

# STEEPLETALK

SEPTEMBER 2014



## "The Summer of 14"

The months of June, July and August are known as "The Summer". Through the years certain summers have been distinguished as noteworthy. They have been the title of movies, books and musical groups. Summers have been known for a big wedding, a significant vacation, or some other special event. But whatever the case, summers come and summers go.

Based on this understanding, "The Summer of 14" is in the books. We are now into a new school year and a new season of ministry. Before our memory fades, I would like to recapture some of the significance of this three-month slice of time, and to take a glance forward into the final third of 2014.

The summer began with the removal of our pipe organ and shipment to Schantz Organ Company in Orville, OH for significant work. On July 9th the congregation took a historic vote and approved moving forward with a major remodeling/building project. Soon after, work began and the church's usable footprint took a significant reduction as we hunkered in for months of construction. We said goodbye to a pastor and a staff member in June, and greeted a new pastor in July. But the church is not a building, nor is it the staff, the church is the people of God in ministry. Over the next weeks members were engaged in ministry with:

- Royal Family Kid's Camp
- Send off to Camphor Mission in West Africa and a bike trip across America for human trafficking awareness
- Truth & Light Players
- Vacation Bible School, G.O.D. Camp, Theater Camp
- Youth Service Project trip to North Carolina
- Middle School Mission Week
- Mission Night
- Woodlawn VBS
- Community free-meals

Beyond these events were other significant and often quiet acts of ministry and mission.

As we enter the season of Fall, we continue to move forward with great opportunities. Following are three significant activities and opportunities:

1. Children's ministry will be ramping up with new and exciting curriculum and Sunday morning programming. And before long, we'll be in our remodeled classroom space. You don't want to miss out on this!
2. "Christian to the Core" will be a church-wide emphasis that will take us through the Sunday before Thanksgiving week. For 12-weeks we will be looking at practical ways we live out our lives of discipleship. There are small group opportunities and weekly worship emphasis as we look at life issues such as developing intimacy with God, finding purpose for life, and living our faith in our personal families.
3. During the season of construction we will have opportunities to show hospitality to those who come to "check out what's happening." While there are those who will officially greet and welcome, all of us have the opportunity/responsibility to show hospitality. Studies show that people will form their opinions in the first few moments of visiting a church, so we want to welcome all who come with warmth and show them the love of Christ.

I continue to marvel at the activity and life of the congregation. I am truly blessed to serve among you. Let's continue to do our best for God's Kingdom.

— Pastor Kurt

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## SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



### CHRISTIAN TO THE CORE

***“Just as a tree grows from the core, you also have the ability to grow when you focus on the core of who you are and what you can become in Christ.”***

The mission of Mentor UMC is “To lead all on a path of Christ-centered discipleship.” This path is marked by how we “Know, Grow, and Show” the love of Christ. For 12 weeks starting September 1st, we encourage everyone; adults, youth, and children to be connected in a small group so that you can experience the transforming power of knowing, growing, and showing. This is a commitment of just 12 weeks to gather with others, discuss, reflect, and discover where God is leading your path.

You can sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning or stop by the Church during the week. Find the day and time that works best for you and your family. Group sizes are limited to 10 people so find your best time quickly! Groups meet for 90 minutes every week beginning Monday, September 1st.

You may also email Pastor Jon Wilterdink, [jwilterdink@mentorumc.org](mailto:jwilterdink@mentorumc.org) to connect with a group.

### **32 weeks exploring the Scriptures Starts Monday, September 1st**

Journey through the Bible with others, reflect on the meaning of its stories, and discover how this book is still relevant today. Through weekly two hour groups which include discussion, application, and fellowship time, you will find space to ask questions and walk the path of being a disciple with others.

The mission of Mentor UMC is “To lead all on a path of Christ-centered discipleship.” This path is marked by how we “Know, Grow, and Show” the love of Christ. Disciple Bible Study offers an opportunity to dive deep into the Bible and wrestle with tough questions. Mentor UMC is offering five groups of Disciple Bible Study starting September 1st. Each group explores a different aspect of the Scriptures. More information is available about the focus on the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning or stop by the Church during the week. Group sizes are limited to 15 people! You may also email Pastor Jon Wilterdink, [jwilterdink@mentorumc.org](mailto:jwilterdink@mentorumc.org) to connect with a group.



**It's time for a new choir season to begin!** Singing and ringing together is about joy; it's about creating community; it's about enhancing worship as well as offering our own praise and thanksgiving to God. We are blessed beyond measure by dedicated choir members who raise their voices and bells to the glory of God. New members are always welcome. **Join us!**

Adult choirs begin Wednesday, September 3rd and Thursday, September 4th. Children's choirs begin Sunday, September 7th.

