

STEEPLETALK

February 2015



*From the
Pastor*



About Our Mission . . .

The mission of the Mentor United Methodist Church is to "Lead all unto a Path of Christ-centered discipleship". It is noted that Jesus did not tell us to make believers or church members; he called the Church to make disciples. We also know that discipleship is a journey, for we become and are becoming disciples. Discipleship never ends, at least as long as we draw breath. Our congregation is committed to keeping the focus on disciple building. In simple terms, we do this by moving together in that direction and aligning our resources.

With our mission defined we move (direction) forward by pouring our time and resources toward that end. This is being done in some intentional ways, a few examples follow:

1. Structure: the church organizational structure has been built around accomplishing our mission.
2. Budget: the church budget is tied to the mission. In other words, to place an item into the church budget, we want to know that it is supporting or accomplishing the mission.
3. Staffing: the church staff is aligned to carry out our mission.
4. Committee and Teams: With our mission before us, each committee and team continues to ask the question, "How are we accomplishing our mission through our action?"
5. Ministries and Programs: What we do is designed to carry out our mission and provide opportunities for disciples to serve.
6. Facilities: Facility use, both present and future, is viewed through the vision of accomplishing our mission.
7. Annual goals: The church conference adopted specific goals for 2015 that give us a strategy for living into our mission.

Along the path of discipleship transformation takes place as disciples know Jesus Christ in a personal way, grow deeper in their spiritual lives, and show the love of God to others. The knowing, growing, showing life of a disciple's transformed life will help transform the world.

Andy Stanley refers to the "Principle of the path" as a discovery we make in life. This discovery is noted in the reality that some people's dreams don't become a reality, while others are able to attain what they long for. The key to this success: "Direction — not intention — determines our destination." We are seeking direction so that we can accomplish mission.

Grace and peace,
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Work continues on the sheeting of the exterior roofs. Cold and snow have slowed the process, but a window of snowless days is assisting the process. Once the roofing is done and the structures enclosed, indoor work can move forward. The hope is to have the entire project done by Easter. Recently, we have had issues with freezing water pipes.

On-site parking includes:

- The NE parking lot (please allow this lot to be used by seniors, handicapped and visitors)
- NW parking lot (access to sanctuary)
- South & East parking lots (access to the south end of the Education Wing and into iConnect)

Sunday only parking

- The SW parking area has been graded and stoned for parking

Off-site Sunday parking

- The law offices on the corner of Mentor Avenue & Murray Avenue (sanctuary access)
- The Village Plaza strip mall (east one block on Mentor Avenue)
- Jimmy's Backyard Barbeque (only in the rear please)

With the arrival of winter weather, please be respectful of those who face hardship with longer walks when they have to park further from entrances. We are doing our best to keep the sidewalks snow and ice free, but missing rain gutters make this a challenge.



Announcing... **2015 MUMC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Are you a high school senior that is graduating in the spring of 2015 or current college student that will be working towards an undergraduate degree in the fall of 2015? If so, Mentor United Methodist Church is pleased to announce that applications for the MUMC Scholarship are available on the church's website <http://mentorumc.org/scholarship>. All graduating senior high students, current undergraduate college students or seminary students who have been a member of MUMC for at least one year are eligible to apply for a scholarship award. Applicants must complete and return the application and all required documents to the church office no later than Friday, April 10th.



FINANCE UPDATE
YTD through DECEMBER 31, 2014

Receipts	\$984,764
Disbursements	934,236
Surplus	50,528

Electronic giving is available online at www.mentorumc.org

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

On Sunday, February 15th we will worship with the residents of Heartland at 10:45 a.m. Please consider joining us.



Free Community Dinner

MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL

A huge thank you to Grace Leach and friends who prepared and served our December meal which fell at a very busy holiday time. Once again, we give thanks to the Carestio and Fuller families who graciously hosted our January meal. Extra hands are always appreciated for set-up, starting at 4:30 through clean-up, which is usually around 7 p.m. Stop in, lend a hand, eat and visit with some of our guests so that you can share in this wonderful ministry. We are looking for hosts for our summer meals. If you'd like more information, please contact Karen Martin at dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net.

preschool registration



**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION
2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

Open registration began January 30th. **A community Open House will be held Saturday, February 7th from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.**

Children must be toilet trained and the age of their class by September 30, 2015. Please visit our preschool website to obtain a registration form. The completed registration form, a registration fee of \$60 (per family) and one month's tuition must be returned to the Preschool Office or Church Office to hold a spot for the next school year.

Please feel free to contact Colleen Judson or Suzanne Teringo by email at mumpreschool@mentorumc.org, or phone 440 255-3496, ext. 23 for additional information or to make an appointment to register in person. We look forward to hearing from you!

