

STEEPLETALK

November 2013



Imprints



On a transforming path of
Christ-centered discipleship

“Footwork”

I hope to “get off on the right foot” as I begin this article. So let’s talk about feet!

There seems to be an endless list of expressions and clichés that reference feet. We express emotions with feet by stomping to indicate anger. If we “step on your toes,” it could mean we hurt your feelings. Getting a “foot in the door” can represent assertiveness, whereas playing “footsie” can be affectionate and “knocked off your feet” suggests surprise.

When you don’t want to do something you may be accused of “dragging your feet” and when you are ready to go you “kick up your heels.” When someone does not tame the tongue, we assert that they “stuck their foot in their mouth.” When someone makes a poor decision we declare “they shot themselves in the foot.” If you’re independent, you “stand on your own two feet,” and, someone who thinks quickly is said to “think on their feet.” Because we are weak with “feet of clay”, we might become sick, but we also get “back on our feet” with restored health. We can be “footloose and fancy free” or have “a foot in both camps.” Insert the word as an adverb and “foot washing” means service while a clumsy person has “two left feet.”

Now before I “get off on the wrong foot” let me “put my foot down” and explain the importance of feet.

Feet display activity and vitality. A well-worn path indicates something is going on. Moving feet show life and purpose.

Our mission is to lead all onto a transforming path of Christ-centered discipleship. The path is not a scenic overlook where you stand and observe. A path is meant to be traveled and followed. Discipleship is not static, it is moving upward, deeper, together and outward. Discipleship is transforming because when we walk on the path, God is not content to leave us as we are.

Everyday footsteps mark the work of ministry of this congregation. We walk in through the church building to worship, learn, and serve. Our feet carry us out into the world to be the hands and FEET of Jesus. We’re a church that is marching onward, outward and upward.

In the United Methodist Church we take a vow to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Use your feet to:

- Walk with the Lord in the fellowship of prayer
- Carry you to worship on a weekly basis
- Step up your giving as the journey of discipleship stretches you
- Walk in a ministry that helps us carry out our mission
- Take yourself out into the world as a witness through word and deed
- Join a small group to nurture your faith

The journey takes us where we haven’t been before and that usually means we will be stretched. As you walk the path of Christ-centered discipleship I encourage you to “run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

— Pastor Kurt

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YOUTH MINISTRY



Middle School Mission Week is selling Baker's Square Pie Cards again! Pick one up on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center, from Lauren Ring or the Church Office during the week. Help support our Middle Schoolers!

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS:

Pulse (grades 9-12) Youth Room—10:10 -10:40 a.m.
Pulse 78 (grades 7-8) Asbury/Wesley—10:10–10:40 a.m.

Youth grades 7 and up attend worship with their families. During Pulse and Pulse 78, they can meet with their peers to deepen friendships, pray for each other and learn more about how to become examples to all believers in conduct. - 1 Timothy 4:12

High Definition Youth Group (Grades 7-12), 6-8 p.m.

Sunday Evenings: All youth meet at church on the **1st & 3rd Sunday** with separate activities for Middle School and High School. Food served at 6 p.m. Church is open 1/2 hour after youth group.

On 1st Sundays High School has Youth Service Project (YSP) meetings.
Middle School has Youth Group.

High Definition Small Groups

Four Small Groups for Middle School Guys & Girls, and High School Guys & Girls, **meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays** at the church after some whole group activities.

First YSP 2014 Meeting!!!

Sunday, November 3, 6:30-8 pm.

High School & College students, as well as Adult Volunteers are invited to attend our Kick Off YSP 2014 meeting in Fellowship Hall. Youth Service Project is a summer mission trip where we learn and do home repairs for needy families, and have some awesome fun along the way! Dates: June 20-28, 2014 Location: TBD

For up-to-date details, email lring@mentorumc.org to be added to parent or youth email lists. Check Youth Ministries at www.mentorumc.org and find us on Facebook!



