
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 17, 2020

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On our typical church calendar, this weekend would highlight “Change the World Day” with opportunities to package meals, serve neighbors, and intentionally be the church in our community. Although our witness may look different, we can still find ways to serve Christ. In fact, that’s exactly what we are doing!

Our Sunday worship will include testimonies of several persons on the front lines who are seeing God at work, and finding ways to share Christ with others. We thank them – and countless others – for their sacrifice and service. They lead us! They inspire us! They help us! Let us show our gratitude, and follow their examples.

One of the ways our church changes the world is through our preschool. This past week, parents drove past the Gallery entrance with their little ones in tow. They came to pick up their belongings and wave to their teachers. The pandemic has altered so many lives ... and children and families have been forced to deal with a different reality. This is a season they will never forget. Hopefully, our preschoolers will remember that a church cared for them ... teachers found creative ways to reach out to them ... and that even learning a big word like “pandemic” did not make them fearful but taught them about God’s faithfulness.

We thank Tammy Palermo for her leadership, and also our teachers:
Colleen, Danielle, Peggy, Kat, Mary, Cristen, Heather, Dana, Lynnette

The Mentor United Methodist Preschool is part of our church’s mission, and evidence that we care about our community. The Preschool Board met last week to discuss next year ... possibilities ... hopefulness...challenges...obstacles. Although the future remains uncertain, we give thanks for each child who entered our facility this past year. Each one of them is changing the world.

May we all remember that our sacrifice, our guidance, our compassion will bring God’s Kingdom more into focus. Let’s commit ourselves to doing what Christ calls us to do ... one life at a time!

In the world with you, on behalf of Christ –

Pastor Sondra and Pastor Quincy



Mentor UMC – Re-opening Phases

PHASE 1

Beginning May 4, 2020

Groups of 10 or less may schedule a gathering at the church facility

All gatherings must be approved by the church office

(only one gathering will be scheduled at the same time)

Gatherings will take place in either Wesley or Asbury, as assigned

Participants must practice social distancing of at least 6 feet

The meeting room cannot be rearranged

All participants must bring their own mask to wear

The group leader will wipe down used surfaces at end of gathering:

tables, door handles, light switches

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups, Cherubs, Children's Choir, and Youth 56 are suspended until further notice.

Positive Parenting Book Club

Stay tuned for a new book to be announced. This is a great way to connect with other parents, especially during this time.

If you have a book suggestion, please contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

MUMC Kids' MeetUp

Join Tammy for a daily MUMC Kids' Meetup at 11:30 AM Monday through Friday and 10:30 AM on Sundays. Please check your email for the password.

Youth 56 will have a weekly [Youth 56 Meetup](#) at 7:00 PM Sunday evenings. Please check your email for the password.

SUMMER 2020 PROGRAMS are still being planned!

[Family Style Vacation Bible School: Knights of the North Castle](#) ~ June 8-12 for kids 4 as of 1/1/2020 thru 6th grade

TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE YOUR SUPPLIES, REGISTER BY MAY 22!

mentorumc.org/summer-programs

Middle School Mission Week ~ July 6-10 for students who have completed 6-8 grades (Contact Leah at lnash@mentorumc.org for more details.)

Theatre Arts Camp: Shrek, Jr. ~ July 13-17 AND 20-24 / Performances July 24 & 25 for students who have just completed K-8 grade.

Registration is closed.



Congregational Care

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Lantern - Jim Reed • Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich
The Enclave - Kay Disbro • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer • Concord Village - Shirley Dessner
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Kimi Schmidt

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Linda Leach, Susan Rimes, John Reno, Sylvia Bisbee, Carl Snyder, Jean Lewis,
Muril Zimmerman

Correct Email format from Church Staff

There have been emails received that appear to come from a staff member of the church but are not from MUMC. The email addresses of our MUMC staff are in the format of **first letter of first name, last name** and **@mentorunc.org**.

For example: **ssnode@mentorunc.org** for Pastor Sondra Snode and **qwheeler@mentorunc.org** for Pastor Quincy. Please remember that our staff would never ask you to send money or buy gift cards on our own. Any appeals for gift cards are through Missions Commission for our food distribution from the church. If there is ever a time you have a concern, delete the email and call the office at 440-255-3496. Any staff member would prefer you delete **any** email that you are wary of.

May Food Distribution

The Food Pantry will be doing a distribution in May. We feel extremely blessed to be able to continue this ministry despite the current situation. The congregation has truly made a difference in the lives of our community neighbors. In March, we had the opportunity to bless nearly 60 families and also provide resources to the Mentor Schools and other local food pantries.

