
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, June 14, 2020

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What fun it was to tune in this week for our virtual VBS. From my earliest days, I have always loved VBS. The energy, the stories, the songs, the crafts, the snacks, the fun. Granted, this year was quite different! Yet it was marvelous!

During this pandemic, VBS is one of the many things we grieve because it is not what we remember it being or wish it could be. Yet this week our children learned about the armor of God. Families participated in various learning opportunities throughout the day: science, art, recreation, stories and songs, and at the end of each day joined back together for a bedtime story. It was a wonderful, meaningful week. There will be many singing "We are, we are the knights of North Castle" all summer long! Even in Florida ... where one family joined from each day.

During this pandemic, sharing communion together is one of the many things we grieve not being what we remember it being or wish it could be. Yet last Sunday we took communion to the parking lot. It was wonderful to see faces as we shared in the holy meal. We met two people who have not attended our in-house worship ... ever! They have connected with us on-line and came to receive communion. We met 7 of our neighbors who ride their bikes through our parking lot because it is a safe space. What fun to get to know them. We gave the 4 children our "Family Craft" that had been prepared.

During this pandemic, we do grieve. We are anxious to be back together. We wonder what our ministry will look like moving forward. In reality, we will not return to exactly how things were. Yet this week we were reminded that doing Church in new ways reaches new people. We are the Church ... working in the world ... and figuring out ways to connect with Jesus.

Jesus loves us ... this I know ...
VBS taught me so!

Pastor Sondra



Sunday Morning Services
The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/16684855>

Join us in worship!
9 AM and 11 AM
[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [website home page](#)

Tech Team for Sunday Mornings

As we prepare to return to the building, our plan is to continue online worship in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Both our Traditional and Modern worship services would be viewed remotely each week. We are creating a Tech Team and need your help! Each Sunday, team members are needed to operate the software and camera in each location.

Please let the church office know if you would like to explore the opportunity to serve. Andrew Ring will be glad to answer questions. Will you prayerfully consider assisting with this important ministry? Contact the office at 440-255-3496 or cnagy@mentorumc.org if you are interested.

Children & Family Ministries

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

Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups, Cherubs, Children's Choir, and Parent's Morning Out are suspended until further notice.

Positive Parenting Book Club

[The 5 Love Languages](#) by Dr. Gary Chapman is our next book. Choose between [The 5 Love Languages for CHILDREN](#) or [The 5 Love Languages for TEENS](#). If you missed the first one, it's not too late to join on Thursday, June 25 from 7:30 to 9:30 PM on Zoom. Those reading the CHILDREN book have read chapters 1-8, TEEN book have chapters 1-9 read. Purchase the copy of the book you wish to read. This is a great way to connect with other parents, especially during this time. If you have questions, please contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

Youth 56 will have a weekly [Youth 56 Meetup](#) at 7:00 PM Sunday evenings. Please check your email for the password.

Sunday Mornings

Families are invited to join Tammy on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM! There is a [NEW LINK](#).



SUMMER 2020 PROGRAMS are still being planned!

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who made Vacation Bible School a success this year! It may have looked different, but it was still a wonderful experience for all!

Middle School Mission Week ~ July 6-10 for students who have completed 6-8 grades (Contact Leah at lnash@mentorumc.org for more details)

Theatre Arts Camp Performances July 24 & 25 Registration is closed.
mentorumc.org/summer-programs

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: Connie Sterner

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Lantern - Jim Reed • Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich
The Enclave - Kay Disbro • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer • Concord Village - Shirley Dessner
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Linda Leach, Susan Rimes, John Reno, Sylvia Bisbee, Carl Snyder, Jean Lewis, Dale Snyder
Muril Zimmerman, Sandy Linsell, Kimi Schmidt, Gina Cartagena, Megan Vernon

Our sympathy to Karen, Dave and Emily Brooks in the passing of Karen's mother, Juanita Steele, on June 8.

Our sympathy to Nancy and Tim Merritt in the passing of Nancy's mother, Edie Freeman, on June 9. Her loss will be felt deeply by her church friends and all those she blessed here at MUMC.

Have a Prayer Request?

[SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST](#)

On our website homepage, click [SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST](#) to send us your request. You can share your information or remain anonymous and let us know if you would like to be contacted by a pastor. You can call us at 440-255-3496 as well. We are here to support you in prayer!

