



“CORE VALUES”

Core values help shape an organization and a movement. Mentor United Methodist Church has established 8 core values. Over the past couple of months we have focused on our core values of Christ-Centered and Biblically-Rooted. This month we'll focus on the 3rd core value.

Prayer-Driven: We incorporate prayer into our daily lives individually and corporately.

It is interesting and important to note that Jesus' disciples did not ask him to teach them how to teach, preach or heal; but they did ask him to teach them how to pray. The reason for this has several possibilities, certainly one being the practice of prayer they observed in Jesus' life. We could say from a reading of the scriptures that Jesus was “Prayer-Centered.”

The Gospels reveal that Jesus prayed...

- For others
- With others
- Alone
- In the beauty of nature as well as the emptiness of the wilderness
- Regularly
- In his greatest anguish
- For God's will

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray he began, “Our Father...” The plural pronoun helps us understand the corporate nature of prayer. But Jesus also prayed alone where he used the personal pronoun “I”. Hence prayer is both corporate and individual.

Jesus also taught his disciples to pray for their daily bread. Prayer should be a daily part of our lives.

He also taught us that prayer is calling for God's Kingdom to come. That should be the cry of our hearts, that God's Kingdom would rule in our hearts and lives; but also for the work and ministry of the church.

Jesus showed us that prayer begins and ends with our focus on God. Prayer is not just coming to God with a laundry list of needs and wants; prayer is coming to God with a life that is obedient and submissive.

In the life of the congregation we encourage personal and daily prayer. But it doesn't stop there, in the life of the congregation we pray for corporate wisdom and guidance to be the Church. We're not called to be a human institution; we're called to be the Body of Christ. Prayer is a part of our journey groups, committee meetings, and corporate worship. Prayer is a ministry that brings anointing, prayer chains, prayer meetings, and prayer partners. Prayer must be that which drives the congregation.

Please join us in praying for the congregation, our lay leadership, pastors, and staff as decisions are made and direction sought. Please join us in praying for our community that God's Kingdom will come. Please join us in praying for one another in times of struggle and celebration. Let's all desire to be part of a praying church.

— *Pastor Kurt*

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR WORKSHOPS

The 2017 workshops are underway! Join us any Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (you can come for the whole time or part—bring your lunch if you like). We're open to new craft ideas—bring your own or we will have something for you to do. No experience necessary. If you have questions, call Kathy Fellows at 255-5899.



Mentor United Methodist Women New Day Circle will be collecting basic school supplies for needy Lake County children, and also, men's socks, t-shirts, and travel-size deodorants to be distributed through the Salvation Army in Painesville during their Back-to-School Bash. Items will be collected through July 30th.

Stop by the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall or near the Chapel to pick up a reminder ornament. Your new, unwrapped donation may be left under one of the trees. Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christ with those in need!

Items needed: pencils, glue sticks, medium pink erasers, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, colored pencils, 24 pack crayons, washable markers, scissors, rulers, plastic supply boxes, wide or college rule notebook paper, bottle glue, pocket folders with prongs, blue or black pens, red pens, highlighters, pencil pouches, 3 ring binders, dry erase markers, ruled index cards, backpacks, children's socks. Men's t-shirts (colors or white), men's socks, travel-size deodorants.

Plan to join us as we visit the Salvation Army to pack school supply bags on Monday, July 31st from 9 a.m. until noon. Meet at church in the Gallery at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the Salvation Army. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Carole Ring at (440) 255-7213 or umw@mentorumc.org.

Looking ahead . . .

Living Faith-Fully: Transforming Everyday Moments into God Moments

Sunday, August 13th, 2-4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

For parents, kids, grandparents, and anyone else interested!

All are invited to come investigate some practical ideas about connecting our faith to everyday life with our families. If you would like to add "faith moments" into your daily routine with little or no prep, discover and develop new spiritual practices as a family, and/or respond to life's everyday challenges and opportunities with meaningful practices, this opportunity will provide some easy, do-it-yourself ideas for transforming your family's everyday moments into God moments!