While we are under construction rehearsal locations are:

Cherub Choir, Sundays 10:15-10:35 a.m., Sanctuary  
Children's Choir, Sundays 10:15-10:35 a.m., Annex  
Celebration Bells, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
Canticle Bells, Thursdays, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary  
Charter Members Men's Chorus, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Chapel  
Chancel Choir, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., Sanctuary



Internal demolition is nearing completion. The final sealing off of the construction areas has been completed with the installation of a temporary wall separating the old Choir Room space from the Annex. Passage from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall is now closed. Excavation has begun. The heating, ventilating and air conditioning work continues. As a result the Sanctuary will not have air conditioning for the rest of the cooling season. This work had to begin in order to be working by heating season. Flat roofing of the existing church structures is nearing completion. Emphasis is being placed on preparing the Preschool classrooms for the beginning of the school year. Please watch signage for parking and door entrances as construction continues.

As parking may be limited on some Sundays, we request that those who are able park off-site and walk to the church. Parking is available in the rear of the strip mall to the east, Backyard Barbeque, and the music store across the street.

Thanks for your patience during these times of destruction/construction.

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM  
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

As we move into the final four months of 2014 we want you to be aware of our financial position. For the first 7 months we had less income than expenses during 4 of the 7 months. To date this has put us at a deficient of over \$30,000.00. Expenses are being watched carefully and we work with our budget. Income has remained steady with the previous year.

We are grateful for your support and investment in this ministry. In addition, your faithfulness in the past has allowed us to have a cushion of reserve funds that have helped us through the shortfall months.

Please keep your pledges up to date and any gifts to the general offering are deeply appreciated. For your convenience we now offer electronic transfers of your offering. For information, or to sign up, go to the church website and select the "serve" tab and the link to "giving."

Thank you for your support.

**- - - - THROUGH THE YEARS - - - -**

Many cities in Europe were devastated after World War II. Americans came to the aid of millions of Europeans who lacked food, clothing, and shelter after the war. Nations such as France and Germany were especially targeted by U.S. relief agencies.

There was an organization known as Operation Democracy who helped get American aid to many locations in post-war Europe. This organization reached out to the Mentor area in 1948 for help. The man who stepped up first to lead in an assistance program was Rev. Richard Pettit, pastor of Mentor Methodist Church. Rev. Pettit served as our church's minister from 1947 through 1957. The Pettit Room is named in his honor.

One of the nations who needed help desperately was Finland. Indeed Rev. Pettit was asked to help the town of Suolahti, Finland with aid. He got the Mentor Civic Club to lead the effort in the Mentor area. Children collected food on Halloween night as they trick-or-treated. Many groups collected clothing to help. The proceeds from the Mentor-Fairport football game that fall (yes, Mentor played Fairport in those days) went to the effort. Suolahti is now part of the city of Aankoski, Finland. A film was made of the relief aid being loaded in New York and unloaded in Finland. Sadly that film does not appear to exist anymore. Rev. Pettit was a great example of Methodists helping our world when a crisis occurs.

If you have any other information about this relief effort, I would love to hear about it. My thanks to Ron Toivonen for bringing this to my attention.

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

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Or email to: [dhumphrey@ameritech.net](mailto:dhumphrey@ameritech.net)

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE MEETING:** We kick-off fall with our first meeting on Tuesday, September 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Adams Parlor. Our guest that morning will be our newest pastor, Quincy Wheeler. All women of the church are invited to attend. Join us for fellowship and refreshments.



### BIRTHDAY BASH 2014 BIRTHDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

**Women and girls of all ages are invited** to gather for an afternoon of celebration, fun, and food as Mentor UMC hosts a Birthday Bash Sunday, September 21st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

We will be assembling birthday bags for those whose circumstances prevent them from having a birthday celebration with all the “fixings”. The following donations will be accepted: cake mix, frosting, two round foil cake pans, birthday candles, cake decorations, balloons, birthday themed party plates, napkins, and cups, and small party favors.

No reservations necessary and there is no cost!

Please contact Carole Ring at 255-7213 or email [umw@mentorumc.org](mailto:umw@mentorumc.org). If you have questions or need transportation. Please join us!

### The Path (Women's Retreat) Welcoming Rev. Kathy Dickriede

When: February 20-21, 2015

Where: Hilton Garden Inn Mayfield (note new location)

Why not invite your friends *now* to participate in **The Path** weekend.  
**Connecting women. Growing faith.**

## MISSION COMMISSION



The East Ohio Conference has been present with the people of West Africa long before the Ebola outbreak and we will be there long after Ebola is gone. As the disease spread, the 3Cs Mission is partnering with MedWish to send eight palettes of gloves, masks and gowns to both **Sierra Leone** and **Liberia**.

