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## Military Names for Memorial Day Service

 Memorial Day dates back to the Civil War when more lives were lost than in any other war in US history. It was celebrated on May 30 for almost a century, from 1868 to 1970, before it was moved to the last Sunday in May. It has evolved to include all American military personnel who died in different wars.On Sunday, May 26, 2019, we will recognize our fallen heroes. If you have a family member or loved one who died in active service, please contact the Church Office at 440-255-3496 or info@mentorumc.org. Please include your name, their name, relationship to you, and war or date when they perished. Thank you for helping us honor our heroes!

## Middle School Mission Week

June 24-28, 2019
Open to students who have completed Grades 6, 7, or 8.

Middle Schoolers at Mentor UMC look forward each year to Middle School Mission Week- a boredom zapper, community service, crazy fun and games, global fundraising, making new friends and learning about Jesus kind of week all rolled into one!
More registration information will be coming. Contact Toby Mattern if you are interested at tmattern@mentorumc.org.

## YSP Annual Plant Sale

Mother's Day Weekend, May 10, 11 \& 12 • Friday noon to 7 PM \& Saturday 9 AM to 7 PM, Sunday plants are available after services
Presale orders are due April 28. See a youth for an order form or the Information Hub.
Hanging baskets, hanging bags and planters will be available on sale day.
Proceeds from this sale support the 2019 Youth Service Project.
Blood Drive May 5
Sunday, May 5, 8 AM to 1 PM at MUMC. Appointments are recommended. Go to www. RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## Steepletalk

## From the Pastor

"Jesus said 'bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you'." (Luke 6:28)

One of our most used, and sometimes overused phrases is "God bless you!" This phrase has power when we are speaking God's blessings over people. But it can become a mechanism used to disengage in the lives of others. It is much easier to say, "God bless you" than it is to actually be a blessing to others. We also need to enter into the struggles of others with the blessing of our lives.

The origin of the following statement is unclear, but there is power in the phrase, "Give a Man a Fish, and You Feed Him for a Day. Teach a Man To Fish, and You Feed Him for a Lifetime."

We want and should bless those who struggle in need, and certainly one of those ways is through feeding programs. We should give fish to those who hunger. But we should also be looking for ways to teach people how to catch fish so that they won't be hungry for the rest of their lives.

815 million people, accounting for 11 percent of the world's population, suffer from hunger, according to a report published by the United Nations. The need is great and we are called to bless those who hunger with food that will sustain them. That's the ministry of giving a fish.

While the news is sobering, the good news is that in two decades the percentage has dropped from 23 to 11 percent. The trajectory to eliminate world hunger has improved over the past 20 years, and if continued, world hunger could end by 2030. The focus on solutions has reduced the number of those who go to bed hungry each night. The world is being taught to fish!

Rise Against Hunger is focused on four main solutions. To end hunger by nourishing lives, empowering communities, providing emergency relief and growing the movement to end hunger. Last year, Mentor UMC contributed 20,000 meals in the Rise Against Hunger Program, part of the more than 1 million meals sent out to nourish, empower communities, provide relief, and partner with organizations that teach how to fish.

Once again, Mentor United Methodist Church is doing something about it on May 18 as we partner with Rise Against Hunger to package 30,000 Meals! That's a $50 \%$ increase.

What it will take:

- Friday Setup from 5:30-7:00 PM with several able-bodied volunteers
- Saturday, participate in a 5 K run/walk fundraiser
- Saturday food packaging with 2 shifts of 55-65 people each o First shift will be from 8:00-10:00 AM o The second shift from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM. o The third shift to clean-up from 12:30-1:30 PM
- Raise \$9,907.52 (less than $30 \not \subset$ a meal)

We have taken a step of faith that we can do it! The contract has been signed. This is a great opportunity to live into Jesus' command to feed the hungry and empower the hungry to feed themselves. To help, sign up through the church app, stop by the Information Hub on April 28 or May 5, use the link https://sforce.co/2U7QV8u, or go to the church website, www.mentorumc.org, to use the link. Support the program by your church contributions marked, "Rise Against Hunger."

