

# STEEPLETALK

October 2017



Core values help shape an organization and a movement. Mentor United Methodist Church has established 8 core values. Over the past few months we have focused on our core values of Christ-Centered, Biblically-Rooted, Prayer-Driven, Doctrine-Based, and Fellowship-Focused. This month we'll focus on the 6th core value.

**Relationship-Sensitive:** We value relationships and the building of relationship because people matter.

"Relationship" is a word we value in society; it is a word that carries emotion. In the world of social media, one of the key profile disclosures reveals the relationship you're in. How many friends you have or how many people follow you on Twitter speaks to your relationships. There is power and emotion in words that define relationships, e.g. spouse, friend, or work associate. By definition "relationship" means the way in which two or more people are connected; the state of being connected by blood or marriage; the way in which two or more people regard and behave toward each other.

In the Bible we learn how important relationships are. For example, the Bible does not hide the pain of broken relationships. Look at Cain and Abel, or Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers, Saul and David, or Paul and Barnabas. There was great pain in these strained relationships, but also healing in reconciliation. In the pain of broken ties Psalm 23 declares, "You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies". Breaking bread and sharing a meal brought severed relationships back together again. The Bible also displays the value of good relationships. Before the fall in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve and God walked together in the garden. David and Solomon were best friends and loyal to each other. Jesus demonstrated the importance of relationships when he spoke with the woman at the well, or invited Zacchaeus to come down from the tree.

All people matter. That's why we seek to be a church that values all people. We might not agree with life choices, but we care about the person. In the words of the old saying, "The church is not a house for saints but a hospital for sinners". Everyone who walks through the doors of the church is a person of sacred worth. We don't know what a person might be struggling with at home or work or life, but when they come to gather with others, they should feel valued. Relationships matter and we want to offer unconditional acceptance of every person. Whether a person drives to the church in a BMW or travels by Lake Transit, they are worth investing in through relationship building. In relationship building there should be no racism. In the church there should be no gender gap. And when we go out into the community to live and work and play, we need to treat others in a way that displays God's love for them, despite their creed or social status.

The path of discipleship is a transforming path. We don't walk alone, we walk with others. We might find ourselves walking with someone who is different than us, we might feel uncomfortable. But along the path we will experience transformation that will help transform our relationships.

As we live into the call to value relationship, others will see God's love on display.

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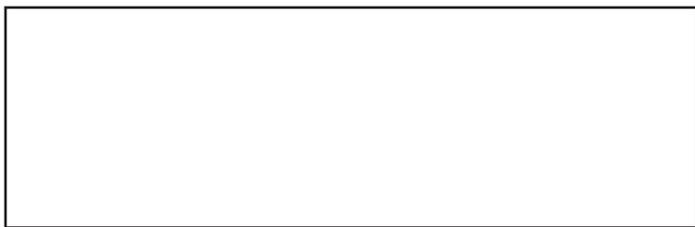
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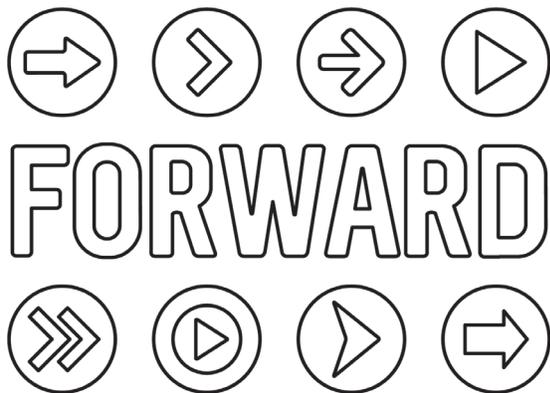
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Let's become the people we were meant to be – this is a series about moving in ONE direction toward Jesus! Join us not only on Sunday mornings, but also in one of our small groups as we go FORWARD together at Mentor UMC.  
September 10 - October 22

Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM  
Modern worship, iConnect, in the Fellowship Hall Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM  
*Deadline for the November Newsletter is October 9th.*

Deeper



Discipleship Ministries

## PRAYER FOCUS

October: those affected by disasters

As a result of disasters in recent weeks many have lost homes, loved ones, jobs, and personal property. In many cases there has been a disruption in the basic needs of people, medical care, businesses, family life, schools, and utilities and services. First responders and those providing relief are stretched, working long hours, dealing with their own losses and the loss of those they are trying to help.

