
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, October 11, 2020

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A church leader complained that church attendance was plummeting, poverty and violent crime were rampant, alcohol consumption was out of control, the church's influence in their society and culture was waning, and it seemed like the only thing left was for Christianity to be completely ridiculed and rejected.

It may sound a bit like some of the modern world, but these comments are actually from Anglican Bishop Joseph Butler of Bristol in 1738, the year George Whitfield convinced his friend John Wesley to come to Bristol to preach with him to coal miners! (John Wesley became the founder of Methodism.)

Even today, we are reminded that the world needs voices of hope and promise; voices that proclaim deliverance and victory. The world needs those who work for peace and justice; work for goodness and healing. We are reminded that the world needs those willing to share Jesus.

Jesus authorized his followers to go into the world to be his voice, to be his hands and feet, to share his message of deliverance. The Great Commission, Matthew 28: 16 – 20, reminds all of us that our mission is to help others know God is with them. Just as surely, as we continually remember God is with us, too.

It is somewhat comforting to know that generations before us have faced challenges and uncertainties yet found ways to persevere. We learn from their example. We give thanks for those who shared their voices, tirelessly worked, and willingly shared Christ. We recommit ourselves to go into the world ... because we know of Jesus' love and power.

Will you join me in proclaiming the good news of Jesus? Coal miners and factory workers; school children and little babies; shut-ins and homeless; Republicans and Democrats and Independents; friends and enemies; you and me. In an unsettled world, Jesus is with us!

May we remember Christ is with us!
And, as his followers, find ways to share this good news to all.

I hold you in my prayers, and heart.

Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning Services
The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/41830533>

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

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: UH - Don Ference

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 • Parker Place - Opal Pinasky
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:

Art Sydow, Dale Snyder, John Proegler, Karen Mancini, Patrick Brennan, Linda Leach, Erica Wilmot, Gina Cartagena, Kimi Schmidt, Carl Snyder, Sylvia Bisbee, Marilyn Clark (at her son's home), John Hurley

Congratulations to Devin and Olivia Wingerter on the baptism of their son, Clark James, today.

Our sympathy to Pat Kellerman in the passing of her husband Dale on October 3.

Journey Groups

To join a Journey Group, contact Jim Nagle, our Chair of Adult Discipleship, at jnagle7941@hotmail.com to be connected to one of these groups.

Worship October 18

In-house worship is offered at MUMC! Things can change quickly ... so stay tuned! Our online service will continue, and we encourage you to connect with us online. If you wish to join us in-house, you must register per Sign-Up Genius through our website or Church App, or by calling the church office at 440-255-3496. We are limiting the numbers to 50% capacity in each space. Until we can secure all the needed items for sanitizing, only one service will be offered in each space.

Sign up at these links:

[Modern Worship at 9 AM](#)

[Traditional Worship at 11 AM](#)

Do you know someone who needs the Weekly Update in the mail?

If you know someone who would benefit from receiving the Weekly Update each week in the mail, please let the Office know. We do our best to reach everyone but we need your input. Please email Carolyn at cnagy@mentorumc.org or call 440-255-3496 during the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM.

Flat Rock Christmas Gift Tags

Flat Rock is in need of Christmas presents for the children / residents with disabilities at their facility. Specific gifts have been requested for each of the residents via Gift Tags which have been ordered by Missions. These gifts are mostly in the \$25 range, with 3 gifts/resident. Please email Bill Mueller at muellerhomeoffice@oh.rr.com for the Gift Tags to shop for. The gifts are due at the church by Friday, November 13 or can be sent directly to Flat Rock.

Children & Family Ministries
www.mentorumc.org/children

Spiritual Parenting by Michelle Anthony has started, but it is not too late to jump in. It is a virtual meeting. Contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org if you are interested.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets the second Friday in the morning and/or the fourth Thursday in the evening. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is [Decide to Rise](#) and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at mops@mentorumc.org for more information.

MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups is every Sunday morning at 10:10-10:50 AM. Check your email for login details or contact Tammy.

PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow
2nd, 3rd, 4th gr led by Cristen Neibecker & Laurie Babcock
5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

YOUTH 56 meets TONIGHT October 11, at MUMC from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Positive Parenting Book Club's next book is yet to be determined. We meet from our own homes virtually. Once you register, you will receive the link to the meeting. Do you have a suggestion for a book? Let Tammy know!

Treat Street is our fall celebration and will be held on Saturday, October 17. **Pre-wrapped candy is needed by TODAY.** Please place donations in the bin in the Community Center. If you would like to sign up as a "Trunker" and decorate your car, please contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.



To help out at Treat Street sign up at this link [Treat Servant Sign Up](#).

