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September Prayer Focus



Hear, O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to our children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6: 4 - 9

We have a responsibility to teach our children that God loves them, and also to help them live into this truth. Pray for all children as they head back to school, as well as the adults who will teach and nurture them ... from preschool to graduate school and every phase in between. Pray for our church's Preschool - that we will be a positive influence on each family. Pray for our Children's Ministries, and our Youth Program.

God offers us the direction we need for life abundant and full ... may we do our part in helping one another love God in return. Especially the children!

Choirs Resume This Month



A new choir season will begin the first week in September! New members are always welcome. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings and begin September 5.
Canticle Bells 6:00 PM • Charter Members Men's Choir 6:45 PM • Chancel Choir 7:45 PM
Contact Amy Bender for additional information at abender@mentorumc.org.

From the Pastor

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15: 5 - 6



I am always amazed ... and it happened on my way to the office this morning. Five lanes of traffic came to a halt as a group of geese – a gaggle – crossed the road. In the busyness of life, in the heartbeat of a city, in the noise and rush of traffic a complete stop!

Geese cause us to take note of things that make us slow down. It is possible!

Summer is a time to relax, renew, recover, recharge. I hope that you have enjoyed time with family and friends; that you've explored new places or returned to familiar places of respite. The extended daylight hours and bright blue skies help our attitudes. Well, at least my attitude.

Sometimes we need to pause ... reset ... renew ...

A devotional life is essential to helping us renew every day. Certainly, we realized as we "Beat the Heat with the Beatitudes" that God desires to give us the Kingdom. God wants to bless us, and guide us to experience the richness of God's grace. God wants to fill us with abundance!

God's Kingdom makes a difference.

My prayer is that Jesus is making a difference in your life. You are God's beloved child! This is our life together --- to help each person, all people, know and experience Jesus as the difference-maker.

God also wants us to share mercy, and peace, and the Good News of Christ with the world. When we work together as a team, we can help influence our community and world. We can cause others to stop and take notice. We ... you... can help someone recognize the difference Christ makes.

By the time you are reading this newsletter, daylight hours will have begun to lessen. For some, school. For others, less time outside. For all, a realization of the changing season – full of its own beauty. In the church, Journey Groups have regrouped. Choirs are rehearsing. Plans have begun for the Thanksgiving Meal, and Advent and Christmas celebrations.

Regardless of the season, God desires to be in relationship with you. May you strive to embrace worship, study, fellowship, and even service opportunities to renew and refresh your life with Jesus. Join in! Be part of God's team making a difference for Christ.

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Through The Years

I came across a quote in the Plain Dealer recently that I thought was very profound. It read, "The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority." The quote is from Ralph W. Sockman. I decided to try and learn more about this man who authored such a profound quote.

It turns out Rev. Ralph Washington Sockman was a Methodist Episcopal preacher born in Ohio! I also learned that there is much, much more to his life than a single quote. He was born on a farm near Mount Vernon, Ohio, on October 1, 1889. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1911. Rev. Sockman also achieved masters and doctorate degrees from Columbia University. He studied for the ministry at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He married Zella Endly, the daughter of a Methodist minister, in 1916.

Rev. Sockman became assistant minister at the Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church in Manhattan (New York City) in 1916. A year later, he became the senior minister. Following World War I, he became an advocate for world peace and opposed excessive military spending. He was against censorship believing that one should learn self control rather than have restraints forced upon the individual. A new Methodist Episcopal church in New York, Christ Church, was built in 1931 at the northwest corner of Park Avenue and 60th street. Rev. Sockman became the senior pastor of this new church after the Madison Avenue church was closed. He continued in this role until 1961.

He was best known and gained prominence as the featured speaker on the NBC radio program National Radio Pulpit which ran from 1928-1962. *Time Magazine* in 1946 called him the number one Protestant radio pastor in the U. S. based upon fan mail (he received 4,000 letters per week). In 1961, *Time* said he was "generally acknowledged as the best Protestant preacher in the U. S.". Rev. Sockman wrote many books including: *Live for Tomorrow*, *Date with Destiny*; *A Preamble to Christian Culture* and *How to Believe, Answering the Questions that Challenge Man's Faith*. Two other of his quotes are: "The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder" and "Our growth depends not on how many experiences we devour, but how many we digest".

Rev. Sockman died on August 29, 1970. He leaves behind a powerful legacy of Christian thought and strong faith. Generations of the faithful heard him both in church and on the radio. He impacted the lives of many, and through his writings continues to today.

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

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Thank You

We are so very grateful for the many condolences we have received from our church family, and for the outpouring of memories about Chris' mother, Ruby Irish. Knowing that she left an indelible mark on so many lives has made her passing easier to bear.