Hope Chest Closed - Hold Items at Home

Hope Chest is closed until further notice. We are not accepting any donations until they are up and running again. Please hold on to your items at home and do not drop them off at the church **or at Hope Chest**. Thank you!

College Graduates

We offer congratulations to those who have recently received college degrees. Please let the church office know by June 28 in order to be included in our recognition in the summer newsletter at cnagy@mentorumc.org.

Cleaning Help Needed

We are doing a thorough cleaning to ensure our facility will be ready for the re-launch when we are approved to open the doors once again. Help is needed to accomplish this large task by June 30, though we do not have an official opening date yet. Please see the link to the Sign-Up Genius form if you are interested in helping in 2-hour increments or call the office. Thank you! <https://bit.ly/30ytY5e>



Youth Ministry

lnash@mentorumc.org



Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at MUMCYouth712

Minecraft Wednesdays!

Throughout the Summer, we will have a Minecraft Hangout on Wednesday Evenings around 7 PM. All students are welcome to join our MUMC Server. This is a safe, closed environment where students can come together, create, and talk to one another from home. To join, simply email lnash@mentorumc.org your Username/Gamer tag and Leah will send you an invite. *Note, this server is run through the Java Edition of the game and not the Microsoft Edition.



Youth Service Project

We Have Found Our Project!! This year we will be working locally in Thompson, Ohio from June 21 through the 27. Our project will be helping Mabel and Vic Collen, members of Thompson UMC, rebuild their home. In 2016, they lost a large portion of the house due to a fire, and it is our hope to push the construction forward during our week. We continue to need all of your prayers and support as we plan this project.

Middle School Mission Week

MSMW will be July 6-10 and the theme this year is BLESSED, a focus on the Beatitudes. The service projects will be smaller scale and easily done in smaller groups at the church. Please fill out the intent to participate form, so we can make MSMW work best for you!

Please fill out the Participation Form at this link if you are interested: <https://bit.ly/2zrqg9K>

If you would like to help, please see this form <https://forms.gle/ztjhfAzTehM9S5gV6>

If you have any questions, please email Leah at lnash@mentorumc.org.



Hello and Goodbye

We will be postponing our traditional Hello/Goodbye until we resume our weekly Youth Group in the Fall. We would like to keep this tradition in person and we will keep you updated on a specific date. If you do have a student who will be entering Youth Group this year, please make sure to reach out to Leah at lnash@mentorumc.org. She will be contacting all youth families to stay connected this Summer. Please keep an eye out for scheduled activities, such as putt-putt, ice cream socials, etc, this summer!

UNITED WAY OF LAKE COUNTY VIRTUAL DAY OF CARING YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



**DONATION
DRIVE-BY!**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
9 AM - 7 PM**

RAIN DATE: JUNE 25

WHAT: We're continuing to work hard to meet the needs of our community and due to the pandemic, we've replaced our traditional Day of Caring with a new way for the community to come together to help our most vulnerable residents during this time of great need.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Donate one or more of the kits listed below and drop them off at one of the 5 locations listed below on Wednesday, June 24 anytime from 9 am - 7 pm. Put the kit(s) in your trunk, and volunteers will unload them for you so you don't have to exit your car.

5 DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Mentor Main Library, 8215 Mentor Ave. • Perry Public Library, 3753 Main St. • United Way Office, 9285 Progress Pkwy, Mentor • Willowick Library, 263 E. 305th St. • Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd.

PLEASE BOX/BAG ALL KITS AND LABEL THEM ACCORDINGLY

FOOD KITS

Non-perishable food items - breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks

HEALTH KITS

Dental Kits: Toothbrushes, floss, toothpaste, etc.
Personal Hygiene Kits: soaps, shampoo, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.

SAFETY KITS

PPE, face masks (medical or homemade), medical gloves, hand sanitizer, etc.

EDUCATION KITS

Children's books or school supplies, or a combination of both

FINANCIAL STABILITY KITS

Gas cards, bus passes, food & grocery store gift cards, etc.
Baby Care Kits: baby food, diapers, bottles, clothes, etc.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DAVID WHITTAKER AT DWHITTAKER@UWLC.ORG OR 440-639-1203



United Way
of Lake County

WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
Together



BLOOD DRIVE

Mentor United Methodist Church

Asbury & Wesley Rooms, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Presenting donors will receive a Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last!

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org,
sponsor code: Mentorunited, or call 1-800- RED CROSS.

Click here to schedule an appointment!

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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