Free and open to all! Sponsored by Mentor United Methodist Women. Please contact Carole Ring at umw@mentorumc.org or 255-7213 if you have questions.

TUESDAY MORNING SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSIONS



**Tuesday, July 18th
9:30 a.m. in the Adams Parlor**

Wherever the River Runs: How a Forgotten People Renewed My Hope in the Gospel
by Kelly Minter

This beautiful journey through the Amazon invites readers to search their souls and follow Jesus wherever the river runs—experiencing the adventure of knowing the poor and forgotten people He loves. Kelly Minter invites us on a jungle adventure down a river teeming with piranhas, caymans, a beautiful people, and especially God's presence.

This story pulls back the curtain on one of the most captivating places on earth as well as on parts of the gospel we may be able to recite but have never fully believed.

Pick up a copy of the book and join us! Please contact Carole Ring at umw@mentorumc.org or (440) 255-7213 with any questions of if you would like her to order a copy of the book for you to purchase.

THROUGH THE YEARS

You probably have not heard of Rush Run, Ohio, but it is the site of many firsts in the history of the Methodist Church in Ohio. Rush Run is an unincorporated location in Jefferson County south of Steubenville. Ohio Route 7 runs through the location next to the Ohio River. The community was named for David Rush who settled in the area in 1798.

In 1787 Circuit Rider George Callahan preached what is believed to be the first Methodist sermon in the Northwest Territory at the area that became Rush Run. In 1798 the first Methodist church in the eastern Ohio territory was built there. The church's name was changed in 1802 to Hopewell Chapel.

The year 1803 was significant for the State of Ohio and for Hopewell church. Ohio became a state on March 1st. Later that year, on September 10th, Bishop Francis Asbury ordained the first Methodist pastor in Ohio, Rev. John Wrenshall. The next day, September 11th, Bishop Asbury consecrated the Hopewell Methodist Church. The original Hopewell church, a log structure became too small for the growing congregation and in 1844 it was replaced by a new wooden structure. A brick veneer was added in 1918. A new church was constructed in 1990.

The Conference Cane was carved from one of the logs of the original church. The cane is presented to the oldest minister in the East Ohio Conference at Annual Conference. The Hopewell church is one of the Landmarks and Historical Sites of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Hopewell congregation recognizes its founding back to the 1780's when services were held in homes, much like our church. Therefore, in September 2010 the congregation celebrated its 225th anniversary.

The Hopewell United Methodist Church's official address is 5906 County Road 16, Rayland OH 43943. The present pastor is Rev. James Hoff.

Do you have any MUM history you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to:

Mr. Don Humphrey
7330 Holly Park Drive
Concord OH 44060-6704

Or you can email him at dhumphrey@ameritch.net

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, July 17—Friday, July 21, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Woodlawn Community Vacation Bible School, Painesville

Help needed to build relationships through playing, praying, feeding, laughing, and sharing with kids and families in Painesville. Contact Johanna Martin at johannamartin@sbcglobal.net.

1st Wednesday of every month, feeding 40 people at PROJECT HOPE

The church kitchen is available for preparing this meal. If you would like to sign up to help or prepare a meal, please contact Nancy Leyden at nancyleyden@att.net.

Heartland Visitation

Consider joining us for a brief service at Heartland on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We begin at 10:45 a.m. and are finished approximately 20 minutes later. It's a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with the Heartland residents. Why not join us for our next service on Sunday, July 16th.

If you have any questions, please contact Rich & Katie Elwell at (440) 255-6794 or Don & Pat Humphrey at (440) 354-1665.

More than a Meal—Last Saturday of each month

Our next free community meal will be July 29th at 5:30 p.m. — doors open at 5:00. Extra hands are always appreciated for set-up, starting at 4:30 p.m. through clean-up, which is usually around 7:00. Stop in, lend a hand, eat and visit with some of our guests so that you can share in this wonderful ministry! If you have questions or would like to take part in sponsoring or preparing a meal, contact Jim Post at 1-440-477-6130.