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## Through The Years

Rev. Richard W. Pettit and his wife, Mary, served the Mentor Methodist Church (as it was known then) from 1947-1957. During their time, the church more than doubled in size as the Mentor community grew following World War II. Perhaps a few of our senior members remember the Pettits. A native of lowa, Rev. Pettit graduated from the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology after receiving a bachelor's degree from Cornell College in lowa. While at Oberlin, he met his wife. Rev. Pettit's first assignment as a pastor came while still a student at Oberlin. He served for two years at Mentor Plains Methodist. He commuted to Mentor from Oberlin each week by taking the bus. Once in Mentor, he borrowed a bicycle to get around. He stayed with various families on the weekends. Rev. Pettit was fond of saying that the second sermon he preached was the hardest because he had told all he knew in the first!
His first assignment after graduation was as associate pastor of First Methodist Church in Cuyahoga Falls. He served there three years before moving to Mentor to take over as pastor of our church. During his tenure at Mentor, two major building programs were completed. A fellowship hall and kitchen were built in 1951. The education wing was added in 1957, the final year of Rev. Pettit's pastorship here. This addition included classrooms, pastor's offices, a parlor, and restrooms. This was at a time when our sanctuary was located at what now is the Chapel.
When Rev. Pettit left Mentor, he moved to the Bay Methodist Church in Bay Village. He then accepted the pastorship at Ridgewood Methodist Church in Parma. Rev. Pettit was named District Superintendent of the Norwalk District in 1974. Interestingly, he succeeded Rev. John Freiling who had been Mentor's pastor from 1961-1968. After his term as D. S. was completed, Rev. Pettit moved to Akron to continue his ministry. He retired in 1984.
The Pettits had three daughters. Martha Ellen (Pettit) Ressler who resided in Pittsburgh, PA, Elizabeth Ann (Pettit) Williams who lives in Tampa, FL and Lois Jean (Pettit) Stanley who makes her home in St. Petersburg, FL.
Rev. Pettit went to be with the Lord in 2003. Mary left us in 2008. We at Mentor Methodist owe them a debt of gratitude for their work pastoring to our congregation and the vision to add needed facilities to our church. I would like to thank Lois Pettit Stanley for providing much of the information in this article.

Do you have any MUMC history you would like to share with the congregation?
Please send it to: Don Humphrey, 7330 Holly Park Dr., Concord, Ohio 44060-6704 or e-mail to: dhumphrey@ameritech.net

## May Prayer Focus - Nancy Landerholm

Psalm 94:17-19: Unless the Lord had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death. When I said,"My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, Lord, supported me, your consolation brought me joy. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

Lord, I am slipping and my anxiety is great. I cannot live without your help. I need you to support me in my thoughts, emotions, health, relationships, and responsibilities. Help me to not be anxious, but come to you with a thankful heart as I present my requests to you. (Philippians 4:5-6)

## Lakeview Cemetery Tour - RSVP by May 1

Cornerstone will be sponsoring a tour of Lakeview Cemetery on Lolly the Trolley, Saturday, May 11. We will carpool from MUMC at 10 AM for the one and a half hour tour beginning at 11 AM. Afterward, we will have lunch at Guarino's in Little Italy. The tour will cost $\$ 25$, and the optional lunch will be an additional expense. Lakeview Cemetery is the final resting place for many famous Clevelanders as well as President James A. Garfield. The Garfield Memorial, Wade Chapel, and 100,000 daffodils are an amazing sight. There is a limit of 35 for this trip! We need to have a count by May 1 to reserve Lolly the Trolly. Sign up in the Church Office, at the Information Hub on April 28, or RSVP to larryhoon@yahoo.com.

## Stay Mentally and Socially Active - A message from the Alzheimer's Association

Embrace lifestyle habits that improve your overall health, such as exercising, consuming a nutritious diet - and staying cognitively and socially active. Science suggests these may support brain health as well. It's never too late to make changes to achieve a healthier lifestyle - or too early to start. If you have questions about memory loss, contact the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline toll-free anytime - 800.272.3900.

