

# ROOTED

Mentor United Methodist Church  
Children & Family Ministries Parent Newsletter  
August 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 AND 3 & 4 year olds (as of September 1, 2014 and toilet trained) meet in Early Childhood Check In
- K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will check in and remain in Education Wing Room 112
- <http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>

• **Church & Community Picnic:** Sunday, August 2nd from 2-6 pm at Garfield Park; Family friendly games at 2, food at 4, live music at 5

• **Third Grade Bible** Breakfast (Saturday, August 22) & Presentation (Sunday, August 23)  
[mentorumc.org/children](http://mentorumc.org/children)

• **Prayer Vigil** to pray for Mentor UMC on Saturday, August 29

• **Consecration** to bless Mentor UMC's new space on Sunday, August 30

**SHOW** through Service and Outreach

- **Sunday school Servant** sign up at [mentorumc.org/Sunday-school](http://mentorumc.org/Sunday-school)
  - **9 am Helper with K-5th Gr**
  - **11 am Helper with B, T, 2YO; Leader & Helper with 3 & 4 YO; Leader & Helper with K-5th Gr**
- **More Than a Meal**, free community dinner, on the last Saturday (August 29) of each month at 5:30; please contact Karen Martin at [dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net)
- **Open House** to celebrate Mentor UMC's new space on Sunday, August 30
- **Save Box Tops & Campbell's Labels** for the McCurdy Mission Team

## **This & That**

### **STAY CONNECTED**

Stay up to date on what is happening with our KidMin & FamMin [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org)

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

A current form needs to be completed for each child for 2015-16 [mentorumc.org/children](http://mentorumc.org/children)



## **2015-16 Theme: A Fierce Flourishing**

*For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ~Isaiah 55:12*

**KICK-OFF:** Friday, August 28 from 10 am to 12 pm at **Veterans Park**

**SEPTEMBER MEETINGS:** Fridays 11th & 25th of the month from 9:30 am to noon at Mentor UMC's Fellowship Hall

**WHO:** Moms with children of all ages; childcare provided at 2nd Friday meeting

**WHAT:** An opportunity to connect with other moms

[mentorumc.org/MOPS](http://mentorumc.org/MOPS)

[mops@mentorumc.org](mailto:mops@mentorumc.org)

[mumcmomstalk.wordpress.com/](http://mumcmomstalk.wordpress.com/)



# PARENT'S PAGE

## A little lesson from the life of Elijah! **JARS**

Can a jar bring your family closer together? These jars sure can. Use the ideas below to make an impact on your family and others.

- Jar Full of Fun. Each family member saves money in the FUN jar. Set a goal such as going out for ice cream or a trip to an amusement park.
- Jar Full of Love. Decorate a jar together using paint, candy, and small objects. Bake a treat to put in the jar and then give it to someone who could use some love.
- Jar Full of Worries. Each family member writes their worries or prayer requests on a slip of paper. Pull one slip each night at dinner and pray for that need. When God answers the prayer, the whole family will rejoice because they played a part in prayer.
- Jar of Encouragement. Leave a jar in a designated spot for a week. All week each family member writes notes of encouragement for other family members. At the end of the week, give each person all the notes written for them. After all the notes have been read it's time for a big family hug!!

### Shaun the Sheep

Release Date: August 7th

Parents need to know that *Shaun the Sheep Movie*, based on the dialogue-free [TV show spin-off](#) of the [Wallace and Gromit](#) series, is the mischievous title character's first feature-length adventure. Shaun and the flock decide to take the day off, so they distract Bitzer the sheepdog with a bone and lull the Farmer to sleep. But their plans take an unexpected turn when the Farmer and his trailer roll away from Mossy Bottom Farm and into the Big City. It's no easy task for the farmyard characters to blend into city life and avoid the animal catcher, but kids can expect plenty of slapstick humor as they try to rescue the Farmer and bring him safely home.



### CHURCH & COMMUNITY PICNIC

Sunday, August 2, 2-6 p.m. at Garfield Park all are invited out for a fun afternoon of games, music, food, and connecting with others. Family friendly and easy to play games starting at 2 p.m. Food will be served at 4 p.m. with the Church providing hotdogs and beverages. You are invited to bring your favorite picnic food to share as well. Live music starts at 5 p.m. This is a great way to have fun, introduce friends to people who attend Mentor UMC, and build relationships with people you have not met yet!

### Bibles, Book Bags & Bag Tags: Sunday, August 23

All children who are in school are invited and encouraged to bring their book bag to worship with them on **Sunday, August 23** for a special blessing as they begin a new school year! Each child will receive a bag tag to put on their book bag. Also, our **THIRD GRADERS** will be receiving their Bibles in the Sanctuary at 9 am and in iConnect at 11 am. Letters were emailed to all third graders in mid July. Please contact Tammy if you did not receive one or if your fourth grader and older has not received their Bible.

### MUMC PRAYER WALK Saturday, August 29

Join members as we circle the church and pray.

### MUMC CONSECRATION & COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE Sunday, August 30

Consecration will be during worship services.

Open House is at 12:30 pm.