# Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, April 26, 2020

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As we journey with our Risen Savior, we welcome Christ's power in our lives. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 5, "... suffering produces perseverance, perseverance character, and character hope. And, hope does not disappoint."

This week, we share in the grief of students who, after hoping for word that school would reopen this year, received word of cancellation. We especially pray for high school seniors, and their families. Although nothing can take away the disappointment students feel, we can extend love and encouragement; we can remind them that Jesus' power will help them persevere; we can pray for them to know the hope that does not disappoint, Jesus. Mentor UMC will find a way to honor and celebrate the Class of 2020! Stay tuned for details.

This week, we are grateful for those who willingly maintained social distancing and offered More than a Meal to our community. A hot meal shared, a bag of food provided, a smile and prayer offered. These are the simple things that become most meaningful in times of difficulty.

As the pandemic continues, conversations are taking place regarding our on-going ministry needs and plans for the future. Just as society develops Phases for lifting restrictions, our church must also develop Phases. We will not rush back into things. We will thoughtfully and prayerfully prepare for small group gatherings ... worship opportunities ... continued mission and outreach .... with the safety of each person our priority. We trust Jesus to guide us! For we worship and trust Him.

In the meantime, our church continues to find ways to connect with others, pray for others, and care for others. Our church continues to explore ways to enhance our online worship, online studies, online fellowship, online meetings. Our church continues to persevere in the power of Christ ... praying our character reflects Christ in all ways ... and hoping against all hope that others will know Jesus, who does not disappoint.

We encourage you to read Romans 5.

We encourage you to find ways to connect with others.

We encourage you to explore ways to grow in your faith.

We encourage you to remember you are loved!

Pastor Sondra and Pastor Quincy



# **Children & Family Ministries**

www.mentorumc.org/children www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school



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

### Positive Parenting Book Club

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

# MUMC Kids' MeetUp

Join Tammy for a daily MUMC Kids' Meetup at 11:30 AM Monday through Friday 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! Please note the changes. mentorumc.org/summer-programs

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



Sunday Morning Services
The YouVersion link for this week is https://bible.com/events/7196847.

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 • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose

Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer, Jean Lewis, Muril Zimmerman

Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely

Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Kimi Schmidt • Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin

Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua

Concord Village - Shirley Dessner • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Linda Leach, Susan Rimes, John Reno, Sylvia Bisbee

Our sympathy to Kathy Barton and family in the passing of her brother, Carl Dunzweiler, on April 23.

### **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** for Pastor Quincy. 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 webpage to fill out the Mailchimp form. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn in the office at <a href="mailto:cnagy@mentorumc.org">cnagy@mentorumc.org</a> or 440-255-3496.

# Food Available for Pick-Up on May 2 in Painesville

If you or someone you know is in need of food, there is a distribution at the Life-Brand Cowboy Church the first Saturday of each month. This distribution is fresh food, not canned, from the Cleveland Food Bank. No one will be turned away, but you will be asked to show your driver's license so they can register you in their system. This is a drive-up procedure. Pop your trunk open and a volunteer will place the food in your car.

If anyone would like to help, just arrive between 7:30 and 8 AM at 1289 Mentor Ave., Painesville. Please park in the Giant Eagle across the street. Plan to be there until noon. Teens are welcome and can have service hours signed off for school.

# Hope Chest Closed, Rummage Sale Canceled - Hold Items at Home

Hope Chest is closed until further notice. We are not accepting any donations until they are up and running again. Please hold on to your items at home and do not drop them off at the church. Thank you!

### **Upper Room Booklets**

The May/June Upper Room devotionals have arrived. If you would like one, just stop by the office and we can bring it out to you or give us a call and we can mail it. Please specify if you need large print. Just add \$1 to your offering. The office is open 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday and can be reached at 440-255-3496.

# **Youth Ministry**



# Inash@mentorumc.org

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

# 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: https://meet.google.com/xpd-pdwg-riv

### 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 <a href="mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org">lnash@mentorumc.org</a> 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 29 at 7:00 PM to play Virtual Capture the Flag!

# **Youth Service Project**

The YSP Trip to Newberry, Michigan in June has been canceled. However, we still plan on proceeding with the trip locally and helping with needs in Northeast Ohio. The Big Event continues to be postponed until further notice and the Plant Sale is scheduled for May 8 & 9. Thank you for all of your support and we ask that you continue to pray that God leads us to serve where we are needed.

# **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 <a href="mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org">lnash@mentorumc.org</a> 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 - Preorders Due TODAY

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.

If you would like to place a preorder today, email your order to Leah Nash at <a href="mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org">lnash@mentorumc.org</a>. Pay online and choose "YSP Plant Sale" as the fund or send your check by mail. <a href="mailto:No preorders will be taken after 5 PM tonight so we can place the order Monday, April 27">No preorders will be taken after 5 PM tonight so we can place the order Monday, April 27</a>.

If you have further questions about the details of the plant sale, please contact Leah Nash at <a href="mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org">lnash@mentorumc.org</a>.



# Last day to preorder is Sunday, April 26! Email this form to lnash@mentorumc.org Mentor United Methodist Church by 5 PM. Thank you! Youth Service Project Mission Trip Plant Sale - May 8th & 9th, 2020