ORGAN REPAIRS

By Church Conference action the church is moving ahead with major organ repairs to the electrical system. The organ has served the congregation for nearly 40 years with only regular maintenance. The cost will be in excess of \$50,000. We are seeking to secure the funding before the renovations are performed, but if the pending failure of the electronics occurs before that date, funds will be borrowed.

If you are looking for a place for designated memorials, this would be a wonderful option. More information regarding the organ fund will be provided to the whole congregation in November.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



DINNER DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS needed for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sign ups for dinner donations and volunteer help will be on Sundays, November 3, 10 and 17th — Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and sign up to make a food donation for our 2013 Thanksgiving Dinner or to volunteer to help with the dinner.

HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Please note that we will **NOT BE** going to Heartland for our worship service in November.

MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL



Free Community Dinner

We are looking for families that would like to host one of our monthly meals. As a host, you can choose the menu and help to coordinate shopping for food and instructing our volunteers in the kitchen that evening. We encourage families to group together and financially support a meal for the month. Costs have been averaging \$150 to feed up to 75 people. **The next three dates that are available to host are December 28th, February 22nd, and March 29th.** If you would like to sign up to host or volunteer for a meal, please email Karen Martin at dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net. Also, sign up is available at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.

The word agape means love and extends to the love of one's fellow man. As a small gesture to the guests who have been joining us, we have given out **agape bags** for them to take home. Some items included in the bag have been rain ponchos, water bottles, granola bars, devotionals and more. We are looking for donations of gloves, mittens and hand warmers for when the weather turns colder. If you would like to contribute items suitable for the agape bags, please place them in the tub marked "More Than a Meal AGAPE" at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. We have been handing out approximately 40 bags each month, but expect that to grow.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SERVANT OPPORTUNITES:

Please prayerfully consider giving some time to our children.

- Winter Sunday School sign up:
<http://tinyurl.com/SSWinter>
- Discoverers Leadership sign up:
<http://tinyurl.com/DiscLeaders>

MORE SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



UPWARD BASKETBALL

We are currently looking for coaches and referees to help children experience Christ through basketball. No previous experience is necessary, training will be held November 9, 2-4:30 p.m., and all the materials are provided for you so that you can focus on building relationships. Teams are divided by grade, K through 6th. Practice starts December 2nd and the league concludes March 8th. Contact Pastor Jon at jwilterdink@mentorumc.org if interested.



MOPS & MOMSnext

We are hosting a **SHOE DRIVE** for Soles4Souls. They will be collecting *gently* worn and new shoes of all sizes and types through November 1st.

The collection box will be in Fellowship Hall. Interested in knowing more about this program go to <http://soles4souls.org/our-mission>.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

EVERYONE is welcome and encouraged to put together a shoebox. Again this year, Samaritans Purse plans to hand deliver more than 100 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 100 countries on six continents.

Pick up a folder with directions hanging on the Christmas tree outside the Chapel. All filled shoeboxes are due Sunday, November 17th. \$7 per shoebox donation is asked to help cover the cost of shipping — you can donate the \$7 even if you aren't filling a shoebox (cks. to MUMC - note Shoebox),

For more information about this program and the impact it has on the children who receive the shoeboxes check out Samaritan's Purse website at www.operationchristmaschild.org.



CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

Sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or sign up online during the week by going to www.mentorumc.org. Click on current events and then click on the 2014 Pictorial Directory. Picture dates: October 28th—November 2nd and November 12th—16th.

College photo session added: Due to requests from families with children away at college, there will also be a photo session held December 28th while students are home. If you have a child away at college, please note this date and sign up.



LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know that there are six things a child needs to learn to read? Check out the Library Corner on the church website to find out what they are.

The Library has been busy developing special topic sections on the bookshelves. Besides the area for new books and the United Methodist Women's Reading shelves, we have 14 other areas including parenting, marriage, prayer, and United Methodism.

Did you know you can access the Library card catalog from any computer and reserve items? We will then pull the item and let you know it is ready for pick-up.



