Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, February 21, 2021

www.mentorumc.org

Winter Greetings, Friends!

We hope this will be a season to engage with one another, even as we engage with Jesus. The Lent Bags are one way we are striving to do so. Journey Group discussions, mission outreach offerings, and worship services are also important Lenten opportunities to embrace.

Our Lenten series: A Way in the Wilderness, will help us identify the places in our lives where we feel stuck, lost, hopeless, fearful or unfocused. But most importantly, help us discover God's provision and promises so we can find our way forward.



Noah and his family, plus all the animals, emerged from the ark to a new earth (Genesis 9:8 – 17). In the newness of the moment, they gave thanks that chaos or catastrophe will never have the final word. Instead, they heard God proclaim, "I will remember my covenant." Although we view the rainbow as a way for us to remember God's covenant. It was designed as God's own reminder of creation's sacredness. God is invested in making creation whole. This is God's desire – God's covenant – with you!

As your Lenten journey begins, may you strive to draw close to the One who remembers how sacred and valuable and beloved you are! God will go to extreme measures to assure your redemption.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning Services The YouVersion link for this week is https://bible.com/events/48528379

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

There will not be a Lent Bag pick up today as all the bags have been distributed.

Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is for our worship leaders. If there is a video for Mentor Mondays, it will be posted on Monday on our website, social media, and app.

Caring Servants

Caring Servants are lay people who serve as an extension of the pastoral care ministry at Mentor United Methodist Church. They provide visitation, phone calls, and notes to people in the congregation as a means of staying connected to shut-ins, those in care facilities, in rehab, or recently home from the hospital; those who have recently celebrated weddings or births and those who are experiencing illness or grief. Caring Servants bring a special ministry of compassion and empathy vital to meeting the ongoing needs of congregational care for our members. Caring Servants will make friendly visits to many in our church family as they represent the Body of Christ.

If you would be interested in learning more about becoming a Caring Servant, please contact Pastor Barb at bholzhauser@mentorumc.org or call the Church Office.

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:

Hillcrest - Barb Zimmerman • Cleveland Clinic - Noel Barber

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich

The Enclave - Kay Disbro • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik

Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer, Carole Leland • 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 • Western Reserve Hospice - Phyllis Melchreit Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Art Sydow • Heartland of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

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, Carl Snyder, Noel Barber, Jeff Gray, Jeanne Babcock Jack Corlett

Vaccine Appointment Assistance

It is exciting that COVID vaccines are finally available. If you are trying to make an appointment and having trouble, please let us help you. We understand it can be difficult to navigate online to make your appointment. Just call Pastor Barb at extension 106 in the Church Office at 440-255-3496 or email bholzhauser@mentorumc.org.

Easter Flowers - Due March 7

It is a tradition at Mentor United Methodist Church to place spring flowers on the altar for Easter services in the memory or appreciation of a loved one(s) or for the glory of God. Plants are \$7 each.

To order, see the Google form at this link http://bit.ly/3d6X020, the app or website. Payments may also be dropped off at the church office or mailed to "MUMC c/o Altar Guild Easter Flowers", 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060". There also is a 2-page printable form at the end of this Weekly Update.

Winter Hike

Join MUMC for a Winter Hike at Veterans Park at 1 PM today, February 21. Social distancing and masks required but we can be outside safely to enjoy each other's company and the winter wonderland! Contact Sarah Ring at sring630@gmail.com with questions. Please note: if there is rain, icy conditions, or sub-zero temperatures, we will postpone to February 28 at 1 PM. The location will remain the same. We will post an update to the Facebook event if we need to postpone.

Food Ministry

The Food Ministry would like to express our extreme gratitude to all that came out this past weekend to the Food Drive and to those who have made monetary donations. This ministry runs because of your generosity. Please keep an eye on the Weekly Update for future opportunities to support the food ministry.

Modern Worship Usher Needed

The Modern service has a need for one usher, male or female. When things get back to normal, that usher could choose either the 9:00 AM service or the 11:00 AM service. Please contact the Church Office or head usher Kurt Hinkley at kcaptains03@gmail.com or phone 216-854-0149.

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

Candy Donations

The Children's Ministry Team is asking for donations of individually wrapped candy that will fit inside a plastic egg for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop it off as soon as you are able. More details about our EGG-stravaganza will be available soon!

YOUTH 56 meets on February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm via Zoom.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Thursday, February 25 in the evening. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is <u>Decide to Rise</u> and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at <u>mops@mentorumc.org</u> 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!

MUMC Scholarship Opportunities

Please see our website at this link http://mentorumc.org/post-secondary-scholarship to see the new form and apply for scholarships. The deadline is Friday, April 9, by 3:30 PM for your complete submission. If you have any questions, please contact Tami White at Scholarship@mentorumc.org.

Youth Prayer Calendar

Click here https://bit.ly/3k2hSJp for a Lent calendar to pray for our youth by name each day in Lent.

Lent Devotions to Download

If you do not have a Lent Bag, or would like have the weekly devotions online, see this link http://mentorumc.org/current/ash-wednesday1.



Heart & Sole is for any girl brave enough to be herself. Join us for a journey that will empower you to tap into your strengths and learn new life skills. Every week, we'll run, laugh and learn about what makes each other tick. The program ends with a celebration of how far you've come... and a 5K that will remind you that you can crush any goal you set your mind to.

Registration Opens

February 9, 2021

Season Starts

Week of March 15th

Teams meet twice a week

End of Season Celebration

Saturday, May 15, 2021



Register online at www.gotrneo.org or by phone at (234) 206-0786



Practice Location: Mentor United Methodist Church

*Delivery Model: Hybrid

Days & Times: Tues & Thurs / 4:15-5:30

Open to girls in grade: 6th - 8th

Contact: Bev Lee, 440-666-2058

Beverly.k.lee@gmail.com

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Virtual: All sessions will be 100% virtual. Supplies will be mailed directly to participants. Lessons are 45-60 min.

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Brought to you by: the run northwast ohio

Registration fees are based on a sliding scale and scholarship funds are available to all participants in need.

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Girls on the Run is for EVERY girl.

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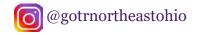
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To ensure that all girls have equal opportunity to participate, a registration lottery will take place on February 15th. Registration will reopen on a first-come, first-served basis on 2/15/21 for sites with spots still available.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS 2021

Tulip, Daffodil, Lily, Hyacinth \$7 each

Please make your check to MUMC or Mentor United Methodist Church and note "Easter Flowers".

Checks and forms can be mailed to:
The Altar Guild c/o Mentor United Methodist Church 8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor OH 44060.



The last day to order will be March 7 so we can place our order and they can be delivered for Easter. Your plants may be picked up noon to 1 PM Easter morning, April 4. Please indicate how many of each type you would like: ____ Tulip (\$7) ___ Daffodil (\$7) ___ Lily (\$7) ___ Hyacinth (\$7) Total \$_____ (PLEASE PRINT NAMES) Name of Person Ordering as you want it to appear ______ How we can best contact you (email, phone) In memory of _____ In appreciation of _____ To the Glory of God Place my flowers in: Sanctuary Fellowship Hall some in both I will pick up my flowers ☐ Please donate my flowers ☐ My form of payment: check mailed \square check/cash dropped off \square online \square