

# STEEPLETALK

MAY 2017



One of the core values of the church is that we are Christ-centered. That means we are focused on the life words, way, and Spirit of Jesus.

Jesus lived a short life by most standards. Dying in his early thirties would be considered tragic by most accounts. And given the fact that he lived all but the last three years in obscurity, it would appear that he had little to offer in terms of his life. However, those three years left a huge impact. The life of Jesus has been written about, talked about, imitated, made into movies, and inspired songs. His life has taken the world by storm. During his life he demonstrated love and kindness; he showed the way of humility and honesty. Jesus lived a perfect life. But ironically, it was his death that perhaps led to the significance of his life—for his death led to his resurrection. Thus the life of Jesus was not only on earth, it continues in eternity.

During his early ministry Jesus taught. His words of instruction caught a nerve in his day that continues to speak to us today. Words and phrases like, "Good Samaritan", "neighbor", "do unto others...", "forgive", "cast the first stone", and "turn the other cheek" continue to speak to us two thousand years later. The words of a Jewish carpenter from a backwoods town have had a huge impact on the world. So we want to value the words of the one who said, *"But everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house upon the rock."* (Matthew 7:24)

The way of Jesus speaks to the path of Jesus, but it also refers to Jesus himself. Christians were called "The Way" for they followed Jesus and walked in his way. Jesus invites us to follow him on the narrow path. But Jesus is also the way. By his own declaration Jesus said, *"I am the way and the truth and the life."* (John 14:6) Jesus said, *"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."* (John 10:9) To value Jesus Christ is to seek him as "The Way."

Finally, we value the Spirit of Jesus. Jesus made it very clear during his ministry that the Father sent him, but that the Holy Spirit would come after him. In this language we discover the Trinity — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit? He said a lot. But here are a few: He will give power, comfort, new birth, counsel, and conviction. Without the Holy Spirit we would be helpless, but by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for Christian living. Jesus died, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. But Jesus did not leave us alone, he asked the Father to give us the Holy Spirit.

We are called to a path of Christ-centered discipleship. This gives us a picture of what that means.

On the journey...

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YOUNG ADULT JOURNEY  
  
MINISTRY

**S.A.L.T**

This is a singles ministry for those in their twenties and thirties. We meet every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Adams Parlor.

On April 27th, the group started reading I Don't Wait Anymore by Grace Hornton.

If you are interested in joining us or want to find out more about this singles ministry, please email [salt.mumc@gmail.com](mailto:salt.mumc@gmail.com).

**OPEN POSITION**

**The Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee is looking to fill the position of Director of Modern Worship - iConnect.** The committee seeks a faithful leader whose heart for worship and compassion to invest in the lives of others is clearly evident in all they do. Recruiting musicians, running rehearsals, choosing media for multiple services, the Director weaves together all the various elements for a worship service to come together and help usher people into the Presence of God. The successful candidate will have a proven track record of planning and coordinating worship and must have experience working alongside production, technical and media ministry staff members.

**It is important that you officially submit your resume in PDF or Word form, including three references, to [sprc@mentorumc.org](mailto:sprc@mentorumc.org). Use "Attention Director of Modern Worship Search Committee" as the subject line of your email. A full job description will be provided to you upon application.**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE**

Join us Tuesday, May 9th in the Adams Parlor for a time of fellowship, refreshments and a brief program. All women of the church are welcome to join us!



**VOLUNTEER FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN BUILD 2017  
Friday & Saturday, May 12th & 13th**

Lake-Geauga Habitat's mission of building homes, communities and hope helps provide decent, affordable homes for families to live in Lake and Geauga counties. **On May 12th & 13th Habitat is promoting the involvement of women in construction through their Women Build program.** The work day runs 8:15 a.m.—3:30 p.m. (you select which day to work). Participants will receive a t-shirt, lunch, goodies and more! You must be at least 18 years old to participate.

Please contact Carole Ring at [umw@mentorumc.org](mailto:umw@mentorumc.org) or (440) 255-7213 for a Women Build packet or additional information, or contact Habitat directly at (440) 226-3000 or [msundstrom@habitatgeauga.org](mailto:msundstrom@habitatgeauga.org).

**MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS:** The UMW will be offering items for sale Sunday, May 7th & Sunday, May 14th between services. We have scrubbies, knit cotton dish cloths, potato bags (for baking) AND our specialty (whether or not you're a mom!), caramelized corn puffs.

