
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, August 16, 2020

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Our committees continue to meet, overseeing and planning ministries that will continue to strengthen our witness. In the past two weeks, Trustees, Finance, GEM, SPRC, Worship, Fellowship and Evangelism, Communications, Missions ... whether in person or via internet connections ... have met for discussion, decisions, and development. Certainly, the Church exists without a bunch of committees YET our church remains focused on ministry because of those who are flexible ... and creative and accountable... and faithful! Thank you for finding ways to be Christ's church today ... and tomorrow!

As we continue our creation series, take time to read Genesis 1 – 3. We are rediscovering God's great plan! A plan God daily called, "Good!" This week we reflect on what it means to be created in the image of God.

You are an image-bearer of God. That is who you are designed to be. You are God's beloved child! Today, look in the mirror and celebrate the person God has created. You are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14); the apple of God's eye (Psalm 17:8).

When God's image is on full display, humanity helps one another experience God's presence and power and love. There is no "us" and "them" in Eden. There is no division or distinction ... no haves and have nots ... no in-crowd or outcast. Obviously, our broken world does not reflect God's original design. Yet as Christ's followers, we embrace being God's image-bearers. Knowing Christ redeems and restores our lives, we also know Christ empowers us to reflect God's presence to others. When Christ is at work in us, we honor and value God's image in others.

This is Kingdom work. This is Christ's work within us. This is our work together. We remain focused on God's redemptive work in Christ! In a world that is divided over many, if not most things, we must remember and perhaps rediscover God's great plan for humanity.

May we help each other remain focused on being the people God designs us to be. Thank you for all you do to nurture your own life. We encourage you to take care of yourself! And, thank you for the ways you care for others; pray for those who are hurting; lift up the broken; see the value in others; celebrate the image of God in others.

Today, let's be the image-bearers God calls us to be. Remember, we give thanks for each of you!

Pastor Sondra and Pastor Quincy





Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups, Cherub and Children's Choir, and Parent's Morning Out are suspended until further notice.

If you have a THIRD Grader in your family and haven't received an email from Tammy, please contact her ASAP!

EAT THIS BOOK Summer Challenge! All families are invited to participate in this challenge where PRIZES will be awarded! [Sign up](#) ASAP to participate. The challenge is ongoing and ends September 5.

Positive Parenting Book Club's next book is Jen Hatmaker's new book [Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire: The Guide to Being Glorious You](#).

August 20 - What I Need (chapters 4-6)

September 3 - What I Want (chapters 7-8)

September 17 - What I Believe (chapters 9-10)

October 1 - How I Connect (chapters 11-12 and Final Thoughts)

We will meet VIRTUALLY online! Once you register, at this link <https://bit.ly/3hVdwkM>, you will receive the link to the meeting.

MUMC Kids' Meetups on [SUNDAY](#) mornings at 10:30 AM!

We will have the preschoolers break out with Kate & Abby Colbow. There is also a gathering on [WEDNESDAY](#) mornings at 10:30 AM. Join us for some singing and good times.

Journey Group

The Tuesday morning Journey Group will begin The Color of Compromise study at 9:30 AM via Zoom. If you want to join, please email Tammy at tpalermo@mentorunc.org.

PUTT-PUTT

Students from the classes of 2020-2027 are invited to join Leah & Tammy at Chip's Clubhouse, 214 5th Avenue, Chardon, OH 44024 on Sunday, August 23 for PUTT-PUTT. We will have the first group tee off at 4:00 PM. There can be 5 in a group. You will need to wear a mask and maintain distance. Cost will be \$4.50 per golfer.

YOU MUST SIGN UP at this link! <https://bit.ly/3igYy96>

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is

<https://bible.com/events/25463174>

Join us in worship!

9 AM and 11 AM

[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [website home page](#)

Altar flowers are presented by Kay Lingafelter and family in memory of Ron, husband, father, and grandfather.

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:

Cleveland Clinic - Dale Snyder • Tri-Point - John Hurley • Lake West - Marilyn Clark

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

The Lantern - Jim Reed • Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich
The Enclave - Kay Disbro • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher • Vista Springs - Jean Lewis

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Linda Leach, John Reno, Sylvia Bisbee, Carl Snyder, Karen Preston, Karen Mancini
Muril Zimmerman, Sandy Linsell, Kimi Schmidt, Gina Cartagena, Julie Helmick,
Opal Pinasky (at her daughter's home), Ken Ireland, Kurt Hinkley, Patricia Bonner, Linda Kast,
Erica Wilmot, Tom Erbaugh

Congratulations to Craig and Laurie Eppler on the birth of Winnie Eppler to parents Maryann and Sean on August 9.

