
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, September 27, 2020

www.mentorumc.org

This weekend, The East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church is gathering for Annual Conference. Along with so many things, this event looks different than past years. This event, like so many things, is finding a way to happen ---creatively, courageously, effectively. Mentor UMC is one of nearly 700 United Methodist Churches in east Ohio striving to figure out how to be Christ's Body in 2020.

I began attending Annual Conference in 1988 ... as the wife of an East Ohio pastor. As the years passed, we took along babies – our car loaded down with all the stuff that babies need! As the years passed, I moved into Hoover Auditorium as a pastor myself – kneeling on the stage to be ordained; standing on the stage years later to deliver the Cabinet address. As the years passed, I served in various places and roles always striving to figure out how to lead the church to be Christ's Body. I still do.

Striving to be Christ's Body in the world is an exciting and challenging adventure. We must be the ones who “renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin”; the ones who “resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves”; and “confess Jesus Christ as Savior, and put (our) whole trust in his grace....” This is our profession of faith, and our commitment to be Christ in the world. (page 40, UM Hymnal)

As a local church ... a local outpost for Christ ... a part of Christ's Body we are striving to help one another profess faith in Christ, and grow in the path of Christ-centered discipleship. Even as we do things differently, as we grow in faith we will grow in influence; as we worship we will be inspired to serve; as we trust Jesus we will be a part of His Kingdom coming to earth.

This week, I found Zoom Bible study engaging and interesting – and although different, certainly a valuable investment of my time and energy; and a fun way to connect with people. This week, I delighted in conversations about feeding people – our More Than a Meal outreach, our family food distribution, our youth preparing food for shut-ins. This week, I spoke with several people about faith development, scheduled time to speak with parents about baptism, and finished reading The Color of Compromise. This week, I bought a new Bible. This week, I continue to be:

a follower of Jesus
part of the Body of Christ
grateful for you, and your faithful commitment to Christ.

May your weekly update find you more in love with Jesus, and more committed to being a part of the Body of Christ at work in the world at work in Mentor! We do not work together to help an institution survive. We work to proclaim Christ!

Pastor Sondra

10 AM Online Service September 27 on Website Only

Today, September 27, we will only have one service live streamed at 10 AM on our website at www.mentorumc.org. There will not be a live stream on Facebook or YouTube. We will be sharing the East Ohio Conference live stream of worship for Annual Conference. You can also go directly to the link at 10 AM on the conference website at <https://bit.ly/3khgPEi>. Our Modern Worship band will lead worship for this event!

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 • Parker Place - Opal Pinasky
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

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Linda Leach, Sylvia Bisbee, Carl Snyder, Karen Mancini, John Hurley, Sandy Linsell,
Kimi Schmidt, Gina Cartagena, Julie Helmick, Ken Ireland, Erica Wilmot, Leland Kranz,
Marilyn Clark (at her son's home), Art Sydow, Karen Preston, Dale Snyder, Wilfred Sudekum
Don Ference

Our sympathy to Ken, Chris, Scott and Ashley Raines in the passing of Ken's mother, Belva Lou Raines, on September 20.

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/38184654>

Join us in worship!
Today, September 27, at 10 AM
[website home page](#)

Altar flowers are presented in appreciation of the church's whole music program.

Worship October 4

In-house worship is offered at MUMC! 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 at these links:

[Modern Worship at 9 AM](#)

[Traditional Worship at 11 AM](#)

Bible Study: Names of God

Rev. Jennifer Lam will lead a 6-week, in-person Bible Study beginning October 2. The group will meet Fridays, from 11 AM to 12:15 PM, in the Asbury Room. Contact Rev. Lam to sign up at jenniferlam06@yahoo.com.

The names of God reveal to us God's essential nature and character. Names like *El-Shaddai*, "God Almighty," and *Yahweh-Yireh*, "The Lord Will Provide", spread comfort, hope, and awe. The name Jesus in Hebrew is Yeshua which links to the most sacred name of God in the Old Testament. This 6-session Bible Study will dive into studying the essential names of God, El, Elohim, Yahweh, and Jesus. We will journey together to know more about God and grow in our relationship with Him.

