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June

2018

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Children and Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

StuCo 56, 5th & 6th Grade Youth Group

June 3, 6 PM to 8 PM, Veterans Park –

Hello/Goodbye Party with Occupy Youth

www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56

Summer Programs 2018 Dates

Theatre Arts Camp, June 4-8 & 11-15

Performances June 15 & 16

Vacation Bible School, June 18-22

Get Out Doors Camp, June 18-22

Middle School Mission Week, June 25-29

Youth Service Project, July 13-20

Sign up at www.mentorumc.org/children

Evangelism Training

Sunday, June 3, 12:30 PM, Wesley Room

The Evangelism/Fellowship Committee is hosting a training on how to share your faith. Learn a non-threatening, conversational, yet challenging, style to use when talking with friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. Please join us as we prepare for a summer of sharing the Good News of God's Love shown to us in Jesus!



Rummage Sale As money continues to trickle in, we are approaching \$11,000 collected in this year's sale. While that is a nice day's work, the big story continues to be the service we provide to our community and the fellowship experienced by all that volunteered. There were many new faces and friendships formed. Visitors who entered our doors Saturday certainly saw what it means to be part of a "Church Family." The immediate beneficiaries of the sale were Hope Chest, Salvation Army, Re-Store (funding Habitat for Humanity), Lake County Furniture Bank, and the recycling efforts that kept many donated items out of the landfill. A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who participated. Every little bit helped. We could not have done it without you!

Life Changers are needed for SUMMER quarter

Why not sign up to help with our Sunday children's programs?

Be a "Life Changer" as an adult or youth who helps children change their lives through the transformative grace of Jesus!

Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d-4cabab29a2fa7-summer1.

Vacation Bible School

June 18-22 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

4 Adults are still needed to help!

Contact Tammy Palermo at

TPalermo@mentorumc.org to get involved!

From the Pastor

I once heard a person share that what defines a church more than anything else is its music. There is no question that musical style is important to our worship. There are many styles of worship music including, but not limited to, classical, traditional, gospel, southern gospel, blue grass, country, and contemporary praise and worship

Our church is very unique in that we provide two styles of music and worship, both offered at the same times, and both drawing the same size attendance. People want options, and we're able to provide these options. While the style of music varies, both styles of worship feature music with excellence.

Throughout the scriptures we discover that music and worship have been companions for centuries. The Psalms declare...

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!" (Psalm 95:1)

"Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!" (Psalm 150:1-6)

The early Church was instructed to worship with music...

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (Colossians 3:16)

"Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart..." (Ephesians 5:19)

Music helps us express our feelings and thoughts toward God; music helps us grasp the wonders of God's love and grace. Music ministers to the soul and expresses our love and awe of God.

Celebrating our 200 years as a congregation gives us an opportunity to celebrate our years of worship in and through music. That's why we have set apart Saturday, June 2, as a celebration of music. From the Sanctuary to iConnect, from traditional hymns and anthems to contemporary music, we are in for a very special treat.

Former directors and musical servants will join with our present musical personnel to share in our special evening. Pipe organ, guitars and keyboards will strike chords while choirs and singers will offer praises to God.

Music is a big part of our congregation and our 200 year history. We are deeply appreciative of those who share their gifts and talents week in and week out. Come out and join us as we celebrate the past, live in the present, build for the future.

- Pastor Kurt

June Prayer Focus - Nancy Landerholm

During the next several months we will be using the Lord's Prayer as a guide for our daily prayer time. This month we will focus on the phrase 'Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name'.

To hallow is to respect or honor greatly; revere. Why should God's name be hallowed? For the Jew, a person's name was more than just a way to identify them, the name reflected their nature. Therefore, as we begin to pray, we approach God in awe of His holy nature. We honor God's name and do not use it in flippant or vain ways.