SINGLES



Bible Study & Fellowship
GROUP

S.A.L.T.

This singles ministry is for those in their twenties and thirties.

We started Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis on January 15th and are continuing with that. We meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the Adams Parlor.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Robyn Sadler at 440-257-5522 or email her at robsad79@gmail.com.

THROUGH THE YEARS

World War II saw an untold number of stories of bravery and sacrifice. Few, however, can match the courage and faithful sacrifice as the story of The Four Chaplains. On February 3, 1943, the troop transport ship, the USAT Dorchester, was hit by a torpedo by the German U-Boat U-223 off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. The Four Chaplains on board, two Protestant, one Roman Catholic, and one Jewish helped to organize the men to get them to the lifeboats. They also cared for the wounded. As the life jackets were passed out to everyone, the supply ran out. The Four Chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to four of the men. As the ship began to sink in the Atlantic Ocean, the four men of God locked arms and began to say prayers and sing hymns as they disappeared under the water. Some of the survivors said they could hear prayers being said in English, Latin, and Hebrew. Sadly, only 203 of the 904 men on board were rescued as many lifeboats failed to launch. But the sacrifice and faith demonstrated by the Four Chaplains endures as an example of love for your fellow human beings.

Who were these four men? One was George L. Fox. Rev. Fox was a Methodist minister born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Fox was also a veteran of World War I as an ambulance driver. He was awarded the French Croix de Guerre for giving his gas mask to a wounded soldier. Another was Alexander Goode, a Reform Jewish Rabbi born in Washington, D.C. The third was Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed Church in America minister born in Columbus, Ohio. The fourth chaplain was John P. Washington, a Catholic Priest born in Newark, New Jersey. The four met at Chaplains School at Harvard University.

The four were awarded Purple Hearts and the Distinguished Service Medal. There was sentiment in Congress to award the Four Chaplains the Medal of Honor but technically they were ineligible because they were not under fire at the time of their heroic acts. Congress authorized in 1960 the Four Chaplains Medal and awarded one to each of the surviving families.

There are many memorials honoring the Four Chaplains including a stained glass window at the Pentagon. Another is the Brotherhood Memorial in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens in Rockefeller Park along MLK Jr. Boulevard. It is located in the Hebrew Gardens between the Croatian and Syrian Gardens. Perhaps one of the most poignant is the Immortal Chaplains Memorial Sanctuary on board the Queen Mary. The Queen Mary was used as a transport ship during WWII. In addition to taking United States troops to Europe, she also brought German POWs back to the U.S., including members of the U-223 which was sank a year after the Dorchester went down. The sanctuary was funded by the families of the Four Chaplains as well as survivors of the Dorchester, they last of whom died on January 12, 2013 at age 91. It is also reported that three members of U-223 contributed to the sanctuary. In 1988, Congress established February 3 as "Four Chaplains Day".

There is one other hero to this story. Charles David Jr., a black member of the U.S. Coast Guard was on the Coast Guard Cutter Comanche which was escorting the Dorchester and other U. S. ships. David Jr., a Steward's Mate volunteered to dive into the water to rescue as many men as he could. He pulled several to safety but exhausted himself in the process. The combination of fatigue as well as 34 degree waters led him to develop pneumonia and he died a few years later. The Coast Guard Cutter USCGC Charles David, Jr. is named in his honor.

It is hard to imagine greater examples of faith and sacrifice than these men of God. May we all strive to help others in the name of the Lord

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@ameritech.net.



RED CARPET REDEMPTION STORIES

It's almost time for the brightest night in Hollywood — the Oscars! If we look closely we can find beautiful stories of redemption in some of Hollywood's Academy Award winners! The Blind Side, The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and Rocky are examples of films that highlight the value in everyone, underscores the importance of a life of sacrifice, and displays the redemption of the underdog. If you have never viewed any of these films or need a refresher we will be showing each movie the Friday before they take center stage on Sunday during iConnect worship. Take a stroll on the red carpet at Mentor UMC as we explore these three Red-Carpet Redemption Stories.

