

Mentor United Methodist Church
Children & Family Ministries Parent Newsletter
April 2015

“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 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

• **Sunday School**

- Babies and Toddler/2 year olds will meet in the Adams' Parlor
- 3 year olds (as of September 1, 2014 and toilet trained) AND 3rd graders will meet in Education Wing—parents sign children in at their classrooms
- K through 6th grade (MINUS 3rd graders) will meet in the Chapel after check-in
- <http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>
- **Generations** families are invited to Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Veterans Park on Saturday, April 14 at 10 am mentorumc.org/generations

SHOW through Service and Outreach

- **Sunday school Servant** sign up at mentorumc.org/Sunday-school
- **Vacation Bible School Servant** sign up at mentorumc.org/summer-programs
- **More Than a Meal**, free community dinner, on the last Saturday (April 25) of each month at 5:30; please contact Karen Martin at dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net

This & That

STAY CONNECTED

Stay up to date on what is happening with our KidMin & FamMin? tpalermo@mentorumc.org

REGISTRATION FORM

A current form needs to be completed for each child for 2014-15 mentorumc.org/children

SUMMER DATES

- Vacation Bible School: June 22-26
- Get Out Doors Camp: June 22-26
- Theatre Arts Camp: July 20-24 AND 27-31
- mentorumc.org/summer-programs

Easter Sunday is Family Worship. Children 0-2 are in Adams Parlor; 3 & 4 Year Olds are in Room 105; K-6 remain in worship with families.



Be You, Bravely: Courage to Face Your Finances

WHEN: Friday, April 10, 2015 from 9:30 am to noon

WHERE: Mentor UMC's Fellowship Hall

WHO: Moms with children of all ages; childcare provided, please RSVP at mentorumc.org/MOPS no later than April 7

WHAT: An opportunity to connect with other moms

WEBSITE: mentorumc.org/MOPS

BLOG: mumcmomstalk.wordpress.com/

EMAIL: mops@mentorumc.org



PARENTS PAGE

An Easter Journey FOR YOUR Family!

Easter is the perfect time for families. You decorate eggs together, go to church together, cook together, and simply have a great time celebrating Christ's resurrection. Easter can also be a great time to help your kids really connect with who Jesus is and how they can be more like Him. Take your family through a spiritual journey before, during, and after Easter with a little help from an Easter basket. Use the items and activities below to talk through the discussion points. Start the Thursday before Easter and end on the Tuesday after. Be blessed!



THURSDAY

Theme: The Last Supper

Basket: bread/crackers and wine/glass

Scripture: Luke 22: 14-20

Discuss: What does the Lord's Supper mean to me?

FRIDAY

Theme: Jesus death on the Cross

Basket: cross, crown of thorns, long

nails, lamb (stuffed), dice

Scripture: Mark 15: 21-39

Discuss: Why did Jesus have to die such a terrible death?

saturday

Theme: Waiting on God's Promises

Basket: Drape basket with purple cloth to

symbolize Jesus' burial and time in the tomb

Scripture: Each person read a scripture that's meaningful to them

Discuss: How did the disciples feel after Jesus died? What promise has God given us that we want to remember?

SUNDAY

Theme: Jesus, Our Risen Lord

Basket: Remove cloth and add King's crown and Easter lilies

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Discuss: What does Jesus' resurrection mean to me? How will I live tomorrow differently?

monday

Theme: Showing love to Jesus

Basket bottle of perfume

Scripture: Mark 14: 3-9

Discuss: How can I show Jesus my Love?

tuesday

Theme: Servanthood

Basket: small bowl, washcloth and towel

Scripture: John 13: 1-17

Discuss: How can I serve Jesus and others?



Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 4 at 10:00am Rain or Shine

This year, we are moving our egg hunt offsite so that more families can celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. The egg hunt will be held at Veterans Park (5730 Hopkins Rd in Mentor). We'll have snacks, activities, including the popular egg drop competition, and lots of egg hunting fun. No need to bring eggs or a brunch dish this year as food and eggs will be provided. But we do need you to

bring friends and family. We are asking church folks to RSVP <http://tinyurl.com/MUMCEggHunt> but we will be ready for a crowd.