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WEEKLY UPDATE

METHODIST

CHURCH

MAY 14, 2023

HAPPY
mother's
DAY

9 AM & 11 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
MODERN WORSHIP 9 AM & 11 AM

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

António Emílio Leite Couto, better known as Mia Couto, is a prolific Mozambican writer who won the most important literary award in the Portuguese language. He once wrote this about storytelling, "Listen, and you will realize that we are made not from cells or from atoms. We are made from stories." Stories help us to know who we are, where we come from, and perhaps even where we are going. Stories shape our families, our work, and our faith. It is through the stories of scripture that we come to know God and how God has acted in history. It is through testimony, the stories of others' experience with God that we know how God acts in our world now.

How did you first hear the stories of Jesus? Who was the first to tell you about God's love for you? Maybe it was a parent or grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a Sunday school teacher or pastor. The stories that these people shared with us helped to make us who we are and shaped our faith. In our scripture text for this weekend we read, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15, NIV) The writer encourages the reader to tell their story, the story of Christ at work in their lives.

Friends, you and I are tasked with sharing our story of our experience with Christ and the reason that we have a living hope! Who in your life needs to hear about the living hope of God in Christ Jesus? Seek out ways to share your story this week.

Let's tell our stories,

Pastor Mikayla



SPRC take-aways from the pastoral leadership transition workshop that we attended:

Outgoing pastors, incoming pastors, staff, SPRC, and the congregation are all part of the transition team. The number one thing the congregation can do is pray! Pray for outgoing pastors and pray for incoming pastors. Lift up their families/spouses in prayer too. Please pray for Pastor Sondra and Tom, Pastor Mikayla and Robert, Rev. Steve Stulz-Costello and his wife Cara, and for Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith, her husband David, and their daughter Lydia. As members of this congregation we should be positive and open minded and excited about new opportunities. Trust in Jesus, trust the process, and trust the people involved in discerning appointments. Speak positively in person and on social media.

Care CONGREGATIONAL

In our prayers today & in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

Members admitted to Rehab.

Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradrich
The Enclave - Kay Disbro, Delores Tackett,
Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines
Salida Woods - Doris Sturm
CareCore - Virginia Gilman
Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,
Opal Pinasky, Deloris Parsons
Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua
Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose, Bob Chamberlin
Tapestry - Gloria McFeely
Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher
Kirtland Rehab Center - Bonnie Rini

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Dick Anderson,
Luke Sanvido, Tom Erbaugh, Michelle Paul

Love and Prayers to the family and friends of Retta Weller who passed on April 27, 2023. Her Memorial Service will be in the MUMC Chapel on May 25th.

Love and Prayers to Joyce and all the family and friends of Charles "Carl" Snyder who passed on May 9, 2023.

Love and Prayers to the family and friends of Elizabeth Pitorak, who passed on May 7, 2023. A Celebration of Life will be held at MUMC on June 1st.

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Please join us for another 'BBBB'. This month's menu is chicken soup, rolls, and brownies. Our speaker for this month will be a representative from our Mentor Fire Department talking about safety issues and what the fire department can do for you. For those that can stay after the program, we will have a Bonus time to assemble Personal Dignity Kits for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We hope to see you on May 15th at noon here at MUMC. RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register [online here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Need to Know

NOW HIRING

There are 3 openings at MUMC. If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who might be, check out our [website](#) for details and how to apply.

Lifeline Visit

Lifeline of Lake Country will be at MUMC on Monday, **May 15th**, at 7:00 PM. The event, sponsored by Caring Servants, is OPEN TO ALL. Andrea Jensen, Senior Resource Specialist for Lifeline of Lake Co., will share resources available for seniors seeking to improve their quality of life. Please join us for this informative evening.

MUMC Softball

The season begins first week of May. All games @ Richmond Heights Community Park with 1-2 games per week (Mon-Thurs evenings). We are always looking to add players. No rules on gender or church membership (friends are welcome). Players must be 18+, but 16 & 17-year-olds are eligible if with a parent or guardian. Anyone interested should contact Brian Bly for more: 440-463-7712 brianbly11@gmail.com

*We remember before our God
and Father your work produced
by faith, your labor prompted
by love, and your endurance
inspired by hope in our Lord
Jesus Christ.
Thessalonians 1:3*

Come Celebrate & Honor

*Marian Ruckert on her Retirement as
Church Treasurer for the past 26 years*

*Pastor Sondra Snode on her years
leading & ministering at MUMC*

*Pastor Mikayla Doepker on her years
leading & ministering at MUMC*

*Tammy Palermo on her Commissioning
as a Provisional Deacon*



We will present a love offering to Marian, Sondra, and Mikayla as they leave their roles at MUMC. You can be a part of that gift by sending either cash or a check payable to MUMC, memo: Love Offering, to our church office by May 22nd. PLEASE be sure to note who the love offering is to go to.

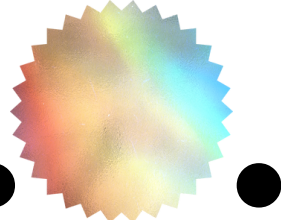
Thank you, in advance, for being a part of this special celebration and helping to show love and appreciation.

