Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

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The Lord Is Risen! The Lord Is Risen, Indeed!

We give thanks for the Good News of Easter dawn!

Yes, our Easter celebration is different this year. Yet make no mistake –

Jesus is alive! Although we certainly miss seeing you, we join you in celebrating the most glorious morning of the Christian faith. Jesus burst forth from the grave to bring victory and life to all people. So, even in our mourning – including a sense of grief because we cannot be together – we are those who proclaim LIFE.

On Sunday, join us on-line for worship at 9 or 11 AM. Invite others to join, too! We will have music We will share a message of hope We will honor the memory of loved ones who have passed We will celebrate Jesus, our Risen Lord!

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the many gifts and talents of our congregation – especially those who help make our worship services possible. We are grateful for all those who are intentionally finding ways to be the Church. Children and their families received a palm cross in the mail last week. Many voices came together to worship on-line Good Friday. Journey Groups are utilizing on-line platforms. Phones calls are strengthening bonds of friendship. Food is delivered to hungry people.

Prayers are offered. Finances arrive to support our shared mission. A pandemic cannot silence Christ's Church – just as a grave could not contain our Lord! We serve a Risen Savior!

As weeks unfold, we will continue to find ways to be Christ's followers. We'll do it together! We encourage you to keep trusting Jesus ... to keep connecting with Christ and one another ... to keep hoping in One who offers life - abundant and full and eternal. The Lord is Risen!

Pastor Sondra and Pastor Quincy





Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups, Cherubs, Children's Choir, and Youth 56 are suspended until further notice.

Positive Parenting Book Club

<u>Masterminds & Wingmen</u> by Rosalind Wiseman Thursdays, April 16, 30, May 14 6:30 - 8:30 PM in YOUR HOME ONLINE Read <u>Masterminds & Wingmen</u> by Rosalind Wiseman then join Tammy online for a virtual meetup to discuss the book.

MUMC Kids' MeetUp

11:30 AM Monday through Saturday and 10:30 AM on Sundays. Please check your email for the password.



Youth 56 will have a weekly <u>Youth 56 Meetup</u> at 7:00 PM Sunday evenings. Please check your email for the password.

SUMMER 2020 PROGRAMS are still being planned!

mentorumc.org/summer-programs

Vacation Bible School: Knights of the North Castle ~ June 8-12 for kids 4 as of 1/1/2020 thru 6th grade

Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp: Follow the Way ~ June 8-12 for students who have completed 5th or 6th grade

Middle School Mission Week ~ July 6-10 for students who have completed 6-8 grades

Theatre Arts Camp: Shrek, Jr. ~ July 13-17 AND 20-24 / Performances July 24 & 25 for students who have just completed K-8 grade

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is <u>https://bible.com/events/7061239</u>.



YOUTUBE.COM March 15 2020 Livestream 11 AM Watch our livestream of service on Sunday, March 15 at 11 AM with... Join us in worship! 9 AM and 11 AM Facebook live, YouTube, and website home page

Congregational Care

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Lantern - Jim Reed • Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich
Enclave of Newell Creek - Kay Disbro
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Kimi Schmidt • Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua
Concord Village - Shirley Dessner

<u>Members who have returned home or are homebound</u>: Linda Leach, Susan Rimes, Carl Snyder, John Proegler, John Reno

#weareinthistogether

We hope you are finding ways to connect with us online, especially for our worship services. There are many guidelines to follow for musical offerings, and details to put into place to insure a meaningful service. We appreciate the many hands at work behind the scenes to help make the services possible. And, we appreciate your patience, understanding, and prayers. For the live portion of our service, the fellowship hall must be used in order to produce the visual and audio portions of the services in an effective and efficient manner. We look forward to when we can gather together in one space. Until then, to God be the glory!

On Monday, April 13, we will participate in the City of Mentor's #InThisTogetherMentor sign event. From every city, we can all participate as MUMC family! Print out the sign at the end of the update (or make your own) and place it on your door. Take a photo (you can be creative!) and email it to <u>cnagy@mentorumc.org</u> with the city you live in. We will post the photos on our Facebook page and see how many cities we can represent!

