

STEEPLETALK

JUNE 2017



Last month I wrote about our “Christ-centered” core value. This month I will address another of our values.

Biblically-rooted: We are committed to the faithful study of the Bible, using tools of devotion and scholarship in the church, family, and privately.

The Bible is the 66 books of the Old and New Testament. The word “Bible” comes from the Latin word meaning “book.” The Bible is the account of God’s action in the world. It was written over sixteen centuries by over forty human authors. There are different styles of writing, but together they have a clear and central message that weaves its way through the entire Old and New Testaments. The Bible has been fought for and died for, its words give meaning and life; it is truth and a road map for Christian living. The Bible is inspired and our authority in all matters of salvation. The Bible is a guide to living our faith, negotiating everyday life, and discovering our purpose.

When we are rooted in the scriptures they become our foundation for our faith and practice. To be committed to something means that we make it a dedicated priority. We encourage the faithful reading and study of the scriptures. When we read, study and live by the scriptures we are shaped by the Word. The late Dr. M. Robert Mulholland, Jr. wrote a book by that title where he shared that a move from just gaining cognitive information to one of reading the Bible as God’s message to us, followed with appropriate application/obedience results in the Word becoming alive in our lives. The scriptures have been shaping lives for centuries.

Our approach to the scriptures is both devotional and scholarly. To accomplish this we offer a number of devotional resources e.g. The Upper Room, Our Daily Bread, and other seasonal devotions. Through You Version it is possible to find a weekly resource to help devotionally reflect on the weekly sermon passage. We offer journey groups for studies with others where the emphasis is on information along with application. The church has a membership with Right Now Video that puts wonderful resources at your fingertips. The church library is a wonderful resource of both devotional and scholarly materials. We offer Sunday School for children where they learn the stories of the Bible. We present Bibles to 3rd graders. We have a youth program that brings the scriptures into life. It is the goal of each worship service to bring the Bible to life in a relevant and life-changing manner.

To be Biblically-rooted means that the Scriptures become infused into our everyday lives. We believe this happens in a number of ways, but most significantly in the church, family and private life. Worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, Journey groups, and retreats are opportunities for two or more to gather together to study, learn, and live our faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments. Family time is extremely important, for it is in the home where children are best shaped by the Word. Family Bible-based devotions and scripture reading are the building blocks of faith. In our own personal devotional lives we ought to be reading and seeking to live God’s Word.

Join us as we become rooted together.

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FINANCIALS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



THROUGH APRIL 30, 2017

Receipts	\$346,679.95
Disbursements	<u>334,906.71</u>
Surplus	11,773.24

Electronic giving is available online at
www.mentorumc.org



Blood Drive

Please join us on Saturday, June 10th between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the church to donate blood in memory of Nancy Sanker, Karen Martin's mother.

You can register for a time online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>. In the red box that says "find a blood drive" enter the sponsor code: "love" and you will be directed to the drive at Mentor UMC. "Love" was chosen as the code not only because the date would have been Nancy and her husband John's 50th wedding anniversary, but it truly is a gift of love when you donate. Please share with others so we can reach our goal of 50 donors!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE:

We will hold our Annual Picnic & Bingo Event at Linda Beidle's home, 9251 Boyer Lane, Mentor, on Tuesday, June 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please bring a sandwich for lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Bingo prizes should be a food item in a paper bag! All women of the church are invited to join us.



2017 GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR WORKSHOPS

Join us any Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 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. No experience necessary. If you have questions, call Kathy Fellows at 255-5899.

TUESDAY MORNING SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSIONS



JOIN US!

All are invited to join together for these summer book discussions:

- **Tuesday, June 13, 9:30 a.m.**
Adams Parlor
Why?: Making Sense of God's Will by Adam Hamilton
- **Tuesday, July 18, 9:30 a.m.**
Adams Parlor
Wherever the River Runs How a Forgotten People Renewed My Hope in the Gospel by Kelly Minter

Pick up a copy of the book and join us! Please contact Carole Ring at umw@mentorumc.org or (440) 255-7213 with any questions or if you would like her to order a copy of the book for you to purchase.

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THROUGH THE YEARS

Education is one of the core values of the United Methodist Church. John Wesley was a leading proponent of education for all, regardless of class, gender or race. Indeed, Rev. Wesley established schools for the working class poor in England. Professor Richard Heitzenrater of Duke University Divinity School writes that to Wesley "Knowledge was not so much a purely intellectual attribute but rather a channel of self-understanding which is critical for salvation."

Currently there are 119 colleges and universities affiliated with the United Methodist Church U.S.A. These include 92 four year schools, five of which are in Ohio. They are: Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio Northern, Otterbein and the University of Mount Union. The Methodist Church also has 3 two year colleges, all found in southern states.

There are also ten pre-collegiate schools across the country including the McCurdy School in New Mexico, which Mentor Methodist supports. The Methodist Church has thirteen Schools of Theology with two in Ohio. They are: The Methodist Theological School in Ohio located in Delaware and the United Theological Seminary in Dayton.

There is one Medical College affiliated with the Methodists. The Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee is one of the leading producers of African-American physicians in the U.S.

Ironically, the first Methodist college in the U.S. had a very short life. Cokesbury College, named for Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury, was founded in 1787 in Abingdon, Maryland. However, twice the college burned down and in 1796 it was decided to close the school. One consolation was that the church built to serve as the chapel to the college did survive. Cokesbury United Methodist Church exists to this day.

