

# STEEPLETALK

MAY 2015



## “Baptism, Confirmation and Church Membership”

On April 19th new members were taken into church membership. On May 17th, through confirmation, another class of young adults will become church members. These are special days in the life of the congregation. Perhaps a little understanding of these activities would be helpful.

**Baptism** -- Throughout the year we practice baptism in the local church. In the UMC people of all ages, most especially infants and children are brought forward for baptism because we believe it is first about who God is, what God has done, and what God will continue to do in the life of the child. In baptism, parents and congregation promise to nurture the child as he or she grows in grace. We only baptize once and we recognize and celebrate the baptism of other faiths. In baptism, a journey is begun. The journey is a gift initiated by God. It is a journey that is not meant to be traveled alone, but nurtured by parents and the community of faith.

**Confirmation** — The process of confirmation flows out of United Methodist theology that emphasizes the need for repentance, justifying grace, and conversion. Confirmation ties together God's act in Christ and our response in faith.

Confirmation is an act of the Holy Spirit by which we ask the Holy Spirit to work in us, helping us to be disciples. During confirmation we give thanks for and confirm what God has already done in baptism, and what God is doing within us in particular. We pray over each person confirmed, “...the Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship as all true disciples of Jesus Christ.”

Like most United Methodist congregations, our preparation for confirmation begins when youth enter 7th grade or later. This is the age when young people begin to move from concrete thinking to abstract thinking and is when many people begin to make lifelong faith decisions. During these middle school/junior high years, youth are seeking a sense of belonging. Belonging to the community of faith is an appropriate response to that developmental task. Formal confirmation classes begin in the fall and last through most of the school year. Upon personal interviews with the pastors and youth director, if deemed ready, they will be confirmed.

**Church Membership** — A pastor and church can urge that anyone wishing to become a member participate in an orientation to the new local church. In the Mentor UMC, adults prepare for baptism and membership in small group settings called “The Basics.” These adult classes focus on fundamentals of faith, the history and beliefs of The United Methodist Church and local church history/workings.

When anyone becomes a professing member of a local church, he or she is a professing member of The United Methodist Church and of the universal church of Jesus Christ. No further ritual action is required, except for reception in the local church pledging to support it with their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Why should I be a member? That's a good question. It is important to answer that question with a clear understanding that membership is not a privilege as much as it is a responsibility. Yes, membership does offer opportunities to serve in committee leadership and vote on important issues. But membership brings responsibility. For one, members are called to serve, not be served. With membership we relinquish some privileges, e.g. visitor parking. Membership brings a new level of expectation. Faithful discipleship includes the obligation to participate in the corporate life of the congregation with fellow members of the body of Christ. Membership steps this up by calling us to the sacred covenant to shoulder the burdens, share the risks, and celebrate the joys of fellow members.

As we celebrate, and continue to celebrate these special days, we give thanks to God for the gift of those who enter into baptism and church membership.

— Pastor Kurt

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Drywall finishing is complete, with only small clean-up areas remaining. Wall priming is completed and finish painting has begun. The drop ceiling grid is being installed. Roofing, plumbing, and electrical subcontractors continue to make progress.

HVAC work and light fixture installation will be completed when the ceiling grids are installed. Casework and flooring have been ordered with delivery at various times in May and June. Much of the work should be completed in May, but occupancy will be determined by the completion of the whole job. The project time projections estimate the completion of the Education Wing by May 1. June 1 is the projection for the east entrance/nursery/toddler space. The rest is projected by July.

Please note the date of May 2nd for spreading top soil. We are seeking volunteers to assist in this work (check out the special announcement in this newsletter for more information).

Careful monitoring of construction costs continue.

Your continued patience with construction and inconveniences are deeply appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of the project through pledges and contributions.



Our church will be hosting a summer intern. The internship gives an opportunity for persons considering pastoral ministry to explore ministry in real time.

Nick Gliha will begin his service on Sunday, May 17th. He is from Lakewood, OH and is a member of the Cove United Methodist Church. He attended Trinity High School and is a junior at Youngstown State University majoring in religious studies. He is on the university track team and has also run cross country.

Nick will shadow the pastors and spend time with the ministry staff as well. He will be a familiar face at children and youth activities. Nick will also participate in summer mission opportunities. You will find him present at committee meetings and just about every area of the church ministry, including pastoral care and worship leadership.

He will commute from his parent's home in Lakewood, but will be around for meals during the week. Please consider hosting him for a meal sometime during the summer.

His eight week internship will end in early August.

## SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES



**MARK THIS DATE  
ON YOUR CALENDAR!!**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
(or any part you can work)**

**We will be working on church landscaping.** Power equipment will be on hand to move a huge pile of top soil to various islands and flower beds around the church property. The goal is to have the entire area prepared for plantings and grass seeding. We are seeking to transform our exterior from the construction/remodel look to a beautiful and welcoming presentation.