Hope Chest

Thank you for your generous donations of much needed towels. They are truly appreciated!

RENEWAL LEAVE

United Methodist pastors are encouraged to take renewal leave every five or more years. Through work with the staff-pastor parish relations committee and our district superintendent, Rev. Sondra Snode, I am scheduled to take renewal leave during the month of July. My emphasis for renewal will be to rest, read and enjoy family. I will be out of the office and part of my renewal will be to worship in other settings. Emails, phone calls and regular mail will be checked sporadically. The church office will contact me if I need to be reached.

I am very grateful for this time. Thank you.

— Pastor Kurt



FINANCE NEWS YTD through MAY 2017

Receipts	\$423,007.22
Disbursements	411,616.28
Surplus	11,390.94

Electronic giving is available online
at www.mentorumc.org

JOURNEY SINGLES MINISTRY

S.A.L.T., a singles ministry for those in their twenties and thirties meets each week on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Adams Parlor.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Robyn Sadler at (440) 478-2803 or email her at robsad79@gmail.com

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

KNOW

- **Sunday School SUMMER Schedule**
 - Children 0-4 yrs.—Early Childhood area
 - K-5th grade—Room 112
 - www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

GROW

- **SUMMER PROGRAMS**
 - THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS A SUCCESS!!!

SHOW

- **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL sign up:**
 - July needs 3 people at 11 a.m.
 - August needs 3 people at 11 a.m.

UPDATES & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:

- www.mentorumc.org/children



Thank you to all who have helped us on this long and difficult journey. Though it is not over, it is bearable. Your help may have been financial, a smile, a card, food, uplifting words, a hug or a prayer. It is hard to put into words just how much everyone means to us. We belong to a great church. We are so blessed.

— John & Valerie Hardy

CHARTER MEMBERS AT CLASSIC

Charter Members & Painesville Men's Chorus to Sing the National Anthem at the Lake County Captains Game on Saturday, August 4!

They will kick-off the Lake County Captains game at Classic Park in Eastlake by singing the National Anthem. Game time is 7:00 p.m. and it will be against the South Bend Cubs (which is the Class A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs). Again this year, it is also Super Hero Night and includes Friday Night Fireworks!

Church members and friends are invited to come out, listen to our choir sing, and enjoy the ballgame and festivities at the discounted price of \$9 per ticket.

To order tickets, please do the following:

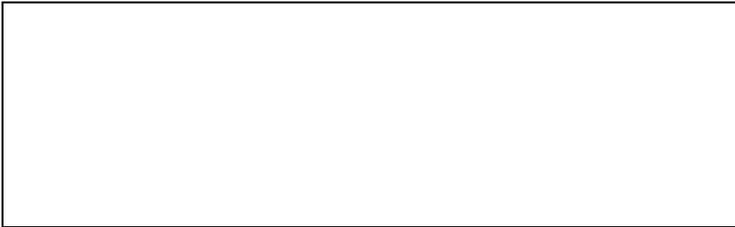
1. Write a check to Mentor UMC for the necessary amount
 - a. \$9 times the quantity of game tickets
2. On the memo line write "Charter Members/Captains 8/4"
3. **Stop in the Church Office on or before SUNDAY, JULY 16th:**
 - a. Fill out the order form with details of your purchase
 - b. Leave your check with the proper amount

Tickets will be available for pickup on SUNDAY, JULY 30th in the Church Office. For more information, contact Jeff Pershing at jeffpershing@yahoo.com, or 1-773-230-6695 (mobile). We hope to see you there!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



**ADDITIONAL
SUMMER WORSHIP OPTION...**

During the summer months, we offer an additional worship opportunity with a 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening service. (Note change in time from 8 p.m. beginning July 6th.) Perhaps travel or some summer activity will keep you from church on Sunday morning, you can join us for our Thursday evening service in the Chapel.

It's informal. Come straight from work, the ball field, or mowing the lawn. Come as you are and join us for worship and fellowship.



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Deadline
For AUGUST Issue
July 7th**

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