Carol & I thank you all. Your prayers, cards and calls have been overwhelming and our God has responded with his unending Grace. I have responded well to the surgeons efforts and we think he got the bad stuff all out. Nine hours in surgery did slow me down a bit — but the time is here to return to an active pace. Thank you — and our love & appreciation to all.
— Carol & Jacque Haines



BIBLE STUDY SERIES: "Walk As Jesus Walked"

Because God speaks to us through the Scriptures, studying them is a rewarding experience. Come join us in a **Bible Study Series** held Sunday mornings between services from 10:10 - 10:50 a.m. in Room 112. There is no cost for study books and you don't have to be a Bible scholar to fit in. All are welcome to attend each lesson or feel free to drop in on the class as your schedule allows.

How badly do you want to be like Jesus? Over a 10 week period (started September 8th), we will be using the "Walk as Jesus Walked" study book and DVD series written by Ray Vander Laan. As disciples of Jesus, we've discovered that following Him requires our commitment to the biblical text and a devotion to Christian community. But there is more. Come discover the fierce passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters to walk like Jesus — even when the path becomes treacherous.

Class Schedule:	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Theme</u>
	11/03	Don't Forget Us — Cappadocia
	11/10	Don't Forget Us — Cappadocia

THROUGH THE YEARS

The logo for the United Methodist Church is the Cross and a two tongued Flame. We have all seen this logo many times.

This logo was adopted in 1968, the year of the merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church into the United Methodist Church. The Cross relates the church to the worship of God through Christ.

The Flame represents the Holy Spirit. It is a reminder of Pentecost when witnesses were united by the Holy Spirit and saw "Tongues as of fire" (Acts 2:3). It is also understood that the two tongues of the fire signify the union of the two denominations to make the United Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church in Britain's logo is an Orb and Cross (it looks like a solid circle cut into quarters) with the wording, The United Methodist Church, underneath it. The Orb represents the world. The Cross is in radiant form to symbolize the glory of the risen Christ.

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 email to dhumphrey@ameritech.net.



The Mentor United Methodist Women invite you to join us for our

ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT SHOW

Come shop the wonderful array of handmade gift items by over 40 local crafters. Attic Treasures, Bake Shoppe, Middlefield cheese, and more. AND a Silent Auction.

Don't forget the food!

Youth sponsored Spaghetti dinner Friday evening — 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(donation, no ticket needed)

Lunch on Saturday — 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Featuring homemade soups, chili, hot dogs, pie & more

The Gingerbread House Craft Show is sponsored by the Mentor United Methodist Women. All proceeds benefit the local, national, and international mission projects of the UMW.

We can still use your help!

Take a look at the GB House insert to see where you might be able to volunteer or make donations!



MUMC 21st ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

**Know, Grow, and Show Christ's love at the
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 28th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Gather together with over 200 people and discover the powerful way God works when people are fed. Celebrate the holiday with us as a day of prayer, sharing and thanksgiving, with all the community. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and friends. Reach out to your neighbors who might be alone on Thanksgiving, invite the homeless, the hungry, those who are hurting or those who are unable to cook for themselves.

The meal is free of charge. No reservations are needed if you are coming to the church for dinner. For those unable to drive transportation is available and for shut-ins meals can be delivered. Those needing transportation to the meal or shut-ins needing delivery can call 255-3496 for assistance.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

OFFERINGS:

- **Family Sunday:** 1st Sunday of the month; 3rd through 6th grade remain in worship; no Children's Message; 3 year olds through 2nd grade meet in Chapel then go to Education Wing.
- **The BREAKFAST CLUB, a Young Family Study**
Sundays from 10:10-10:50 in Room 109;
Childcare is available in Room 102.
- **Parents Morning Out** (toddlers—4 yr. olds)
Mondays, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.
- **Children's Choir** (K-6th grade) rehearses
Sundays, 10:15-10:45 in the Chapel
- **Cherub Choir** (3,4,5 YO) rehearses
Sundays, 10:15-10:35 in Room 103
- **StuCo 56 (5th/6th grade)** meets
Saturday, November 2; Register at
<http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56RockWall>
Saturday, November 16 for leaf raking &
Babysitting. Register at
<http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56>