**Bring your shovels, rakes, and wheel barrows; and come prepared to dress up our exterior.**

**Many hands will make this a fun and fast project. We need as many workers as possible. If you have questions, call the church office at 440-255-3496.**

## HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Please join us at Heartland Rehab & Nursing Home on May 17th at 10:45 a.m. where we will present a brief worship service for the residents.

## MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL



*Free Community Dinner*

Thank you to all who have hosted a meal during the (almost) two years that we have been offering this ministry at MUMC! We are grateful to the Girl Scouts for hosting the meal on April 25th and Tammy Palermo's past and present Disciple classes grilling on May 30th. We have had several changes in our hosts and schedules for the remainder of the summer months. We ask you to please email Karen at [dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net) if you are still interested in hosting an upcoming meal over the summer or during the fall months.



*Blood Drive*

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE  
Saturday, June 13th**

**Mark your calendars now! Jordan Martin will be hosting a blood drive in memory of her grandmother, Nancy Sanker, on what would have been her 69th birthday. She donated faithfully, every 56 days, throughout her entire life.**

**Come be a part of this celebration of life  
— Circulate the Love & Give Blood!!**

## THROUGH THE YEARS

Most ministers in the United Methodist Church pursue one of two career paths. They are either Elders or Deacons. Unlike the terms that are used in other denominations, United Methodist elders and deacons are ordained clergy with a lifetime service of ministry. An elder is called to the ministry of Word, sacrament, and order. They are typically appointed to administer the life of the local church. They are ordained to share the two sacraments of the United Methodist Church, baptism and holy communion. Elders must have a Master's of Divinity degree from an approved seminary. They are itinerant, meaning they can be moved from church to church within the conference by the Bishop. Their main responsibility is preaching.

Deacons often have a Master's of Divinity degree but could have a Master's in another field. They are called to the ministry of Word and to service. Deacons assist with the sacraments. Deacons are often called to a specialized area of ministry such as counseling, youth, education, missions, or chaplaincy. They are not itinerant and find their own place of employment and are then appointed there by the Bishop.

Following graduation, both Elders and Deacons come before a conference board to be approved for provisional status. After two years, provisional clergy go back before the conference board to be approved for full ordination. They are ordained at Annual Conference and are then considered in "full connection" with the church. Elders and Deacons are members of the conference they belong to and are not members of the local church they serve.

There is a third category of United Methodist clergy, it is Licensed Local Pastor. They are appointed by the bishop to serve a specific church. The LLP can perform the sacraments at that local church only. The status for local pastor must be renewed each year by the District Committee on Ministry and the bishop's appointment. They must go through a licensing school and have twelve years to complete a course of study, or be a seminary graduate. Elders, Deacons, and LLP can all perform marriages and funerals.

Pastor Kurt Landerholm is an Elder. Pastors Beverly Wrobel and Kathy Dickriede are Deacons. Pastor Jon Wilterdink is a Provisional Elder and Pastor Quincy Wheeler will be commissioned as a Provisional Elder at Annual Conference in June. A key distinction between an Elder and Deacon is their stoles. An Elder wears a stole around the neck that hangs straight. They Deacon wears a stole (sash) at an angle off the left shoulder. Provisional members (Elder or Deacon) do not wear stoles until they are fully ordained. We are certainly thankful for all the effort and dedication these servants of God bring to our church.

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

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Or you can email him at [dhumphrey@ameritech.net](mailto:dhumphrey@ameritech.net).

### **CELEBRATE NEW LIFE – PROJECT HOPE**

**New Life Dinner and Auction  
May 8th — 6 p.m.**

**St. Noel Banquet Center—Willoughby Hills**

**Please join us for this event which will feature SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS**, the presentation of the Blessings Award, and testimonies. This dinner is the largest fundraising event for Project Hope, helping to support shelter operations and providing shelter and care, free-of-charge to shelter guests. You can make a difference!

- Donate a basket for the silent or live auction
- Purchase a program book advertisement or dinner seats
- Sponsor the event!
- Come to the event!

For more information, to be a sponsor, or to reserve your seat: email [development@projecthopeonline.org](mailto:development@projecthopeonline.org) or call 440-354-6417, ext. 105. **If you are interested in sitting at a table of Mentor UMC folk, call the church office at 255-3496.**

### **LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY NETWORK'S**

## **CHINESE AUCTION**

**Friday, May 29th**

**St. Gabriel Church Multi-Purpose Room  
9925 Johnnycake, Concord**

**Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Drawing begins at 7 p.m.**

Admission is \$15 per person. Admission price includes chance at door prize & 10 tickets. Children under 12 get in free. For tickets call 440 954-9932, 440 946-9029 or email [lccnohio@gmail.com](mailto:lccnohio@gmail.com).

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the sale of food will benefit Faith Community Church. (No outside food or beverages please.)

Proceeds from the auction benefit Lake County Community Network (LCCN) - "Helping one another help others".