Methodist devotion to education is not limited to our country. Africa University was chartered in 1992. Located in Zimbabwe, it has students from 22 African countries living and learning together. Our church has supported this institution of higher learning for many years.

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 you can email him at dhumphrey@ameritch.net

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



EVANGELISM TRAINING . . .

Mentor UMC plans to be active in evangelizing our community this summer at BeachFest, City Fest, July 4th, Mentor Rocks and local parades. **In anticipation of these events, the Evangelism Committee is hosting a training event at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, June 24th at the church.** The training will be 45 minutes of practical strategies for sharing your faith as we seek to share the good news of Jesus this summer. Please join us!

HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Consider joining us for a brief service at Heartland on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We begin at 10:45 a.m. and are finished approximately 20 minutes later. It's a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with the Heartland residents. **Why not join us for our next service on Sunday, June 18th.** We need you and would love to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Rich & Katie Elwell at (440) 255-6794 or Don & Pat Humphrey at (440) 354-3833.

REQUEST FROM HOPE CHEST:

They are in need of new or gently used bath towels. Their supply of towels has been depleted. You can leave your donations in the Hope Chest box located behind the table at the Sign-Up Center (outside Fellowship Hall) on Sunday mornings or during the week. Thank you for always helping us provide for those in need in our community.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

KNOW

- **Sunday School**
 - . Children 0-4 yrs.—Early Childhood area
 - . K-5th Grade—Room 112
 - . www.mentorumc.org/Sunday-school

GROW

- **StuCo 56, 5th & 6th grade youth group**
 - . **Sunday, June 4th—Hello/Goodbye Party**
5:30—7:30 p.m.
 - . www.mentorumc.org/stucco-56
- **SUMMER PROGRAMS**
 - . Theatre Arts Camp
 - . “Beauty & the Beast, Jr.”; Parts have been Cast; still taking ENSEMBLE members
 - . Camp: June 5-9 & 12-16
 - . Shows: June 16, 6:30 p.m. & June 17, 1 p.m.
 - . Vacation Bible School
 - . June 19-23, 9 a.m. to Noon
 - . “Hero Central”
 - . Get Out Doors Camp (G.O.D. Camp)
 - . June 19-23, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - . “Water of Life”
 - . www.mentorumc.org/summer-programs

Children & Family Ministries Continued . . .

SHOW

Please prayerfully consider giving some time to our children during the summer months:

- **Sunday School Servant** sign up for SUMMER months (one month commitment)
 - . www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school
- **Vacation Bible School Servant** sign up
- **VBS Donation opportunities also available**
 - . www.mentorumc.org/children

NEWSLETTER & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:

- . www.mentorumc.org/children

Mentor UMC Preschool is looking for some additional substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or would like to apply, please contact Colleen Judson at judson.preschool@mentorumc.org.

STAFF-PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS

POSITIONS AVAILABLE



The Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee is changing the roles/jobs in the church office to better support our church mission and serve the needs of the congregation, staff, volunteers, and committee chairs. We will no longer have a Full-time Secretary and a Part-time Secretary. Instead, we will have a Full-time Communication Specialist and a Part-time Office Assistant, working under the oversight of the Office Manager/Financial Secretary.

For a more complete listing of these Positions and Job Descriptions, contact Teresa Simons in the church office by emailing her at tsimons@mentorumc.org or by stopping by her office between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

RUMMAGE SALE



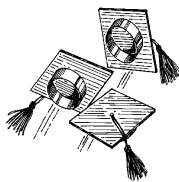
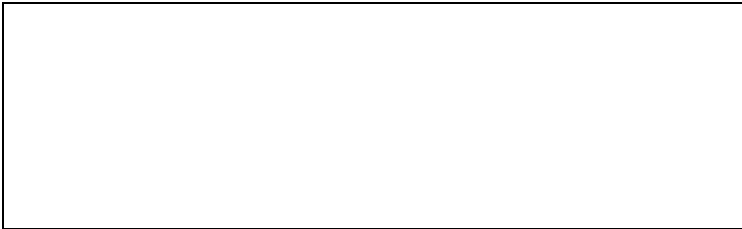
Our church and community was again blessed with another successful Rummage Sale. As they came through our doors, visitors to our church were greeted by like-minded servants of Christ ready to help them find what they needed—maybe even a new church home! We were in turn blessed by the opportunity to meet new friends and work with our church family in service to others

It takes many hands to put this mission together: setting up, securing donation vehicles, donating, picking up items, sorting, pricing, serving lunch to the workers, and cleaning up. Whichever part you played, please accept a huge and heart-felt “**thank you**” for a job well done! This could never be done without you!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



**2017 HIGH SCHOOL
& COLLEGE GRADUATES**

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors (both high school & college) on Sunday, June 11th.

We need your graduate's name and the name of the school they are graduating from.

Please leave in the offering plate Sunday morning or leave in the Church Office by June 5th. You can also email the information to Pam Mele at pmele@mentorumc.org.



Sanctuary
9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

iConnect
(Fellowship Hall)
9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Communion
10:15 in the Chapel
(except for the 1st Sunday of the month)

**We also offer an additional
Summer Worship Option . . .**

Beginning Thursday, June 8th through Thursday, September 7th, the church offers an additional worship opportunity with an 8:00 p.m. evening service.

Perhaps travel or some summer activity will put you away on Sunday morning, you can join us for our Thursday evening service in the Chapel. It's informal. Come straight from work, the ball field, or mowing the lawn.

Come as you are
and join us for worship and fellowship.



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