Psalm 121:1. "I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Pray: (just some brief guiding thoughts of how to pray; and be sure to seek The Holy Spirit's help in your praying)

- Give strength and endurance for the relief workers
- Provide healing, help and hope for those who have suffered loss
- Give clergy and counselors wisdom in knowing how to handle all the overwhelming hurts they will have to deal with
- Keep us from apathy when we hear of yet another disaster
- Show us what our response needs to be
- Thank the Lord that in times of pain and suffering God gives grace and strength to persevere

Hurricane season is not over. Earthquakes are unpredictable. Storms and fires can break out at any time. So, in other words, pray without ceasing! - Nancy Landerholm

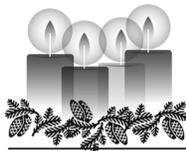
## WOMEN: SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PATH 2018!

Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn Twinsburg

Mark your calendars now!

Registration begins in January.



## DINNER BY CANDLELIGHT BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

Friday, October 20

7:00 p.m. in the Gallery

As we get older, there are challenges as we prepare for Christmas: elderly parents, adult children out of town or loss of relationships. Mentor United Methodist Women is sponsoring an evening with author Kevin Louise Schaner as she launches her Advent devotional *Dinner by Candlelight: Comfort and Joy for Advent*.

This book of twenty-nine essays offers a renewed sense of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace as we consider that even though how we celebrate Christmas may change, the Joy of Christ is the same. A retired Mentor Public Schools librarian, Kevin is a writer and a speaker. She has traveled to five continents with Volunteer in Mission teams with the United Methodist Church (including trips to Camphor Mission Station, Liberia) and has also been a part of several Ubuntu Journey mission trips with United Methodist Women.

Join us for an inspirational evening as Kevin shares some of her story behind the book and reads a few selections. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be a chance to meet and greet Kevin. This event is free and open to all.

Dinner by Candlelight books will be available for purchase (\$12 cash or check), and Kevin will be available to sign copies.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 8 at 1 pm

Outside, near the Gallery entrance

Bring your pet and help us celebrate the blessings and joys animals bring to our lives. Following a brief service, each pet and owner will have a time of blessing with Pastor Quincy and will go home with a small souvenir. If your pet doesn't like to leave the house, you can bring a photo instead. All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors!

**KNOW**

- **Sunday Mornings**
- Nursery to 4 years old go to Early Childhood
- K-6th grade Journey Groups go to Children & Youth Hallway with K-2nd Grade sign in Room 107; 3rd-4th Grade sign in Room 104; 5th-6th Grade sign in Room 103
- FIRST Sunday of the month, K-6th grade children join their parent/guardians in worship
- [www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)

**GROW**

- **GENERATIONS, family fellowship group**
- Annual Hayride at Patterson's Fruit Farm on Sunday, October 1 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm
- [www.mentorumc.org/generations](http://www.mentorumc.org/generations)
- **MOPS & MOMSnext Monthly Meeting**
- Fellowship Hall on Fridays, October 13 AND October 27 from 9:30 am to noon
- Childcare is available for school age children on October 13
- "Free Indeed"
- [www.mentorumc.org/mops](http://www.mentorumc.org/mops)
- **StuCo 56, 5th & 6th grade youth group**
- Meeting Sunday, October 9 from 5:30-7:30 pm at MUMC
- SHOPPING for Operation Christmas Child Sunday, October 23 from 5:30-7:30 pm at MUMC
- [www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56](http://www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56)
- **Trunk or Treat WITH Kingdom Fest**
- Saturday, October 21
- Trunk or Treat from 2:30-4:30 pm at MUMC southeast parking lot, the long lot by Southwood Rd.
- Kingdom Fest from 2:30-5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- Dress in your FAMILY FRIENDLY Halloween Costume
- Bring your treat bag
- Invite your family and friends / Open to EVERYONE
- "Step back in time to a medieval adventure...where kids discover how to become part of God's royal family."
- Activities include: Games, Create a Crown, Popcorn, Cupcake March, Selfie Booth
- **"TRUNKERS" WANTED**
- Saturday, October 21 from 2:30-4:30 pm at MUMC southeast parking lot, the long lot by Southwood Rd.
- Volunteers to provide treats to the kids
- Arrive between 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM for setup
- Hand out treats to the children from 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- Provide a safe and memorable celebration
- Decorate yourselves and your cars
- Be prepared with candy for a couple hundred children
- Prizes will be awarded for the BEST DECORATED "TRUNKERS"!
- Contact Tammy tpalermo@mentorumc.org by October 14 to register

