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UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

In my recent sorting and packing endeavors I discovered some long-lost letters from my father. The fading ink on very thin paper still conveys words penned to his parents during WWII army days. He often shares that he received their letters and shares the dates. He tells of guard duty, of a few barrack shenanigans, of trading his rations for what he considers more usable items. Several of the letters have missing pages. I am left to wonder what else was said or how a story ended.

As a nation, we pause this weekend to celebrate Memorial Day. We remember and honor those who offered the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The weekend has expanded, and we remember all those have gone before us. Graves are decorated. And we mark the unofficial beginning of summer. This year, the weekend is also Pentecost.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit breathed life into all nations. Recorded in Acts 2, this holy happening, this God-breathed moment gives birth to the Church. It was confusing and transformational. Peter addressed the crowd. He tried to bring understanding by witnessing to God's power at work. Some believed, and some didn't. Some joined the movement, and some didn't. Regardless, the Spirit could not be stopped.

The Spirit is still moving. However, I'm left to wonder if God's love and power at work within us is a story fading, with others left to wonder how the story is going. Or if we are bold witnesses of God at work? What message are we sharing with others? Is it making an impact now or being of benefit to future generations?

Pentecost reminds us of the power of God at work ... and, that our stories are still being written. May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Sondra

CONGREGATIONAL

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

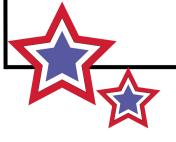
<u>Members admitted to Rehab,</u> <u>Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:</u>

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 - Bob Chamberlin
Tapestry - Gloria McFeely
Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher
Legacy in Willoughby - David Fell

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Dick Anderson, Luke Sanvido

Love and Prayers to the family of Bonnie Rini, who passed on May 19, 2023.



Need to Know

Youversion

https://bible.com/events/490 72350

NOW HIRING

There are **2** openings at MUMC. If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who might be, check out our <u>website</u> for details and how to apply.

Graduation Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, June 11th for Grad recognition and breakfast (high school grads) at 10:05 AM. Seniors will be recognized during our Modern & Traditional services. PLEASE email a current photo to Kenna Tanner at ktanner@mentorumc.org to be included in the video!!

Weekly Update Contest

As we near the start of a super fun summer full of great programs and events, we invite children & youth to create and submit a cover design for the Weekly Update by Sunday, June 11. Drop off at the church office, email, or mail one in to be considered! The winner will be featured on the lune 28th edition. Runners-up will be featured on the inside of the Update.

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

The congregation should say goodbye really well!

This is a time to tell our pastors how they have impacted you. Express gratitude & show appreciation to them for their leadership here at MUMC. Consider writing pastors a note & making a love offering to be presented on June 4th.

Plan to attend our June 4th celebrations honoring Marian Ruckert (retirement), Pastor Sondra (new church appointment), Pastor Mikayla (new church appointment), & Tammy Palermo (June commissioning as a deacon).



Come Celebrate & Honor

Sunday, June 4 Gallery - 10 AM & 12 PM

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 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

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.

Mission Opportunities



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 life-changing 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 approximately 1/3 of their yearly budget. MUMC has partnered with them this year to assist with this fundraiser. Now through Father's day, bottles with 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

Missions Committee will match donations up to \$1,000.

Flyers & additional info are available at the church. Please contact Betsy Iskra at 440-283-6524 with any questions.

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship hour is looking for individuals, families, Journey Groups or Teams to host on Sunday mornings. There are also still opportunities to donate prepackaged food such as chips, crackers, and cookies. To get involved or know more, please contact Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485.

UH Needs Volunteers

UH Lake West & TriPoint are seeking volunteers 16+. For more info, call TriPoint Medical Center in Concord 440-354-1665 or Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby 440-953-6049

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of wash clothes and baking pans. Items can be dropped off in the Community Center

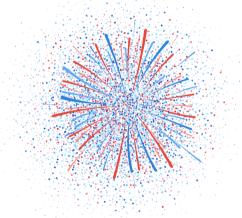


Food Ministry

- Cereal
- Marinara
- Canned Fruit

Items can be dropped off in the community center.

For an extended list of items, please visit the Info Hub or our website.



Stream Team Invitation

Our Stream Team is always on the lookout for new individuals to add to our team for Sunday morning streams. There are many different things you can do (and you don't need prior experience). Contact Andrew Ring or the church office to get involved.

More Than A Meal

We hope that you can help us out this month on Sat, June 24th. You can sign up online.

WEEKLY UPDATE MENTOR UMC

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 SUMMER 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 registration for church members is still open for the 2023-24 school year! Contact Kat Fisher at fisher.preschool@mentorumc.org.

MOPS & MOMS

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

Summer Programs 2023

There are SUPER <u>programs</u> 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 <u>clicking here</u> or visiting our <u>website</u>.

EO Camps

<u>Visit East Ohio Camps' site</u> to see what camps there are this summer/their deadlines. You can also visit our site.

Youth - Sunday Mornings

We will NOT meet on May 28 due to the holiday weekend.

Journey Groups

www.mentorumc.org/disciple ship. 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 June 21st at 7:30 PM at the Rollhouse in Mentor.



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