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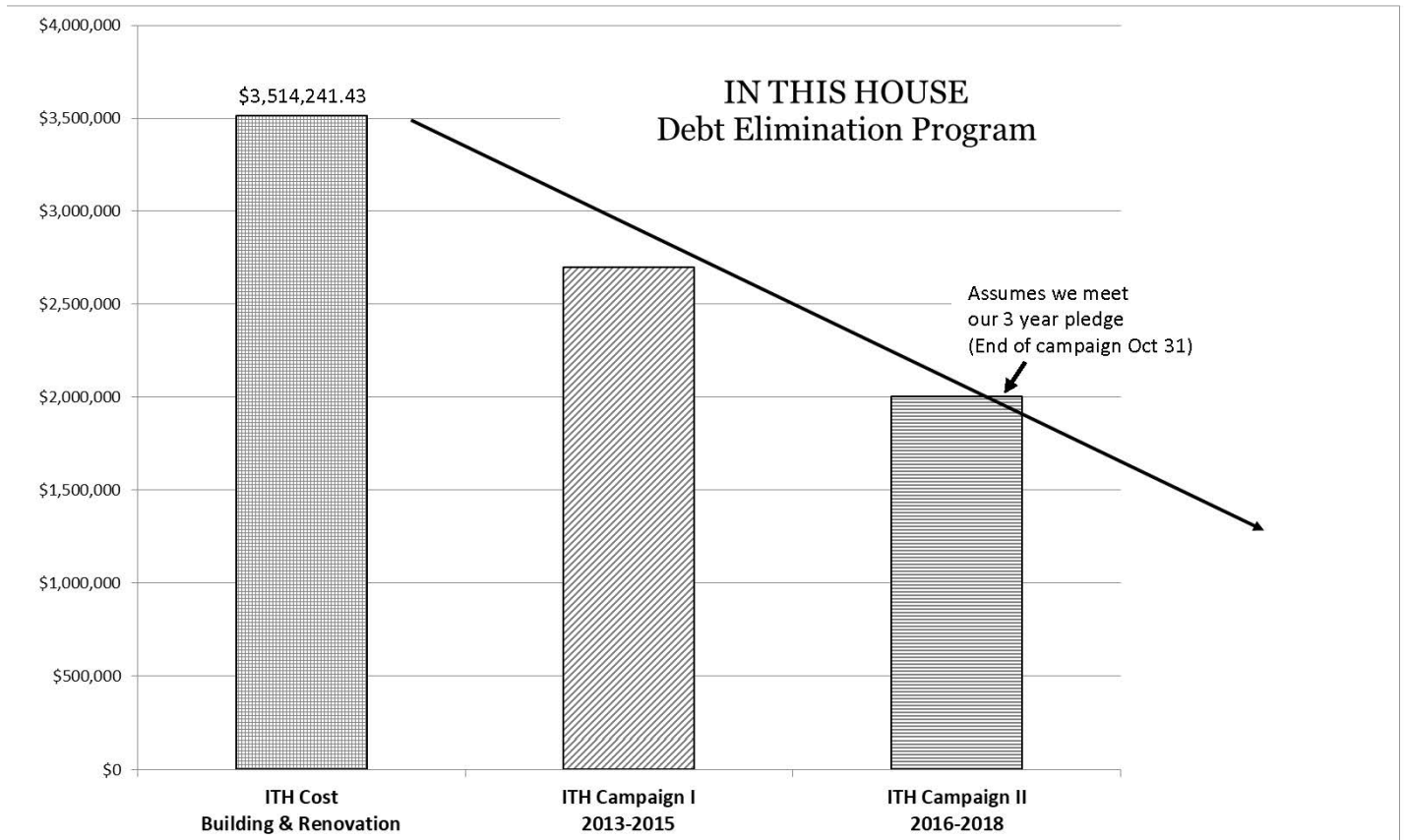
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">June 2018</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">See page 3 for regularly scheduled meetings.</p>						
05:00 PM - Landerholm Journey Group 06:00 PM - StuCo 56 & Occupy Hello/ Goodbye Party	09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 10:00 AM - Worship at Brookdale Heisley 11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek 06:30 PM - Journey Group	09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 07:00 PM - Emmaus/ Journey Group	09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 11:00 AM - Kester Family Visitation 12:00 PM - Kester Funeral 01:00 PM - Kester Funeral Reception Meeting 07:00 PM - Trustee Communications Team 07:00 PM - Missions Commission	09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 07:00 PM - Charter Member Rehearsal 07:45 PM - Chancel Choir	09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 06:00 PM - Nagle/ McMillen Rehearsal	09:00 AM - Martin/ Harransky Wedding 04:30 PM - Nagle/ McMillen Wedding
Senior Sunday and Scholarship Recognition 03:25 PM - YSP Meeting - Adults 04:30 PM - YSP Meeting	09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 07:00 PM - iConnect Planning	09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 06:00 PM - Fellowship/ Evangelism	09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 11:00 AM - GS Group 07:00 PM - Children's Ministry Team 07:00 PM - Finance Committee	Flag Day 09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 09:30 AM - Ruth Naomi Circle	09:00 AM - Theatre Arts Camp 09:15 AM - MedWish - Women's Mission Day 07:30 PM - Theatre Arts Camp - Performance	08:00 AM - Journey Group Leader Meeting 01:00 PM - Theatre Arts Camp Performance
Father's Day 05:00 PM - Landerholm Journey Group	09:00 AM - VBS Camp 09:30 AM - G.O.D. Camp 10:00 AM - Worship at Brookdale Heisley 11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek 01:30 PM - AS Group 06:30 PM - Journey Group	09:00 AM - VBS Camp 09:30 AM - G.O.D. Camp 01:15 PM - Mentor Miscellany Club 07:00 PM - Membership Committee	09:00 AM - VBS Camp 09:30 AM - G.O.D. Camp 01:15 PM - Mentor Miscellany Club 07:00 PM - Membership Committee	Summer Begins 09:00 AM - VBS Camp 09:30 AM - G.O.D. Camp	09:00 AM - VBS Camp 09:30 AM - G.O.D. Camp	08:00 AM - Kairos Team Formation Meeting
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Our ITH II campaign is coming to a close. Our goal is to eliminate our debt as rapidly as possible to allow us to continue planning for the future. We thank you for your generous gifts that allowed us to upgrade and expand our facilities to further our ministries.

