

# STEEPLETALK

SEPTEMBER 2015



Summer time is marked by school recess, little league baseball, vacations and the dog days of August. All of these might lend themselves to say, "It's time to take a step back from church activities and slow down. Quite the contrary at Mentor UMC!

We have witnessed three months of activity and excitement that spell MINISTRY. I marvel at the activity that lives into our mission to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Let me share...

- Small groups have met
- Book studies shared
- Weddings
- Music Sunday
- The Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda
- More than a Meal monthly free community meals
- Thursday evening worship
- Youth Service Project to Michigan
- Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- Charter Members singing the National Anthem at the Indians & Captains games
- Middle School Mission week
- Rummage Sale
- Bridges Out of Poverty training
- Theatre Camp and the production of *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*
- Appreciation breakfast for teachers and staff at Heritage Middle School in Painesville
- Bible presentations and blessing of the backpacks
- Finishing the construction preparation for the Open House
- A week serving VBS at Woodlawn Apartments

This is amazing, and certainly not a complete list!

One particular ministry, the VBS at Woodlawn, touched the lives of children in low income housing. A daily program of activities, lessons and food was provided. All together 66 children were registered. There were 42 adult and 18 youth volunteers, including those from Mentor UMC.

The organizer of the event wrote, "What a great month! Blessings abounded and God's love was shared and His word conveyed."

Two brief stories were shared from the organizer: "After the week was over, a few children were at the playground including some who routinely came to the program. One girl (10) who I met for the first time today, asked me if we still had food at the Community Center for her friend, who I will call S. S was a regular attendee with the program. S did not make it to church today so her friend said she was hungry, and S was. Later talking to S's mother, she asked 'Is the program really over? I wanted her to be able to come more.' She was thankful for the time her daughter was able to spend with us and obviously appreciated the time her daughter had there, and seemingly the food provided."

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**2016 Annual Operating Budget/3 Year Commitment for  
In THis House Building Enhancements**

Each year we have the opportunity to make a commitment toward the next year's operating budget. This allows the church to plan a budget and move into the year with a strong estimate of giving. This Fall we will be given that opportunity once again.

This year, like 2012, we will also include a 3 year campaign for capital improvements. In the Fall of 2012 we were challenged toward support of a campaign to support building enhancements. Commitments were made with a 36 month pay in opportunity. In the early summer of 2014 we voted to begin construction on Phase I of planned enhancements. The construction is winding down, but the time has come to make another three year commitment toward paying for those building enhancements.

We have been blessed with personal resources, and the church has been entrusted with building resources. Our call is to be and make disciples; we do so through the ministry and mission of the congregation. Through our annual budget and the continued support of the building enhancements, we live into that call.

During the month of November, we will look at a picture of vision and building coming together through the work of restoration in Jerusalem during the days of Nehemiah. We will be challenged to commit financial support to the mission and vision through our commitment of stewardship for the 2016 operating budget and another 3 year commitment to support payment on the loan for the building enhancements.

Our goal is simple:

1. Support the mission of the church through our support of the annual budget.
2. Commitments for payment for our building enhancements over a three year period.

Breakdown of needs:

The annual budget is around \$1 million.

In **THis House** financial breakdown (7/31/15)

**Total Costs**

Planning, studies, architectural and campaign expenses	\$249,895.00
Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall enhancements	\$ 45,262.00
Financing and interest, insurance, and accounting	\$102,144.00
Landscaping	47,177.00
Demolition and Construction costs	<u>\$3,055,943.00</u>

**Total** **\$3,500,421.00**

**Total Income**

3 year pledges to date	\$1,107,587.00
Non-pledged giving	\$ 65,598.00
Memorials	\$ 3,374.00
Children's Endowment	\$ 50,000.00
Asbury Fellowship	\$ 19,640.00
GEM Grant	\$ 84,300.00
Interest	<u>\$ 2,480.00</u>

**Total receipts** **\$1,329,979.00**

Lake National (estimated)	\$2,100,000.00
GEM Loan	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>

**Total loans** **\$2,400,000.00**

The difference between funds received/borrowed and total costs is held in reserve.

## ***Pastor's Message Continued . . .***

Mentor UMC member and volunteer Richard Carpenter shared, "I went to Woodlawn VBS because I enjoy meeting the children and establishing a relationship with them to bring them the message by our actions that God cares for and loves them. Seeing the joy in the children brings joy to me also."

