Therefore, I urge you in view of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12: 1 - 2

I'm not a morning person. I mean … I wake up slowly. I like to ease into the day. It takes me a little while to get my motor running – coffee, a walk, a shower. These are helpful in preparing me for the day ahead.

My husband, Tom, is a morning person. He wakes up, gets up, and is ready to face the day. His pattern is different than mine. Part of his pattern is to make and bring me a cup of coffee each morning. He is so sweet! And, maybe knows I need it!

I've always appreciated Paul’s advice to the Romans ... his urging! Present yourself to the Lord! This is worship! It will keep you focused on God, not the world! You will know God’s will ... God’s desire ... God’s plan for you!

I think Paul probably meant: do it every day! Whether you’re a morning person or not ... whether you’re in a joyous or chaotic time of your life ... whether your day ahead looks promising or full of challenges! Present yourself to the Lord!

One of my favorite writers, A.W. Tozer, offers similar insight: With a sacred expectation, I look for God in ALL the circumstances of my day.

Tozer, and the Apostle Paul, trusted that God would show up. In their writings and their witness, they urged others to watch for God, to wait for God, to prepare to receive what God will offer! This seems like a good reminder to all of us as we enter a season of Thanksgiving. As Christ’s followers, we know that giving thanks is not confined to a day on the calendar. It is the essential, sacred work of offering ourselves to God every day. Giving thanks that God shows up.

May you offer yourselves to God everyday ... and with sacred expectation give thanks for God’s transforming work in you.

Pastor Sondra
**Through The Years**

Rev. Peter Cartwright was one of the most interesting and influential Methodist Episcopal preachers of the early nineteenth century. He was a circuit rider who grew to prominence in the church and in politics. He even ran against Abraham Lincoln in two elections.

Peter Cartwright was born in Virginia in 1785 to Peter and Christiana Cartwright. Mr. Cartwright, Sr., had fought in the Revolutionary War. The Cartwrights moved to Kentucky in 1790. Young Peter led a pretty wild life and became quite a gambler. Once, after attending a wedding, he began to feel ill at ease about this life and asked his mother for spiritual help. Christiana, a devout Christian, prayed for him. Peter was so distressed that he thought he was going to die. He promised the Lord that he would turn his life over to Christ if God would help him get over the anxiety he felt. After Cartwright attended a revival meeting in 1801, he decided to become a Methodist. He received an exhorter’s license from the church (similar to a Local Pastor today) and was later ordained by Francis Asbury. Rev. Cartwright baptized over 10,000 people and gave over 15,000 sermons. The only books he carried were his Bible, a hymn book, and a copy of the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1808 he married Frances Gaines. They had two sons and seven daughters. On several occasions, Rev. Cartwright was confronted by rowdies who attempted to interrupt his services. He was not above running them off and challenging them physically.

He moved to Illinois in 1824, wanting to live in a free state. He was opposed to slavery, but disagreed with some of the abolitionist’s methods, calling them violent and unchristian. He helped to establish the Illinois General Conference. He founded a church in 1838 and a successor church, which he started in 1857, that still exists today in Pleasant Plains. It is called the Peter Cartwright United Methodist Church.

Rev. Cartwright was very active in politics. He was elected to the Illinois Legislature twice. In 1832 Rev. Cartwright, a Democrat, defeated Abraham Lincoln, the Whig candidate (this was prior to Lincoln becoming a Republican) for the legislative position. The two ran against each other in 1846 for Congress and this time Lincoln won. The campaign was difficult and bitter with both candidates taking many verbal swipes at each other (some things never change). However, in 1862, when the Civil War raged, Rev. Cartwright spoke to a group of New Yorkers opposed to Lincoln’s presidency. He admonished the group and said that Lincoln was the right man to go forward and lead the country during the national crisis.

Another aspect of Rev. Cartwright’s life, which is worth mentioning, is that though he had very little formal education, he helped in establishing three Methodist colleges in Illinois. They are: McKendree University (Lebanon, IL), Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington, IL), and MacMurray College (Jacksonville, IL). McKendree is the oldest college in Illinois. Rev. Cartwright died in 1872 and is buried in Pleasant Plains, IL.

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

**YP Informational Meeting - All Welcome!**

November 3, 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to join us at this informational meeting for anyone interested in being part of YSP 2020. Come learn about this amazing mission project and see how you can be involved this coming year!