CALENDAR

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Meetings:

These meetings are listed here instead of the calendar. Contact your group leader for any time changes. Please see other events on the calendar page.

Sunday:

09:00 AM Adult Sunday School
10:00 AM Journey Group

Monday:

10:00 AM Centenary Bible Study - Carr
07:00 PM Men's Group Meeting

Tuesday:

06:30 AM Men's Journey Group

Wednesday:

10:00 AM Journey Group - Wednesday Morning Way
01:00 PM Knitting Group

Thursday:

10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous

Friday:

01:00 Journey Group - Fournier / Korenko

Saturday:

08:00 AM iConnect Rehearsal



Through The Years

While we are celebrating our church's bicentennial with a wonderful concert and some historical information on our church organ, I thought it would be a good time to briefly mention the history of music in the Christian church. While this is an enormous subject that would take articles like this for years and years to cover, there are a few interesting points to mention about music and church worship.

Early Christians continued the practice of Jewish worshipers by singing songs. Indeed, music has a way of allowing people to express thoughts and emotions that the spoken words cannot. Psalm 150 states to praise God with trumpets, lutes, harps, tambourines, strings, pipes, and cymbals.

However, for the first few centuries of the Christian era, singing in the church was done without instruments. It was believed this was a "purer" way to worship God. Hymns, psalmodies, and spirituals were sung. Eventually, parts of the Mass were put to music such as the Benedictus and the Gloria. Gregorian Chant became standardized around 600 A. D.

The big breakthrough in Christian music came with the introduction of the organ. While invented in the third century B. C., it did not make it's way to western Europe until the eighth century. In 755 A.D., one was given to Pepin the Short, King of the Franks (father of Charlemagne) by the Byzantine Emperor Constantius. By the year 1000 A.D., organ music was an integral part of Christian worship.

John Wesley, while not a fan of instruments in church services, was an enthusiastic supporter of singing during Methodist services. This contrasted with the Anglican church at the time where singing was not emphasized. Indeed a writer in 1787 stated that for every one person drawn to Methodism by preaching, ten came as a result of the music!

