

STEEPLETALK

June 2015



June 15th will mark the call to order of the 46th session of the East Ohio Annual Conference. Dating back to the merger that created the United Methodist Church, the East Ohio Annual Conference has gathered for the annual session where reports are heard, ordination services are conducted, actions are taken, and the community gathers for worship. Church leaders and pastors from the eastern 1/3 of the state assemble at Lakeside, OH. One of the events of the Annual Conference is the "fixing" of appointments by the resident bishop. Pastors, who are members of the Annual Conference, are assigned and appointed to serve congregations and special ministry settings.

At the time of this writing it is anticipated that Bishop John Hopkins will appoint our pastoral team back to serve the Mentor United Methodist Church. Each of us considered it an honor to serve this congregation upon our initial appointment, and each subsequent year.

This year's appointment will look a bit different with Pastor Jon Wilterdink extending his appointment to serve the Shoregate UMC in Willowick, while continuing to serve at Mentor and Hope Ridge UMC's.

When pastors are appointed, we are called to serve the mission field. Our mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Some understanding on how we work together as a pastoral team, especially in light of Pastor Jon's changes, might be helpful.

Pastor Kurt Landerholm and Pastor Jon are appointed as lead pastors to Mentor UMC and Shoregate UMC respectively. The lead pastor is the pastor in charge. With the role of lead pastor comes the responsibility to order the life of the congregation.

The position of pastor is a call to preach and lead worship, give administrative oversight, provide pastoral care, and all other matters of ministry and mission.

Associate pastors are those appointed to a church other than as the pastor in charge. Specific titles that reflect the job descriptions and expectations of associate pastors are encouraged.

In addition to being the lead pastor at Shoregate, Pastor Jon will continue to serve Mentor UMC as the associate pastor of outreach, discipleship and shared ministry. In addition to preaching monthly, he will continue to give leadership and consultation to outreach and discipleship at Mentor UMC, and in a particular way, work with shared ministry with Hope Ridge and Shoregate.

Pastor Quincy Wheeler is the associate pastor of modern worship and evangelism. He functions in the roles of preaching and worship leadership, and pastoral care while giving special attention to iConnect and evangelism.

Pastor Bev Wrobel is the associate pastor of pastoral care and counseling. Her function is to provide worship leadership, pastoral care, counseling, and preaching as needed.

Pastor Kathy Dickriede is the associate pastor of missions. She, like Pastor Jon, is shared with another appointment as a special mission coordinator/consultant with the Annual Conference. Here at Mentor UMC Pastor Kathy gives oversight to missions, and offers preaching, worship leadership, and pastoral care while also assuming her role serving all the churches in the Annual Conference.

Together, we are the pastoral team at Mentor UMC. In the strong connectional system of the United Methodist Church, we are connected as pastors to other congregations. We all work together to help lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

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Work is continuing to be done in the areas of electrical, plumbing, painting, floor prep and carpentry. The ceiling panels are being placed and floor preparations made. Glass installation is nearing completion. Some final drywall is being completed. Restroom floors have been installed.

In the coming weeks new floor installation will continue and window finishing will be completed. The new parking lot will be prepared and the base asphalt installed. Casework and flooring are on order with delivery at various times in May through July. Much of the work should be completed this month but occupancy will be determined by the completion of the whole job to the various areas. The project projections estimate the completion of the Education Wing first, followed by the east entrance/nursery/toddler space in June. The rest is projected by July.

Careful monitoring of construction costs continues.

2015 has been an exciting time in the life of the church! Our renovation is in the final stages of completion, and our initial In **THIS** House Capital Campaign for the renovation will be coming to an end on October 31st, 2015. Please seek to fulfill your commitments over the next six months. The receipt of the pledged amounts is critical to securing a lower and more manageable mortgage. As we follow through on our personal pledge commitments, together we will accomplish our goal.

Please keep the church in your prayers. Thank you for your faithful financial support.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDED

Mentor United Methodist Church is looking for a Director of Youth Ministry. The person in this full-time position is responsible for carrying out the church mission to make Christ-centered disciples through developing and facilitating comprehensive youth programs for MUMC and the community.

This person must exhibit confidence, courtesy, cooperation, and most important confidentiality. Good communication, organizational skills, and proficiency with technology are important. It is preferred that this person has had 2-4 years of experience in an educational coordinator or leadership position or has had 3-5 years of work-related experience.

Resumes can be sent to: YouthDirectorPosition@mentorumc.org or mailed to Mentor UMC, 8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor OH 44060. Please respond by June 26th, 2015.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



Circulate the Love & Give Blood!

RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE
Saturday, June 13 - Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jordan Martin is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive to honor what would have been her grandmother's 69th birthday. With a goal of 69 pints of blood, she is asking for your participation. All donors will receive a "birthday treat bag".

Visit www.redcrossblood.org and type the word "birthday" in the zip code/sponsor code box to be directed to a link to sign up for a specific time.



COME & JOIN THE FUN!!

Hang out with some awesome kids as they learn about Jesus.