**RELATIONSHIPS:** Though many miles separate us we are bound together through love and faith in Jesus Christ. We continue to hear from friends at **Manjama Clinic**, in Harrisburg (Farmer to Farmer), at **Camphor Mission Station** and **Ganta Mission**. They tell us that people are scared, they remain at home and they pray.

Education is crucial in stopping the spread of the deadly Ebola outbreak because there is no cure or vaccine for the virus. So we pray together with them.

Prayers of protection for health care workers, family and friends of the deceased, and for the people handling dead bodies. We pray too for those who are sick with malaria and other illnesses who are seeking health care that is limited at this time, and for knowledge and truth to be revealed to people about Ebola and how it is spread.

**OFFERINGS:** The Conference Office is asking that anyone wishing to make a donation do so through the 3Cs Initiative Fund 9936. Please write “Ebola” on the memo line of your check before mailing it to EOC, P. O. Box 76019, Cleveland, Ohio 44101. Collected funds will be authorized for distribution at the next 3Cs meeting on September 4th.

Visit East Ohio website at <http://www.eocumc.com/join/ebola.html> to learn more.

Cleaning  
Supply Month



### SEPTEMBER IS CLEANING SUPPLIES MONTH!

Please donate items to the Food Pantry Ministry.

— Thank you from the Mission Food Ministry

## SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



### WORSHIP/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:

Servant volunteers are needed to help transport residents, assist with turning pages and singing of favorite hymns. Most residents in care facilities can no longer get to church, so the church has to go to them. MUMC currently provides worship services at four different facilities. Please consider serving at any of the worship services offered at the following locations and times:

- **Heartland of Mentor** (Rt. 615), **third Sunday of the month**, gather at 10:45 a.m.  
We would love to have you come with us on **September 21st**. Look for the Elwells or Marge Westman in the Atrium after the 9 a.m. service or join us there.
- **Emeritus at Mentor** (Rt. 2 & Heisley Rd.), **first and third Mondays**, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
- **Emeritus at Newell Creek** (Rt. 615 & Rt. 84), **first and third Mondays**, 11 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Parker Place** (Rt. 615), **third Monday of the month**, gather at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Pastor Bev Wrobel, 255-3496, ext. 14 or email [blwrobel@mentorumc.org](mailto:blwrobel@mentorumc.org) for additional information.

### MORE THAN A MEAL



*Free Community Dinner*

We hope you will prayerfully consider supporting us either by helping with set-up, serving, and clean-up, by attending a meal to sit and visit with our guests while we dine, or by hosting a meal on the last Saturday of any month. Our next meal will be held on Saturday, September 27th. We are still looking for families or church groups to host a meal in the coming months. Please email Karen Martin at [dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net) if you are able to help out in this way, for more information or to let us know that you want to volunteer in some capacity.

### EXERCISE for HOPE: "Children Helping Children"



- Sunday, September 21st, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- 1st through 8th Graders obtain pledges for doing exercises
- Benefits Project Hope
- Register by September 7th to receive a T-SHIRT  
Go to [mentorumc.org/exercise-for-hope](http://mentorumc.org/exercise-for-hope)
- Make a DIFFERENCE!

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Lauren Ring — [lring@mentorumc.org](mailto:lring@mentorumc.org)

More Details Online at [www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org) — RSVP to [lring@mentorumc.org](mailto:lring@mentorumc.org)

### Sunday, September 7:

**PULSE Sunday School** will begin again at 10:10 a.m. with a Youth version of "Christian to the Core," a church-wide small group study.

**High Definition** starts for 7th-12th grades meeting at the same time, with separate middle & high school small group times. 5:30-8p.m. — Dinner, Youth Group & Church open for volleyball, games & hanging out.

### CREDO: Confirmation Program for Grades 7-9

This is a study of Christian beliefs in the United Methodist Church. Each student will be encouraged to discuss and think about faith, and how it impacts his or her life. Upon successful completion, students have the opportunity to join Mentor UMC as a member. Includes service projects, events, and retreats. For 2014-2015 class times, commitment requirements, and registration, please visit our website or contact Lauren Ring at 255-3496. **Kick-off Potluck for Confirmands and their families will be Sunday, September 28th at noon.**

**CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES**  
Tammy Palermo — [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org)

