting | 10 06:00 PM - Fellowship/Evangelism 07:00 PM - Wheeler - Preaching Group | 11 09:00 AM - Children's Ministry Alliance Meeting 07:00 PM - Children's Ministry Team 07:00 PM - Finance Committee | 12 11:30 AM - Ruth Naomi Circle 07:00 PM - Mentor Jr. Women's Club Meeting | 13 09:30 AM - MOPS & MOMSnext Meeting | 14 10:00 AM - Aladdin\ Jr. Auditions | |
| 15 09:00 AM - Confirmation Class 03:25 PM - YSP Meeting - Adults 04:30 PM - YSP Meeting | 16 10:00 AM - Worship at Brookdale Heisley 11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek 01:30 PM - Alzheimer Support Group 06:30 PM - Journey Group | 17 | 18 01:15 PM - Mentor Miscellany Club 07:00 PM - Membership Committee 07:00 PM - PATH Planning Team Meeting | 19 | 20 06:00 PM - Confirmation Retreat | 21 08:00 AM - Confirmation Retreat 08:00 AM - Journey Group Leader Meeting 09:00 AM - Kairos Core Team Meeting | |
| 22 08:00 AM - Confirmation Retreat 09:00 AM - Confirmation Class 06:00 PM - StuCo 56 06:00 PM - Journey Group - Woolledge 06:00 PM - Occupy Youth Ministry 07:00 PM - Rummage Sale Set Up | 23 09:00 AM - Rummage Sale Set Up 07:00 PM - iConnect Planning | 24 09:00 AM - Rummage Sale Set Up | 25 08:00 AM - Bible Quizzing Tournament 09:00 AM - Rummage Sale Set Up 07:00 PM - VBS Team Meeting 08:00 PM - Staff-Parish | 26 08:00 AM - Bible Quizzing Tournament 09:00 AM - Rummage Sale Set Up | 27 08:00 AM - Bible Quizzing Tournament 09:00 AM - Rummage Sale Set Up 09:30 AM - MOPS & MOMSnext Groups | 28 08:00 AM - Bible Quizzing Tournament 09:00 AM - Annual Rummage Sale 04:30 PM - More than a Meal Prep 05:30 PM - More than a Meal | |
| 29 08:00 AM - Confirmation Sunday 08:00 AM - Bible Quizzing Tournament 06:00 PM - Occupy Youth Ministry | 30 | Please see page 4 for regular weekly meetings. | | | | <i>April 2018</i> | |