JUNE 22-26
9 a.m.— Noon

Sign up at mentorumc.org/summer-programs

HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Please join us at Heartland Rehab & Nursing Home on June 21st at 10:45 a.m. where we will present a brief worship service for the residents.

MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL



Free Community Dinner

We are grateful to Tammy Palermo's past and present Disciple classes for grilling our meal on May 30th. Our next meal will be held on Saturday, June 27th.

We have had several changes in our hosts and schedules for the remainder of the summer months. Please email Karen at dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net if you are still interested in hosting an upcoming meal over the summer or during the fall months.



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY
NEED A RIDE?
PROVIDE A RIDE?

If you are in need of a ride or are able to provide a ride for others, please contact Bev Lee at 440 256-2541.

THROUGH THE YEARS

The following article was submitted by Glenn McKinney about our beloved Murray Blue. We thank him for this contribution to Through the Years.

The story began in 1995 when Mentor United Methodist purchased the property at 7427 Murray Avenue in May with the intent to turn it into a home for our senior pastor, Rev. Dick Lehto and his wife, Eleanore. I (Glenn McKinney) had been appointed to Trustees in May and was absent for my first meeting (vacation). On my return, I was notified that in my absence I had been appointed to head up the job of getting it ready for the Lehto's to move into on their return from Annual Conference.

We (the church) would have exactly two weeks to get the job done (12 working days—we did not work on Sundays). Bev Lee, who chaired the Parsonage committee, agreed to recruit the help and I would get the materials, assign workers, and lay out the job plan for each day.

The house was in need of many updates per East Ohio Conference requirements. Most of the house was wall papered, the kitchen had been a porch at one time, and the plumbing and electrical needed upgrading.

The kitchen was completely gutted (ceiling & walls). An outside contractor was hired to do more than \$4000 worth of electrical work. New cabinets, lighting and appliances were added.

All papered walls were stripped, primed, and repapered. New floors were installed in the kitchen and utility room. Anything that didn't move was painted. Heating ducts had to be run for the second floor, and the basement was plumbed for wash tubs and a new "pump up" system installed for the basement bathroom.

Ground fault protection (GFP) devices were installed in several rooms (required by building code), the garage was refurbished, painted, and motion light installed and the air conditioner "reconditioned".

All in all, approximately 1,200 "man hours" were provided by some 100 volunteers. Several families also provided meals everyday to feed our workers.

The very last task that was done was the replacement of carpeting (100 yards) which was laid on the last day, finishing at midnight, Saturday. The Lehto's moved in on Monday. The total cost of the project was approximately \$18,000.

As a testament to the labors of so many volunteers, Eleanore Lehto declared once that Murray Blue had been her favorite home during their entire ministry.

We referred to this project as "The Miracle of Murray Blue" and all those who participated in this remarkable project agreed. And so, Murray Blue evolved from a house in need of work to a beautiful home for our pastors to a parking lot for our new church image. Some twenty year journey.

As a footnote to Glenn's story, following the Lehto's, the Revs. Gary & Peggy Streiff lived there followed by Rev. Dorothy Penny-Larter. The house was razed in 2014 as a training exercise for the Mentor Fire Department.

Thank you, Glenn, for sharing the story of Murray Blue.

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

Mr. Don Humphrey
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Concord OH 44060-6704

Or you can email him at dhumphrey@ameritch.net.

FINANCE UPDATE

YTD through APRIL 30, 2015

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| Receipts | \$304,252 |
| Disbursements | 312,507 |
| Deficit | (\$8,255) |

**Electronic giving is available online at
www.mentorumc.org**



Summer Worship Option . . .

Beginning Thursday, June 11th to the last Thursday in August, the church offers a 5th worship opportunity with an 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening service. Perhaps travel or some summer activity will put you away 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 fellowship and worship.

KNOW

- **Sunday School for JUNE**
 - Babies and Toddler/2 year olds meet in the Adams Parlor
 - 3 & 4 year olds (as of September 1 & toilet trained) meet in Room 105
 - Kindergarten through 5th grade will meet in the Chapel
 - 6th grade will remain in worship with their families
 - Family Worship is FIRST Sunday of the month and K-4th graders remain in worship with their families; a special KidMin bulletin is available at check-in
 - <http://mentorumc.org/sunday-school>

GROW

- **SUMMER PROGRAM DATES**
 - Vacation Bible School — June 22-26
 - Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp — June 22-26
 - Theatre Arts Camp — July 20-24 AND 27-31
 - www.mentorumc.org/summer-programs

SHOW

- **Sunday School Leadership sign up**
 - www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school
- **Summer Program Leadership sign up**
 - www.mentorumc.org/children

NEWSLETTER & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:
www.mentorumc.org/children



Thanks to any and all of you who made my 90th birthday so very special. The flowers, balloons, gifts, cards and all the hugs really made my day!

— Janette Kester

The family of Jacque Haines would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the members of Mentor United Methodist Church for their prayers, expressions of love and support during Jacque's illness and our grief following his passing. You are truly the body of Christ. The pastors who visited lifted our spirits and kept us going.