**SHOW**

- Sunday School Leadership sign up: [www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)
- Children's Choir (1-6 Gr) rehearses 10:15-10:45 in Room 112
- Cherub Choir (3, 4, 5 YO, K) rehearses 10:15-10:35 in Room 104

**CURRENT INFO and CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:** [www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)

**FOR EVERYONE:**

- Auditions for "It's a Wonderful Life"
- Sunday, October 1
- Open to ALL ages
- Audition information at [www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)



## OCCUPY STUDENT MINISTRY

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**District Hayride** On **October 1** we will be going to Ridgeview Farms for the district hayride, corn maze, and pumpkin patch. We will be leaving MUMC at 3:30 and returning back to MUMC around 7:45-8:00 pm. The cost of this outing is \$10 CASH and is due by the end of Occupy Sunday Night on October 17th. This will be the absolute cutoff date to attend this trip with our group! For \$10 you will receive a meal, hayride, corn maze, and a pumpkin to bring home. It is always a fun event and one you will not want to miss!

October 1 – District Hayride

October 8 – First Confirmation Class

October 27-28 – Confirmation lock in

November 10-12 – Youth Explosion (Be Still)

December 31 – New Year's Lock In

## Outward



## Outreach, Missions and Special Events

### MISSIONS

Have you ever wondered how you can help when a disaster strikes?

Our Western Reserve District has an **Early Response Team (ERT)**. This team is made up of about 60 people that desire to be prepared to respond when disaster strikes. This team is trained and mobilized to help clean up and begin the recovery process for people in the aftermath of disaster.

If you are interested in joining this team there are a couple of training events coming to our area. One is November 4th at Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland.

When ERT teams are invited into the aftermath of a natural or man made disaster, the team mobilizes and spends about 3 days working and offering spiritual support. The team brings the presence of Christ into a time of loss and hopelessness for people. If you have questions or would like more information see Bruce Becker or email bbecker@mentorumc.org. To register for a training go to [http://www.eocumc.com/missions/training\\_opportunities.html](http://www.eocumc.com/missions/training_opportunities.html)

### Come and Hear. Come and Eat,

Come and join the **Mission Commission** as we host Ken and Paula Langdon as they share about their medical mission trips to Central America on **October 15** at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

Over the past several years the Langdon's have been involved in multiple trips to serve people in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Recently they have been way off the beaten path traveling by boat to some remote areas to serve those in need and share the love of Jesus in real ways. Come and hear stories and see some pictures.

We will have Soup and Brownies along with the presentation on that afternoon. Please plan to join us for this great time of mission sharing.

## Special Interest



## SHARK TANK:

### Passion into Action

**Turn your mission passion into action by seeking funding to help bring a project to fruition!** Mentor United Methodist Women is seeking applicants that would like to help fund mission projects that benefit women, children and/or youth. Applications may be submitted by women of any age that regularly attend or are members of Mentor UMC or by female or male youth/children preschool through 12th grade that are members or regular attendees of Mentor UMC. Applications may be made by an individual or a team working as partners. Applications are available in the Sign Up Area or on the church website. See additional details and criteria on the application. **Deadline for submitting an application is October 10 at 4pm.**

A select number of applicants will appear in "the tank" on **Sunday, November 12**, to present their mission project to our panel of "sharks" who will decide the amount of funding for each project presented – from \$0 up to \$500. The "Shark Tank: Passion into Action" event is free and open to all to attend.

Whether your passion is clean water, combatting human trafficking, helping those affected by disaster, supporting solar cooking, or something completely different, Mentor United Methodist Women would like to help turn that passion into action. Apply today!



...where faith and family grow

Have you heard? Cornerstone is here!

Cornerstone provides opportunities for fun, spiritual fulfillment and service to others in an atmosphere of Christ-centered discipleship. That's our mission – and this month, the primary emphasis is on having fun with our church family:

- Sun. Oct. 1 Apple Butter Festival @ the McKinneys, 7085 Jackson St. Bring a dessert or gallon of cider to share. Fun for all ages! Also Co-sponsoring Generations' Hayride & more @ Patterson's Fruit Farm! 2:00 - 6:00 PM 4:00 - 7:00 PM
Sat. Oct. 14 Get outdoors @ Chapin Forest, 9938 Chillicothe Rd. Playground! Pavilion! Pizza, cider & donuts, and more! Hike beautiful easy to moderate trails. Or bring a lawn chair & just enjoy the fall color and conversation! 12:00 - 3:00 PM
Tue. Oct. 24 Visit the Warther Museum in Dover, OH! Enjoy lunch at an Amish restaurant. Carpool from MUMC. \$10 admission. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT SHOW

Friday, November 3 – 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, November 4 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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.