At this time, we are taking strong measures to ensure the health and safety of families and our volunteers. In order to do this, in place of donating food items, we are asking for monetary donations. Donations can be made by check (mail or drop off at the church office) or by selecting "Food" when giving online. The funds received will go directly to the purchase of items needed for this distribution on May 18 and 19, as our shelves need restocking. As always, thank you for the continued support of this ministry.

- Katelynn Gurbach and Nancy Leyden



Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/10843017>.

Join us in worship!
9 AM and 11 AM

[Facebook live](#), [YouTube](#), and [website home page](#)



Youth Ministry

lnash@mentorumc.org

Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at MUMCYouth712

Youth Group: 7-12

We will be having Youth Group remotely until further notice. Join us at 6:00 PM on Sunday to share a brief message, have fun conversation, do activities together, and sing a few songs.

It's cosplay time! This week, dress up as your favorite book/movie character. All students are welcome to participate. We will even have some guest cosplayers join us! You can connect by using this link: <https://meet.google.com/xpd-pdwq-riv>

We have a Minecraft Realm!

All students are welcome to join our MUMC Server. This is a safe, closed environment where students can come together, create, and talk to one another from home. To join, simply email lnash@mentorumc.org your Username/Gamer tag and Leah will send you an invite.

*Note, this server is run through the Java Edition of the game and not the Microsoft Edition. Students are welcome to play at any time, however, we will have a designated time Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM.

Youth Service Project

We Have Found Our Project!! This year we will be working locally in Thompson, Ohio from June 21 through the 27. More details will soon be shared about our project, but we are excited about where the Lord is leading us to serve. We continue to need all of your prayers and support as we plan this project.

Graduating Seniors - Deadline May 18 at the latest

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we want to make sure we honor those who are graduating. If you or your student is graduating high school, college, or graduate school, let us know! Please email Leah at lnash@mentorumc.org your full name, area/planned area of study, what the next steps in your life are, and where you are graduating from. We can't wait to share in this exciting time with you.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Mother's Day Plant Sale. We greatly appreciate your support of our ministry, especially in the cold weather! Your contribution will help support our Youth Service Project mission to help rebuild a family's home in Thompson, Ohio. Enjoy the beautiful flowers!

NEW: Hospice of the Western Reserve Virtual Volunteer Training

Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. We are excited to announce virtual volunteer training for new volunteers. For more information, contact us at 216.255.9090 or fill out an online application hospicewr.org/volunteers. Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits as soon as Ohio's Stay at Home order is lifted.

Ohio Guidestone

A gently used laptop is needed for Ohio Guidestone for one of their clients. This needs to be a working laptop in good condition, ready to use. If you can help, please call the office at 440-255-3496.

Hope Chest Closed, Rummage Sale Canceled - Hold Items at Home

Hope Chest is closed until further notice. We are not accepting any donations until they are up and running again. Please hold on to your items at home and do not drop them off at the church. Thank you!

Upper Room Booklets

The May/June Upper Room devotionals have arrived. If you would like one, just stop by the office and we can bring it out to you or give us a call and we can mail it to you. Please specify if you need large print. Just add \$1 to your offering. The office is open 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday and can be reached at 440-255-3496.

Senior Center Curbside Meals Update

Update from City of Mentor:

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Mentor Senior Center is closed to the public until further notice. Lunch reservations can be made online or by phone at 440-974-5725 and paid for with a credit card. If you are able to order online, please call the Mentor Senior Center to request a user name and password.

Have a Prayer Request?

On our website homepage, click

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

to send us your request.

You can share your information or remain anonymous and let us know if you would like to be contacted by a pastor. You can always call us at 440-255-3496 as well. We are always here to support you in prayer!

Still looking for flowers? Need more plants to make your gardens bloom? Continue to support YSP!

Now Thru June 7th 2020

Sabo's Nursery in Madison, OH will donate 10% of sales that mention MUMC to the MUMC YSP Trip. When purchasing, you must state that this is for Mentor United Methodist Church YSP prior to checkout so the correct code is entered.

Sabo's is located at:

7800 North Ridge Rd., East Madison, OH 44057



Contact Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org with any questions.

WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
Together



BLOOD DRIVE

Mentor United Methodist Church

Asbury & Wesley Rooms, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Presenting donors will receive a Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last!

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org,
sponsor code: Mentorunited, or call 1-800- RED CROSS.

Click here to schedule an appointment!

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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