Church music has also represented the aspirations of Christians. The African-American community has left a rich literature of church music hoping for their liberation through Christ.

Today, many services use contemporary songs with contemporary instruments. This is just the latest example of music evolving to meet the worship needs of the followers of Jesus Christ. May that praise always continue in music. Hallelujah!

Do you have any MUMC history you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to:

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Celebration of Music

Saturday, June 2, 7-9 PM

Enjoy the talents of our musicians, including the Chancel Choir, Charter Members Men's Choir, Canticle Bells, Children's Choir and the iConnect Worship Team. Guests will include former music ministry leaders.

There will be an intermission for light refreshment and fellowship. Reminisce, sing along, and worship with us!



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Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Modern worship, iConnect, in Fellowship Hall Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Deadline for the July Newsletter is June 8.



Women's Summer Fellowship

All women are invited to join us in one or more of these summer opportunities for fellowship, service and fun!

Tuesday, May 29 – Movie Tuesday – “The Five People You Meet in Heaven” (based on the book by Mitch Albom) movie, popcorn, and brief discussion – 9:30 AM -noon in the Conference Room

Friday, June 15 – Women's Mission Day at MedWish – meet in parking lot near the Gallery to carpool at 9:15 AM, serve 10:00 AM -12:30 PM, return to church around 1 PM - must be pre-registered so please RSVP by June 10, must be at least 13 years old to participate

Tuesday, July 10 – Women's Book Discussion, *Love Does* by Bob Goff – 9:30 AM -11:00 AM in the Adams Parlor

Monday, July 30 – Women's Mission Day at the Salvation Army - meet in parking lot near the Gallery to carpool at 8:30 AM, pack school supplies 9:00 AM - noon, return to church around 12:30 PM – must be pre-registered so please RSVP by July 26, students 5th grade and older are welcome

Tuesday, August 7 – Women's Book Discussion, *Reading with Patrick* by Michelle Kuo – 9:30 AM -11:00 AM in the Adams Parlor

Sunday, August 12 – Sundae Sunday – ice cream sundae bar, brief program and mission project (making a variety of simple Christmas ornaments for Red Bird Mission) – 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, students 5th grade and older are welcome with an adult

Tuesday, August 21 – Women's Mission Day at Greater Cleveland Food Bank – meet in parking lot near the Gallery to carpool at 9:20 AM, serve 10:00-noon, return to church around 12:30 PM – must be preregistered so please RSVP by August 17

Please contact Carole Ring (umw@mentorunc.org or 440-255-7213) with questions or to RSVP for the mission days. No reservation is needed to participate in the other events. Please join us!

Ruth Naomi Lunch and Bingo

Thursday, June 14, 11 AM to 2 PM at Veteran's Park, 5730 Hopkins Road

All women are welcome to join us for this fun event!

Dessert and beverage will be provided, just bring your lunch. Bring a food item in a brown bag for bingo.

Food items can be a candy bar, can of soup, etc.

Contact Georgeanna Allen with any questions at 440-255-5515.

Cornerstone

Italian Sunday Dinner

June 10, 12:30 PM at Pastina Rustic Italian Restaurant, 9354 Mentor Ave.

Please consider joining us for food and fellowship. This is a private party event, so we must have a commitment of 25 people by May 27 and payment by June 1. Cost is \$20 and there will be 4 entrees to choose from.

Progressive Field Tour

June 9, 9 AM meet in the Gallery for carpool, tour at 10 AM

Join us for a tour of Progressive Field! Cost is \$10.

Details for both events are at the Sign Up Table or contact Jo Ann Greiner at jag5.1@sbcglobal.net or Larry Hoon at larryhoon@yahoo.com.

Marriage Renewal Ceremony

August 11, 2:30 PM with rehearsal Friday, August 10, 7 PM

Couples that have been married in our church, or who are current members, are invited to renew their wedding vows as part of our bicentennial celebration.

See the enclosed form for complete information or go to our website at www.mentorunc.org/current/wedding-renewal. RSVP is required with payment and form by July 1.