

# ROOTED

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

- Ages 0-4 in Early Childhood Area
- K-6th Grades in Education Wing
- [mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school)

•**StuCo 56**

- November 8 from 5:30-7:30 pm
- November 22 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- [mentorumc.org/stucco-56](http://mentorumc.org/stucco-56)

•**Generations ADULTS ONLY WhirlyBall**

- November 14 from 12:45-2:15 pm
- [mentorumc.org/generations](http://mentorumc.org/generations)

•**Advent Calendars** for sale for \$5

**SHOW** through Service and Outreach

•**Food Sorting**

- Sunday, November 22 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- Can be done together as a FAMILY

•**Food Distribution**

- Monday, November 23 from 9:00-11:30 am
- Can be done with PRESCHOOLERS

•**Sunday school Servant** sign up at [mentorumc.org/Sunday-school](http://mentorumc.org/Sunday-school)

- Winter Quarter is OPEN for sign ups

•**More Than a Meal**, free community dinner, on the last Saturday (November 28) of each month at 5:30; please contact Karen Martin at [dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net)

## **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



**NOVEMBER MEETINGS:** Friday, November 13th (Branching Out; RSVP by Nov. 10) from 9:30 am to noon at Mentor UMC's Fellowship Hall and MONDAY, November 23rd from 9:00-11:30 am for Food Distribution

**WHO:** Moms with children of all ages; childcare provided for moms who RSVP

**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/)

# PARENTS PAGE

Teaching kids to be thankful in this world bombarded by media can be difficult. The goal is to raise children who do more than say “thank you”. The best way to create a thankful heart is to be a good role model to our children. Try a couple of the ideas below with your family and see if the thankful meter increases in your home.

## *Thankful Paper Chain*

Cut strips of colored paper. Let each family member write something they are thankful for on each strip. Don't limit the number of strips. The fun of this project is to make the chain as long as possible—showing all your blessings. Hang it in your home where everyone can see it.

## *The Dad “Speech”*

Have your husband give a speech before dinner talking about the blessings that are in your family. After dad's speech, allow each family member to share what they are thankful for.

## *Go Without*

Have a family project that involves going without something important. For example, walk to any destination less than two miles away, or make bread for a week instead of buying it. A little sacrifice causes us to miss things that we take for granted.

## *Offer Service*

Serving others tends to make selfishness go away. For example, volunteer to rake leaves for your church, or watch the kids of a single mom in your neighborhood so she can get some holiday shopping done.

## It's SHOEBOX Time!

### Bring Your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes on November 15th

Operation Christmas Child is being sponsored by Stu-Co 56! Learn more about this wonderful ministry at [mentorumc.org/children](http://mentorumc.org/children).



## Parents' Morning Out

### MONDAYS

10 am to 12 pm

November 2, 12, 19, 26;

December 7, 14;

January 2, 11, 25;

February 1, 8, 22, 29;

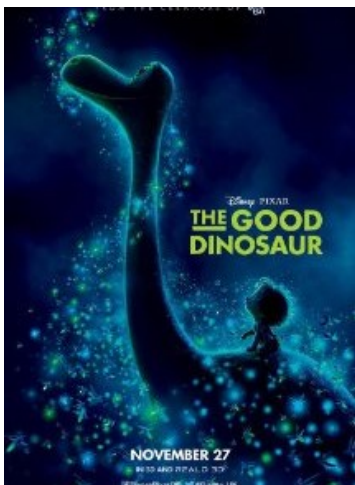
March 7, 14, 21;

April 4, 11, 18, 25;

May 2, 9, 16, 23

This program is for children who are able to walk through Kindergarten. We'll meet play time, singing, a Bible story and a craft. Parents are welcome to stay and play or enjoy a morning on their own. The cost will be \$20 per month per child (with a \$40 maximum per family) You are also welcome to donate a box of crackers (Goldfish or Teddy Grahams are great!). Money is due on the first session of the month. Checks are made payable to MUMC.

[mentorumc.org/parents-morning-out](http://mentorumc.org/parents-morning-out)



## *The Good Dinosaur—release date: November 25*

An epic journey into the world of dinosaurs where an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend.

## *The Peanuts Movie—release date: November 6*

Snoopy embarks upon his greatest mission as he and his team take to the skies to pursue their arch-nemesis, while his best pal Charlie Brown begins his own epic quest back home.