Many thanks!

-Michael and Chris Fournier

A sincere thank you to everyone for your prayers and visits during my recovery from surgery. I appreciate everyone's concern and caring.

-Bill Wolfgang

GriefShare: A Grief Recovery Support Group

Fall 2019 Session on Wednesdays, September 4, 2019 to November 27, 2019
(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. Learn more at GriefShare.org.

Register by calling or emailing Pastor Bev Wrobel at 440.255.3496 ext. 106 or blwrobel@mentorumc.org.



Children and Family Ministries

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



Do you know the definition of DISCIPLESHIP? Do you know that PARENTS (and grandparents, for that matter) are CALLED to DISCIPLE their children (and grandchildren)? As I am looking at the fall and the feeling of starting anew, I am called to remind EVERYONE in my reach that as a parent, God has placed on you this awesome responsibility to disciple your family. It is a daunting task for sure! I will not discredit that in any way, shape, or form.

So, you may be thinking, "OK. I get it. I am supposed to be leading my family in the way of Jesus. But, HOW?" Well, that is where I come in! I am here to COME ALONGSIDE you as YOU disciple your family. First thing is to be in worship regularly! Parents, you can choose to have your child worship alongside of you or have them attend Kids' Journey Groups on Sunday mornings. I leave this up to you to decide what is best for your family. Starting on September 8, our K-2nd Grade, 3rd & 4th Grade, and 5th & 6th Grade groups will be in full swing at both 9 and 11 AM.

Second thing is to be part of a Journey Group with other people who are trying to figure this parenting/discipleship. If you are looking for resources and/or ideas on topics, I would love to offer some to you! If you aren't sure about joining a Journey Group, consider participating in a Positive Parenting event! I will be offering [Spiritual Parenting](#) starting September 16 for six sessions. I also have [Positive Parenting Book Club](#) dates on the calendar with the books selected. I am currently researching [The Talk\(s\)](#) and when to offer this important study.

Third thing is to share your faith journey within your family! Share the Big God Story, pray together, eat meals together. Be intentional when you are gathered together. It can be around the table, in the car, on the way to practice, or wherever! Just be present with your family. Be honest and open with your family.

As we begin a new school year and have a fresh start, why not begin to disciple your family? Let me know how I can help you on this discipleship journey called parenting! I want to resource you, I want to come alongside you, I want to cheer you on, and, most importantly, I want to celebrate with you!

Tammy Palermo
 Director of Children and Family Ministries

You are cordially invited to join the Ruth-Naomi Circle Fall Kick-Off!

Thursday, September 12 • 9:30 AM • Adams Parlor



Join us for a special program presented by a member of the Mentor Fire Department's Public Education Department. He will be here to share with us the many services available to those in our community that go beyond the duties of Fire/Rescue. Do you know about . . . ?

- . Resident Smoke Detector Program in homes of senior citizens, those with physical disabilities, or those in financial need
- . Residential Lock Box Program
- . In-home safety checks
- . Mentor Safety Forces Well Check Data Base

You are welcome to come even if you're not a Mentor resident as many of our local Fire Departments provide similar special services for their residents.

Please join us for this informative program, a time of fellowship and refreshments. Open to all who are interested.

All women of the church are welcome to become a part of Ruth-Naomi Circle women's fellowship. Need more information or have questions, please contact Georgeanna Allen at 255-5515.

Library Notes



For the past several weeks the Library Committee members have been busy processing a large amount of new materials to be added to the library's inventory. There is a wide range of subjects covered by these books and it is our hope that the church community will benefit from the numerous topics. These new items will be reaching the shelves soon, but there is one grouping that we will be featuring in September. This series of picture books focuses on children and teaches them valuable life lessons.

This book series is written specifically for children who are in the developmental stages of their lives. However, since all of us are always growing in our lives, there might be a lesson or two for parents and grandparents. Using rhyming words and pictures, author Steve Herman presents a story with behavioral lessons as well as handling some tough interactions with other individuals. All of the books feature a young boy named Drew and his pet dragon Diggory Doo.

A variety of topics are covered by the twenty books in the series on hand in the library. Sharing, Following Directions, Following Rules, Making Friends and Understanding Consequences are just a few of the behaviors handled by Drew and Diggory Doo. Drew always seems to know the right lessons to teach his pet dragon. As a result both of them are better individuals by the end of the book.

Stop by the library on September 8 for a complimentary coloring sheet featuring Drew and Diggory Doo. The library will be staffed after both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. While you're at it, check out a book or two from the series! Literally. See you then.

