

STEEPLETALK

OCTOBER 2016



“Journey Group”

During the winter of 1985 Nancy and I took a journey to the Holy Land. Two couples from the church traveled with us, and two of my seminary buddies joined the trip. The eight of us journeyed to the land where Jesus walked.

During our week in Israel the eight of us traveled around the country in a Mercedes bus to locations known for their biblical references. But we weren't alone. There were other pilgrims on the trip plus a Jewish tour guide and a Christian Arab bus driver. Together we became a bus group that journeyed together through Holy Land.

During the course of the week our bus group spent hours together walking to sacred sites, and listening to the guide. When our travel plans were changed due to security threats, there was security in numbers. When we learned of the history and archeological information, we had each other to process the information. When we experienced the land, we could share those experiences with others. Together, we grew in our faith as we walked where Jesus walked.

We won't all get to take a trip like that, but we can all be part of a “Journey Group.” These small group opportunities at Mentor United Methodist Church are for the purpose of helping each of us, in a small community of pilgrims, journey together in our faith. Together we'll walk where Jesus walked. Here's what you can expect.

Watch out. We'll be able to watch out for each other and help us along the journey.

- In Ec-
clesiastes 4:9-12
- 9 *Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:*
- 10 *if either of them falls down,
one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.*
- 11 *Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?*
- 12 *Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.*

What was that? We'll learn together and grow in our understanding. II Peter 3:18 reads,

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

WOW. When we experience new things as God works in our lives, we can share with others. Jesus didn't take a disciple up to the Mt. of Transfiguration, he took three. When we have those “WOW” experiences we need others to whom we can share.

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SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



Blessings

HANNAH'S HOME NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT . . .

Hannah's Home exists to provide a safe and nurturing home for single young women who are pregnant, where they can receive counsel on life issues, continue their education, and become thoroughly equipped to make life decisions based on Christian Gospel truth.

Our church is partnering with Hannah's Home "Baby Bottle Blessings" campaign from October 1 to October 31. Bottles will be available in the Atrium (outside Fellowship Hall doors) in a basket with ribbon. Please take a baby bottle and fill it with coins, currency or a check. Our financial donations will help them expand the services they provide during and especially after birth to the moms and babies.

Please return your bottle no later than November 10th. If you wish your donation to be on your church statement, please make your check out to Mentor UMC and note for Hannah's Home. If you are donating cash and wish to have the donation on your statement, please enclose a note with your name inside the bottle.

Any questions? Call Adda Porter at 974-8160 or email her at addaporter@oh.rr.com. If you need a baby bottle delivered to you and picked up, please let Adda know.

STAFF-PASTOR PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



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Beth Goll has announced to the Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee and the GEM (Gifts, Endowments and Memorials) Committee her intent to retire from her position as Secretary/Treasurer of the GEM Committee. Beth has served in this capacity through the growth of GEM from initial seed funds to the present balance of slightly over \$3 million. She has served the congregation with expertise and diligence. We want to express to Beth our deep appreciation for her service. Beth will work with the new GEM Secretary/

tirement



Church
Staff **GEM Secretary/Treasurer**
Opening

The Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee is seeking qualified candidates for the position of GEM Secretary/Treasurer. The primary responsibility is to facilitate the disbursement and reporting of all funds under the GEM (Gifts, Endowments and Memorials) Committee.

The GEM Secretary/Treasurer will work with coworkers, congregation members, other Mentor UMC leaders, and those in banking and investment firms. This position will work under the GEM Committee and the Senior Pastor. They must be able to do the job with little supervision. The position is part-time with flexible hours varying from 8-10 hours a week, but can be as low as 3 and as high as 18. Expanded hours and responsibility are a possibility. The slowest months are September, November, and December; the busiest months are January, March, and April. There are some evening meeting requirements.