Attic Treasures Room (mini-rummage sale) needs any kind of treasures (except clothing) – small appliances, cooking pans, kitchen items, knick-knacks, crystal, dishes, etc. This is your chance to do some clearing out before the holidays! We will need your homemade baked goods – cakes, coffee cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes or your favorite specialty for our Bake Shop. The Country Cupboard needs homemade candies, pickles, jellies, apple butter, applesauce, snacks, etc. – any of your kitchen specialties.

We will also need volunteers to help with setting up, selling our items, and cleaning up. Volunteer sign-up sheets are at the table in the Sign Up Area outside Fellowship Hall. Let us know if you need childcare in order to help. If you have any questions, contact Kim Mele at gingerbread@mentorumc.org.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR 2017 VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

We need a lot of hands to make this UMW MISSION PROJECT successful! Sign-up for as much as you are able to help.
Duties: Friday & Saturday – Everything will already be priced, all you have to do is sell the items and keep the tables stocked. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early. Floaters will help fill in where needed and relieve others for breaks. People to help people to clean up and put the church back together after the event.

Table with 3 columns: Duty Name, Days, Times. Rows include CHEESE TABLE, BAKE SHOP & COUNTRY CUPBOARD, UMW CRAFT AREA or ATTIC TREASURES, and FLOATERS.

HELP during the week to set-up for the Fair M \_\_ T \_\_ W \_\_ Th \_\_ Fri \_\_

HELP TO CLEAN-UP after the event and set-up for Sunday morning 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Questions? Email gingerbread@mentorumc.org

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I need childcare in order to help \_\_\_\_\_ # Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Please place in the offering plate TODAY or leave in the Church Office during the week.

## Through The Years

### The Reformation

In this month of October, there can be only one historical Christian topic to present, the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Its impact on world history cannot be overstated.

The leader of the Reformation, Martin Luther, was an Augustinian monk in the Roman Catholic Church who lived in Germany. Luther spent much of his time doing penance and trying to "earn salvation". This was in accordance with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The church also engaged in the practice of selling indulgences to provide absolution for sinners. Luther rejected this idea and upon reading Ephesians 2: 8 & 9, he had a revelation, namely that we are saved by the grace of God. It states: For it is by Grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God – not by works so that no one can boast. (NIV) This was in accordance to earlier Catholic teachings of St. Augustine (354-430 AD) who stated that the Bible, not church hierarchy is the ultimate authority. He also stated that salvation is a gift from God to us.

Luther objected to the selling of indulgences to finance the renovation of St. Peter's Basilica. He sent a letter to the Archbishop of Mainz stating his opposition to the practice on October 31, 1517. The letter included Luther's famous ninety-five theses which listed his objection to church policy. He also posted these theses on the church door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Pope Leo X condemned Luther's theses and ordered him to recant his views. When Luther didn't, Leo X excommunicated him from the Roman Catholic Church. As Luther stated, "I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here, I stand, I can do no other, so help me God." This spawned a new movement which became known as the Protestant Reformation. The movement spread throughout Northern and Western Europe.

Luther was also a composer and wrote many hymns, the most famous being "A Mighty Fortress is our God." He also translated the Bible into the German language so everyday people could read God's Word. He married Katharina von Bora, a former nun, and they had six children. Luther died in 1546 at age 62.

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

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Or email to: dhumphrey@ameritech.net

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### FINANCE NEWS

Year to Date Through August 2017

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Disbursements \$628,937

Surplus \$20,518

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**Hurricane Relief - UMCOR:** Hurricanes Irma and Harvey have slammed Florida, Texas and Louisiana. Please pray for those who have been directly affected by this disaster and for those who are first responders. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is actively preparing to provide assistance to those who need it most. The immediate need is for financial relief. There will be significant long term needs caused by this major event.

If you wish to make a financial contribution to the relief efforts, you can donate by writing a check to **MUMC** and writing in the memo line, "**UMCOR US Disaster Response Advance #901670**". Because of our support of the UMC, 100% of your offering will go toward relief.

**Text (credit card) Giving:** Simply text 440-210-9089 with the \$dollar amount UMCOR.

(ex: \$20 UMCOR) A link will be sent right back to you. Click the link, fill out the registration and donate by credit card. You will receive verification by text and email. For future giving simply text the amount you want to give, verify and receive a receipt. We hope you find this option convenient for those days that you forgot the checkbook.