Journey Groups

To join a Journey Group, contact Jim Nagle, our Chair of Adult Discipleship, at jnagle7941@hotmail.com to be connected to one of these groups.

Children & Family Ministries
www.mentorumc.org/children

Spiritual Parenting Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 9 PM – 10 PM

Participants will need to watch the video PRIOR to the meeting. Once you are registered, you will receive information on how to access the videos. It is a virtual meeting. Contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org if you are interested.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets the second Friday in the morning and/or the fourth Thursday in the evening. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is [Decide to Rise](#) and is very appropriate and timely.

TODAY we will meet at 11:10!!! MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups is every Sunday morning at 10:10-10:50 am. Check your email for login details or contact Tammy.

PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow
2nd, 3rd, 4th gr led by Cristen Neibecker & Laurie Babcock
5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

YOUTH 56 meets Sunday, September 27 at MUMC from 6:00-8:00 PM. Use the link to sign up.

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](#).

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

We will meet VIRTUALLY online! Once you register, you will receive the link to the meeting. Do you have a suggestion for a book? Let Tammy know!

Annual Christmas Play auditions will be via a submitted video. More information will be coming. Deadline to audition is Sunday, October 4.

Treat Street is our fall celebration and will be held on Saturday, October 17. Pre-wrapped candy is needed. Please place donations in the bin in the Community Center. If you would like to sign up as a "Trunker" and decorate your car, please contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.



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.

School Supply Collection

Missions Committee is collecting school supplies for Catalyst Ministries School Partnership Program with Painesville. Items can be dropped in the Community Center bin by the Gallery entrance. On Sunday mornings we will also have a basket in the Narthex. Please use the list below and donate your items by October 31.

Recess equipment: Sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, basketballs, soccer balls, and frisbees.
Classroom items: plug in headphones(dollar store), crayons, dry erase markers, coloring books, tissues.

Youth Ministry

lnash@mentorumc.org

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

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 begin October 11 for students in grades 7, 8, and 9. Please email Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org for questions or if you intend to participate.

There will be a parent information meeting on October 4 at 12:30 PM at Mentor UMC.

Please complete your registration form by Monday, September 28, using this link <https://forms.gle/AF5HgHvoMk7i5UuU9>.

Joseph Ministry Opportunity with the Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland

We have an important opportunity as Mentor United Methodist Church and the Joseph Ministry to work with the Nehemiah Mission. An immigrant family has found their home in the Cleveland area, are employed, and actively involved in the Nehemiah Mission Bible Studies, Business Programs and other skills programs at Nehemiah. They have worked very hard to establish themselves over the last three years and have recently purchased a home on the east side.

Nehemiah Project has approached Mentor United Methodist and several other churches to work together to help this family get their new home upgraded so that they can move in. The family would work alongside our teams and also contribute much of the financial requirements themselves though we have offered financial assistance if necessary.

I am asking you if you will join a team of 6-12 of our members and be a part of this Christian Mission. This is an opportunity for us to do mission work in our own back yard. Once we have the team, the team will determine their skill set and availability and offer those to the supervisors at Nehemiah. They will help us coordinate our time with the family.

We anticipate that our team would have some very specific one to two-day tasks, and more if we choose we want to do more. This would not be a long term commitment.

Please pray about being a part of this mission and let me know by next Wednesday, September 30. Once we have our team, I will set up a meeting where we can begin to formulate our skill set and our available time.

- Craig Eppler, Joseph Ministry, 440-669-4591, Craig@powerpurellc.com

Email Safety Reminder

If you receive an email that looks like it is coming from someone at the church asking for money or gift cards, these are not actual church emails. It is someone pretending to be Pastor Sondra or another staff member and sending them to people in an attempt to get them to give money or gift cards, etc.

- If you are unsure, delete it. No one will be upset if you delete an email.
- The pastors and staff will never contact you via phone or email asking for donations.
- Do not share any information in person, over the phone, via email, or text with anyone you did not contact first.
- Your church is here to help you! Call or stop up if you have a question. We are here 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday. 440-255-3496