
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, September 6, 2020

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It was great to see many faces at the picnic last week – even with masks and geese and a few bees. We hope that you will join our “Drive Through” extravaganza this morning, Sunday, September 6, from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

We will bless our children’s devices, backpacks, and eagerness

We will bless our teachers and school personnel – THANK YOU!

We will share in communion and prayer

We will celebrate the Wheeler family with gratitude

As we celebrate Labor Day, we give thanks for the labor force ... and opportunities to work and serve our communities, and care for the world.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”
(Colossians 3: 23 – 24)

May you be encouraged in your work and play and relationships to honor Christ as you serve others. May your efforts for Jesus always guard your words and actions.

How we engage and converse and act are vital parts of our faithful witness, especially when we deal with critical issues of our day. Let us always be centered on Jesus ... Let us help each other seek Jesus ... Let us be about Jesus!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sondra and Pastor Quincy

Table Talk

Pastors Tom and Sondra Snode invite you to join them around their table for Bible Study. Beginning on Monday, September 21, and running for 6 weeks, join in the conversation as we look at John 17, Jesus’ Priestly Prayer. Jesus prayed for you!

This study is open to anyone who wants to join in. We’re calling it, “Table Talk” ... and we hope you will join us from 6:45 – 8 PM each week. Please call the church office at 440-255-3496 or email Carolyn at cnagy@mentorumc.org to register. The Office will be closed Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.

A Zoom link will be sent to you prior to the start of the study. Remember, you can phone in to Zoom also ... so you don’t have to have a computer to join in the study.



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 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.

MOPS & MOMSnext will begin Friday, September 11. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is [Decide to Rise](#) and is very appropriate and timely.

If you are interested in having your first through sixth grader join **Children's Choir**, please contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org. She would like to have children participate via video recordings but first needs to see if there is any interest.

Congregational Care

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, Patricia Bonner,

Erica Wilmot, Tom Erbaugh, Marilyn Clark (at her son's home), Art Sydow,

Karen Preston, Susan Rimes, Dale Snyder, Wilfred Sudekum

Congratulations to David and Meghan Paul on the baptism of their son, Andrew John, today. Congratulations to grandparents John and Lynn Proegler.

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is

<https://bible.com/events/38181944>

Join us in worship!

9 AM and 11 AM

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

Altar flowers are presented by Shirley Drobnick and family in loving memory of Bob Drobnick, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Youth Ministry

lnash@mentorumc.org

Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at [MUMCYouth712](#)

Youth Group Kick-Off

Sign Up At this Link <https://bit.ly/3brJRO3>

All youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to the ANNUAL KICK-OFF
Sunday, September 13 from 6:00-8:00 PM for grades 5 and 6
6:00-8:30 for grades 7 through 12.

We will meet at Veterans Park, 5730 Hopkins Rd, Mentor, OH 44060.
In order to adhere to safety protocols, masks are required and ADULT LEADERS will be needed!!!

Each person needs to bring their own water bottle. A light snack will be provided.

Welcome Back! We have missed you all so much. This year things will look a little different, but we can't wait to be back together to worship and fellowship safely. Below are outlined the changes coming to our ministry.

NEW Youth Group Times

We will meet every Sunday

6:00-8:00 PM Jr. High (7-9th)
7:00-9:00 PM Sr. High (9th-12th)

Students will overlap for one hour for worship and snack time. 9th graders are welcome to choose which group (or both) to participate in. This will allow our students to grow as a whole group and with students their age.

Safety Guidelines

All students must wear a mask.

Our plan is to have our Youth Group outside as much as possible to ensure safe practices and distance.

Students will typically be in groups of 8 with 2 adults.

In Search of Volunteers!

Do you love creating disciples of Christ? Do you enjoy working with youth, being active and creative? Please consider becoming a Youth Group volunteer. We can't do this ministry without you.

Email Leah if you are interested at lnash@mentorumc.org.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will start mid October for students in grades 7, 8 and 9. Please email Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org for questions or if you intend to participate. A registration form will be made available in the coming weeks as well as information about the course.

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



Today 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 and a craft for the kids. 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.

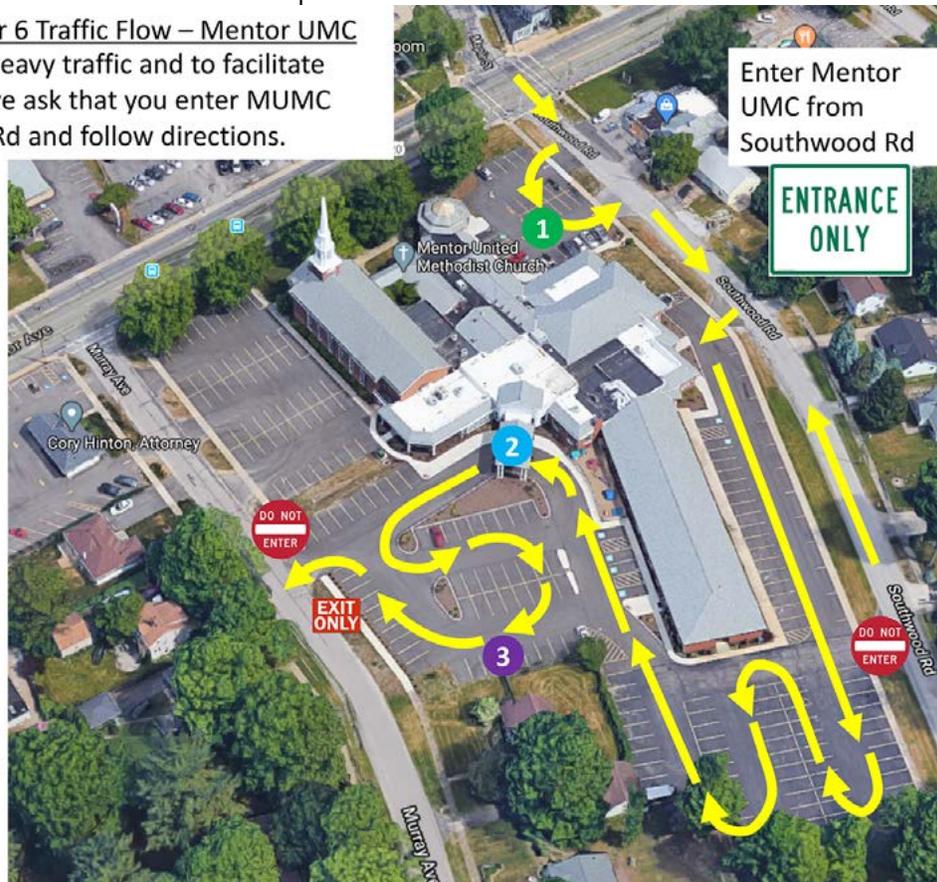
Sunday September 6 Traffic Flow – Mentor UMC

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

DO NOT ENTER Murray Ave will be
EXIT ONLY EXIT ONLY



Worship September 13

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 at 440-255-3496. We are limiting the numbers to 50% capacity in each space. Until we can secure all the needed items for sanitizing, only one service will be offered in each space.

[Sign up for Modern Worship at 9 AM](#)
[Sign up for Traditional Worship at 11 AM](#)

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.**