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Children and Family Ministries

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"Welcome back!" (in the Welcome Back, Kotter theme song melody)

This is the time of year when everything gets rocking and rolling as we get into our groove! While you are getting into that groove with your families and all your activities, I want to take a few moments to remind you of all the awesome things that we have for children and families.

First up on September 9, we have "**Move Up Day**" for Kids' Journey Groups. If your child is moving up to Kindergarten, 3rd, or 5th Grade, they will move up a group. Between worship services, **Children's Choir** and **Cherub Choir** will rehearse starting at 10:15 AM. That evening is our **StuCo 56 & Occupy** Kick Off from 6-8 PM. Right from there, we head into Monday, September 10 with the return of **Parents' Morning Out!** (Can I get an "AMEN"?)

If you have a wee one who is walking through Kindergarten age, you will want to check it out. At the end of that week on Friday, September 14 **MOPS & MOMSnext** will return with their regular meetings from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm meeting on the second and fourth Fridays.

After those groups get going, we add **LAMB** (Learning And Mommy Bonding) on September 25 for moms and 0-2 years old kids and then on September 27 for moms and 2-4 years old kids. The last Sunday, September 30 will be the **Annual Hayride** at Patterson's Fruit Farm from 4-7 PM.

Whew! That is a lot of stuff that is happening in September. If you want to keep up to date, be sure to check out mentorumc.org/children. Or better yet, turn on NOTIFICATIONS in the APP! Also, to help me stay up to date with YOU and YOUR family, be sure to complete a registration form that is available on the website!



#thisismotherhood



From the Pastor

"Legacy"

Victor Dorman was the son of an immigrant who went on to earn a college degree, serve in World War II, and become a successful businessman. He led a very impressive and successful life. But in the end he was remembered for one thing.

In 1995 The New York Times carried his obituary. It read, "Victor Dorman, who helped change the way Americans buy cheese by putting the paper between the slices, as chairman of the Dorman Cheese Company, died on March 4th, at his home in Delray Beach, Fla. He was 80."

Perhaps the lesson is this: the things that you do, big and small, can leave a lasting impact.

I Peter 4: 10 reads, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10).

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Mentor United Methodist Church. Throughout the year we have been "Celebrating our Past, Living in the Present, Building for the Future."

We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us and who have left an impact. Whether lay or clergy, we have been touched by those who in their own ways have put paper between the cheese slices—and helped change the way we live and who we are today.

On September 22 at 5:00 PM we're hosting a "Reunion Dinner" with former pastors invited to return. We'll have an opportunity to hear from them. Who knows, maybe even our founding pastor, Rev. Ira Eddy might show up! In addition, we'll hear from some of our long term members through brief interviews. This will be a special time to see and hear from those who have helped change who we are today as a congregation. A time capsule created by the youth group of 25 years ago will be opened. This is a catered dinner and reservations are needed. We hope you will join us.

It is also important to remember that we are not frozen in the past; we continue to march on. Each of us, living in the present, are creating our own legacy that will shape the future. "Each of you (us) should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10).

- Pastor Kurt

September Prayer Focus - Nancy Landerholm

"Give us this day our daily bread" is our focus from the Lord's Prayer for the month of September. Everything we need---emotional, physical, and spiritual--- is found in Jesus. Jesus wants us to depend on him each day. The Israelites had to collect only enough manna for the day. If they tried to get extra for the next day, the extra manna rotted. We need to go to Jesus each and every day and know all we have comes from him. He alone understands our need and our greatest need is him. Jesus wants to give us himself for he is our daily bread!!!



Thank You from Nicky Gutierrez, our summer ministry intern

Thank you for your love! I really appreciate how kind and welcoming you all were to me. You all helped make this summer great for me and I could not have been with a better group of people. Keep on loving on people and keep on being welcoming. I will miss you all! Thanks again for your love and support. All really helped with my path of discernment. Thanks again and until we meet again, you will be in my prayers. God Bless!

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Through The Years

Over the years our denomination has been known by different names. When founded in 1784, we were the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Methodist came from the methodical, systematic approach John Wesley and his followers used to pursue a Christian life. The Episcopal refers to the form of administration of the church being governed by a bishop. In 1939 the church, was renamed the Methodist Church. We became United Methodists in 1968 with the merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

However, are you aware that in the early days, Wesley and his group were called different names? John Wesley took over the study group at Oxford University that his brother, Charles, and others had formed. They studied classical literature and on Sundays they read works on divinity. Thus gave rise to the term "Holy Club" for Wesley's group. Other people began calling them "Sacramentarians" due to their seeking of the sacrament of communion frequently. Wesley and his group felt the sacrament should be taken weekly while the standard practice was to do it monthly.

Another name Wesley and his followers were called was "Enthusiasts". This was an insulting term as it harkened back to the "wild eyed people" of the seventeenth century during the English Civil War. Wesley, though, did consider himself a "Reasonable Enthusiast".

Another term applied to Wesley and his companions was "Supererogation-Men". Supererogation refers to their desire to go beyond what is typically required by most religious groups in hopes of winning divine approval. Another term used was "Bible-Moths" meaning they ate their Bibles as a moth would eat clothes. Still another was "Bible-Bigots" because they reprovved others who they thought did not live up to scriptural standards.

While the term "Methodists" was one Wesley did not originally care for, in time he made it his own. This term stuck because people could see the careful methodical approach Wesley took to living a Christian life. Today, we proudly call ourselves Methodists and carry on the Wesley tradition.