REGISTRATION FORM:

A current form needs to be completed for each child for 2013-2014:

Printable: <http://tinyurl.com/MUMCKidMinReg>

Electronic: <http://tinyurl.com/CFMReg13-14>

NEWSLETTERS:

Sunday's Cool News <http://tinyurl.com/SCNNov13>
and **ROOTED** <http://tinyurl.com/ROOTEDNov13>.

MOPS & MOMSnext:

"A Beautiful Mess: Embrace Your Story"

- "One Mess at a Time": Friday, November 1 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; Meal Planning OR The Artist's Daughter book discussion.
- MOPS: moms with children birth through kindergarten
- MOMSnext: moms with school aged children

To learn more, and/or reserve childcare:

email mops@mentorumc.org or call 255-3496, ext. 18 by November 1st.

ADVENT CALENDARS will be on sale at the Welcome Center starting Sunday, November 3rd.



StuCo 56 Babysitting
Saturday, November 16th

1 p.m. — 4 p.m. at MUMC
Cost is FREE-WILL Donation

MUST sign up at
<http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56BabysittingDay>

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The **NEW DAY CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, November 11th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Asbury Room.

Please feel free to bring a light snack to share. Contact Carole Ring (255-7213) or umw@mentorumc.org if you have questions. All women are welcome to join us!

RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE will have our next meeting on Tuesday, November 12th. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. in the Adams Parlor. All women of the church are invited!

"O PRAISE HIM" A Night of Women's Worship

Join us on Friday, November 15 at 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall for an evening where women can worship together through song and scripture, prayer and reflections. This service provides a place for women to explore their personal relationship with Christ in a unique and nurturing setting. **All women of the church are welcome!**

FROM THE MISSION COMMISSION . . .



This year our Thanksgiving Offering will be used to support feeding people in the community through the holiday food distribution, Thanksgiving meal, funding our Project Hope meals, and providing assistance for the Food Pantry.

DON'T FORGET . . .

Set your clocks back
at 2 a.m. on
Sunday, November 3rd



PEOPLE TALK

Judge Paul Mitrovich retired after serving 30 years as a Lake County Common Pleas Judge. While serving as the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney, he successfully tried more murder cases than any other prosecutor in the history of the County. He created and developed the Lake County Forensic Crime Laboratory and the Lake County Narcotic Bureau. He is the author of the book, *Justice Delayed—The Road to Brown v Board of Education of Topeka and the Civil Rights Movement*.

A special program, An Evening with Judge Mitrovich, sponsored by Wildwood Cultural Center and the City of Mentor Community Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, November 7th, 7-9 p.m. Program is free but registration is required. He will also be available to sign your book. For info or to register call 974-5735.

HOLIDAY FOOD & GIFT MINISTRIES



This holiday season show Christ's love to others through buying, sorting, or distributing food baskets and gifts to families in need. Reflecting on over 300 people who were fed by the church last year it is a reminder that Jesus called his disciples to "feed my sheep" and to this day nothing about that calling has changed. As we move into the Thanksgiving season each of us as disciples have an opportunity to help show the love of Christ to our community through the simple act of providing food for another. There are a number of ways you can serve, please pray over connecting in one or more of the areas below.

Shopping for Food: Pick up a grocery bag and shopping list after the worship services on November 10th & 17th, fill the bag with the listed items, and bring back to the church before November 24th. This is a simple way to make showing the love of Christ part of your daily routine. Invite family to shop with you and pray over the items you buy before bringing them to church! Stop by the Welcome Center on these Sundays and see what items still need to be bought for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Make a double impact by purchasing Baker's Square Pie Cards that support the youth ministry and provide desserts for the meal! Grocery bags will again be available on Sunday, December 1st and 8th and should be returned by Sunday, December 15th as we gather food for the Christmas distribution..