It has been a great summer. Ministry at Woodlawn is a great example.

Well done!

— *Pastor Kurt*

### **ANNOUNCING OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR**

**Toby Mattern has been hired to fill our Youth Director opening.** He is a 2015 graduate of Malone University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Youth Ministry and a minor in Bible and Theology. Toby has been engaged in ministry to and with youth for several years, both in the local church and camps. He is from the small town of East Liverpool, Ohio. He is engaged to be married. Toby started his position here at MUMC on August 31st.

Toby is passionate and energetic and thrilled to be joining us. He writes, "I am called to show the love of Jesus to this broken culture. It is only because of God's grace and the sacrifice of his son that there is hope. My passion is for students to become devoted followers of Jesus, discover new life in him, and believe that they can make a big difference in this world."

### **- - - - THROUGH THE YEARS - - - -**

The opening of the new additions to our church are exciting and will enhance the church missions in the coming years. New buildings and additions are not new to this church which has seen many changes in its nearly two hundred years. The original church was in the homes of the four original families that worshipped in Mentor with Rev. Ira Eddy in 1818. Over the years, that evolved into a structure that was shared with the Baptists at the northwest corner of Mentor Avenue and Center Street.

The first building at the current location was dedicated in 1848. The land was purchased for \$50.00. The contractor took his payment in cattle. The next church building was dedicated in 1906. Some of our members remember this church. It sat where the current chapel is today. It was constructed for a total of \$10,000. The dedication sermon was delivered by Bishop Perry. In the back of the church were covered horse sheds which were later used for automobiles. The sheds were torn down around 1920. A pipe organ was added in 1914.

A major addition was completed in 1951. A fellowship hall and a kitchen were added. These were situated where the old Wesley and Asbury Rooms were located. The cost was \$44,000. Another addition in the fifties was the 1957 Education Wing. This wing included classrooms, a parlor later renamed the Pettit Room, as well as church offices, and restrooms. The Education Wing cost was \$215,000.

By 1962, the church had outgrown the old sanctuary. A new sanctuary, the current one, was dedicated in 1963 at a cost of \$250,000. This served a church membership of around 1,500, several times the membership at the time of the 1906 sanctuary. A new Schantz pipe organ was added in 1975 and was refurbished last year.

The 1906 sanctuary was still standing in the 1970's, being used for storage, when it was determined that the building was no longer structurally sound. A new plan was developed to build a chapel at its location. The stained glass dome in our chapel was salvaged from the old sanctuary. In addition, the breezeway between the sanctuary and the chapel was enclosed, a new parlor was added, new church offices were built, and a new kitchen and fellowship hall were constructed. This entire project was completed in 1988 at a cost of over one million dollars.

As we enjoy the newest additions and changes to our church, take a moment to remember the hard work and vision of many dedicated church members whose efforts in the past have brought us to where we are today!

Do you have any MUM history you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to Mr. Don Humphrey, 7330 Holly Park Drive, Concord OH 44060-6704 or email to: [dhumphrey@ameritech.net](mailto:dhumphrey@ameritech.net)

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE MEETING:** We kick-off fall with our first meeting on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:30 a.m. in the Adams Parlor. Our guest that morning will be Stephanie Devers. She will be talking about the work at Project Hope. All women of the church are invited to attend. Join us for fellowship and refreshments.

### **NEW DAY CIRCLE: AN EXCURSION TO CHATEAU HOUGH**

Join the New Day Circle for a tour of The Vineyards and Biocellar of Chateau Hough, Monday, September 14th. Cost is \$10 per person. Meet at the church at 9:20 a.m. to carpool. Please bring a packed lunch or bring additional money to enjoy a takeout deli lunch from Gallucci's. We will return early afternoon.

Come discover the story behind the world's first biocellar and how turning a vacant house in the Hough neighborhood into a fancy farm is helping to create greener, healthier, and wealthier places to live, work, and raise families.

Please contact Carole Ring (255-7213 or [umw@mentorumc.org](mailto:umw@mentorumc.org)) if you have questions or need transportation. All women are welcome to join us!