Our sympathy to Nancy, Tim, Nicole, Stephanie and Mandy Posar in the passing of Nancy's brother, Paul Fotia, on August 9.

Our sympathy to Lucas, Wendy, Jason, Tyler and Jackson Rhoads in the passing of Lucas' grandmother, Ruth Parrott, on August 12.

To Our Friends at Mentor UMC,

We want to extend our deepest appreciation for the overwhelming number of cards, words of sympathy and prayers we received after the tragic death of our beloved Melissa. Only thru our faith, love of family, friends and the peace that passes all understanding which God provides can we get through this great sadness in our lives.

Love and God Bless,

Ellen & Dale & the Maynard Clan

Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices

On September 6, we will have a new spin on "Blessing of the Backpacks" to include devices (computers). Look for more information next week!

Minecraft Wednesdays!

Throughout the Summer, we will have a Minecraft Hangout on Wednesday Evenings around 7 PM. 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 lnash@mentorumc.org 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.

Woodlawn Lunch Program

Help pack lunch bags for the children at Woodlawn Homes in Painesville on Tuesday afternoons through August. Catalyst Ministry has arranged to provide five days of prepackaged lunches and breakfast snacks with drinks, distributed one day each week similar to curbside carryout. Sign up to help at: <https://bit.ly/3fhWaNh>.

You may sign up for as many slots as you wish on any given day as your time allows.

Personal protective equipment -- face masks/shields, gloves, and all sanitizing and cleaning supplies -- will be provided, and your temperature will be taken before entering the Community Center. Just show up at the Woodlawn Homes Community Center at the time you signed up for, and you will be directed from there. The Community Center is located at 553 Sanders Avenue, Painesville 44077.

If you would like more information about the protective procedures in place or have other questions, please contact Carole Ring (umw@mentorumc.org) or Neal Nelson (neal@catalystministry.net).

Mentor UMC Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry is gearing up for our 2020-2021 school year. We feel extremely blessed to be able to help those in our community that are in need, especially in this season. We want to thank everyone for your continued support of this ministry.

We will start collecting food items from the congregation again, however, our process will be a little different than before. Items and quantities of items needed are available through Sign Up Genius on the church app and website. Items can be dropped off at the church during the day (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) prior to September 13, as well as Saturday August 29 from 3-5 PM. Sign up at this link for your donation items <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48acae2daafe3-food>.

Please stick to the items listed on Sign-up Genius. We have carefully selected specific items and quantities to make up enough boxes of food for the families we serve. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, that option is always available by selecting "Food" when giving in the church app or the website. Checks with this designation are also accepted.

We can't wait to reconnect with our amazing volunteers but at this time we are still taking measures to ensure the health and safety of families and our volunteers. Please keep an eye on the Weekly Update for opportunities to volunteer with this ministry. Please contact Katelynn Gurbach for questions regarding volunteering or food collection – Gurbach.k@gmail.com

New Journey Groups

In light of the growing discussions our country is having on issues of racial justice, Mentor UMC is going to start two small groups via Zoom - one group will look at what we need to know about racial justice and another group will focus on what we can do to help right wrongs in our community and build a multiethnic community.

These groups are tentatively set to begin in September. The first group - an entry-level discussion of racial justice using the book study "The Color of Compromise" by Jemar Tisby - will meet on Thursday nights via Zoom, wrapping up before the holidays. This group has an optional book to accompany it that you can purchase but you do not have to read the book to be a part of the group. This group is for anyone asking questions about race and our society and how Christians can faithfully follow Jesus in these conversations.

The second group will meet on Tuesday nights beginning in September and will use the book "Multiethnic Conversations" to look at what we can do to further the cause of racial justice and multiethnic community in our church and city. This group will meet on Zoom twice a month for 8 sessions in total. This group is meant for those who have already felt convinced of a call to be active for racial justice and want to know what they can do next.

If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact Pastor Quincy at qwheeler@mentorumc.org or be looking for a Sign-Up Genius link which will go out on the church website and via the weekly update. Please sign up by Sunday, September 6. We are so excited to see how God will lead us to His will through these groups!

Church Picnic

Join us for the All Church Picnic hosted by the Fellowship Evangelism Committee on Sunday, August 30 from 1-4 PM at Garfield Park, rain or shine! This year, for safety reasons, we are asking all who attend to bring their own main meal, plates and utensils. Feel free to bring your own chairs and blankets as well.

MUMC will provide pre-packaged sides, water bottles and canned drinks. When not eating or drinking, masks are encouraged at this event so we can help protect and care for each other. If you do not have one, we will happily provide one. Pastor Quincy, Chelsea, Elliot, and Auggie will be there too, so come help us celebrate them!

Please sign-up with the following link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C48A8AC2BAA8-allchurch> or call the Office at 440.255.3496 and we can assist you.