**Hope Chest**

Blankets, sheets, and towels are desperately needed. Only clean, new or gently worn winter clothes are being accepted at this time.

**Children and Family Ministries**

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

I have just spent the past three days at the ETCH Family Ministry Conference. ETCH stands for Equipping the Church and Home. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to listen to some awesome preachers and speakers, to be part of worship surrounded by other ministry people, and to learn so much from the five breakout sessions. I want to share with you one of the many take-aways that I learned. So, please read on....

When a student graduates from high school, there is a high probability that they will be leaving the church as well. 66% of graduating seniors will not go to church after they have graduated high school. The reason that was given is that these students do not feel connected to people of their church. These students WANT to be connected with the other generations in church.

TRUE healthy family ministry not only includes parents and kids. A healthy family ministry is one where ALL the generations are connected. It is important for the older generation to connect with the students and children of the church. The number one indicator of students staying connected is for them to have spiritual mentors who are not their parents. These are the people who can share their story and the time line of how Jesus has been at work in their lives with the students. These are the people who can help a student remain connected to the church.

Out of the 66% of students who say good-bye to church upon graduation, 31% do return. The number one reason that they return is the influence of their parents! Parents, YOU are your child’s MAIN influencer. You are your child’s MAIN discipler.

Now, what do we do with this information?! Well, if you are a parent who is wondering how to go about discipling their child and would like some assistance, please contact me! This is why I am here—to equip you, to resource you, and to cheer you on! If you are a person who does not have children or students in your home, how can you become a spiritual mentor to one of our students? I do believe that God told His people to repeat the commands to the children in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. It doesn’t mention that those children have to live in the same house as the adult who talks about the commands and repeats them. My interpretation is that we are all the family of God, and therefore, we are all responsible in raising up one another to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.”

Please sign up for the Positive Parenting Book Club on November 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The book is Becoming a Spiritually Healthy Family: Avoiding the Six Dysfunctional Parenting Styles by Michelle Anthony. “We all want to guide our children into the abundant life that Jesus offers, but when we pursue the ‘more’ and ‘better’ life that the world offers above our pursuit of Jesus, we fall into dangerous and subtle dysfunctional parenting habits.” At this time, there are a lot of open spots for you to join me! If you don’t have time to read the book, come and hear what the book is about. I would love to have a group that night.

It has been a pleasure to work with our new Director of Youth Ministries, Leah Nash. I hope that you have had the chance to say hello and welcome her and her husband, Chris. Leah and I are working on some different events for students in grades 5-12. You will want to stay tuned for more details.

How is it going in your family? How are you inviting God into your daily life? Where can I help? Please don’t hesitate to ask questions and to let me know how I can help you and cheer you on!

By His Grace and through His love,
Tammy Palermo
Director of Children and Family Ministries
tpalermo@mentorumc.org
Ruth-Naomi Circle
Thursday, November 14, 9:30 AM, Adams Parlor
Our new Director of Youth Ministries, Leah Nash, will be joining us for our November meeting. We look forward to welcoming Leah and having the opportunity to learn more about her and her plans for our youth program. Mark your calendars now to join us at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 14 in the Adams Parlor. Be sure to wear your MUM name tag.

Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments. All women of the church are welcome to become a part of the Ruth-Naomi Circle women’s fellowship. You are always welcome to bring a friend. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Georgeanna Allen at 255-5515.

Senior Off-Site Worship Services
Join a visitation group on the first and third Monday of each month for a sing-along worship service. We would love to add your voice to this ministry! You are welcome any time.
- 1st Monday we meet at Brookdale Mentor (Diamond Center) at 10:00 AM and Atria Newell Creek at 11:00 AM.
- 3rd Monday we meet at Mentor Ridge (Norton Parkway) at 10:15 AM and Atria Newell Creek at 11:00 AM.
If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Carole Ring at c.j.ring@sbcglobal.net or 255-7913 (leave a message).