## Coat Ministry

Thank you for your generosity to the Coat Ministry! We are not accepting donations at this time. Storage is an issue, and we appreciate your cooperation. This ministry has blessed many in our community by meeting a basic, yet pressing need. Watch for information in the fall when we will be collecting again for the Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions. Thank you for all your help.

## Middle School Mission Week - In Need of Drivers

Middle School Mission Week (MSMW) is a week-long program to give Middle School aged kids a chance to grow in their faith through service to others. This year, the program will take them to Shoes and Clothes for Kids, Deepwood Industries, Medwish, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, and Fun and Stuff.
We are in great need of adult drivers. MSMW runs June $24-28$ from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please consider scheduling some summer time off around this program. Even one day of your help would make a difference! Contact Becky Suran (440) 668-1753, csuran@roadrunner.com or Toby Mattern (440) 2553496 ext. 114, tmattern@mentorumc.org with questions or to sign up. Thank you!

## Ruth Naomi Circle

May, 9, 9:30 AM in Adams Parlor. For more information, contact Georgeanna Allen at 440-255-5515.

## Children and Family Ministries <br> Register for events through the app or at www.mentorumc.org/children www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

May....we are almost halfway through 2019. School is winding down. Summer is gearing up. Here is what you need to know for your family....
The next Positive Parenting Book Club selection is Becoming a Spiritually Healthy Family by Michelle Anthony. We will meet on Monday, May 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Childcare is available if requested by May 1.
Our 5th \& 6th grade youth group, StuCo 56, will say "Hello" to the 4th graders and say "Goodbye" to the 6th graders at our annual Hello/Goodbye Party on May 19 at Veterans Park from 6:00-8:00 pm. The students will have an opportunity to serve on Monday, May 20 from 4:30-7:00 pm. All students in those grades are welcomed and encouraged to attend. I only ask that you RSVP for your student, so I can plan accordingly.
Is your summer planned yet? If not, the summer info is ready and registration is open! Vacation Bible
School, "To Mars and Beyond", and Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp, "Water of Life", are the week of June 17-21. Theatre Arts Camp will be the weeks of July 8-12 and 15-19 with the show, "Disney's Frozen, Jr.", dates July 19 at 7:30 pm and July 20 at 4:00 pm. Mark your calendars now to enjoy this show!
Never a dull moment! Be sure to check out all the resources I have for parents and/or grandparents. I want to be your cheerleader as well as a resource for you and your original small group (that's your family © ).
By HIS Grace and through HIS love,
Tammy Palermo
Director of Children and Family Ministries
Heifer Project is underway! The goal is to purchase 100 Flocks of Ducks (\$2000). For every $\$ 20$ your family donates, you will have one duck in a River Duck Race on Friday, June 21 !!! A prize will be awarded to the family with the winning duck (family does not need to be present to win). Please use the tear off below and return with your donation in the offering plate by noon on Sunday, May 19 or give to the Church Office by Friday, May 17. Ducks make great Mother's and Father's day gifts! See updates from past years and the chore chart for kids at www.mentorumc.org/heifer-project.

Heifer Project ~FLOCK OF DUCKS
Our family would like to make a donation in the amount of $\$$ $\qquad$ . For every \$20 donated, a duck will be entered into the duck race for a total of $\qquad$ ducks.

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## Change the World Day is Saturday, May 18, 2019

Change the World Day has become a strong tradition here at Mentor UMC. We are planning to pack 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, May 18, in 2 sessions. The first session will be 8-10 AM and the second from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. There are openings for 6065 people in each session. We will also need help setting up on May 17, 7 to 8:30 PM and cleaning up on May 18, 12:30 to 1:30 PM.

Sign up online at https://sforce.co/2U7QV8u, at the Information Hub on May 5, or on the church app. Sign up with your family or friends and make it a fun time!
The 5 k race sign up is https://bit.ly/2D7xYwT. If you have any questions, contact Alison Magyari at alisonwakelee@yahoo.com.

There are opportunities for everyone to be involved in this mission. In order to purchase the supplies for the meal and to distribute them, we will need to raise $\$ 10,000$ for this event. Will you and your family decide to set aside a specific amount and donate those funds toward the Change the World mission this year?

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 next Newsletter is May 8.

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