

STEEPLETALK

November 2015



“LIVE IT OUT”

During my early teens a couple of my friends joined my day dreams to build a tree house. I found that dream consuming my mind and it made for an easy diversion from what I should have been focused on: school. Thoughts of happy times 12 feet off the ground fueled my imagination. The fantasy did not go away. So we moved from dreaming to planning to building, from fantasy to framing. We had a great time making our vision a reality, we were living out our dreams.

That wasn't the only time I put into reality what I thought or dreamed about. I lived out my dreams when I met Nancy and looked forward to marriage. I dreamed about being a parent, and have been three times blessed. When Nancy put out the dream that I build the children a play house, the dream became reality. Five times we have moved, and each time we stepped into an empty house and imagined how we could fit in our furniture to make it our home. There is power in a dream that leads to vision that ends in “living it out.”

One of the great dreams of the Biblical story rested with the Hebrew people who had been taken against their wills to Babylon. They were homesick and longed to return to their home in Jerusalem. Psalm 137.1 reads, *“By the rivers of Babylon — there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion.”*

One day that sadness was turned to dancing, but not before Nehemiah travelled back to Jerusalem and saw the city in ruins. But he had a dream that went like this, *“Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem.”* (Nehemiah 2:17) And that's what they did.

“Live it out” means to do that which one has thought or dreamed about. It's like a fixer upper house that one looks at and dreams what it can become, then with tools and contractors makes the dream a reality.

This congregation is a dreaming church. One way we dream is through the ministry and missions we continue to bring into action. The congregation also dreamed of enhancements to the facilities that would update a tired education wing, create entrances, add space for ministry and bring the heating and cooling systems into the 21st century. This congregation has demonstrated a “live it out” attitude.

During the month of November we'll be looking at the story of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the city walls. We will be given the opportunity to “live it out” through our stewardship to the annual church mission and the continued payment for the building enhancements.

As we each do our part, not with equal gifts, but equal sacrifice, together we'll continue to make our dreams reality through funding our church mission and by living out the call to finish the building enhancements through debt reduction.

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SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



DINNER DONATIONS & VOLUTEERS needed for our 2015 Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner is not possible without your help. **Stop at the Sign Up Center (Atrium outside Fellowship Hall) October 25, November 1, 8 & 15 to sign up to offer your time, a donation of food or make a monetary donation.** This is a huge undertaking — we served 1004 meals last year with all of our combined efforts.

We look forward to serving along side you again this year!

HEARTLAND WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us at Heartland in a brief worship service for the residents at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 15th.

CURRENT NEEDS

HOPE CHEST ALERT!

The gloves (especially men's), winter coats and jackets all sizes, blankets and comforters, as well as towels and washcloths. Please bring donations to our store at 1 Victoria Place, Rm. 321, Painesville or leave in the church's drop off box designated for Hope Chest. Hope Chest is open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Monetary donations may be sent to the same location.

For additional items accepted, please visit our website at www.hopechest.yolasite.com. Thanks for your continued support in keeping Lake County folks warm.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

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

Pick up a shoebox and folder with directions at the Sign Up Center in the Atrium (outside Fellowship Hall). All filled shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 8th. \$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 please

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

S.A.L.T (singles ministry for those in their twenties and thirties) started the study of Romans on October 29th. If you are interested in joining us, please call Robyn Sadler at 1-440-478-2803 or email her at robsad79@gmail.com.

In the months of October, November, December & January, Pastor Quincy will be offering four different small group events called "**Faith in Film—Finding Jesus in Modern Cinema**". These will be stand-alone events offering a chance for small group interaction and discussion, Bible study, and engaging with clips from films from the past decade of movie-making. Great for anyone wanting to give small groups at MUM a try, anyone trying to connect with a group in the middle of a busy schedule, and anyone looking to connect their faith with one of the most popular art forms of our day! To sign up, contact Quincy at qwheeler@mentorunc.org or call the office and indicate which event(s) you plan to attend. Childcare will be made available if needed! The schedule for the "Faith in Film Nights" is as follows:

Scary Movie Night: Thursday, October 29, 6:30-8:00
Watch full movie "Devil" and talk about Ephesians 4 (Warning: this is a scary movie, not a horror film, but definitely frightening in spots)

Drama Movie Night: Thursday, November 12, 6:30-8:00
Watch clips from "Wit" and talk about 1 Corinthians 15.

Alternative Christmas Movie Night: Thursday, December 10, 6:30-8:00. Watch clips from "The Giver" and talk about the book of Habbakuk.

Sci-Fi Movie Night: Thursday, January 14, 6:30-8:00
Watch clips from "Interstellar" and talk about Luke 14.

A Sunday Evening Small Group led by Pastor Kurt & Nancy Landerholm. They will be doing some one time meetings dealing with specific topics. We will gather at 5 p.m. in the Wesley Room. Anyone is welcome to join the group for one or more of the sessions. Topics and dates:

- November 8** The Rapture
- November 22** Bible Translations, can we trust them?
- December 6** Life after Death
- January 10** History & Understanding of Islam
- January 17** Engaging Muslims



FINANCE UPDATE

YTD through September 2015

Receipts	\$704,991.
Disbursements	701,168.
Surplus	3,823.