**You can find us at the Sign-Up Center (Atrium outside Fellowship Hall doors).**  
All money raised is for Missions.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

Singing has been an integral part of Methodist worship from the days of John Wesley. Indeed, Rev. Wesley published his first hymn in South Carolina in 1737. His brother, Charles, wrote over 6,000 hymns.

Early in the nineteenth century the Methodist Episcopal church (the original name for our denomination) published tune books, where only the words were published. The first authorized such book was published in 1821. New tune books were published in 1843, 1844, 1848, and 1849.

The first hymnal to contain both text and tunes was published by the Methodist Episcopal church South in 1860. This was a branch that had split over the issue of slavery. The amazing part of this hymnal was that the text and tunes were in separate sections of the hymnal. Try and follow the music in that book. In 1878, the Methodist Episcopal Church published what is considered the first modern hymnal with tune and text together in four-part harmony.

The Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Episcopal South worked toward unification and in 1905 published the Pan-Methodist Hymnal. By 1939 three denominations merged into the Methodist Church. A new hymnal was published eliminating any differences in the three separate hymnals.

A new hymnal was published in 1966. It was called, appropriately, The Methodist Hymnal. I'm sure some of our more senior members of the church remember this book. The Evangelical United Brethren Church published a new hymnal in 1957. With the unification of the Methodists and EUBs into the United Methodist Church in 1968, both hymnals were used.

The first hymnal under the name The United Methodist Hymnal was published in 1989. It was approved by the General Conference of 1988 and is the one we currently use. There are also official versions in Spanish and Korean.

Praising God with song has always been one of the most cherished parts of our services. Whatever we sing and however we sing it, it is a path to God.

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

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Or you can email him at [dhumphrey@ameritch.net](mailto:dhumphrey@ameritch.net).

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**ASBURY FELLOWSHIP sponsored**

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**Spring** \*  
\* **Dinner**

**Pine Ridge Country Club  
Grille Room  
Saturday, May 20th**

Come and join the Asbury Fellowship group for their Annual Spring Dinner & Program at Pine Ridge Country Club on May 20th. The Social Hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner choices are Breaded Pork Chops, Chicken Piccata or Pecan Encrusted Salmon. Brownie Sundae for dessert. Tickets are \$30 per person. **Tickets are available at The Sign-Up Center (Atrium outside Fellowship Hall doors) May 7th & 14th.** Following dinner, we will be entertained by Dan Ruminski who will be speaking on . . .

The Famous & Infamous Women of Cleveland's Millionaire Row.

**All are invited!**

## SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

### HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Consider joining us for a brief service at Heartland on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We begin at 10:45 a.m. and are finished approximately 20 minutes later. It's a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with the Heartland residents. Why not join us for our next service on Sunday, May 21st.

If you have any questions, please contact Rich & Katie Elwell at (440) 255-6794 or Don & Pat Humphrey at (440) 354-3833.

### MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL



*Free Community Dinner*

Our next free community meal will be Saturday, May 27th at 5:30 p.m. — doors open at 5:00 p.m. Extra hands are always appreciated for set-up, starting at 4:30 p.m. through clean-up, which is usually done around 7 p.m. Stop in, lend a hand, eat and visit with some of our guests so that you can share in this wonderful ministry!

If you would like to help with a meal or have questions, please contact Jim Post at 1-440-477-6130. We'd love to see you at our next meal.

### MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA



The Mayfield United Methodist Church is sponsoring a trip to Guatemala in July. You can help in two ways:

1. Donate to the shoe distribution project for the Guatemala Mission trip. Donations can be made at the following website <https://fundraise.theshoethatgrows.org/fundraise?fcid=900918>.
2. Consider going on this mission trip! The current group's age range is between 19 and 60 and all are welcome.

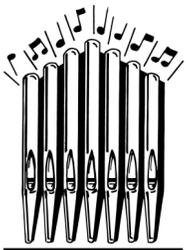
If anyone is interested or has questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Steigerwald at [steigerwald2@gmail.com](mailto:steigerwald2@gmail.com) or by phone at (440) 667-5587 (call or text is ok).

### COUNCIL ON AGING HAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES . . .

Friendly visitors, grocery shoppers, kitchen helpers, Meals on Wheels delivery, just to name a few! Background check and training is provided. Make a difference in the life of a senior in as little as 1 1/2 hours each week.

Contact Dianne Bottiggi, Volunteers Services Program Manager at (44) 255-8111, ext. 228 or [dianneb@lcco.org](mailto:dianneb@lcco.org).