Primary duties include:

1. Using GAAP, provide accurate monthly accounting of GEM funds
2. Provide an annual report to the congregation
3. Carry out all financial matters voted on by the GEM Committee
4. Handle disbursement requests
5. Provide GEM Committee meeting minutes

Require 2-4 years in a financial management position, or 3-5 years in related work experience with proficiency in GAAP. Demonstrate a proficiency in financial and word processing and spreadsheet programs including MS Excel,

This month is a new article in the series of Mentor Methodist history leading up to the church bi-centennial in 2018. As the nineteenth century ended, it became obvious that a new church structure was needed. The congregation had out-grown the 1848 building. In 1902, planning was begun for a new church structure. The architect selected for the new church was Sidney R. Bagley of Cleveland. The sanctuary was designed based on the Akron Plan. The pulpit was located in a corner with the pews curving around the floor. The need for more Sunday School space was addressed with space off the sanctuary. A lifting partition allowed the Sunday School space to be added to the sanctuary when needed. There was room for three classrooms. The basement of the building housed a kitchen, toilets, and furnace room. The cost of the structure, without any furnishings, was \$10,000.

The last service in the old church was held on January 8, 1906. Eventually, the old frame structure was sold for \$200.00. The buyers used the lumber to build a home. The new 1906 church was dedicated on February 4, 1906. The dedication sermon was given by Bishop Berry. It was announced that only \$800.00 of the cost of the building remained to be pledged. People immediately pledged the \$800.00 to pay off the church! Deacon Erastus Parmalee, one of the trustees who helped build the 1848 church, was at the new church's dedication. Now 92 years old, he sat in his wheel chair and enjoyed seeing the new church be dedicated. Rev. F. I. Dunbar, Mentor Methodist's pastor, worked tirelessly to make the new building a reality. Rev. Dunbar served as Mentor church's pastor from 1900 to 1908.

The church was adorned with many stained glass windows, donated by organizations and members of the church. The dome was donated by the Epworth League, a young adult group in the church. Among the other windows were gifts from the Ladies Aid Society and Harry King and his sisters. A large triple window was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Nelson Munson. (Yes, Munson Road was named for their family.) Other stained glass windows were gifts from the Epworth League (again) and the Sawyer and Cadle families. Two Sunday School classes of 1904, "The Gleaners" and "The Stalwarts" also gifted windows. Fortunately for us, many of these windows have been preserved and can be seen in various locations in the current church, including the Chapel where the 1906 church stood.

There is more to discuss about the 1906 church. These items will be addressed in a future article. For some of our senior members, memories of this church structure remain strong and cherished.

Do you have any MUMC history you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to:

Don Humphrey
7330 Holly Park Drive
Concord OH 44060-6704



The Library is starting a Pray & Play Story Time for 18 month—3 year olds.

Story Time will meet weekly beginning on Thursday, October 6th starting at 9:15 a.m. and will last no longer than 1/2 hour. There will be Bible stories, songs, finger plays and, of course, prayer.

We will meet in the Gallery by the Church Library and you will have time afterward to explore the Library for books/DVDs you would like to borrow.

We ask that an adult stay with the child during Pray & Play Story Time. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Phyllis Wendorf.

**PAINESVILLE United Methodist Church presents CONCERT SERIES 2016-2017
October 23rd, Andrew Sords, Violinist**

This American violinist has garnered accolades on four continents for his performances. Join us on **Sunday, October 23rd at 4 p.m.**, 71 North Park Place, Painesville. No charge for admission. A free-will offering will

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

MORE THAN A MEAL

Sponsors for More than a Meal are needed for Saturday, December 31st. We welcome MUM church members, attendees, groups, organizations, and volunteers through your workplace. The More than a Meal calendar is empty as of now for 2017, we are taking names. Please call Lori Post at 440-477-6472 for more information and to sign up.

Our next meal is Saturday, October 29th at 5:30 p.m. Please consider joining us. Extra hands are always appreciated for set-up, starting at 4:30 p.m. through clean-up, which is usually around 7 p.m. Stop in, lend a hand, eat and visit with some of our guests so that you can share in this wonderful ministry.