Sunday, June 4
Gallery - 10 AM & 12 PM

Mission Opportunities

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Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is on Tuesday, May 16th. At our last one, 34 units were collected with a 28-unit goal, which can help save more than 34 lives! Sign up on our [website](#).

Food Ministry

- Cereal
- Ravioli
- Canned Fruit
- Soup

Items can be dropped off in the community center.

Birthright Wishlist

Birthright is celebrating the joy of motherhood this month. Help us to give a special gift to the mothers in our community. Simply purchase an item from our Mother's Day Amazon Wish List. Help us make a mom feel special You may also donate on our website Birthrightlake.org or mail to us at 7237 Industrial Park Blvd., Mentor OH 44060

Birthright is a nonprofit 501c3
Donations are tax deductible
Wishlist here:
<https://a.co/aO7YT4U>



Hannah's Home Bottle Fundraiser

Hannah's Home is a non-profit, faith-based maternity home for 18 and over located in Mentor. They assist moms with important tasks, life-skills, and lifechanging support. Hannah's Home runs strictly on donations allowing them to remain a faith-based organization.

The baby bottle coin collection is their largest fundraiser, bringing in approximately 1/3 of their yearly budget. MUMC has partnered with them this year to assist with this fundraiser. Beginning on Mother's Day and running through Father's day, bottles will be available at the church. Please consider taking one and placing your extra change, paper money or a check made out to Hannah's Home in the bottle. Missions Committee will match donations up to \$1,000. Flyers & additional info will be available on Mother's Day. Please contact Betsy Iskra at 440-283-6524 with any questions.

Rummage Sale Update

What a great sale we had this year! We made \$8,000 which will be put towards various missions and projects. THANK YOU again to everyone who got involved.

More Than A Meal

We hope that you can help us out this month on Sat, May 27th. You can sign up [online](#).

Bubble Baskets for Woodlawn Homes

On Saturday, May 20th members of our church will be distributing bubble baskets to the residents of Woodlawn Homes. Each household will receive: a large container laundry detergent, a box of dryer sheets, a bottle dish detergent, a bottle of general household cleaner and six rolls of toilet paper. We did a Spring bubble basket distribution last year at Woodlawn Homes and it was GREATLY appreciated. The cost to sponsor a bubble basket is just \$20. We will be collecting sponsorships after services on Sunday, May 7th and Sunday May 14th in the Communications Hub. This is an easy way to help one of 70 families in need at Woodlawn Homes. The program is sponsored by the MUMC United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) and Catalyst Ministry. If you have questions or would like to help with the distribution please contact Carol Ryan at (440-974-8014) or you can E-mail her at Caszidkryan@gmail.com. Thank you for your help!

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC

- [Check-In Instruction Video](#)
- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- Grades K-6 will begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

Sunday Morning Signup

Mentor United Methodist Church's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Here is a great place to do just that! Click the link for Sunday morning [SPRING sign up](#) (or visit our site). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

MUMP Registration Open

Mentor UM Preschool pre-registration for church members is available for the 2023-24 school year! Contact Kat Fisher at fisher.preschool@mentorumc.org

MOPS & MOMS

The next meeting will be on May 26th from 9:30 to noon.

Summer Programs 2023

There are SUPER programs coming up this summer at MUMC. Register or sign up to help out!

VBS: Hero Hotline

June 26-30

daily from 9 AM to noon.

G.O.D. Camp

Follow the Way

June 26-30

9:30 am to 4:00 pm

MSMW (Middle School Mission Week)

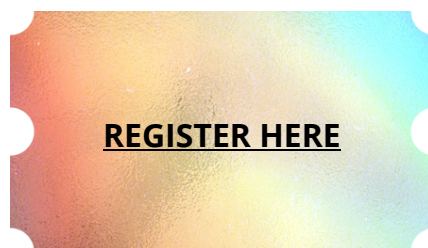
July 10-14, 2023

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

TAC (Theatre Arts Camp)

MATILDA THE MUSICAL JR

Ensemble Openings Only for actors who completed grades 1-8
June 12-16 and 19-23



REGISTER HERE

Summer Volunteers

Volunteer for this summer's programs by [clicking here](#) or visiting our [website](#).

EO Camps

Visit [East Ohio Camps' site](#) to see what camps there are this summer/their deadlines. You can also visit our [site](#).

Youth Ministry

Join us on Sundays from 10:10-10:50 AM in the Youth room. There may be donuts:)

YSP Meeting Dates

The upcoming Youth Service Project meeting dates are as follows:

- May 21

Meet with us at 12:15 in Wesley room. Any questions may be directed to Andrew Ring.

Journey Groups

www.mentorumc.org/discipleship. As we *know, grow, and show* Christ's love for the world, Mentor UMC offers you the chance to go deeper in your walk with Christ and connect with others on the journey. Visit the link above to see how you can get involved!

Bowling & Bibles

Meet us on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month for B&B. The bowling is paid for, but you will need to pay \$5.00 for shoe rental. Our next meeting is on May 17th at 7:30 PM at the Rollhouse in Mentor.