*"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves" - James Matthew Barrie*



**Painesville United Methodist Church presents**

**1920s Silent Film Accompanied by Dennis Scott, Organist  
Friday, May 19th at 7 p.m.**

Dennis took organ lessons for roughly two years in his teens, then stopped. In college as a theater manager, he taught himself to play the pipe organ. Later, he accompanied comedies featuring Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton on a pizza parlor pipe organ. He is house organist at Chicago's historic Music Box Theatre. He is the official organist for the International Buster Keaton Society and accompanies silent Keaton films every year for their convention, held in Muskegon, Michigan, where Buster spent much of his childhood.

There is no charge for admission. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information, please visit [www.pumconline.org](http://www.pumconline.org). Painesville United Methodist Church is located at 71 North Park Place, Painesville. Join us for a really great night of entertainment!

## SUMMER FOOD DISTRIBUTION



**We will be doing a special end of school food distribution on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Below is a list of food items which are most needed:

Peanut butter	Healthy snacks	Applesauce
Jelly	Canned fruit	Canned soup
Graham crackers	Canned vegetables	Canned Spaghetti Os & Ravioli
Cereal	Instant potatoes	Canned tuna & chicken
Macaroni & Cheese	Rice	Complete boxed dinners
Juice boxes	Fruit snacks	Noodles

School will soon be out for the summer “Yay!” UNLESS you live in a low income family. Summer means you have 10 more meals per week, per child to provide with your grocery budget already stretched thin. (There is no more free breakfast and free lunch from school.)

**We will be passing out grocery bags with a list of items needed on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> for you to return on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Sorting will be done Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

All are welcome to join us in preparation for this distribution. We also need help on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 to complete boxing the food. Distribution to families will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8p.m.

**Any time you can contribute to help with sorting, preparation, or distribution will greatly be appreciated.**

### CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Tammy Palermo, Director  
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#### KNOW

- **Sunday School**
  - Children 0-4 yrs.—Early Childhood area
  - K-2nd Grade—Room 107
  - 3rd-4th Grade—Room 103
  - 5th-6th Grade—Room 104
  - Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month and K-6th graders remain in worship with their families
  - **FAMILY WORSHIP on MAY 28th**
  - [www.mentorumc.org/Sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/Sunday-school)

#### GROW

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
  - Sunday, May 21st from 12:00-7:30 p.m. to assist with food sorting—tentative activity to follow
  - **Sunday, June 4th—Hello/Goodbye Party**
    - **Hello** to the upcoming 5th graders (AKA current 4th graders)
    - **Goodbye** to the outgoing 6th graders
    - Details to follow!
  - [www.mentorumc.org/stucco-56](http://www.mentorumc.org/stucco-56)
- **MOPS & MOMSnext**
  - Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 12th from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Meeting
  - [www.mentorumc.org/mops](http://www.mentorumc.org/mops)

Children & Family Ministries Continued . . .

#### SHOW

- **Sunday School Servant** sign up for SUMMER months (one month commitment)
  - [www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)
- **SUMMER PROGRAMS**
  - **Theatre Arts Camp**
    - “Beauty & the Beast, Jr.”
    - Parts have been cast; still taking ENSEMBLE Members
    - Camp: June 5-9 and June 12-16
    - Shows: June 16 at 7:30 p.m. and June 17 at 1 p.m.
  - **Vacation Bible School**
    - June 19-23, 9 a.m. to Noon
    - “Hero Central”
  - **Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp**
    - June 19-23, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
    - “Water of Life”
  - [www.mentorumc.org/summer-programs](http://www.mentorumc.org/summer-programs)
- **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED Heifer International**
  - We raised enough to purchase 14 Alpacas!!!

#### NEWSLETTER & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:

- [www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)



## **CHANGE THE WORLD**

### **CHANGE THE WORLD DAY SATURDAY, MAY 20th!**

We are hosting a day of serving our local community. Members of the Mission Commission will be at the Sign-Up table outside Fellowship Hall after services on Sunday, May 7th, and May 14th to register you or answer your questions. You can also go to Sign-Up Genius to register for all of the activities. It is linked to the church website—[www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org).