**KNOW**

- **Sunday School**
  - . Babies and Toddler/2 year olds will meet in the Adams Parlor
  - . 3 year olds (as of September 1, 2014 & toilet trained) through 6th grade will meet in the Chapel after check-in
  - . Promotion Sunday is SEPTEMBER 7TH — children will “move up” to their next class if eligible;  
Please note that 3 & 5 year olds MUST be that age by September 30th to move up.
- **Discoverers**
  - . 5 year olds through 6th grade meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. — Register: <http://tinyurl.com/DiscFall>

**GROW**

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
  - . Kick Off meeting Friday, September 19th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at MUMC  
Register: <http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56KO>
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group
  - . Annual Hayride at Patterson’s Fruit Farm on Sunday, September 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Register: <http://tinyurl.com/GenHayride>
- **MOPS & MOMSnext Monthly Meeting**
  - . Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 12th from 9:30 a.m. to noon — “Be You, Bravely”

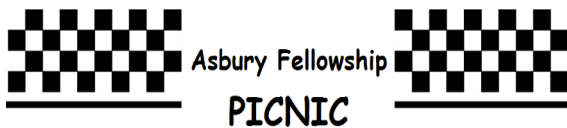
**SHOW**

- **Sunday School** sign up: <http://mentorumc.org/Sunday-school>
- **Children’s Choir** (K-6 Grade) rehearses 10:15-10:45 in the Annex (during construction)
- **Cherub Choir** (3, 4, 5 Yr. Olds) rehearses 10:15-10:35 in Sanctuary (during construction)

**NEWSLETTER and CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:** [www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)

**LAY SPEAKERS OPPORTUNITY**

The Western Reserve District Lay Servant Committee is holding training classes September 19th & 20th at Andover UMC. The classes will be Basic, the starting point for lay servants, and two advanced classes, The Christian Small Group Leader and Each One a Minister. The class, Each One a Minister, is a required class for those lay servants on the lay speaker track, but it is open to all lay servants who have completed Basic. Both advanced classes are valuable. Small groups are very important to vital congregations and understanding your spiritual gifts and how to use them in your congregations is also vital. Registration forms can be picked up at the church office or from one of the pastors. If you have questions, contact one of the pastors.



**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**4-8 p.m.**

Edward R. Walsh Park, 7221 Bellflower Court, Mentor. Take Rt. 306 to Bellflower Drive (west - across from Lake Catholic High School) – go to Bellflower Court – turn left and continue to end (on right), Walsh Park.

We will supply hot dogs & buns, condiments, ice tea and lemonade. **Last names beginning with A - F**, please bring a salad to share; **G - M**, a side dish; and **N - Z**, a dessert (serving utensils, too). Also, bring your own place settings.

ALL ARE WELCOME!! More information? Call Linda Beidle at 440-974-1341.

**HOSPITALITY TEAM**



**WE NEED UMBRELLAS!**

The Greeters and Ushers at Mentor UMC are in need of your spare umbrellas for use as we welcome those who come to the church.

If you have spare golf umbrellas or regular umbrellas you are no longer using, please bring them to Pastor Quincy on any Sunday morning or leave in the Church Office.

**MEMBER NEWS**

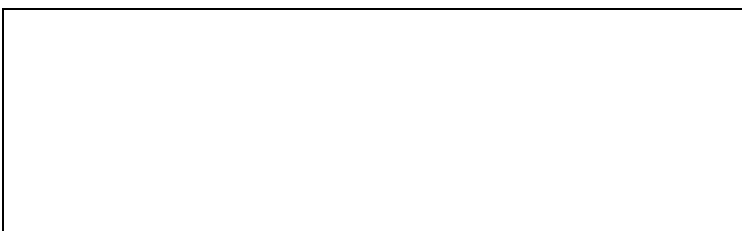
Jean Beeman & Wulfgang Niehaus were married in the Chapel at Castle Herten in Recklinghausen, Germany, on July 6th. The couple resides in Gilsenkirchen.

Jean is the daughter of Tim & Sue Kincaid.

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**FINANCE UPDATE**



**YTD through JULY 31, 2014**

Receipts	\$526,387
Disbursements	556,604
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>( \$30,217)</b>

**Electronic giving is available online at**  
**[www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)**

**WORSHIP**

SANCTUARY Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.

iCONNECT Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.  
(Fellowship Hall)

COMMUNION — 10:30 a.m.  
Join us in the Sanctuary at the Altar

**CHILDREN**

CHILDCARE — 9 & 11 a.m.  
For infants—4 year olds  
Babies & Toddler/2 Yr. olds—Adams Parlor

Sunday School — 9 & 11 a.m.  
3 Yr. Olds through 6th Grade — Chapel after check-in

**YOUTH PULSE**

PULSE — 10:10 a.m.  
For 9th—12th grade

PULSE 78 — 10:10 a.m.  
For 7th & 8th grade

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