- The Blind Side: Friday, January 30th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** — Watch the movie Sunday, February 1st, Worship 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Redeeming Strength in Weakness
- The Chronicles of Narnia: Friday, February 6th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** — Watch the movie Sunday, February 8th, Worship 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Redeeming the Lost
- Rocky: Friday, February 13th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** — Watch the movie Sunday, February 15th, Worship 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Redeeming the Underdog

KNOW

- **Sunday School**
 - Babies and Toddler/2 year olds meet in the Adams Parlor
 - 3 year olds (as of Sept. 1, 2014 and toilet trained) AND 3rd Grade will meet the Education Wing — parents need to sign these children in at their classrooms
 - Kindergarten through 6th Grade (MINUS 3rd Grade) will meet in the Chapel after check-in
 - Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month and K-6th graders (MINUS 3rd Grade) remain in worship with their families; a special KidMin bulletin is available at check-in
 - <http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>

GROW

- **StuCo 56**, 5th & 6th grade youth group
 - Meeting on Fridays, February 6th & 20th from 7-9 p.m.
 - <http://mentorumc.org/stuco-56>
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group
 - **March 7 BOWLING**
 - <http://mentorumc.org/generations>
- **MOPS & MOMSnext Monthly Meeting**
 - Friday, February 13th from 9:30 a.m. to noon
 - MOPS: "Courage to Grieve"
 - MOMSnext: "Courage to Communicate"
 - <http://mentorumc.org/mops>

We are looking for a few more caregivers on the Second Friday of the month. This is a paid position. Please call Dawn Linch at 740-705-1990 for more information or to be considered.

SHOW

- **Sunday School Leadership sign up**
 - <http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>

NEWSLETTERS & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:

- <http://mentorumc.org/children>



**Offering
Envelopes**

**2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES
ARE AVAILABLE:**

Stop by the tables in the Arcade to pick up your envelopes on Sunday morning or during the week.

(Hallway between the Sanctuary and Chapel)



**VALENTINE BOXES
FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

We are collecting monetary donations to purchase items for the Valentine boxes (we will purchase the items so all the boxes are identical). You can place your donation in the offering plate on Sunday mornings (be sure to note "Valentines") or leave it in the Church Office. The last Sunday for donations will be February 8th. All women are welcome to help pack the boxes on **Monday, February 9th** at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



PARENTS!! Please email your college student's name and address to: pmele@mentorumc.org
You may also leave it in the Church Office Sunday mornings or during the week— we don't want to miss any one!

Contact Carole Ring (255-7213) or umw@mentorumc.org if you have questions. All women are welcome to join us!

RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE: Our next meeting is **February 10th at 9:30 a.m.** We will be cleaning and putting away the candles and candle holders from the Christmas Eve services. This is a time of fellowship, work, and refreshments. Please join us!

**JOIN US ON THE PATH (Women's Retreat)
Friday, February 20—Saturday, February 21
At the Hilton Garden Inn, Mayfield Village**

What is The Path? For the past 14 years the Mentor United Methodist Church has gathered women of all faiths for a weekend of fellowship. The Path is open to all women. Come with friends, family or come your own. Everyone is welcome!

Encounter real women of the bible to discover courage, compassion, and a connection with God. Session leader is Rev. Kathy Dickriede. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, online, or in the Church Office. **Registration deadline: February 1st with balance due February 15th.** Overnight cost with four meals ranges from \$115-\$170 (financial assistance available).

For more information and to register go to www.mentorumc.org and click on The PATH 2015 registration. This retreat is open to all women of the church, friends, and family.

ALTAR GUILD FLOWERS

If you would like to have flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God, please give Kathy Fellows a call at 255-5899. Dates open in February are the 8th and 15th.



WE HAD AN AWESOME 2014!

2014 Coat Ministry: This was a very active year for our coat ministry. During November, December, and January, 257 warm, winter, washable, coats and jackets were given away. Coats were given out during the Thanksgiving food distribution, with additional coats given out at the Thanksgiving dinner and two More than a Meal dinners. We will also be offering coats and jackets at the January and February More than a Meal dinners. Birthright was given over 30 little jackets. Individuals from some Mentor Schools, the city of Euclid, and Project Hope received coats. We also were able to help a disabled U. S. veteran.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this ministry through your time, your donations, and your efforts. If you know someone who is in need of a coat, please call the church office with the information. Please note that donations left in the Hope Chest box will go to the Hope Chest ministry once again. We will resume collecting coats in the Spring when the new addition is completed. Thanks for helping to keep others warm!

2014 Meals: Between our Thanksgiving Day dinner, our monthly More than a Meal, preparing Wednesday meals for Project Hope, we managed to feed over a thousand people by the end of November.

Christmas Offering 2014: This offering is up to over \$11,365 which provides ongoing relationships with Steffanie Suggs and the McCurdy Ministries in Espanola, New Mexico, Camphor Mission Station, and Lake County Community Network.

With the combined Camphor Mission Station Christmas offering and the generosity of people giving to the Camphor Mission salary support and the offering from the Charter Members Men's Choir Christmas Concert, we have enough for two salary payments for 2015!

Rice Bucket Challenge: We raised over \$7000 for relief in West Africa during this Ebola crisis.

Global Ministries Giving Tuesday, December 2nd: Globally they collected \$2,523,000 and one million of that was matched by Global Ministries! A huge success! 8758 financial gifts were shared among 781 projects around the world. Some people at Mentor UMC were a part of that effort.

WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE NEW YEAR . . .

A UMVIM team to McCurdy Ministries in New Mexico, September 27th—October 4th. There is still space for six more people. Contact Bill Mueller at muellerbc@earthlink.net.

Relationships with **Woodlawn Community** through tutoring; cooking for and volunteering at **Project Hope**; **YSP** traveling to Michigan; **Middle School Mission Week**, and more.

SAVE THE DATE: HELP STOP HUNGER NOW!

Saturday, May 16th, we will be hosting a Stop Hunger Now event to put together meals for Christ's people around the world. This is an event open to the community for anyone from 5 to 105! Please be the hands and feet of Christ as we raise awareness for this event. Watch for more information to come!

MUMC FOOD MINISTRY: There was a waterline break in the kitchen area due to the recent frigid weather and it affected our Food Pantry. The line is fixed and the shelves cleaned up but we lost a significant amount of food. After the holidays, we are still faced with hungry people right here in Lake County. Your food donations are needed now more than ever.

For the month of January we were asking for paper towels and toilet paper, in addition to those items we can use your food donations as well to replace some of what was lost. Any and all donations are always greatly appreciated.

I Helped to Support Camphor Mission and I Got This Great T-Shirt!

You can too! Please check out a new fundraising web store that gives 100% of the net proceeds to Camphor Mission! You can buy t-shirts and tote bags for your enjoyment or designate your purchase to go directly to the people of Camphor Mission.

Visit www.causefortshirts.com/support_camphor_mission or scan this code with your smart phone. Thanks for your support!



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Explore the basics of the Christian faith with leaders Pastor Bev and Steve Wrobel. There will be five classes meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

There is no cost for attending, but class size is limited so registration is required. Child care is available. Meeting dates: Tuesdays—March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

To register call Pastor Bev at 440-255-3496, ext. 14 or email her at blwrobel@mentorumc.org. Please let her know if child care will be required — ages of the children.



ASBURY FELLOWSHIP sponsored

VALENTINE DINNER & PROGRAM

**Saturday, February 14th
Fellowship Hall**

5:30 p.m. Appetizers . 6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 Program

Asbury Fellowship invites you to join us for our annual Valentine Dinner. A musical program will be presented by Gary & Peggy Streiff.

Dinner choices are: Prime Rib, Salmon En Croute or Rolled Pork with Cider Gravy. Cost is \$20 per person. Tickets are available at the Welcome Center January 25th, February 1st & 8th. For more information or questions, contact Jim and Mary Lou Haines at 1-440-255-2287.



Order Your
Easter Flowers

TIME TO PLACE YOUR EASTER FLOWER ORDER

This year we are offering lilies, tulips, hydrangeas, and hyacinths. The prices are as follows:

- Tulip or lily \$7
- Hyacinths \$7
- Hydrangea \$9

Please send your order along with your check to The Altar Guild, c/o Mentor United Methodist Church, 8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor OH 44060.

The Altar Guild will also have a table set up at the Welcome Center on Sunday, March 1st, 8th & 15th with forms to order plants. **The last day to order will be March 18th**, so we can place our order and they can be delivered for Easter.

Your plants may be picked up after the 11 a.m. service on Easter morning.

Please indicate how many you want:

_____ Tulip _____ Lily _____ Hyacinth _____ Hydrangea

(PLEASE PRINT NAMES)

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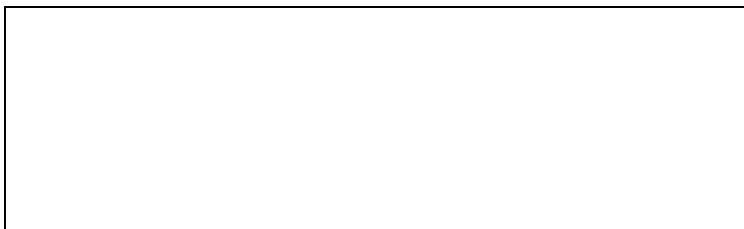
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



WORSHIP

SANCTUARY Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.

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

COMMUNION — 10:40 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

CHILDREN

CHILDCARE — 9 & 11 a.m.
For infants—2 year old
Adams Parlor

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9 & 11 a.m.

3 & 4 Yr. Olds check-in and remain in Room 105/107
in Education Wing; **3rd Graders** will check-in and
remain in Room 108/110 in Education Wing;
K-6th Grade (MINUS 3rd Grade) will check-in
and remain in Chapel.

Family Worship (1st Sunday of month)
3 & 4 Year Olds—Adams Parlor
K-6th Grade remain in worship



February 18, 2015

Chapel open for
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

6:00 a.m. — 8:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. — Sanctuary

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