Make your face shine upon your servant,  
and teach me your statutes.  (Psalm 119:135) NRSV

Like many of you, I like to look at different scripture translations to gain insight and understanding. This week, in my daily readings, Psalm 119:135 blessed my morning. As I looked in various translations, honestly, I laughed out loud! As I pray this prayer for God to teach and lead me … I also pray it is true for our life together!

Look upon me with love;  
teach me your decrees. (Psalm 119:135) NLT

It is a joy to get to know you, and learn of the many ministries happening at MUMC. It will take me a while to learn names, and stories, and vision. I am grateful for each of you! And, celebrate the conversations I’ve already had….and look forward to learning more from more of you. I am glad to be with you, and rejoice because God is at work among us.

Yet God also has more to do within and among us. In a way, that is the psalmist prayer: reveal yourself Lord; teach me You! We’re invited to embrace the idea that God is always drawing us into a deeper relationship – desiring to shine brightly; wanting to teach and lead; yearning to reveal God’s love to us in Jesus Christ. I think this is GOOD NEWS! I think this is life-giving news! I think this is news worth investing my life in, and sharing with the world. Yet we must have teachable spirits, willing and receptive hearts.

So, let us continue to trust a God who looks upon us with love and leads us on a path of abundant, full life. That’s who I want to follow.

How about you?
Grace and Peace,

Pastor Sondra

August Prayer Focus
Pray for the Board of Trustees as they supervise and maintain all of our church property so our ministries can be effective. Lift up the Finance Committee as they nurture the financial vitality of the congregation.

Bear Fruit
Middle School Mission Week thanks all who continue to uphold and bless this ministry for our youth. Whether you joined us as an active participant, behind the scenes, provided shoes, Teddy Bears, or financial support, we are so grateful for your help. Students delivered over 70 pairs of new shoes to people staying at Project Hope and raised $1,481 for our four Liberia students to continue their education another year.
Many lives were blessed and impacted by your generosity and support!
The United Methodist Publishing House, located in Nashville, Tennessee, is the oldest and largest general agency of the UMC. The origins of this institution are rather humble.

The earliest print materials used by the new church in American were books and pamphlets sent over by John Wesley. However, by 1787, it was decided that the Methodist Episcopal Church (as it was known) would publish in the United States. The first publishing house was called a Book Concern. It was established in 1789 in Philadelphia and headed by Rev. John Dickens. The operation became short on funds, and Dickens often used his own money to keep things afloat. The circuit riders wanted material they could leave in homes until they returned to that particular area. The first publication of the new Book Concern was An Extract of the Christian’s Pattern by Thomas à Kempis. By 1795 Dickens had produced a catalog of books for purchase. Rev. Ezekiel Cooper succeeded Dickens in 1798 and moved the operation to New York City. The Methodist Episcopal publishing operation remained in New York until 1939.

Other Methodist groups set up their own publishing houses. The Methodist Protestant Church split from the M. E. in 1828 and set up a book concern in Baltimore. The Methodist Episcopal Church South was created over the issue of slavery, and in 1854, they opened a publishing house in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Methodist Episcopal publishers in New York and the Methodist Episcopal Church South also had publishing arms for other churches. The New York operation was called Abington Press while the Nashville operation was Cokesbury Press.

Finally, in 1939 the three Methodist denominations merged to form the Methodist Church. It was decided to use Nashville as the site for the Methodist Publishing House. The 1968 merger with the Evangelical United Brethren church caused the name to change to the United Methodist Publishing House as it is known today. The headquarters building is called the John Dickens House in honor of the first book steward.

Our denomination’s publishing arm continues to produce large numbers of books read by Christians everywhere and carries on the hope of John Wesley that there should be books in every home.

Do you have any MUMC history you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to: Don Humphrey
7330 Holly Park Dr.
Concord, Ohio 44060-6704 or e-mail to: dhumphrey@ameritech.net

Children and Family Ministries
Register for events through the app or at www.mentorumc.org/children
www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

And now, here it is August. Has anyone else been thinking that the summer of 2019 has gone by way too fast???

If your child is entering THIRD GRADE this fall, please be on the lookout for an important invitation to the THIRD GRADE BREAKFAST! This is when we gather to rehearse how the Bible Presentation will go. Breakfast and rehearsal are Saturday, August 17 at 9 AM. Bibles will be presented on Sunday, August 18.

We will continue our Summer Sunday Mornings through the month of August. Move up will be Sunday, September 8. Please remain where you have been throughout the summer.

It is time for Life Changers to step up for the Fall Session. You can see what is available at https://bit.ly/2XJpV5T. Being active in your faith life includes serving! What a blessing it is to serve our children.

Tammy Palermo
Director of Children and Family Ministries
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Disciple Bible Classes
Beginning in September, Mentor UMC plans to offer several sessions of Disciple Bible Study, including Disciple I, Disciple II and Disciple IV. If you have never taken Disciple before, Disciple I is a deeper dive into Scripture designed to help you understand the breadth of Scripture’s teachings and stories in a group setting by reading through the Old and New Testaments together. Each subsequent session (II-V) takes a closer look at particular themes and books in the Bible. If you have taken Disciple I before, you can sign up to take any of sessions II, III, IV or V.

We are looking to see how many folks in our church would be interested in taking Disciple classes, and which sessions would be the most helpful for us to offer.

Please contact Pastor Quincy at 440-255-3496 ext. 111 or qwheeler@mentorumc.org to sign up for Disciple or ask further questions.

Thank You
Thanks to everyone who donated shoes and money to the Middle School Mission Week Rack of Hope. The children took nearly 70 pairs of new shoes to Project Hope.
- Carol Ryan, Shoe Coordinator
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- **08**: 07:30 PM - Thursday Evening Worship Service
- **09**: 09:30 AM - Ruth Naomi Circle
- **10**: 10:00 AM - Journey Group - Gallagher
- **11**: 07:10 PM - Charter Members at Cleveland Indians
- **14**: 01:00 PM - Knitting Group
- **15**: 10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous
- **16**: 09:30 AM - Ruth Naomi Circle
- **17**: 07:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop #280
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- **22**: 07:30 PM - Thursday Evening Worship Service
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