

Mentor United Methodist Church Children & Family Ministries Parent Newsletter January 2014

"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, will be going bowling at Scores Fun Center in Painesville on Saturday, February 15 from 3-5 pm. Cost is \$6 per person and this includes shoe rental! RSVP NO LATER THAN February 10th. (http:// tinyurl.com/GenBowling)

SHOW through Service and Outreach

- Spring Sunday school sign up: http://tinyurl.com/SSSpring
- More Than a Meal—free community dinner on the last Saturday (February 22) 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

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRL TROOP UPDATE

 AHG is a non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.

Please contact Syndie Toth at mrstoth@sbcglobal.net for more info. February meetings are Thursdays the 13th and 27th.

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"

- "Disorderly Conduct": Friday, February 14 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 February 11







Looking for some new fun and unique ideas to do with the family this year? Try these creative activities!

Go on a treasure hunt!

Geocaching is a real-world outdoor treasure hunt where the goal is to find caches (or containers) filled with objects that other people have hidden. Check out Geocaching.com, the official website, to find cache locations near you. Then use your smartphones (most have GPS tracking) to track the treasures, often stashed behind rocks, in the hollow of a tree, or under a bench. The caches hold trinkets and logbooks for the finders to document when they made the discovery and where they're from. They should always be put back.

Be a Tourist in Your Hometown.

It's easy to overlook the opportunities right where you live. Sightseeing is often a must when you're traveling, but checking out the history of the place you live or grew up can also be an educational and eye-opening experience. Pretend you are a tourist arriving in your town for the first time, contact your local chamber of commerce or National Historic Society, and see all that your area has to offer. Tour the most historic buildings, discover if any battles were fought where you're standing, check out monuments and statues, or visit a cemetery to search for the oldest tombstones. Every place has its own legends and history. Discovering what makes your town special can create a meaningful connection to the spot your family calls home.

PARENTS AS SPIRITUAL TRAINERS: Family-Time Parent Training Event MARCH 1, 2014 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Mayfield Church

"I'm too busy," is the number one reason why most families do not offer their children spiritual training in the home. Can you take 20 minutes out of the 10,080 minutes in each week to provide home---based spiritual training for your children? Michelle will teach you how!

As a Christian mom, and speaker with the National Center for Biblical Parenting, Michelle will equip and encourage you in this workshop to be your child's primary spiritual trainer. www.grabbagparenting.com

Light supper 5:30-6:15 (Chick-Fil-A sandwich, chips, and bottle of water) and childcare provided for 11 year olds and younger. Cost is \$8 per adult; kids are free. Register at www.tinyurl.com/PST3114 Checks made payable to Mayfield Church, 7747 Mayfield Rd., Chesterland, OH 44026 with "Parenting Event" in memo line and mailed to the address above. Registration and payment deadline is February 23, 2014.