Electronic giving is available online at www.mentorunc.org

MUMC ANNUAL CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE
Sunday, November 1st at 4:30 p.m.

The conference will be held at Hope Ridge United Methodist Church, Johnnycake Ridge, Concord. All members of the church are invited to attend and vote. In addition to electing officers and other annual business, we will be voting on the new certification of Shannon Trenton as a candidate for ordained ministry.

District Superintendent Rev. Sondra Snode will lead the conference for our church along with Hope Ridge, Mentor Plains, North Mentor Centenary and Shoregate.

FROM THE MISSION COMMISSION



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, November 1st
12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Mentor UMC Missions is hosting a lunch at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our MUMC team that went to McCurdy Ministries will be sharing photos and stories from their recent trip to New Mexico. Also present at the Missions Lunch will be District Superintendent Rev. Roosevelt Goah from the Liberian Annual Conference. He will be visiting that day and joining us in worship.

We have arranged with Mission members for six crockpots of soup/chili, rolls, and a cake to congratulate Rev. Goah on his graduation from seminary. So lunch will be served and the mission stories will be shared! Be sure to join us.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING FOOD DONATIONS FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY

The holidays will be here before we know it. Your items can be left at the Sign Up Center (in the Atrium outside Fellowship Hall) on Sunday mornings or dropped off at the church during the week. Some of our needs are:

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| peanut butter & jelly | applesauce |
| macaroni & cheese | all types of crackers |
| complete boxed dinners | spaghetti sauce/pasta |
| Spaghetti O's | instant potatoes/rice |
| stew, chili, ravioli | packaged cookies |
| canned/boxed soups | canned fruit |
| cereal—hot & cold | canned vegetables |
| pancake mix & syrup | dish soap |
| canned tuna, chicken | toilet paper |

IN ADDITION TO FOOD NEEDS, we are asking for donations of \$25 & \$50 Aldi's gift cards for the November 23rd and December 13th food distribution. Last year, we helped 113 families in the Mentor area with holiday food boxes. The gift cards from Aldi's were a part of this ministry. You can either put funds in the offering plate designated for this ministry or the next time you are at Aldi's purchase a card and leave it in the Church Office or the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Food sorting for Thanksgiving boxes will be done on Sunday, November 22 in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us in preparation for the distribution. **We also need help on Monday, November 23** to complete boxing the food at 9 a.m. **Distribution to families will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Any time you can contribute to help with the sorting, preparation, or distribution will be greatly appreciated.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER
Thursday, November 26th
Fellowship Hall — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THROUGH THE YEARS

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church recognizes forty-six Heritage Landmarks on the United Methodist Church. The Book of Discipline defines a Heritage Landmark as a “building, location, or structure specifically related to significant events, developments, or personalities in the overall history of The United Methodist Church or its antecedents.”

There are three such locations located within Ohio. They are: the Bishop John Seybert/Flat Rock Cluster near Flat Rock, Hanby House in Westerville and the Wyandot Indian Mission in Upper Sandusky.

The John Seybert/Flat Rock Cluster commemorates the establishment of a religious community of the Evangelical Association in Ohio. The Evangelical Association was a group of Christians, largely of German descent. Their organization was the forerunner of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, which joined with the Methodist Church in 1968 to form the United Methodist Church. They founded the town of Flat Rock in Seneca County. John Seybert was the first bishop of the Evangelical Association, which was founded in Pennsylvania. Bishop Seybert traveled to Ohio on many occasions and delivered denominational books to the settlement. The community built the Detterman Log Church. It is one of the last log structures left in Ohio.

The Hanby House was the residence of Bishop William Hanby. He was an Evangelical United Brethren Minister and co-founder of Otterbein College in 1847. His home in Westerville was a station on the Underground Railroad. Hanby's son, Rev. Benjamin, wrote the Christmas song “Up on the Housetop”.

The Wyandot Indian Mission honors the mission work of John Stewart with the Wyandot Indians. The Wyandots moved to the Sandusky Plains of Ohio from Michigan and Canada. Located on North Church Street in Upper Sandusky, this mission is the first Methodist Mission in the United States built in 1819, and the only mission ever built with government funds. (My how times have changed!) Pastor Stewart was a mixed-race preacher who converted to Methodism following a camp meeting near Marietta, Ohio. Pastor Stewart suffered from poor health and died at age 37 in 1823. The mission continued until 1843 when the Wyandots were forced to emigrate to Kansas.

Perhaps if you are near any of the sites, you may want to stop and take in these parts of our history.

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.



IT'S OPEN ONCE AGAIN!! If you have any books, DVDs, CDs, or sermons that you took out prior to the Library being closed, please return them by placing in the BLUE return container by the desk.



LIVE IT OUT!

That's our call as we live out our faith through the ministry and mission of the congregation and as we live into and use the building enhancements!

God has given us a huge task and we have been blessed with wonderful resources. During the month of November, we'll be looking at the stories of Ezra and Nehemiah who helped lead the rebuilding of the temple and the walls of Jerusalem. We will be given the opportunity to “LIVE IT OUT” through our stewardship to the annual church mission and the continued payment for the building enhancements.