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

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7330 Holly Park Dr.
Concord, Ohio 44060-6704 or e-mail to: dhumphrey@ameritech.net

200th Anniversary Reunion Dinner

Saturday, September 22 at 5:00 PM

Over 20 former pastors and their wives have been invited to attend. The dinner will feature two entrees, salad, and dessert. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12, with a maximum of \$60 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the Information Hub beginning August 26.

Come and relive the history of MUMC!



NEW Information Hub and Community Center

Good changes are happening! The Sign Up Table area is transforming into the Information Hub. Bulletin information and MUMC ministries will be highlighted. There are still four spots available to be reserved for your group's representative on Sunday mornings. The design of this space is flexible and will adapt to all of the great things happening here at MUMC.

As the Gallery is a bustling location and the main entrance for the church, this is a great place for the Community Center. Community information and collection bins are located just off the Gallery towards the Education Wing. The covered Gallery entrance provides a convenient way to bring in donations during inclement weather. If you have information to share, please contact Carolyn Nagy in the office at cnagy@mentorumc.org or stop in Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM.



GriefShare - A Grief Recovery Support Group

Fall Session on Wednesdays
September 5 to November 28
(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

Fall Session on Mondays
September 10 to December 3
(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 by calling or e-mailing Pastor Bev Wrobel (440) 255-3496 x106 blwrobel@mentorumc.org. For more information visit the GRIEF SHARE website at www.griefshare.org or visit the DIVORCECARE website at www.divorcecare.org.

CALENDARRegularly Scheduled Weekly 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 Adult Sunday School
10:00 AM Journey Group
10:00 AM Journey Group Petrowski/Woledge

Monday: (except Labor Day)

07:00 PM Men's Group Meeting

Tuesday:

07:00 PM Emmaus/Journey Group

Wednesday:

09:00 AM Journey Group - Nancy Landerholm
10:00 AM Journey Group - Wednesday Morning Way
01:00 PM Knitting Group
07:00 Imbler Journey Group

Thursday:

06:30 AM Men's Journey Group
10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous

Saturday:

08:00 AM iConnect Rehearsal

**Newsletter - Alternate Address for Winter**

Please let the office know if you will be at a different address during the winter. The newsletter mailing is returned and the church pays a fee. As bulk mail, it is not collected with your regular mail. We can take you off the list for the dates you are gone, or we can send it to your alternate address. Please stop in Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM or send information to Carolyn in the office at cnagy@mentorumc.org. Thank you!

**Ruth Naomi Circle**

September 13, 9:30 AM in Adams Parlor

All women are invited to join us! Carole Ring will present *A Glimpse into World Religions: Hinduism and Buddhism*. For more information, contact Georgeanna Allen at 440-255-5515.

Gingerbread House Craft Fair

We are moving into the season when people start making applesauce, jams, and jellies, and canning some of their harvest items. Please consider setting aside some of the "fruits" of your labor for our Country Cupboard at the Craft Fair in November. Thank you!

**Adult Sunday School**

Join us for Adult Sunday School at our new time, 10 am in the Wesley room. We'll explore the Bible and learn how to apply it to our lives. We focus on basics like relationships, salvation, culture, world view, and living set-apart.

**Organ Donation and Transplant Information Session**

Join Willoughby United Methodist as we get the facts about Organ Donation and Transplantation. September 12, 2018 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary of the church, 15 Public Square, Willoughby, OH 44094. Our guest speakers from the University Hospitals Transplant Institute and from Lifebanc will give us the information we need to live out one of the Social Principles stated below:

"Organ transplantation and organ donation are acts of charity, agape love, and self-sacrifice. We recognize the life-giving benefits of organ and other tissue donation and encourage all people of faith to become organ and tissue donors as part of their love and ministry to others in need"

—The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church

Missions Needs YOUR Help

Missions Commission is seeking someone or a couple to manage the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for THIS YEAR ONLY. Jim and Lori Post will be out of town celebrating Thanksgiving this year in AZ with family. We need someone to be a point person so that the day runs smoothly. We will have all the sign-up sheets completed for donations and helpers before the Posts leave town. We do have a cooking crew! Jim is in the process of writing down the steps for the day. Please prayerfully consider stepping up for this task. Contact Johanna Martin johannamartin@sbcglobal.net, Bruce Becker bbecker@mentorumc.org or the church office.

More Than a Meal

Call or text Jim Post at 440-477-6130 to volunteer or get more information. Sponsors are needed for 2019 and help is always appreciated at each meal.

**Welcome Back Choirs!**

The first rehearsal of the new season will be Thursday, September 6. New singers and ringers are always welcome! If you are interested in participating in one of the choirs this year, contact Amy Bender at abender@mentorumc.org.



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Bible Conference with Michael Card

Mentor UMC will host a weekend Bible Conference on October 26-28. Nationally known Bible teacher, singer and songwriter Michael Card will present a Biblical Imagination Conference on the Gospel of Luke (the Gospel of Amazement). The conference is Friday night and Saturday and includes the concert on Sunday evening.

We are happy to bring Michael Card from his hometown of Nashville to Mentor and invite you to come and learn from his engaging teaching of Scripture and enjoy his gift of music. Purchase tickets at his website at www.michaelcard.com. The early registration cost of \$73.00 per person includes the conference and concert. Concert only tickets are also available. Order your tickets before September 26.

Contact Pastor Bev Wrobel at blwrobel@mentorumc.org for more information.

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 October Newsletter is September 7.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2018</h1> <p>see page 4 for regularly scheduled meetings.</p>						
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