

STEEPLETALK

News from Mentor United Methodist Church

July

2019

From the Pastor



Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The unfailing love of the Lord never ends!

*By his mercies we have been kept from complete destruction.
Great is his faithfulness; God's mercies begin afresh each day.
I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him."*

*The Lord is wonderfully good to those who wait for him and seek him.
So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord.*

Lamentations 3: 21 – 23

Dear Mentor Family,

I have always found great comfort in the "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" text.

God's unfailing love never ends
Mercies fresh EACH day
My inheritance ... my hope ... my salvation
Wait and seek ... and wonderful goodness follow
Great is God's faithfulness!

As we begin our journey together my prayer is that we will seek, discover, and experience God in fresh, new ways. We have much to learn about each other. And, I look forward to our worship, fellowship, study, service ... our life together.

In all we do, may we dare to remember that the world continues to need faithful witnesses of God's redeeming work in Christ Jesus ... may we dare to remember that we have a message of love and hope to share may we dare to remember that God's Spirit will empower and equip us ... may we dare to remember ... Great Is God's Faithfulness.

It will be good to meet you. Be sure to introduce yourself!

Pastor Sondra

July Prayer Focus

Pray for all churches making the transition to a new pastor, especially Mentor UMC.

STAFF

Lead Pastor
Rev. Sondra Snode
SSnode@mentorumc.org

Associate Pastor
Rev. Quincy Wheeler
QWheeler@mentorumc.org

Associate Pastor
Rev. Beverly Wrobel
BLWrobel@mentorumc.org

Director of Children & Family Ministries
Tammy Palermo
TPalermo@mentorumc.org

Director of Youth Ministry
Toby Mattern
TMattern@mentorumc.org

Organist, Bell Choir Director,
Charter Members Director,
Chancel Choir Director
Amy Bender
ABender@mentorumc.org

Director of Modern Worship
Michelle Park
MPark@mentorumc.org

Address and Phone:
8600 Mentor Ave.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3496

www.mentorumc.org
[Facebook.com/mentorumc](https://www.facebook.com/mentorumc)
Twitter: @MentorUMChurch
info@mentorumc.org





Through The Years

The Methodist movement of John Wesley, which took hold in the middle of the eighteenth century, had many obstacles to overcome. Indeed, there was no established clergy and the original goals of Rev. Wesley were to keep the movement within the Anglican Church. During the colonial period, eight of the thirteen colonies actually had state religions, although they all tolerated other forms of worship. Five colonies: New York, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and South Carolina all recognized the Anglican Church as the state religion. Three colonies: Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire recognized the Congregational Church as their state religion. Five colonies: Delaware, Rhode Island, Georgia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey had no state religion.

It was in this environment that our Methodist faith had to begin to win souls. The early Methodists were looked down upon by other denominations. Following the Revolutionary War, the president of Yale College, Ezra Stiles, a Congregationalist minister, forecasted that there would be little room in America's future for "westleians (Wesleyans) and Baptists". I'm glad I didn't have him forecasting for me.

Wesley sent eight British missionaries over to America between 1769 and 1774. These men recruited preachers who went across the country bringing the message of Christ to people, many of whom had no other access to Christian meetings. These preachers were the famous Circuit Riders. After the Revolutionary War, only Francis Asbury remained. Eventually Thomas Coke was sent to America by Wesley. Coke, along with Asbury, helped establish the Methodist Episcopal Church, following a conference in Baltimore. The conference began on December 24, 1784 and became known as the "Christmas Conference".

Methodism experienced tremendous growth in the years following this conference. From a small obscure group in the middle of the eighteen century, it became the dominant Christian denomination by the middle of the nineteenth century. The willingness to endure hardships and bring the Methodist word to Americans, wherever they were located, gave us the widely held faith we know today. I guess those Wesleyans did have a future in America after all.

Do you have any MUMC history you would like to share with the congregation?
Please send it to: Don Humphrey, 7330 Holly Park Dr., Concord, Ohio 44060-6704 or e-mail to: dhumphrey@ameritech.net

School Shoes Program

Consider donating a couple hours of your time on Saturday, July 27, to take a family living in Woodlawn Homes to purchase school shoes. Funds are supplied through Catalyst Ministries, but volunteers are needed to provide transportation.



