

“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

SHOW through Service and Outreach

- **There is still an IMMEDIATE NEED for Winter Sunday school** sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/SSWinter>
 - 9 am floater (1 person)
 - 11 am Toddler & 2 YO (2 people); 1st & 2nd Gr (1 person)
- **Discoverers Leadership:** <http://tinyurl.com/DiscLeaders>
- **More Than a Meal**—free community dinner on the last Saturday (January 25) 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

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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.

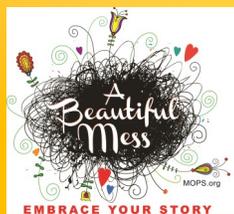
The first meeting has been rescheduled for January 9, 2014. Please contact Syndie Toth at mrstoth@sbcglobal.net for more info

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 tpaler-mo@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”

- “A Hot Mess”: Friday, January 10 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 January 7



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PARENTS PAGE

After the excitement of getting new Christmas toys wears off, your kids—and consequently, you—can go stir crazy with boredom during the long, dark days of winter. Here are some creative (and cheap!) ways to keep the troops occupied until the first sightings of spring.

Stage an Indoor Stuffed Animal

Hunt. Collect the stuffed animals in your house (including all the Beanie Babies) and give them to a designated "hider." While everyone covers their eyes, the hider puts the rabbits, pandas, and teddy bears in secret locations throughout the house. Then it's a mad scramble to find the stuffed animals.

One clever mother strategically hid dimes around the house during Saturday morning chore time. As her children vacuumed behind furniture and dusted shelves, they were rewarded with finding money.

Host "Crazy Indoor Olympics."

Everyone competes in a variety of unusual events such as:

Javelin throw: Contestants throw cotton swabs as far as possible.

High Jump: Compete to see who can jump over the most pillows.

Discus: Toss cotton balls with all your might and see who gets the farthest.

Standing Grin: Measure everyone's smile!

Prepare an awards ceremony where contestants receive "medals."

Make a Family Documentary.

You may think your life is ordinary, but missionaries in undeveloped countries marvel at our way of life. Check with your church for names and addresses of people they support overseas who might appreciate this day-in-the-life glimpse at your family. Include photos of your school, family pets, and even your bathroom. After the pictures are developed, put them in a photo album with captions and a suggestion for further contact with the missionary. Often the missionaries write back, describing their work and personal life. This exposes children to different cultures.



Is God Calling You?

As we approach a new year many people like to make new year's resolutions. While you are deciding what your resolutions may be for the year 2014, Tammy would like you to consider serving in the Children's Ministry as one of your resolutions. While there are many of you who have already answered God's call on your hearts to be the light of Jesus to our children, there is still a great need for more. We are so blessed with MANY children in our church family. Children are the future of the church. Without willing adults and youth to lead them on their spiritual journey, they may not learn the many lessons of God's great love for them. Tammy has curriculum that is very user-friendly! There are also seasoned leaders who are willing to assist those who are new to Children's Ministry. There are numerous opportunities throughout the year: Sunday school, StuCo 56, Discoverers, Vacation Bible School, Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp, Theatre Arts Camp.

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