Here are some opportunities for you to help CHANGE THE WORLD.:

- ◆ Start your day with a **5K race or 1 mile walk** at 9 a.m. **No registration fee—we ask that you bring an item for the military care packages we will be putting together.** After the race, join with others in the Gallery to sort the donations, assemble the care packages, and write cards to be included with the packages. **Sign up at [www.webscorer.com/changetheworldday5k](http://www.webscorer.com/changetheworldday5k).**
- ◆ **At 10:30 a.m.** join us in the Wesley Room for a short presentation, a former Project Hope shelter guest sharing her touching story about homelessness from her first-hand experience. **Also, hear about Extended Housing's Homeless Outreach Program**, "first responders" to the needs right here in Lake County. **Then join us in a family-friendly activity to make "Giving Trees"** as part of a fundraising campaign for Project Hope, Lake County's only homeless shelter.
- ◆ **Maybe you prefer kitchen work!** Help prepare several main dishes that can be frozen until needed for the Project Hope dinner on the first Wednesday of each month that MUMC provides for 50 at the shelter. Choose one of three shifts: 9 a.m.-11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ **While you are at the church for one of these activities** (anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.), spend some time in the Conference Room and **help us meet the challenge of creating 300 greetings/placemats for those who eat meals at satellite stations of the Lake County Council on Aging.** Bring a smile to an elderly person with your creative touches on pre-printed sheets. Artists of all ages are welcome.
- ◆ **Make a friendly visit as an individual, pair, family, or very small group** to a church member who is home-bound or resides in a care facility. Share a smile, encouragement, support, or even a song, flower, or treat. We will provide you with a name after you sign up and you may go directly to the visit between 11 a.m. and noon or 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.
- ◆ **You may want to join with others to complete some spring yard work for older or disabled congregation members. Bring a rake, maybe a shovel, trowel, or pruning shears, and a big garbage bag.** Be sure to bring a water bottle. Meet at the church by the Gallery doors. We hope to have multiple groups heading out from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ **Help sort donations and assemble Military Care Packages** to mail to overseas deployed service personnel. Write cards & notes to be included with the packages.

**Mission Commission is seeking APO addresses for active duty service personnel. As part of Change the World Day, we will be collecting items to make the care packages and sending them overseas. If you have the address of ANY U.S. service member who is deployed, send the address to [pmele@mentorumc](mailto:pmele@mentorumc), leave in the Church Office or call the Church Office at 255-3496.**

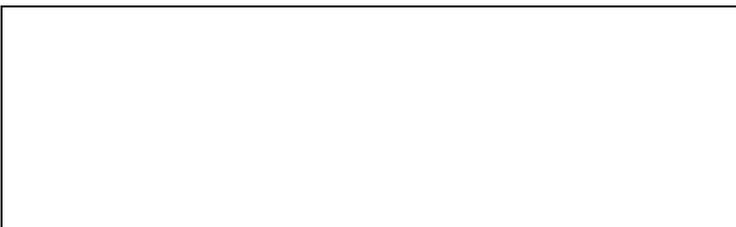
- ◆ **Not available on May 20th, you can still make a difference. Please donate items for the military care packages.** There is a labeled container behind the Sign-Up Center (outside Fellowship Hall doors) for donated items.
- ◆ **Here is a list of needed items:** beef jerky, peanut butter, nuts, protein bars, gum, instant coffee, sunflower seeds, drink mixes, dried fruit, hot chocolate, ramen noodles, trail mix, instant oatmeal, Pringles, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, Chapstick, insect repellent, wipes, shampoo, body wash, soap, deodorant, disposable razors, shaving gel, toothpaste/brush, mouthwash, foot powder, dental floss, eye drops, Advil/Tylenol, Kleenex, hand/foot warmers, cards, games, magazines, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, Frisbee, washcloths, batteries, books.

**There will be many service opportunities to choose from for all ages.** On Sunday, May 21st, we will share some of the stories of the day in worship — where did we see God as we served others.

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**SANCTUARY** Worship  
9 & 11 a.m.

**iCONNECT** Worship  
(Fellowship Hall)  
9 & 11 a.m.

**COMMUNION**

10:15 a.m.  
Join us in the Chapel  
(Except for the 1st Sunday of the month)

**9 a.m. & 11 a.m.**

Childcare — Babies & Toddlers  
Early Childhood Check-In

K-2nd Grade—Room 105  
3rd-4th Grade—Room 103  
5th-6th Grade—Room 104

Children join parents/guardians  
In worship on the 1st Sunday of the month.



**Mother's Day Weekend**  
**YSP Annual Plant Sale!**  
May 12th & 13th  
**MUMC East Front Parking Lot**

**Friday 12 p.m.—7 p.m.**  
**Saturday 9 a.m.—7 p.m.**

**Hanging Baskets & Planters**



Proceeds from the sale support the  
2017 Youth Service Project (YSP)  
trip to Plymouth, North Carolina



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