Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, February 7, 2021

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The Super Bowl arrives with a reminder that MUMC's "Super Bowl of Caring" supports Project Hope for the Homeless. Especially on bitter cold days, we are grateful for the work of agencies who help people to be safe and cared for in our community. Thank you for your prayers, volunteer hours, and financial support of Project Hope. We are glad to partner with such an important Lake County ministry.

This week we continue our Lessons from Jonah, and consider what makes us angry. There is a lot of anger in our society. And, maybe even in your life. It is okay to be angry about certain things. Yet God reminds Jonah, and us, to assess our anger through the lens of God's compassion and mercy --- not our own ideas, opinions or perspectives. This is challenging and perhaps convicting. Yet ultimately leads to us knowing and experiencing the God of compassion and mercy. We will share in holy communion together – so have your elements ready. I also invite you to write on a piece of paper what anger you need to release. At God's table, we will exchange our anger for grace.



We continue to assess our re-launching plans for in-house worship. You will notice our online worship now has plexiglass shields for our singers and preachers. We continue to obtain the best quality

HVAC filters, and are working to do what we can to provide as safe an environment as possible at our facility. We move ever-closer to a day when we can be back in our facility.

In the meantime, we persevere. We press on. We trust God to guide us. And, we give God glory and honor. Because God is compassionate and merciful, and never gives up on us! God is the author of super caring!

Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is https://bible.com/events/48222632

Join us in worship!
9 AM Modern and 11 AM Traditional Facebook, YouTube and our website www.mentorumc.org

Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is the foster care system: that the Lord would bless foster parents and all children living in foster care. If there is a video for Mentor Mondays, it will be posted on Monday on our website, social media and app. For information about Foster Care training in Lake County see this link https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/Portals/49/PDFs/Winter2021Pre-ServiceScheduleFEB-MAR%281%29.pdf.

Scout Sunday

Today is Scout Sunday. The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God.

Blood Drive Result

We had 43 donors register and collected 40 pints of blood, with the potential to help up to 120 patients in need. The next blood drive is March 2. Go to RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment.

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:

Lake West - Jane Ortiz, Phyllis Melchreit, Lorraine Ahlstrom, Jeff Gray

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • Ohman Family Living - Jeanne Babcock

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 McFeely

Fairmount - Patricia Ľaubscher, Art Sydow

Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Dale Snyder, Linda Leach, Karen Mancini, Val Hardy, Sarah Wade, Spike Sudekum, John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Russ Lancaster, Barb Zimmerman, Carl Snyder, Noel Barber

Our sympathy to Lynn Proegler, Lara Proegler, Meghan Paul, Matthew Donahue, Gabriel, Reid, and Paige Crozier, and Jack Donahue in the passing of John Proegler on January 31.

Our sympathy to Jack Corlett, Sarah and Michael Sibley, Elizabeth, Joe, Sarah, Hannah and Shannon Aber and family in the passing of Mary Lou Corlett on February 1.

Facebook Bakeoff Event

With snow falling and temperatures dropping, Mentor United Methodist Church is baking up a storm! Join us for the first-ever virtual MUMC Bakeoff. Simply cook up your favorite baked good (breads, pies, cakes, and other delicious treats all welcome!) and post a picture or video of your creation on Facebook with the hashtag #mumcbakeoff from February 1-14.

If your post has the most reactions at the end of the challenge, you will win \$50 in gift cards to Starbucks and Malleys! Make sure to challenge and tag your friends--these count as additional reactions. Mmmmm...we're getting hungry already. Let the baking begin!

YSP Fruit Sale Fundraiser Order Today!

Please consider supporting our Youth Service Project, which will be held in Hiram, Ohio at Camp Asbury this year!

We plan on building a new Art Programming space for Camp Asbury. You can purchase your fruit online until February 7, and it will be delivered straight to your home!

https://shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1023265



Food Ministry

MUMC will hold a drive thru food donation drop off under the Gallery portico on Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Please use the list below to fill a box or bag to donate. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please choose FOOD as the fund online or mark your check Food Distribution. Each box of food given is valued at approximately \$50.

Items most needed:

- Canned green beans or corn
- Canned peaches, pears, fruit cocktail
- 24 oz. jar spaghetti sauce
- Box of cereal

- 26 oz. box mashed potatoes
- Boxed mac & cheese
- 28 oz. can baked beans

This event will be COVID safe with donors remaining in their vehicle with masks on.

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups are 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 Eliana Palermo & Ryan Poje 5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

Souper Bowl of Caring collections will wrap up on Monday, February 8. Donations can be made to the team you would like to see win our Souper Bowl of Caring: Kansas City Chiefs or Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Donations can be dropped off, mailed, or made through our online giving. Be sure to label which team you are supporting. As always, the real winner is Project Hope for the Homeless!



It's not too late to join **Ihe Talks Study**: A parent's guide to critical conversations about sex, dating and other unmentionables We meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM via Zoom. Registration is currently open at this link http://bit.ly/3mE9LIK.

Every parent knows about "the talk." What many parents fail to realize is that one conversation isn't enough. Your kids desperately need help to navigate the rapidly changing sexually-charged culture in which they live.

Packed with solid research and practical tools, The Talks provides you with the help you need to get comfortable having some critical conversations in your home. It covers both "what to know" and "what to do." Whether your kids are 6 or 16, you'll be equipped to help your kids make wise choices now and to prepare them to experience God's gift of sexuality in the right time and in the right way.

Youth 512 will be watching The Princess Bride on Sunday, February 14. We will meet at Great Lakes Atlas Cinema at 5:30 PM for a start time of 6:00 PM. Bring money for concessions. Please see the sign up for all the details at this link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cabab29a2fa7-youth7.

<u>Positive Parenting Book Club's</u> current book is Lisa TerKeurst's book, <u>It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered.</u>

Contact Tammy if you would like to join.

February 18 Chapters 4-5 March 4 Chapters 6-7 March 18 Chapters 8-9 April 8 Chapters 10-11

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Friday, February 12 in the morning and Thursday, February 25 in the evening. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is Decide to Rise and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at mops@mentorumc.org for more information.

For those who like to plan ahead, here are the dates for Summer 2021:

June 28-July 2 Vacation Bible School & Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp July 12-16 & 19-23 Theatre Arts Camp MORE DETAILS TO COME!