**BIRTHDAY**



**BASH**

**Sunday, September 20th  
2:00—4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

**Women and girls of all ages are invited** to gather for an afternoon of celebration, fun, and food as Mentor United Methodist Women hosts a Birthday Bash Par-Tea! Join us for mini sandwiches, mini salads, sweet treats, and, of course, tea.

We will be assembling birthday parties-in-a-bag for those whose circumstances prevents them from having a birthday celebration with all the "fixings". Please bring one or more cake mix and frosting, birthday candles, cake decorations, birthday themed party plates, napkins & cups, balloons or small party favors. We will also be accepting monetary donations for The PATH scholarship fund and the UMW World Thank Offering.

No reservation is needed and there is no cost! if you have questions or need transportation, please contact Carole Ring (255-7213 or [umw@mentorumc.org](mailto:umw@mentorumc.org)) . Please join us!



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR 2015 WORKSHOPS:** Join us any Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (you can come for the whole time or part – bring your lunch if you like). We're open to new craft ideas – bring your own or we will have something for you to do. If you have questions, contact Kathy Fellows at 255-5899.

We've moved into the season when people start making applesauce, jams and jellies, and canning some of their harvest items. Please consider setting aside some of the "fruits" of your labor for our *Country Cupboard* tables at the Craft Fair in November.



**It's time for a new choir season to begin!** Singing and ringing together is about joy; it's about creating community; it's about enhancing worship as well as offering our own praise and thanksgiving to God. We are blessed beyond measure by dedicated choir members who raise their voices and bells to the glory of God. New members are always welcome. **Join us!**

**Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 9th & Thursday, September 10th.**

Celebration Bells, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Wesley Room

Canticle Bells, Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., Wesley Room

Charter Members Men's Chorus, Thursdays, 6:45 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., Choir Room

## A Word from the Trustees . . .

The purpose of the Board of Trustees is to function as Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to this congregation so that we can be effective in our mission to lead all onto a Path of Christ-centered Discipleship.

With the opening of the new church facilities we have created a beautiful and welcoming space. The purpose for our building has always been to enhance our ministry and mission. That means the church is to be used, and with use comes wear. Scratches, scrapes, scuffs and stains will be a reality for our active ministry/mission center. Only a museum stays pristine. But that doesn't mean we should be careless or thoughtless.

We have a dedicated lead custodian and assistant that work to keep the property maintained and clean. With the new space, we have added about 20% to the size of the building. That means 20% more space to care for without an increase in staffing.

The custodial staff cannot do it all. **In THIS House** we all need to serve as custodians and good stewards of the resources that have been provided us as we work to lead all onto a Path of Christ-centered Discipleship. We believe that this is God's house and we want our facilities to honor Him and inspire people. As we travel on this path we all need to serve as partners in the care and preservation of our church facilities.

To keep the facilities looking clean and neat we can all do our part. When we do, we'll help to make the church a more welcoming place, just by appearance.

To our members, here's the challenge for what we can all do together:

The **C A R E** Plan...

**C**lean up after you use a space  
**A**rrange the furniture  
**R**ound up the trash  
**E**xtinguish lights

Thank you for your **C A R E** in helping keep our mission/ministry center welcoming and warm.

— The Board of Trustees

## SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

**HEARTLAND of Mentor VISITATION:** Join us on Sunday, September 20th at 10:45 a.m. for our time of worship at Heartland. We would love to have you come join us there (Rt. 615—south of Rt. 84).

## MORE THAN A MEAL



*Free Community Dinner*

Our next More than a Meal will be held on Saturday, September 26th. Please consider joining us. Extra hands are always appreciated for set-up, starting at 4:30 p.m. through clean-up, which is usually around 7 p.m. Stop in, lend a hand, eat and visit with some of our guests so that you can share in this wonderful ministry.

**WORSHIP/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:** Most often residents in care facilities can no longer get to church, so the church has to go to them. We provide worship services at four different facilities. Volunteers are needed to help transport residents, assist with turning pages and singing of favorite hymns. Please consider serving at any of the worship services offered:

**Heartland of Mentor** (615), third Sunday of the month, gather at 10:45 a.m.

**Emeritus at Mentor** (Rt. 2 & Heisley Road), first & third Mondays, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

**Emeritus at Newell Creek** (Rt. 615 & Rt. 84), first & third Mondays, 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**Parker Place** (Rt. 615), third Monday of the month, gather at 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, you can contact Pastor Bev Wrobel at [blwrobel@mentorumc.org](mailto:blwrobel@mentorumc.org)

**CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES**  
Tammy Palermo — [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org)

**KNOW**

- **Sunday School**
  - . Babies & Toddler/2 Yr. olds AND 3 & 4 year olds (3 yrs. Old as of September 30 & toilet trained) meet in Early Childhood Check-in.
  - . Kindergarten through 6th grade will meet in Room 112
  - . Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month and K-6th graders remain in worship with their families
  - . Promotion Sunday is September 13th—children will “move up” to their next class if eligible; please note 3 & 4 year olds MUST be that age by September 30th to move up)
  - . [www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)

**GROW**

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
  - . Kick-Off meeting Friday, September 13th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at MUMC  
Register: [www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56](http://www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56)
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group
  - . Annual Hayride at Patterson’s Fruit Farm on Sunday, September 27th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Register: [www.mentorumc.org/generations](http://www.mentorumc.org/generations)
- **MOPS & MOMSnext Monthly Meeting**
  - . Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 11th from 9:30 a.m. to noon — “Fiercely Flourishing”

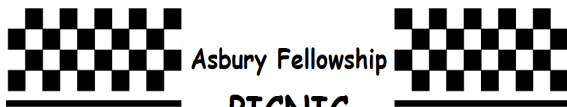
**SHOW**

- **Sunday School** sign up: [www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)
- **Children’s Choir** (K-6 Grade) rehearses 10:15-10:45 in Room 104
- **Cherub Choir** (3, 4, 5 Yr. Olds) rehearses 10:15-10:35 in Room 112

**NEWSLETTER and CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:** [www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)

**LIBRARY NEWS . . .**

**Our new Library is now open! Please stop in and take a look.** Sadly, during construction our books were placed in storage and due to heavy rains and flooding, we lost almost 450 books due to water damage. If you would like to help replace one or more of these books there is a list posted in the Library. If you would like to purchase a book, please place your name next to it and when you have purchased it, leave in the church office. Or you can donate money towards the purchase of books, please mark “Library Books” on the memo line of your check. Place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or leave in the church office during the week. The Library Committee really appreciates the help and support of the congregation.



Asbury Fellowship

**PICNIC**

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**4-8 p.m.**

Edward R. Walsh Park, 7221 Bellflower Court, Mentor. Take Rt. 306 to Bellflower Drive (west - across from Lake Catholic High School) – go to Bellflower Court – turn left and continue to end (on right), Walsh Park.

We will supply hot dogs & buns, condiments, ice tea and lemonade. **Last names beginning with N - Z**, please bring a salad to share; **A - F**, a side dish; and **G - M**, a dessert (serving utensils, too). Also, bring your own place settings.

ALL ARE WELCOME!! More information? Call Mary Lou and Jim Haines at 255-2287.

**FINANCE REPORT**

<b>YTD through JULY 2015</b>	
Receipts	\$537,371
Disbursements	553,425
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$16,054)</b>

**Electronic giving available online at**  
[www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)

**SINGLES MINISTRY**

**S.A.L.T.**, a singles ministry for those in their twenties and thirties will start studying the Book of Acts on Thursday, September 3rd at 7 p.m. Join us anytime throughout the study.

If you are interested or need more information, please Contact Robyn Sadler at 440-478-2803 or email her at [robsad79@gmail.com](mailto:robsad79@gmail.com).



### PRAYER WALK

Join us on our first community PRAYER WALK Sunday, September 20th from 5-7 p.m.! All ages welcome—bring your strollers, wagons and baby carriers!

- 5:00 p.m.—Pizza & salad (free will offering)
- 5:45 p.m.—Brief instructions & send-off prayer
- 6-7:00 p.m.—PRAY—your choice
  - Walk & Pray in teams leaving from church (maps & prayer cards provided)
  - Stay & Pray at the church—pray for our community & world over maps or as you color Christian artwork



**What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty** is a three week small group offering facilitated by Pastor Bev Wrobel that will meet on Tuesdays, October 13th, 20th and 27th from 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Whether you attended the “Bridges Out of Poverty” training or not, this study helps all in the faith community understand various aspects of poverty that go beyond the financial limitations most often associated with poverty.

Sign up in the office or by contacting Pastor Bev at 255-3496, ext. 14. Please pick up a book and read Chapters 1-4 BEFORE the first class on October 13th.



ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS FOR LEARNING BETTER COMMUNICATION SKILLS

September 28th thru November 2nd

Monday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Childcare available

Subject matter to be covered:

- Helping children deal with their feelings
- Engaging cooperation
- Alternatives to punishment
- Encouraging autonomy
- Praise
- Freeing children from playing roles

\$15 per person/\$25 per couple (covers materials)

Pastor Bev Wrobel, Leader. Please register by September 20th by calling Pastor Bev at 255-3496, ext. 14 or email [blwrobel@mentorunc.org](mailto:blwrobel@mentorunc.org). Make checks payable to MUMC—note Parenting Class.

### DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

“I am the way, the truth, and the life”

*John 14:6*

#### Disciple 1

**September 15—May 24, 6:30—8:30 p.m., Room 112. Pastor Kurt/Pastor Quincy, Leaders**

Disciple 1 covers the entire Bible, following the Biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem, and is the entry point for all other Disciple Bible Studies.

#### Disciple 4—The Writings, John, and Revelation”

**September 13—May 22, 7—9:00 p.m., Wesley Room. Liese Vito, Leader**

The group concentrates on the Writings (Old Testament books not in the Torah or the Prophets), the Gospel of John, and Revelation. A workbook with daily readings and reflections is used for this offering.

#### Disciple 5—Jesus and the Gospels

**September 13—May 22, 7—9 p.m., Asbury Room. Sally Carr, Leader**

An in-depth exploration and comparison of the four Gospels. By the end of this offering you will have a deeper understanding of Christ, as well as how to live as one of his followers. A workbook with daily readings and reflections is used for this offering.

#### Disciple—Christian Believer

**September 8—May 24, 7—9:00 p.m., Asbury Room. Durley Imbler, Leader**

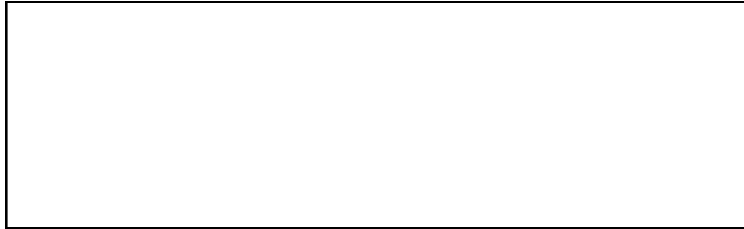
This group experience focuses on the concepts, ideas, and views which shape the Christian life. Dive into the Theological concepts that form the foundation of the Christian faith. A workbook with daily readings and reflections is used for this offering.

Register at [gavery@mentorunc.org](mailto:gavery@mentorunc.org).

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Attention  
Musicians!**

**The iConnect Worship Band is holding an open audition on Saturday, September 19th between 10 & 11 a.m. in hopes of adding more musicians to our team.**

Instrumentalists and vocalists of all ages are welcome to audition to join the band!

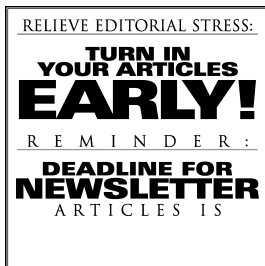
Contact Ted Babcock for more information. Email him at [tbabcock@mentorumc.org](mailto:tbabcock@mentorumc.org) or phone 440-391-7874.



Thank you to those who contributed to my retirement gift and for the beautiful silver tray. The quote inscribed on the tray is one of my favorites... *“Well done good and faithful servant”*. It was very humbling. I was honored to receive it.

Thanks also to the congregation for being so supportive of me through the years. You are the best!

— Joan Sadler



**DEADLINE:  
STEEPLETALK  
September 8  
For OCTOBER Issue**

**WORSHIP**

SANCTUARY Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.

iCONNECT Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.  
(Fellowship Hall)

COMMUNION — 10:30 a.m.  
Join us in the Sanctuary at the Altar

CHILDCARE — 9 & 11 a.m.  
Babies & Toddler/2Yr. Olds AND 3 & 4 Yr. Olds  
meet in Early Childhood Check-in

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9 & 11 a.m.  
Kindergarten through 6th Grade—Room 112  
Family Worship 1st Sunday of the month  
K-6th Grade worship with their families

