Dear Friends,
What a week it has been! Chelsea and I have been overwhelmed by your messages of support, encouragement and love. At one level, it is a reminder of how much we are going to miss this wonderful church when we move, and, at another level, it is a comforting reminder that Mentor UMC will still be an amazing place for ministry and growth in Jesus no matter which pastors come and go throughout the years.

Pastor Sondra and I are very excited about the continuing ministry at Mentor UMC as we look forward to August. We have entered a new sermon series about Genesis 1-3. We are going to look at how God created a temple for Himself on the earth and how we are each called to be His priests in caring for that temple – the world around us. We have some special surprises planned, so you won’t want to miss a single Sunday live stream! Also, we look forward to sharing communion with you today, so be sure to gather the elements as you gather in front of your computers/phones/TV’s.

Meanwhile, we are getting Journey Groups ready for the fall, including some exciting new groups that will be looking at issues of racial diversity and racial justice in the church and in our community. Look for information about how to join and participate in these groups, soon! Evangelism/Fellowship continues to pursue ways to reach new people and connect all of us in the age of social distancing, including Zoom Fellowship hour (our next one taking place on Sunday, August 9 – sign up now via our website or Facebook page!).

For the next few weeks, I am going to fully enjoy every moment I get to spend with Mentor UMC as your pastor, and I know the Scripture that will always be in my mind as I think of this wonderful church is Philippians 1:3, “I thank my God every time I remember you.” How blessed we are to have a church that has not allowed a pandemic and times of crisis and change to interrupt our focus on leading all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Through it all, we remain connected and committed to that mission in Christ!
Children & Family Ministries
www.mentorumc.org/children

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

EAT THIS BOOK Summer Challenge! All families are invited to participate in this challenge where PRIZES will be awarded! Sign up ASAP to participate. The challenge began June 22 and ends September 5. You can sign up at any point throughout the summer, but the sooner you sign up, the sooner you can get started.

August 6 - Who I Am (chapters 1-3)
August 20 - What I Need (chapters 4-6)
September 3 - What I Want (chapters 7-8)
September 17 - What I Believe (chapters 9-10)
October 1 - How I Connect (chapters 11-12 and Final Thoughts)
We will meet VIRTUALLY online! Once you register, you will receive the link to the meeting. Use this link https://bit.ly/3hVdwkM.

MUMC Kids’ Meetups on SUNDAY mornings at 10:30 AM!
We will have the preschoolers break out with Kate & Abby Colbow. There is also a gathering on WEDNESDAY mornings at 10:30 AM. Join us for some singing and good times.

Youth 56 Meetup August 9 and 23 at 7:00 PM. Please check your email for the password.

A Visit from Tammy is being offered this week. Sign up at this link https://bit.ly/314IYXd for a thirty-minute time slot. She will go to your house or meet at a park. She will have a simple craft, time to chat, pray, and visit in a socially distant way wearing her mask.

Sunday Morning Services
Join us in worship!
The YouVersion link for this week is https://bible.com/events/25443371
9 AM and 11 AM
Facebook, YouTube, and website home page

MUMC Virtual Fellowship Time on Zoom August 9
We are looking forward to meeting with everyone for fellowship time on August 9, 2020, from 10:15 AM to 10:45 AM. Everyone who signs up will get the password for their chosen room in an email. If we need to add more rooms they will be added to accommodate. Hope to see you all. Rooms will be hosted by Alan Vick and Pam Wooledge. Click this link to sign up or see the app or website.
Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:
Cleveland Clinic - Dale Snyder

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 - John Hurley
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely • Breckenridge - Marilyn Clark
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher • Vista Springs - Jean Lewis

Members who have returned home or are homebound:
Linda Leach, John Reno, Sylvia Bisbee, Carl Snyder, Karen Preston, Karen Mancini
Muril Zimmerman, Sandy Linsell, Kimi Schmidt, Gina Cartagena, Julie Helmick,
Opal Pinasky (at her daughter’s home), Ken Ireland, Kurt Hinkley, Patricia Bonner, Linda Kast,
Erica Wilmot, Tom Erbaugh

Woodlawn Lunch Program
Help pack lunch bags for the children at Woodlawn Homes in Painesville on Tuesday afternoons through August. Catalyst Ministry has arranged to provide five days of prepackaged lunches and breakfast snacks with drinks, distributed one day each week similar to curbside carryout. Sign up to help at: https://bit.ly/3fhWaNh.
You may sign up for as many slots as you wish on any given day as your time allows.

Personal protective equipment -- face masks/shields, gloves, and all sanitizing and cleaning supplies -- will be provided, and your temperature will be taken before entering the Community Center. Just show up at the Woodlawn Homes Community Center at the time you signed up for, and you will be directed from there. The Community Center is located at 553 Sanders Avenue, Painesville 44077.

If you would like more information about the protective procedures in place or have other questions, please contact Carole Ring (umw@mentorumc.org) or Neal Nelson (neal@catalystministry.net).

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.