November Prayer Focus - Outreach and Mission
Rejoice always, without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. I Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18

God desires that we give thanks because God is faithful and loving. Our thanksgiving, at times, is based on circumstances – a good job, a healthy check-up, a healthy relationship, a caring church. However, God wants our thanksgiving to be based on God’s attributes … God’s character, God sent Jesus into the world so that all might be saved. Pray that our mission and outreach, locally and internationally, proclaims Christ’s love. Even when circumstances may not be ideal, let our praise be unending. Pray that our witness for Christ be evident as we host the Thanksgiving Meal; as Giving Trees go up; as plans for holiday celebrations unfold.

God is worthy of our praise and thanksgiving; may it be evident in all that we do.

Giving Trees
It’s almost that time of the year! The Giving Trees will be going up on Saturday, November 23 at 10 AM. Help is needed that day. Please consider volunteering your time to help set up the trees! Contact Betsy Iskra at 440-283-6524.

If you normally take more than one child’s name off of the tree, please consider taking a family. One of the biggest difficulties we have is making sure all the children in a family have about the same amount of packages to open. By taking a family, that can be better addressed. Families range in size from 2 to 8 children. Pick just what you like! Please contact me prior to the trees going up to select the family of your choice! Betsy Iskra 440-283-6524 or iskra5@ AOL.com.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Thanksgiving Day, 11 AM to 2 PM
On Nov 28, 2019, MUMC Missions Commission will hold our 29th Annual Community Thanksgiving dinner. All items used to prepare this meal are provided by the congregation and a few local sponsors. Consider donating time and/or food products. Over one hundred people will be involved in bringing this ministry to life. We started with about 100 people 28 years ago and this year expect over 1,000 people to share in this time of giving. Pray for this ministry and get involved! Watch the church app, Information Hub and bulletin for how to sign up.
GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR
Friday, November 8th from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, November 9th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday Night – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Sloppy Joes & Vegetarian Chili
Lunch Saturday – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Homemade Soup & Chili * Hotdogs * Taco Salad

Here is your chance to help support this major fundraiser for the UMW Mission Programs and have fun at the same time!

ATTIC TREASURES (mini-rummage sale) needs any kind of treasures (except clothing)
- small appliances, cooking pans, kitchen items, knick-knacks, crystal, dishes, etc. This is your chance to do some clearing out before the holidays! Bring your items to the Asbury Room starting Monday, November 4 through Thursday, November 7.

WE NEED YOUR HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS – cakes, coffee cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes or any of your favorite specialties for our BAKE SHOP. You can drop your items off in the church kitchen on Thursday, November 7, Friday, November 8 or early Saturday morning. Please be sure to mark your items NUT, NUT FREE or GLUTEN FREE.

COUNTRY CUPBOARD needs homemade candies, fudge, pickles, jellies, apple butter, snacks (flavored popcorn, Chex snack mixes, etc.) or any of your family favorites. Mark for GBH and leave in the church kitchen Monday, November 4 – Friday, November 8. Please also mark NUTS or NUT FREE.

If you made any handmade crafts and/or Christmas ornaments to help fill the United Methodist Women’s craft tables, your items can be left in the Conference Room starting Monday, November 4 through 3 p.m. on Friday, November 8.

Please be sure to come and shop – tell your friends & neighbors, too! We have 55+ crafters & a few vendors! No admission fee and plenty of free parking!

Inclement Weather
In the event of possible Sunday church closings due to weather or power outages, please check local channels 3, 5 and 8. We will also do our best to send a push notification through the app. For activities during the week, feel free to call the church office if you are unsure. The office is open from 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday, 440-255-3496.
Cornerstone Upcoming Events
Cornerstone provides opportunities for fun, spiritual fulfillment and service to others in an atmosphere of Christ-centered discipleship.

Saturday, November 2, 9:30 AM Meet at MUMC, carpool to a tour of Playhouse Square, and have lunch at Heinen’s downtown.

Tuesday, November 12, 7 PM Hear Elizabeth Pitorak, founder of Hospice of the Western Reserve and Mitch Babcock, co-owner and Director of Davis-Babcock Funeral Home, speak about hospice services and end of life decisions. Meeting is in the Fellowship Hall.

April 25, 2020 All Church Rummage Sale; Proceeds fund missions and church projects.

Other events to watch for are the church Christmas play and potluck, Movie Night, Valentine Dinner, and Stan Hywet Hall tour.
Questions, suggestions, or to sign up, email Larry larryhoon@yahoo.com or Jo Ann jag5.1@cloud.com.

Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Deadline for the next Newsletter is November 8.
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