
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, August 30, 2020

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As August draws to a close, we conclude our look at Genesis 1 – 3 by hearing from a different voice. Dr. Rick Lindroth recently engaged in conversation with Pastor Quincy, and will provide interesting input for us to consider as we celebrate creation. We hope you have taken time to see creation with faith-filled eyes ... to celebrate God's image in you and others to care for creation in some manner. God's handiwork is on display. May we always take time to notice.

As we continue to navigate forward through the pandemic, we encourage you to take time to nurture your faith. Worshiping, studying, praying, connecting with others, looking for God at work – all these will guide you into a deeper relationship with God. We are here to encourage and assist you along your journey!

For those who are comfortable gathering today at Garfield Park, we look forward to connecting at our "Church Picnic". You will note that this is a different kind of picnic – with social distancing and masks and bring-your-own-food guidelines. Yet it will also be a safe, outdoor way of sharing fellowship.

We continue to monitor the Lake County COVID-19 situation, and are ready to re-launch in-house worship on September 13, 2020. Obviously, things can change quickly ... so stay tuned! Our online service will continue, and we encourage you to connect with us online. If you wish to join us in-house, you must register per Sign-Up Genius through our website or Church App, or by calling the church office (440-255-3496). The sign-up will be available beginning Monday, August 31 at 12 PM. We are limiting the numbers to 50% capacity in each space. And, until we can secure all the needed items for sanitizing, only one service will be offered in each space.

We continue to celebrate God's love and presence, even in these unusual days. We received a note in the church office this week from someone new to our fellowship who has "enjoyed attending your online worship for the past few months." In the midst of all we are going through – we are connecting and worshipping and helping each other recognize Jesus.

God is at work. Be watchful!

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.

MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups will start on September 13 at 10:10 AM. Be sure to check your email for the details!!!

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](#).

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.

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:
Cleveland Clinic - Dale Snyder

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 Mancini, John Hurley, Muril Zimmerman, Sandy Linsell, Kimi Schmidt, Gina Cartagena, Julie Helmick, Opal Pinasky (at her daughter's home), Ken Ireland, Kurt Hinkley, Patricia Bonner, Erica Wilmot, Tom Erbaugh, Marilyn Clark (at her son's home), Art Sydow, Karen Preston, Susan Rimes

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is

<https://bible.com/events/25463423>

Join us in worship!

9 AM and 11 AM

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

Sunday, September 6 Drive Through Stations Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices • Communion • Wheeler Farewell

On Sunday, September 6 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, we will have stations for you to drive through at MUMC. To maintain social distancing, we will remain in our cars.

In the Office parking lot, join Tammy and Leah for a back-to-school blessing over your backpack or digital device. You will receive a special sticker!
Receive communion under the portico. The Wheelers will be in their side yard to greet you and receive your best wishes for their new adventure.

You will be able to visit only the station(s) that are relevant to you.

Please see the map below for the traffic pattern.