Chocolate Advent Calendar annual sale will be PRE-ORDERS ONLY. Please [ORDER HERE](#) no later than October 18.

School Supply Collection

Missions Committee is collecting school supplies for Catalyst Ministries School Partnership Program with Painesville. Items can be dropped in the Community Center bin by the Gallery entrance. On Sunday mornings we will also have a basket in the Narthex. Please use the list below and donate your items by October 31.

Recess equipment: Sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, basketballs, soccer balls, and frisbees.
Classroom items: plug in headphones(dollar store), crayons, dry erase markers, coloring books, tissues.



ESL Teachers Needed

The Hispanic Ministry of Painesville is in desperate need of ESL teachers. Alan Brown offers these guidelines. Please contact the church office if you would like further information.

1. ESL is an evangelism ministry, so the major requirement is that the teacher be a believer who enjoys people. Many of the students will be non-believers.
2. Classes meet Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. You can choose one of those nights, which most teachers do, or both to teach.
3. We meet in downtown Painesville, 270 East Main St.
4. It is best not to know Spanish.
5. We use material from Intercambio (intercambio.org). It is extremely user friendly for both teacher and student; prep time will be minimal. We provide training, though you really just have to be able to read aloud at a first grade level. This type of teaching does not require in any way having the spiritual gift of teaching.
6. We understand if things come up and you need to cancel for the week.
7. We normally average 15-25 students a night and have 4-5 different levels of English.
8. We follow all Covid-19 requirements from face masks for all, to social distancing, to cleaning, etc.

Youth Ministry

lnash@mentorumc.org

Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at [MUMCYouth712](#)

Meetings

Youth Group meets every week from 6:00-8:00 PM. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

This week we will be having Youth Group at Mentor UMC. Please fill out the Sign Up if your student plans to attend. Drop off and pick up will be at the Gallery entrance.

Bonfire

Next Sunday, October 18, will be our Youth Group Bonfire!! [Sign Up Here](#)

The event will be from 4:00-8:00 PM at 7244 Leroy Thompson Rd., Thompson, 44086. (The entrance to parking is before this address. We will have decorations and signs at entrance.)

This event will be held in Thompson, Ohio at Leah Nash's parents' property. We will go on a creek hike to the waterfall, play in the woods, enjoy a lesson and game, have a fire, and have tacos in a bag for dinner. We will need plenty of adult volunteers and helpers for this event.

Due to the pandemic and maintaining social distancing, we ask that if you are able, please bring your child to the event and stay for the evening. While we will have some rides available, we would like to keep students out of other people's cars as much as possible! Since we know it's a long drive, we ask that you stay, go on the hike, hangout in the field, and have dinner with us.

Please bring:

Water bottle

Lawn chair/blanket

Warm Clothes

Towel in case you get wet at creek

Contact Leah Nash with any questions at lnash@mentorumc.org.

Pastor Appreciation Month - Thank You

Philippians 1:3-5, 7-11 is a scripture passage that shows the heart of our pastors at Mentor UMC. *“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.”*

This scripture especially rings true when we give thanks to God for all of the amazing pastors he has placed in the life of Mentor UMC. As we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month, we ask that you join us in thanking Pastor Sondra and Pastor Barb for all of their spiritual guidance, leadership, prayers and loving support they provide to all of us. This year has shown us all many things. We have all been faced with challenges that we would never have expected. One positive thing that 2020 has shown us, is again how truly blessed we are to have amazing pastoral leaders guide Mentor UMC through the ongoing pandemic and ever challenging times.

- Staff Parish Relations Committee

Job Posting for Part-Time Custodian

Mentor UMC is seeking a Part-Time Custodian. This position works under the direction of the Senior Custodian to follow a flexible schedule to maintain the facilities and grounds in a safe, clean, and attractive manner. Must be able to work in a serving capacity with congregational members, staff, and those the congregation serves. The position requires physical activity and moderate lifting. Specific part-time support is needed for Sunday mornings to assist with building openings and snow removal during winter months. Interested parties should send their resume or letter of interest by email to tsimons@mentorumc.org or by mail to: Mentor UMC, 8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

This Thanksgiving, we will host our 30th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner! It will look a little different as we provide drive-thru and delivery of meals only. We will miss sitting down and enjoying food and fellowship with our community, however, this meal will bless many especially with the challenges of this year. Sign-ups are coming soon for food donations and workers. We expect to need more delivery drivers so please be thinking if you may be able to help. This outreach makes such an impact and we look forward to sharing the spirit of giving as we give thanks. Please contact Jim Post at jpost@ohiotech.edu or 440-477-6130 with any questions.