

Mentor United Methodist Church
 Children & Family Ministries Parent Newsletter
 November 2013

“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

- Winter Sunday school sign up: <http://tinyurl.com/SSWinter>
- Discoverers Leadership: <http://tinyurl.com/DiscLeaders>
- **More Than a Meal**—free community dinner on the last Saturday (November 30) 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
- **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes**—Everyone is welcome and encouraged to put together a shoe box; www.operationchristmaschild.org for ALL the details; ALL Shoe Boxes are due Sunday, November 17; \$7 per shoe box donation

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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 re-scheduled 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 tpalermo@mentorumc.org to stay connected!

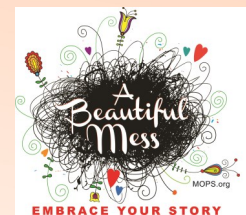
REGISTRATION FORM

- 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”



- “One Mess at a Time”: Friday, November 1 from 9:30 am-12 pm; Meal Planning OR The Artist’s Daughter book discussion
- 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 October 30



PARENTS PAGE



Fall is finally upon us! While it tends to get dark outside earlier, there are still plenty of hours to enjoy a variety of free and inexpensive family activities.

Foliage: In the fall, nature vividly displays its many colors. In practically every area, there are plenty of places to witness a variety of beautiful foliage as the leaves start to turn colors and fall off the trees. Exploring the various shapes and colors of leaves is a great free activity that families can do together.

Museums: Many local museums offer free or “pay what you wish” options for their visitors. As the weather grows cooler outside, it is a great opportunity for families to enjoy exploring various museum exhibits and participating in their interactive events.

Fruit Picking: A variety of healthy fruits and vegetables are harvested during the fall. Early fall is the perfect time to pick your own apples and pumpkin at local farms. My family brings a group of friends with us each year and make a day of apple picking. However, you can make it an inexpensive family outing. Just be certain to visit one of the farms where you only have to pay for what you actually take home with you. (There are several farms that operate that way/without an entrance fee.)

Fairs and Festivals: Fall is a time of many harvest celebrations. There are a variety of annual fall harvest fairs and festivals held throughout the country. They draw many visitors with a variety of fun, free music, entertainment and activities. While the food and specialty activities often cost various amounts, they are still a great deal.

Bike Rides: Family bike rides are enjoyable throughout most of the year. However, the fall season lends a scenic backdrop to the trip. There are numerous family-friendly bike trails in most communities. While there is an initial investment for the bicycles, many local areas provides guides and maps to the best free bike paths and fun rest stops. (Some areas even provide free bike loans on certain days and times.) In any event, bike riding with your kids is one of the greatest low-cost activities that you can experience this fall.

StuCo 56 to Offer Babysitting

On **Saturday, November 16**, StuCo 56, the 5th & 6th Grade Youth Fellowship Group (with several parents), will be offering **Babysitting from 1-4 pm at MUMC** for a free-will donation. Please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56BabysittingDay> to ensure your spot for this opportunity to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping!!!



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