You can contact the library via email at library@mentorumc.org



Annual Gingerbread House Craft Show
 Friday, November 8 — 4 PM to 9 PM
 Saturday, November 9 — 10 AM to 3 PM
 (It's not as far away as you think!)



Please start thinking about how you might help.

The Gingerbread House Craft Show is sponsored by the Mentor United Methodist Women. All proceeds benefit the local, national, and international mission projects of the UMW.

Gingerbread Workshops began June 5. Join us Wednesdays any time from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Gallery. We're open to new craft ideas—bring your own or we will have something for you to do. If you do crafting at home, knitting, crocheting, please consider donating items for the UMW craft tables. For more information or if you have questions, call Kathy Fellows at 255-5899.

Attic Treasures will be looking for your treasures (no clothing please) — small appliances, pots & pans, bakeware, kitchen items, knic-knacs, crystal, dishes, jewelry, etc.

We will need homemade baked goods — cookies, cupcakes, coffee cakes, brownies, or your favorite specialty for our Bake Shop. (Please be sure to mark NUTS or NUT FREE or GLUTEN FREE.)

Our Country Cupboard will need homemade candy, fudge, snacks, jelly, apple butter, applesauce, etc. — any of your kitchen specialties. (Please be sure to mark NUTS or NUT FREE or GLUTEN FREE.)

We will also need volunteers to help with setting up, selling our items, and keeping tables stocked. Sign-up sheets will be available in October. Drop off of donated items will begin the week of November 4.

Rise Against Hunger Report

We have received information from Rise Against Hunger that the 30,000 meals that we packed have been sent to Nicaragua to provide food assistance via the local partner Global Links. To learn more about this, see the Impact Stories tab at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/global-reach/>. Thanks to the 125 volunteers who packed these meals for Change the World Day at MUMC and all who contributed the funds for this.



Project Hope Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at Project Hope or at your leisure. Make and deliver a meal, pack lunches, spend time with an elder and more. Fill out an application at www.projecthopeonline.org or email volunteer@projecthopeonline.org.

Learn about our handyman Joseph Ministry on September 15

Come learn about local missions through Joseph Ministries. Immediately following the 9:00 and 11:00 AM services on September 15, the Missions Committee will be hosting a gourmet coffee and pastry informational gathering in the Wesley Room (between the Sanctuary and the Gallery). Come if you have ever been on a missions trip or if you have an interest in learning how our church can support local needs related to household repairs. This ministry is critical to our local community and we are looking for volunteers to give a little time or more, working with our experienced team to meet these needs. You need not have any specific skills and you will not be required to make any commitments at this meeting. Just come have some gourmet coffee (or tea) and explore what Joseph Ministries is all about, even if you are not quite sure if you have any skills to serve in this way.

Journey groups at Mentor UMC will be starting up again in September

Journey groups are long-term fellowship groups centered around Scripture, prayer and encouragement in your faith walk. We have groups available for almost any schedule need and groups for families, young adults, retired folks, and men's and women's groups. We can also provide childcare for most groups as needed.

Available Journey groups will be meeting on Sunday nights, Monday nights, Tuesday mornings, Wednesday nights, Thursday mornings, Thursday nights, Friday afternoons, Friday nights and Saturday mornings, as well as groups that meet monthly on a variable basis. Please contact Pastor Quincy at qwheeler@mentorumc.org for more details about any of these groups! There is space for you!



Evangelism Training

Have you ever wondered how to bring people to church who are not going to church and don't have a relationship with Jesus? What if, instead, we bring "church" and Jesus to them?

Please join the Fellowship/Evangelism Team, led by Pastor Quincy, for a special training and coordination meeting on Sunday, September 15, at 12:30 PM. We will meet in the Conference Room to learn more about opportunities to reach the unchurched in the Mentor area in the coming year! Pizza will be provided!

Bible Quizzing

Pastor Quincy and Chelsea are once again forming a Bible Quiz Team at Mentor UMC for youth in grades 5-12. If your child enjoys competition and has interest in learning Bible verses, let Pastor Quincy know at qwheeler@mentorumc.org.

Competing is in a fun game setting using electronically activated seat pads! Quiz practices are held Sunday nights from 5-6 PM, and quiz meets are held on one Saturday morning each month from September through March. There are special opportunities to go to regional and national tournaments throughout the year!

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Annual Church Picnic September 8

The Annual Mentor United Methodist Church Picnic will be at the pavilion at Garfield Park from 1-3 PM on Sunday, September 8.

Join us for hot dogs, hamburgers, games and fellowship! If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert.
See you there!



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 September 8.

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