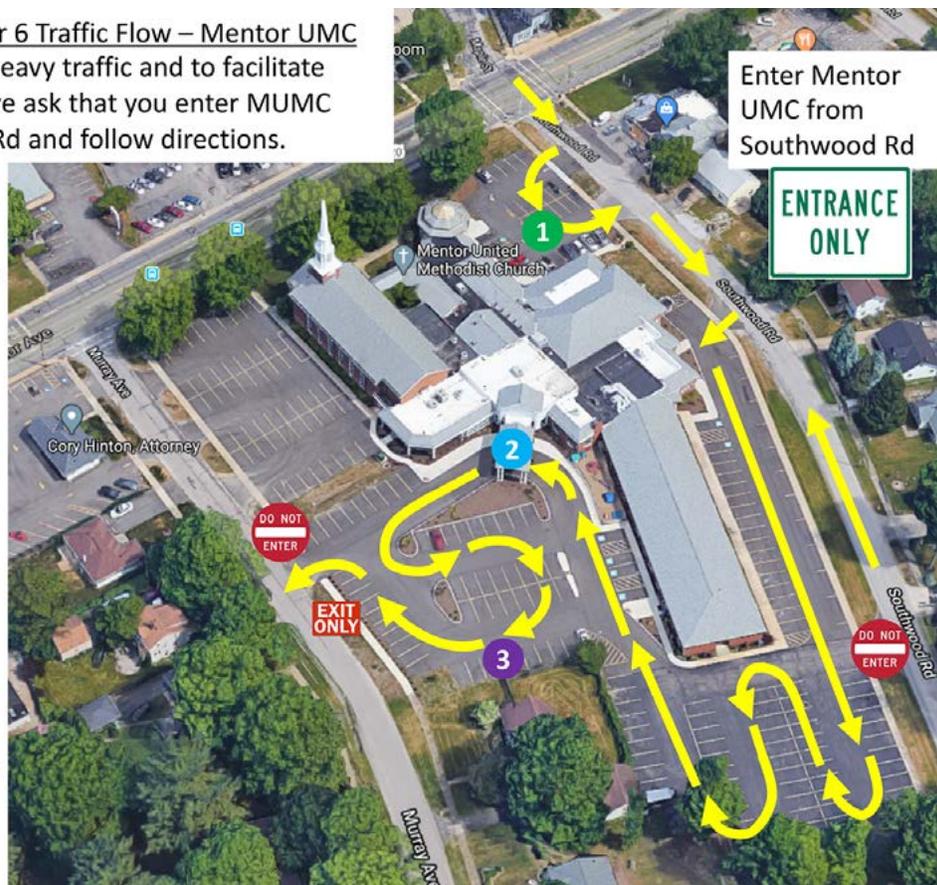
Sunday September 6 Traffic Flow – Mentor UMC

Due to expected heavy traffic and to facilitate multiple events, we ask that you enter MUMC from Southwood Rd and follow directions.

Yellow Lines indicate flow of traffic and line for events.

- 1** Blessing of Backpacks
- 2** Drive Through Communion
- 3** Wheeler Family Farewell

 Murray Ave will be
 EXIT ONLY



Church “Picnic” and Wheeler Farewell Opportunity Today

Join us for a new version of the “All Church Picnic” hosted by the Fellowship Evangelism Committee today 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.

This will be a different kind of gathering than we are used to, but we can still share in some fellowship from a safe distance in the outdoors.

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>.

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.

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

Journey Groups

Journey Groups are MUMC folks that regularly meet together on a long-term basis to encourage one another in their walk with Jesus, study God's Word, and spend time in prayer. Some of you may be part of a Journey Group; if so, be looking for information from your group leaders regarding meeting this fall.

To join a Journey Group, please contact Pastor Quincy at qwheeler@mentorumc.org by Tuesday, September 8. Please include what day/time would be convenient for you. Groups meet at all times throughout the week. We will find something that works for you.

We are also starting two groups in September to examine racial injustice in our society. We HIGHLY encourage everyone to consider signing up. The first group meets on Thursday evenings, beginning September 10. It will seek answers to racial injustice questions like, "What are the roots of racial issues in our church and our society?" and, "What has the American church done in the past to help or hurt the cause of racial reconciliation?" This group will be using the RightNow Media study "The Color of Compromise" by Jemar Tisby and meeting on Zoom. There is an optional book to accompany the course (copies available from the church office for \$13), but all you need to be a part of the group is a Zoom account (free), a RightNow Media account (free through MUMC).

The second group meets Tuesday evenings, beginning September 15 on Zoom for 8 sessions. This group will discuss and strategize ways to be active for racial justice in our community, churches, and lives, and to intentionally develop multiethnic communities. To join this group, you will need to purchase a copy of "Multiethnic Conversations" by Mark DeYmaz (available for \$15 from the church office or online) and have access to Zoom. This group is for those with a heart for racial justice and a desire to help. Please contact Pastor Quincy at qwheeler@mentorumc.org by Tuesday, September 8, to join either of these new groups.