Sorting or Preparing Food: The church prepares food boxes for anywhere between 70—100 families in the Mentor areas which means there is a great need for people to sort and assemble food boxes so that every family sent to the church gets fed. Join together on Sunday, November 24th, 12:15 p.m.—3 p.m. to help sort donated food and assemble food boxes for individual families. Do you like to be a little more hands on with food? Come to Mentor UMC anytime during the day on Wednesday, November 27th to help chop, stir, bake, saute, debone, and prepare the Thanksgiving feast! On Sunday, December 15th, 12:15 p.m.—3 p.m., we will join together to sort and assemble the Christmas food boxes.

Distributing or Serving Food: What better way to show Christ's love than to warmly welcome families into the church and provide them with food that will feed adults and children this season. Come to Fellowship Hall on Monday, November 25th, 9 a.m.—12 p.m. or 6 p.m.—8 p.m. to help take boxes of food to families cars as well as be a loving presence for all that enter the church doors. The same will occur on Monday, December 16th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to help distribute food and gifts to the families. Additionally on Thursday, November 28th, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. help serve over 200 others with a Thanksgiving meal that will feed not only their body but nourish their souls.

Interested in how the church connects people and food the rest of the year? Contact Pastor Jon Wilterdink, jwilterdink@mentorumc.org to find out more ways to show Christ's love through feeding people.

Christmas Gift Trees: In conjunction with the Food Distribution you are invited to show Christ's love by gifting the children of families listed as in need of assistance, giving to a local community organization, praying for another, or serving someone nearby you. Starting December 1st, *Praying, Caring, Sharing & Giving* Gift Trees will be located in Fellowship Hall and outside the Chapel. Consider taking an ornament from these trees that include:



A GREEN TREE ornament symbolizing GIVING. The ornament will have the name, age, gender, and interests of a child for whom you may purchase a gift.



A RED HEART symbolizing SHARING. There will be hearts with different dollar amounts which include a gift card to give a loved one telling them the charity you have donated to in their name.



A YELLOW ANGEL symbolizing PRAYING. Each ornament will have the name of someone who needs your prayers throughout the holiday season.



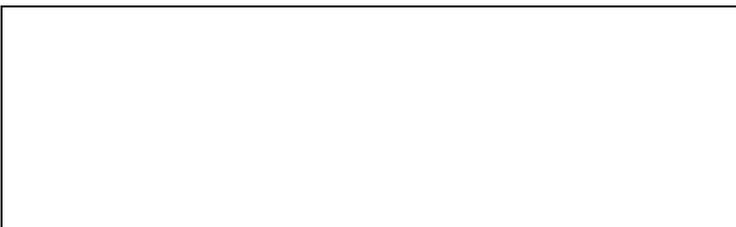
A BLUE BELL symbolizing CARING. Each ornament has a suggestion for something you can do to help your friends, neighbors, church members or other people in need.

Any GIVING gifts (green tree tags) must be returned to Mentor UMC by December 15th in order to be distributed to the families on Monday, December 16th.

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November 7
For DECEMBER Issue

WORSHIP

SANCTUARY Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.

iCONNECT Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

COMMUNION — 10:30 a.m.
(Adams Parlor)

CHILDREN

CHILDCARE — 9 & 11 a.m.

For infants—2 year old

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9 & 11 a.m.

For 3 year olds—6th grade

CHECK-IN — 3 year old—6th grade

Check in before worship in the Chapel

PICK-UP — The children are in their
Classrooms in the Education Wing

YOUTH

PULSE — 10:10 a.m. (Pettit Youth Room)

For 9th—12th grade

PULSE 78 — 10:10 a.m. (Asbury/Wesley Room)

For 7th & 8th grade

ADULTS

BREAKFAST CLUB — 10:10 a.m. (Room 109)

For young families

ADULT BIBLE STUDY — 10:10 a.m.

(Room 112)

