Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 16, 2021

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I have always found John 17 one of the most powerful passages of scripture. To think that Jesus prayed for me ... you ... all who would follow him ... is simply amazing! Jesus didn't just pray that the earliest disciples would remain faithful. Jesus prayed that generations to come would remain in him ... trust him ... rely on God's power revealed in and through him. Jesus prayed that we would be protected from evil; stand in the truth; be united. Jesus prayed that God's love would be realized in us, just as God's love was realized in him.

If Jesus prayed for us ... then we ought to pray.

I encourage you to pray. Not merely idle words or quick thoughts thrown around. Instead, earnest and intentional prayers that entrust your life and the lives of others to God. Prayers that allow time to listen for God to speak - to encourage and challenge and direct. Prayers that yearn for Christ's Church, especially one called Mentor United Methodist, to be faithful and a beacon of hope to the world.

Jesus prayed for us let us pray for one another.

A pandemic has challenged all of us ... including the church. We must be prayerful people because then we will be centering ourselves on Christ ... trusting Christ ... following Christ ... reflecting Christ.

Jesus prayed ... Let us pray, too.

Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning ServicesThe YouVersion link for this week is https://bible.com/events/48652117

Join us for online worship!
9 AM Modern and 11 AM Traditional
Facebook, YouTube and
our website www.mentorumc.org

Sign Up Genius Links for In-Person Worship

Sign up at these links or call the Church Office at 440.255.3496.

May 23 Modern Worship 9 AM

May 23 Traditional Worship 11 AM

Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is Change the World Day.

Congregational Care

<u>Members admitted to the Hospital:</u> Lake West - Nancy Markell • TriPoint - Shirley Drobnick

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer • Parker Place - Opal Pinasky, Bill Owens Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely • Lake Med - Lorraine Ahlstrom Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher • Beachwood CC Rehab - Nancy Stack Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Karen Mancini, John Hurley, Sarah Wade, Dale Snyder, David Wilson, Joan Evans, Carl Snyder, Barb Zimmerman, Noel Barber, Glenn Beaver, Margaret Sanders Joyce Ragan, Bob Williams, Spike Sudekum, Tom Erbaugh, Marty Ellsworth, Jon Yagoda, Noel Barber, Nora Kieser, Ken Pleska

Our sympathy to Michael and Chris Fournier and family in the passing of Michael's brother, Ernest Fournier, on May 6.



Change the World Day will be Saturday May 22. We will meet at Mentor UMC at 9 AM to gather in our groups and end around 12 PM. This year, we will hold a prayer walk in our community, plant flowers and deliver planters, and create cards for our shutins.

A Signup Genius is available at this link. We look forward to you changing the world with us! If you have any questions, contact Bill Mueller at 440-463-5540 or bil.mueller.home@gmail.com.

Hiking Journey Group

Start your Saturday mornings with a hike and Bible study. The Hiking Journey Group, led by Kate Colbow, will begin meeting on June 5 from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please see the location schedule below.

The study is <u>The Rewritten Life: When God Changes Your Story</u> by Jessica LaGrone. It looks at people from the Bible whose lives were rewritten by God's love and will help us see God's hand in our life stories. It's published by Abingdon Press and can be purchased from Amazon. For more information, contact Kate Colbow at <u>kate_colbow@yahoo.com</u>.

June 5 - Lakeshore Reservation

June 12 - Environmental Learning Center

June 19 - Claridon Woodlands

June 26 - Indian Point Park

July 3 - Mentor Marsh

July 10 - Chapin Forest



Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups May 16 and May 23. Check your email for login details or contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow 2nd, 3rd, 4th gr led by Tammy Palermo / Amy Markijohn 5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

May 30 - NO MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups
June 6 - FAMILY SUNDAY, NO MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups
June 13 - Return to In Person Sunday Mornings
PLEASE refer to an email sent from Tammy and/or the website for details.

YOUTH 56 meets May 23 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. See the website for the remaining dates and details!

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Thursday, May 27 at 8:00 PM. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is <u>Decide to Rise</u> and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at <u>mops@mentorumc.org</u> for more information.

Summer 2021:

June 28-July 2 Vacation Bible School & Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp

July 12-16 & 19-23 Theatre Arts Camp



July 6-10 Middle School Mission Week Sign up at this link.



MUM Preschool is currently taking registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact Colleen Judson at <u>Judson.preschool@mentorumc.org</u> for all the details! There are openings for 3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds, and PreKindergarten.

AmazonSmile in the Amazon App

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Mentor United Methodist Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
- 3. Select "Mentor United Methodist Church" as your charity
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app