

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.” ~Psalm 127:3

KNOW, GROW, SHOW at MENTOR UMC

A faith community seeking...to lead all on a Christ-centered path of discipleship. Know. Grow. Show.

KNOW through Sunday Worship at 9 am and 11 am

- **Sanctuary Service** *Rooted in Tradition, Growing in Christ*
- **iConnect** *relevant, relational, real*

GROW through Discipleship & Community

- **BREAKFAST CLUB**, a Young Family study—meets from 10:10-10:50 in Room 109
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group, is invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch on Saturday, April 19 at 10 am (<http://tinyurl.com/GenEggHunt>)

SHOW through Service and Outreach

- **Spring Sunday school** sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/SSSpring>
- **Vacation Bible School** sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/VBSServe14>
- **More Than a Meal**—free community dinner on the last Saturday (April 26) of each month at 5:30; servants are need to assist with all aspects of this ministry; please contact Karen Martin at dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net for more details

This & That

MALLEY'S EASTER CANDY: MOPS & MOMSnext annual fundraiser

- Order on line until April 13 at <http://www.malleys.com/mentor-mops> and have order shipped directly to your house at a date of your choosing

- Free shipping on all orders of \$60 or more to one address!
- Questions can be directed to Tammy Palermo

STAY CONNECTED

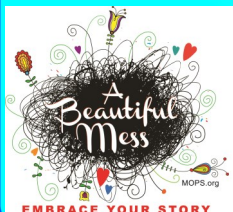
- To **stay up to date** on what is happening with our Children & Family Ministries, please be sure Tammy has your current email address. Please email her at tpalermo@mentorumc.org to stay connected!

REGISTRATION FORM

- A current form needs to be completed for each child for 2013-14.
- Download: <http://tinyurl.com/MUMCKidMinReg>
- Online: <http://tinyurl.com/CFMReg13-14>

MOPS & MOMSnext: “A Beautiful Mess: Embrace Your Story”

- “Techno Turmoil” on Friday, April 11 from 9:30 am-12 pm
- MOPS (moms with children birth through kindergarten)
- MOMSnext (moms with school aged children)
- To learn more, and/or reserve childcare: email mops@mentorumc.org or call 255-3496x18 by April 8



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PARENTS PAGE



Mobile apps can be a life-saver, but the cost of buying them can add up. These 8 mobile apps aren't just educational, they're free too, so your child will stay occupied and your wallet will stay intact.

Endless Alphabet - This app comes from the creators of Sesame Street's *The Monster at the End of This Book* — so you know it's bound to be silly and cute. The monster-themed activities teach children new words and how to spell them.

Kids ABC Letters Lite - Help your preschooler learn her letters with the collection of fun games included in this app. In one game, children create letters by sliding colorful puzzle pieces into place while in another, kids learn to recognize letters as they appear in words.

Kids Piano Lite - Music apps can be a lifesaver if you have a bored toddler or preschooler on your hands.

Play 123 - A friendly voice guides children through the simple games about colors, numbers, and shapes.

Funbrain Jr. - Numbers! Letters! Patterns! Yay! Preschoolers can dive into early learning with five games featuring quirky characters. In "Balloon Blowup," kids pop the balloon with the largest number set. In "Heat Wave," they connect pipes in alphabetical order to fill up a pool. In "Shape Shack," they click on the correct picture to complete a pattern.

Read Me Stories - If you forgot to pack some children's books for on-the-go, this app is a great option. A new eBook for kids is added every day.

Sushi Monster - This fun game by Scholastic gets kids hooked on math. The goal is to add or multiply numbers that equal the sum or product that the Sushi Monster seeks. Players earn points, stars, trophies, and personal bests — all while brushing up on their number skills.

The Opposites - The game asks kids to match up pairs of opposing words as they float down the screen. The easier levels include opposites like up and down or entrance and exit, and kids (or adults who happen to get hooked!) gradually progress to the hardest levels, which include more rare or technical words.

MAKE PLANS FOR SUMMER NOW!

MUMC SUMMER PROGRAMS: www.mentorumc.org/summer-programs

- ◆ Vacation Bible School: June 23-25 from 9 am to 12 pm for children age 4 as of 1/1/14 through 6th grade
- ◆ Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp: June 23-25 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm for students who have just completed 5th & 6th grade
- ◆ Theatre Arts Camp: July 21-25 AND 28-August 1 from 9 am to 12 pm; Performances are August 1 & 2
- ◆ Registration is OPEN!

EAST OHIO CAMPS: www.eocumc.com/camps/summercamp

- ◆ **Early Bird discounts** will end on May 1st! This will save each camper \$25.
- ◆ **GEM Scholarships** are \$75 to the first camper in each family and \$125 for the second and third to help defray the cost; forms are located outside of Tammy's office.
- ◆ On April 6th we welcomed two camp staff members who shared with us about **East Ohio Camps!**

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