Carol Haines
Laurie and Mitch Babcock,
Ted, Cori
Jeff and Stephanie Haines, Andrew Haines,
Shannon McCrone
Jim and Mary Lou Haines



RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE

We will hold our Annual Picnic & Bingo Event at Veterans Park, Hopkins Road, Mentor, Tuesday, June 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a sandwich for lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Bingo prizes should be food item in a paper bag! All women of the church are invited to join us.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR WORKSHOPS

We are starting up our workshops for the 2015 Gingerbread House Craft Fair. Join us any Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 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. If you have questions, call Kathy Fellows at 255-5899.

SMALL GROUP OFFERINGS

Summer book discussions open to all who are interested! Enjoy a good summer read and get together to share insights and talk about the issues presented in these reading experiences:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee—Wednesday, June 10th at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander—Thursday, July 9th at 1 p.m. in the Chapel.

Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (will be released July 14th) — Tuesday, August 4th at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.

S.A.L.T.

We are a singles ministry for those in their twenties and thirties. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Robyn Sadler at robsad79@gmail.com or give her a call at 440 479-2803.

EAST OHIO UMC Disaster Relief

UMCOR is responding to the recent earthquakes in Nepal. Donations to support the response to this disaster can be made through UMCOR Advance #982450. checks can be made out to MUMC—mark the advance number and Nepal on the memo line please.



ASBURY FELLOWSHIP sponsored RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, July 11th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We will be holding a planning meeting on Monday, June 8th in Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to take part in this important fundraising event can join us. This is a major effort and it takes a lot of “hands” to make it a success. Sign up sheets will also be available outside Fellowship Hall by the Welcome Center.

Set-up begins on Sunday, July 6th and continues through Friday, July 10th. We need people to help with set-up, pricing items, helping people when they drop off items, and picking up larger items (if you have a truck and can donate some time during the week—day or evening for picking up larger items we sure can use you!). We also need people who can help pick up those larger items. On the day of the sale, we need workers to help customers, check-out and help people get their purchases to their cars. We have something for everyone — work for a few hours, days, or all week. It’s a great way to meet new people, too. If you have questions, contact Jim and Mary Lou Haines at 440-255-2287.



MISSION MINISTRY

THANK YOU for your generous support to help STOP HUNGER NOW!

We reached our goal of \$8700! Many thanks to all who donated money, volunteered to help pack 30,000 meals, helped with childcare, and logistics to make this event run smoothly and successfully.

The mission of Stop Hunger Now is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world’s most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

2015 Confirmation Class

These young people were welcomed into the membership of Mentor United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 17th.

Roxanna Ray Beers

Anita Muro (grandmother)

Elizabeth Ann Busch

John & Joan Busch

Annika Marie Carlson

Robert & Kathleen Carlson

Gabriel Anthony Gainar

Ronald & Victoria Gainar

Hannah Kate Gingrich

Matt & Andrea Gingrich

Jaron Neil Grantz

Neil & Stephanie Grantz

Ashley Elizabeth Hensel

Clyde & Betsy Hensel

Katherine Jeane Lowe

Thomas & Dawn Lowe

Nathan Christopher Lowe

Thomas & Dawn Lowe

James Mansperger

Joel & Jenny Mansperger

Eliana Morgan Palermo

Michael & Tammy Palermo

Benjamin Christopher Stansbrey

Robert Stansbrey & Grace Leach

William Robert Stansbrey

Robert Stansbrey & Grace Leach

Nolan Heath Vernon

Lorne & Sue Vernon

Katherine Nancy Weaver

Harry & Sara Weaver

Samuel Oliver Williams

Steve & Nancy Williams

Audrey Joan Woledge

Bradley & Pamela Woledge

Dillon Bradley Woledge

Bradley & Pamela Woledge

Confirmation Guides

Lauren Ring

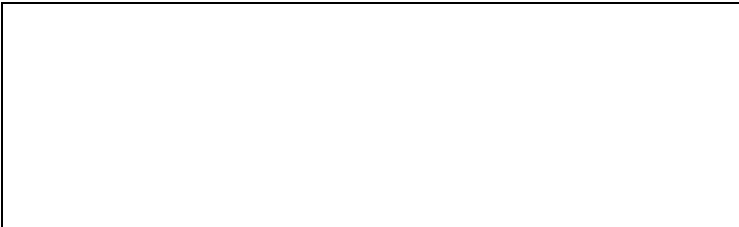
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



WORSHIP

SANCTUARY Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.
iCONNECT Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
Thursday Evening — 8 p.m. (starts June 11th)

COMMUNION — 10:30 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
in Education Wing; **K-5th Grade** will meet in Chapel;
6th grade workshops with their families.

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

**Seron
Podcasts**

If travel, work or illness takes you away from worship, or perhaps you need to listen again, sermons are now available on podcast. Visit the church website at www.mentorumc.org and follow the worship link and the sermon tab. Once there, you can access a message in either the Sanctuary or iConnect. If you select “subscribe”, the next available message will be automatically available to you.



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**SANCTUARY**
Rooted in Tradition, Growing in Christ

**iCONNECT**
relevant, relational, real