Correct Email format from Church Staff

There have been emails received that appear to come from a staff member of the church but are not from MUMC. The email addresses of our MUMC staff are in the format of **first letter of first name**, **last name** and **@mentorumc.org**.

For example: **ssnode@mentorumc.org** for Pastor Sondra Snode and **qwheeler@mentorumc. org**. Please remember that our staff would never ask you to send money or buy gift cards on our own. Any appeals for gift cards are through Missions Commission for our food distribution from the church. If there is ever a time you have a concern, delete the email and call the office at 440-255-3496. Any staff member would prefer you delete **any** email that you are wary of.

Sign Up for Church eNews

If you know of someone who is not receiving Weekly Update emails from the church, they probably opted out of our enewsletter. This means they must resubscribe through Mailchimp. Because of privacy, we are not able to just resubscribe them. Please direct them to our <u>webpage</u> to fill out the Mailchimp form. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn in the office at <u>cnagy@mentorumc.org</u> or 440-255-3496.

Unsubscribe from the Paper Copy of Steepletalk

If you receive a paper newsletter and only need an email version, please use this link <u>https://bit.ly/39ktErl</u> to let us know, call, or email the office at <u>cnagy@mentorumc.org</u>. We are trying to be careful with postage costs. Thank you!

Special Easter Offering

This year, as in years past, our Special Easter Offering will support mission. As we continue to battle the pandemic, ½ of the special offering will be used to assist with the current missional needs of our congregation. By supporting our General Fund, these dollars will assure our preparedness for needs as they arise – including support of our Food Pantry, More Than a Meal, and Project Hope outreach. Half of the special offering will be designated to our Mission Committee for their use as they continue to support local, national, and international missions. As we share the love of Christ, THANK YOU for your support.

Youth Ministry

Inash@mentorumc.org



Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at MUMCYouth712

Confirmation

Confirmation classes have resumed virtually through Google Meet video conferencing. Our last class will be April 19 at 9:00 AM.

There is not a definitive date planned for our confirmation retreat or Confirmation Sunday. More information on those events will be released soon.

Youth Group: 7-12

We will be having Youth Group remotely until further notice. Join us at 6:00 PM on Sunday to share a brief message, have fun conversation, do activities together, and sing a few songs. You can connect by using this link: <u>https://meet.google.com/xpd-pdwq-riv</u>

We have a Minecraft Realm!

All students are welcome to join our MUMC Server. This is a safe, closed environment where students can come together, create, and talk to one another from home. To join, simply email <u>Inash@mentorumc.org</u> your Username/Gamer tag and Leah will send you an invite. *Note, this server is run through the Java Edition of the game and not the Microsoft Edition. Students are welcome to play at any time, however, we will have a designated time **Wednesday, April 15 at 8:00 PM** for as many people to play as possible.

Youth Service Project

At this time, YSP is still planned for June, however the nature and location of the mission trip may change. We hope to give you more detailed information by April 15 regarding the trip. The Big Event continues to be postponed until further notice.

Graduating Seniors

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we want to make sure we honor those who are graduating. If you or your student is graduating high school, college, or graduate school, let us know! Please email Leah at <u>Inash@mentorumc.org</u> your full name, area/planned area of study, what the next steps in your life are, and where you are graduating from. We can't wait to share in this exciting time with you.

YSP Plant Sale

It's time to beautify our gardens and see the flowers BLOOM! The Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale will take place May 8 & 9.

We will have the pre-order forms available on our website, in this Weekly Update, or you can reach out to a YSP Team Member. Forms can be printed and mailed with your payment to MUMC, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Pre-orders and pre-order payments are due by April 26. If you have further questions about the details of the plant sale, please contact Leah Nash at Inash@mentorumc.org. Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale May 8 & 9

Proceeds support MUMC Youth Service Project mission trip. Orders can be placed online, through the church office, or with YSP members.

> Pre-sale orders and ayment due April 26

 1/2 Flat - 9 Plants
 \$10

 Full Flat - 18 Plants
 \$20

 4 In. Pots
 \$5

Contact Leah Nash at Inash@mentorumc.org with questions. Mentor United Methodist Church | 8600 Mentor Ave. Mentor Ohio, 44060 | [440] 255-3496

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