Families are picked up at the Woodlawn Community Center in Painesville, the family is taken to Walmart in Mentor where shoes are selected and purchased, then the family is returned to Woodlawn Homes.

If you are interested in participating please register on the Catalyst Ministry website, www.catalystministry.org, or fill out a paper form (available in the Information Hub). Registrations must be received by July 15. If you have questions please contact Neal Nelson at neal@catalystministry.org or 440-497-8506.

Name Tag Sunday - Meet Pastor Sondra!

On Sunday, July 7, Rev. Sondra Snode will officiate her first services here at MUMC! Wear your magnetic MUMC name tag and introduce yourself to Pastor Sondra and her husband, Tom. For Fellowship Hour, we will get to know our new Lead Pastor and enjoy a snack of strawberry shortcake and ice cream. Be sure to join us on this special day!
(Sticker name tags will also be available.)

Children and Family Ministries

Register for events through the app or at www.mentorumc.org/children
www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school



Where did June go? It has been a whirlwind for me already this summer. As you read this, I am wrapping up my mission trip in Liberia. I am sure I will want to tell you all about that after I get home!

July 19 at 7:30 PM and July 20 at 4:00 PM are the Theatre Arts Camp performances for Disney's Frozen, Jr. You can purchase tickets at <https://mumctlp.booktix.com/>. If there aren't any more available, please email me at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

Summer Sunday Mornings the kids in K-6th grade are learning about The 10 Commandments. This happens in Room 112 at 9 am and 11 am. The Early Childhood Area remains the same as it has all year.

I am STILL looking for some Life Changers for July and August at both 9:00 and 11:00. If you have never been your child's leader, this is a great time to try it out. Contact me for more information. I am also looking for Life Changers for the Early Childhood Area. Did you know youth who have completed 7th grade and up are eligible to serve in that area?! Here is the list of what is still needed:

JULY 9AM Babies, Toddlers, & 2 YO (3 people-1 must be an adult)
 3 & 4 YO (1 person)
 K-6th Gr (1 person)

11AM Babies, Toddlers, & 2 YO (2 people-1 must be an adult)
 3 & 4 YO (2 people-1 must be an adult)

AUG 9AM Babies, Toddlers, & 2 YO (3 people-1 must be an adult)

11AM Babies, Toddlers, & 2 YO (2 people-1 must be an adult)
 3 & 4 YO (2 people-1 must be an adult)
 K-6th Gr (1 person)

SIGN UP at this link <https://bit.ly/2VAWvKx> or contact Tammy

Praying you are having a fantastic summer!

Tammy Palermo
 Director of Children and Family Ministries

Christmas In July!

Mentor United Methodist Women New Day Circle will be collecting basic school supplies for needy Lake County children to be distributed through the Salvation Army in Painesville during their Back to School Bash. Items will be collected through Sunday, July 28.



Stop by the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall or near the Chapel to pick up a reminder ornament. Your new, unwrapped donation may be left under one of the trees. Thank you for sharing God's love with those in need!

Items needed: pencils, glue sticks, medium size pink erasers, one subject wide rule spiral notebooks, colored pencils, 24 pack crayons, washable markers, scissors, rulers, plastic supply boxes, wide rule loose leaf paper, bottle glue, pocket folders with prongs, blue or black pens, red pens, highlighters, pencil pouches, 3 ring binders, dry erase markers, ruled index cards, backpacks, new socks for children & teens, new underwear for children & teens, new shoes for children & teens, men's t-shirts (colors or white), men's socks.

Plan to join us as we visit the Salvation Army to pack school supply bags on Monday, July 29, from 9 a.m. until noon. Meet in the church parking lot near the Gallery at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the Salvation Army or meet us there at 9. All teens and adults are welcome to join us!

Questions? Contact Carole Ring at umw@mentorumc.org or 440-255-7213.

Mentor United Methodist Church
8600 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060

Non-Profit Organization
U. S. Postage Paid
Mentor OH 44060
Permit No. 37

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
www.mentorumc.org • 440-255-3496



mentorumc



Pirate Party At Woodlawn Homes

Saturday, July 13, 2:00 PM

Ahoy mateys! Climb aboard to help bring Christ's love to the Woodlawn Homes residents as we set sail for an afternoon of adventure! We're gearing up for a pirate themed party for the Woodlawn Homes children, and we could use yer help.