**We are offering two opportunities for you to come with
Your questions around our dual campaign.
Please join us on Sunday, November 8th at 2 p.m.**

KNOW

- **Sunday School**
 - Children 0-4 years old—Early Childhood Area
 - K-2nd Grade—Room 107
 - 3rd Grade—Room 103
 - 4th—6th Grade—Room 104
 - Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month and K-6th graders remain in worship with their families
 - <http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>

GROW

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
 - **Fun activity Sunday, November 8**
5:30-7:30 p.m. at MUMC
 - **Sunday, November 22, 12-2 p.m.**
for Food Sorting for Thanksgiving
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group
 - ADULT ONLY event to play WhirlyBall on November 14th at 12:45 p.m.
MUST RSVP
 - <http://mentorumc.org/generations>
- **MOPS & MOMSnext Monthly Meeting**
 - Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 13
9:30 a.m. to Noon
 - “Branching Out”: Service Project and Getting Your Kids to Have a Charitable Heart
 - <http://mentorumc.org/mops>

SHOW



Advent Calendars

- **Sunday School** Servant sign up:
www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

ADVENT CALENDARS ARE HERE!
(Chocolate count-down to Christmas)
Stop by the Sign Up Center on Sunday mornings or see Tammy Palermo to get your calendar—\$5/each.



NEWSLETTERS & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:

www.mentorumc.org/children

WE NEED MORE VOICES!!

Cherub Choir

3 Yr. Olds — Kindergarten

Rehearsal: Sundays 10:15—10:35 a.m.
In Room 104



The **NEW DAY Circle** will meet on Monday, November 9th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Adams Parlor. All women are

RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE will have our next meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. in the Adams Parlor. All women of the church are invited!

2015 International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

REACHING OUT CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Saturday, November 21st
9 a.m.—3 p.m. at Beacon Health
9220 Mentor Avenue

You are not alone. Join with a community of suicide loss survivors to find comfort and gain understanding as we share stories of healing and hope.

Program registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Welcome and opening activities at 9 a.m.

10:00 Presentations by Loree Vick & Ann Bartlett
11:00 Small breakout groups
11:45 Lunch
12:15 Wellness & art activities
1:00 Screening of *Family Journeys*
2:00 Wrap-up discussion, closing activities

Contact: Rae Grady, 440-350-2196
rgrady@lakeadamhs.org
Survivorday.org/event/mentor-oh

ADDITIONAL SMALL GROUP

The Jesus I Never Knew Book & DVD

Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 30 & December 7, 14
10:00-11:30 a.m. at North Mentor Centenary UMC

Philip Yancey reveals the real Jesus beyond the stereotypes, offering a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work — his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection — and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, with a willingness to tackle difficult questions, Yancey looks at the radical words of this itinerant Jewish carpenter and asks whether we are taking him seriously enough in our own day and age. Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers; a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith; and a Jesus who is brilliant, creative, challenging, fearless, compassionate, unpredictable, and ultimately satisfying.

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 the 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 16**, fill the bag with the listed items, and **bring back to the church by November 23rd**. 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. Grocery bags will again be available on Sunday, December 7th and should be returned by Sunday, December 14th 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 23rd, 12:15 p.m.—3 p.m. to help sort donated food and assemble food boxes for individual families. On Sunday, December 14th, 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 24th, 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 15th 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 27th, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. help serve our Thanksgiving meal.

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 November 30th, *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. Green tag donations must be returned to MUMC by Sunday, December 15th in order to be distributed to the families on Monday, December 16th.



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.

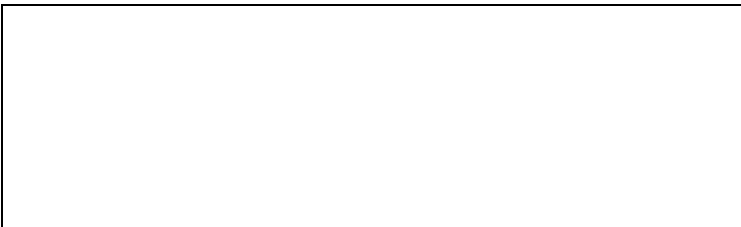


A **BLUE BELL** symbolizing **CARING**. Each ornament has a suggestion for something you can do to help your friends, neighbors, church members or other people in need.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



DON'T FORGET ...

**Set your clocks back
at 2 a.m. on
Sunday, November 1st**



In the event of possible church closings
due to weather or power outages,
please go to News Channel 5
for updates.

WORSHIP

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

COMMUNION

10:30 a.m.
Join us in the Chapel
(Except for the 1st Sunday of the month)

CHILDCARE

9 & 11 a.m.
Babies & Toddler/2 Yr. Olds
(as of September 1st 2015 & toilet trained)
Early Childhood Check-In

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9 & 11 a.m.
K—2nd Grade — Room 105
3rd Grade — Room 103
4th—6th Grade — Room 104

FAMILY WORSHIP

(1st Sunday of the month)
Kindergarten through 6th Grade
Worship with their families

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