TUTORS NEEDED . . .

Painesville City Schools are seeking reading tutors for grades 1 through 5 at Elm, Maple & Chestnut Elementary Schools. The day and time are the tutor's choice, but it would be within the normal school hours. Or if you prefer working with older students, volunteer to tutor/help high school age students through Harvey Academy as they

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

KNOW

• Sunday School Fall Schedule

- . Babies & Toddler/2 Yr. Olds AND 3 & 4 Yr. Olds
(3 yrs. Old as of September 30, 2016 & toilet trained) meet in Early Childhood Check in
- . K-2nd grade meet in Room 105
- . 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
- . www.mentorunc.org/sunday-school

GROW

• StuCo 56, 5th & 6th grade youth group

- . Meeting Sunday, October 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at MUMC
- . SHOPPING for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, October 23 from 5:30-7:30 at MUMC
- . www.mentorunc.org/stuco-56

• MOPS & MOMSnext Monthly Meeting

- . Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 14th from 9:30 a.m. to noon
- . Child care is available for school age children for that meeting
- . www.mentorunc.org/mops

SHOW

- Sunday School Leadership sign up: www.mentorunc.org/sunday-school
- Children's Choir (1st-6th Grade) rehearses 10:15-10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings in Room 112
- Cherub Choir (3 Yr. Olds—Kindergarten) rehearse 10:15—10:35 a.m. Sunday mornings in Room 104

Saturday, October 22nd
3:00—5:00 p.m.
MUMC Northwest Parking Lot



Dress in your FAMILY FRIENDLY
Halloween Costume and
bring your treat bag!

“TRUNKERS” WANTED

- . Volunteers to provide treats to the kids
- . Arrive between 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. for set-up
- . Hand out treats to the children from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- . Provide a safe and memorable celebration
- . Decorate yourselves and your cars
- . Be prepared with candy for a couple hundred kids
- . Prizes will be awarded for the BEST DECORATED “TRUNKERS”!

FINANCE



YTD through AUGUST 2015

Receipts	\$649,414
Disbursements	627,486
Surplus	21,928

Electronic giving is available online at
www.mentorunc.org



HEARTLAND OF MENTOR VISITATION

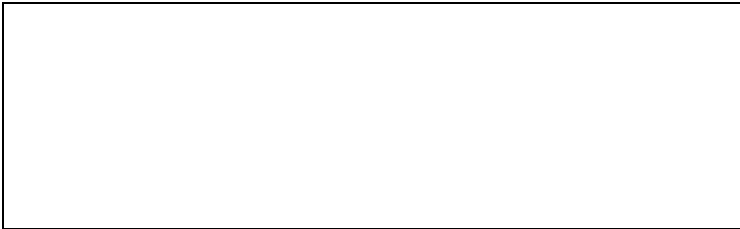
Consider joining us for a brief service at Heartland on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We begin at 10:45 a.m. and are finished approximately 20 minutes later. It's a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with the Heartland residents.

Our next visit is Sunday, October 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Rich & Katie Elwell at (440) 255-6794 or Don & Pat Humphrey at (440) 354-3833.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday, October 2nd — 1 p.m.
South West Parking Lot under the Portico

All God's creatures, including those with fins, scales, and fur are invited to a celebration of the role household pets play in our lives.

Bring your dog, cat, fish, rabbit, turtle, or other animal companion. If your pet doesn't like to leave home, you can bring a photograph. Each animal will receive a blessing by Pastor Quincy and a small memento of the event. Invite your friends and neighbors!



WORSHIP

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

COMMUNION
10:15 a.m.

Join us in the Sanctuary at the Altar
(Except for the 1st Sunday of the month)

CHILDCARE
9 & 11 a.m.

Babies & Toddler/2 Yr. Olds AND 3 & 4 Yr. Olds
Meet in Early Childhood Check-in

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9 & 11 a.m.

Kindergarten—2nd Grade—Room 107
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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