Help with the party! Donate homemade cookies, help make sandwiches Saturday morning, or come lend a hand at the party. Arr ye interested? See <https://bit.ly/2WsLOkn> for more information or to register.

Activities will include pirate crafts, snacks, Treasure Our Neighborhood Trash Hunt, Plant Yer Gold marigold flower planting, water balloon fun and more!

Donations are being accepted:

- Children's books, preferably those that show diversity (English or Spanish)
- Socks – children's and adult sizes
- Creamy peanut butter
- Strawberry or grape jelly
- Sidewalk chalk
- Bubble soap with wand

All ages be welcome to join the crew! Sign on today for a swashbucklin' good time! Questions? Contact Carole Ring at umw@mentorumc.org.

Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Modern worship, iConnect, in Fellowship Hall Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Deadline for the next Newsletter is July 8.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 10:00 AM - Journey Group	08 08:00 AM - TAC 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 07:30 PM - Men's Group Meeting 07:30 PM - Communications Team	09 08:00 AM - TAC 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 09:30 AM - Women's Book Discussion	10 08:00 AM - TAC 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 01:00 PM - Knitting Group 06:00 PM - Fellowship/Evangelism 07:00 PM - Children's Ministry Team 07:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop #280	11 08:00 AM - TAC 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 09:30 AM - Ruth Naomi Circle 10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous 07:00 PM - S.A.L.I.T. Worship Service	12 08:00 AM - TAC 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 01:00 PM - Journey Group - Founier / Korenko 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 10:00 AM - Hiking Journey Group - Colbow	13 08:00 AM - iConnect - Vocal Rehearsal 08:00 AM - iConnect Rehearsal 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 10:00 AM - Hiking Journey Group - Colbow
14 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 09:00 AM - YSP Sunday 10:00 AM - Journey Group	15 08:00 AM - TAC 10:15 AM - Worship at Mentor Ridge 11:00 AM - Worship at Africa Newell Creek 07:30 PM - Men's Group Meeting	16 08:00 AM - TAC	17 08:00 AM - TAC 11:30 AM - Mentor Miscellany Club 01:00 PM - Knitting Group 07:00 PM - Administrative Council 07:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop #280 07:00 PM - Journey Group - Powell	18 08:00 AM - TAC 10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous 07:00 PM - S.A.L.I.T. 07:30 PM - Thursday Evening Worship Service	19 08:00 AM - TAC 01:00 PM - Journey Group - Founier / Korenko 06:00 PM - Russ Myers Rehearsal 07:30 PM - Theatre Arts Camp - Performance	20 08:00 AM - iConnect - Vocal Rehearsal 08:00 AM - iConnect Rehearsal 08:00 AM - Journey Group Leader Meeting 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 01:00 PM - Russ/Myers Family 02:30 PM - Russ/Myers Wedding 04:00 PM - Theatre Arts Camp - Performance
21 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 10:00 AM - Journey Group 06:00 PM - Youth Putt Putt and Ice Cream	22 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 06:00 PM - UMW - R.A.D. Program 07:00 PM - Men's Group Meeting 07:00 PM - GEM Meeting	23 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space	24 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 01:00 PM - Knitting Group 07:00 PM - Worship Committee 07:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop #280 08:00 PM - Staff-Parish	25 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous 07:00 PM - S.A.L.I.T. 07:30 PM - Thursday Evening Worship Service	26 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 01:00 PM - Journey Group - Founier / Korenko 06:00 PM - UMW - R.A.D. Program	27 08:00 AM - iConnect - Vocal Rehearsal 08:00 AM - iConnect Rehearsal 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 04:30 PM - More than a Meal Prep 05:30 PM - More than a Meal
28 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 10:00 AM - Journey Group	29 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 08:30 AM - Salvation Army - Women's Mission Day 06:00 PM - UMW - R.A.D. Program 07:00 PM - Men's Group Meeting	30 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space	31 08:00 AM - TAC - Costume Space 01:00 PM - Knitting Group 07:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop #280	<h1>JULY 2019</h1>		