**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
  - . **Friday, May 1 is TBD**
  - . **Wednesday, May 6**—making dinner for Project Hope, 4-7 p.m.
  - . **Friday, May 15—Hello/Goodbye Party, 7-9 p.m.**
  - . [www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56](http://www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56)
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group
  - . **Stop Hunger Now All-Church event Saturday, May 16**
  - . [www.mentorumc.org/generations](http://www.mentorumc.org/generations)
- **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](http://www.mentorumc.org/summer-programs)
- **MOPS & MOMSnext Monthly Meeting**
  - . **MOPS:** "Courage to Cook with Kids"
  - . **MOMSnext:** "Courage to Try"
  - . Friday, May 8 from 9:30 a.m.—Noon at MUMC
  - . [www.mentorumc.org/mops](http://www.mentorumc.org/mops)

**SHOW**

- **Sunday School Leadership sign up**
  - . [www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)
- **Summer Program Leadership sign up**
  - . [www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)

**FINANCE UPDATE**

**YTD through MARCH 2015**

Receipts	\$229,464
Disbursements	230,467
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**Electronic giving is available online at**  
[www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)

**NEW DAY CIRCLE:** We will be screening the DVD program **Domestic Violence: What Churches Can Do on Monday, May 11th from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.** Please contact Carole Ring at 255-7213 or [umw@mentorumc.org](mailto:umw@mentorumc.org) if you have questions or need additional information. All women are welcome!

**RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE:** Our next meeting is **May 12th at 9:30 a.m.** Come for a time of fellowship and refreshments. All women are welcome to join us.

**SMALL GROUP OFFERINGS**

**Galatians**

**Science Experiment in Early Christianity**

Join Pastor Quincy for a four-week journey through the book of Galatians, the first letter Paul wrote to the early church. Study will meet Thursdays at 7 p.m., May 7, 14, 21, 28. Call the office at 440 255-3496 or email [qwheeler@mentorumc.org](mailto:qwheeler@mentorumc.org) to sign-up. (Childcare will be made available, if needed).

**S.A.L.T.**

We are a singles ministry for those in their twenties and thirties. Recently, we were doing a study of Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Robyn Sadler at [robsad79@gmail.com](mailto:robsad79@gmail.com) or give her a call at 440 479-2803.



**FRIDAY, MAY 1st**  
**7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

**VOICES RAISED & AUDIENCE OF ONE: Free community evening of worship. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

You are invited to come and experience how much God loves us through music and the Word. God is our Anchor and stronghold for our lives. He never changes and in Him we are made new.



There are still a few openings for players on our teams in the Lake County Church League. Practice has begun. Game nights are Mondays and Wednesdays in May, June and July (playoffs in August). Interested ball players should contact Brian Bly at 440 463-



## CHANGE THE WORLD 2015 Stop Hunger Now Coming May 16th!

On Saturday, May 16th, Mentor United Methodist Church will be hosting a Stop Hunger Now mobile packing event as part of Change the World 2015. The event requires 150 volunteers over two 2-hour shifts to pack 30,000 highly nutritious dehydrated meals.

You can participate in this exciting event by volunteering to serve on May 16th. Sign up on line at [www.mentorumc.org/current/stop-hunger-now](http://www.mentorumc.org/current/stop-hunger-now). You can also sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or call Carole Ring at 440-255-7213.

**Times:** 9:00 to 11:00, packing 15,000 meals  
11:00 to 1:00, packing 15,000 meals  
1:00 to 3:00, clean up

**Through your generosity, to-date MUMC has raised  
\$5781.12 towards our pledged goal of \$8700.**

We have pledged the \$8700 towards the meals themselves and their transportation to and from our church. If you haven't turned in your "Sock It to Hunger" sock from Lent you can still leave it in the offering plate or Church Office. Additional donations can be made by check. Be sure to mark in the memo area that it is for Stop Hunger Now. You can also make an online donation by going to our website at [www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org).



SHN collaborates with existing development efforts in vulnerable communities to provide meals to places such as schools, orphanages, nurseries and medical clinics. Each six-serving bag packaged by volunteers includes rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix with 21 essential vitamins and minerals and has a shelf-life of two years. Find out more about SHN at [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org).

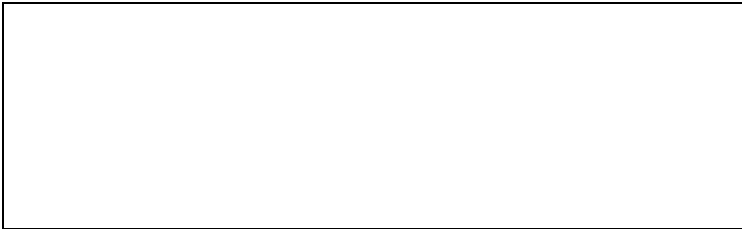
### Ways to Change the World . . .

- Go do a rake and run, rake the yard for someone and leave before they know it is you!
- Go to a nursing home for a visit
- Go take a meal to someone recently home from the hospital or going through a hard time
- Go for a walk around your neighborhood or work place and say a prayer for the people who live and work there
- Be a part of sharing faith with others
- Be a blessing to a stranger
- Be a part of Middle School Mission Week, participant or adult mentor (contact Lauren Ring)
- Be a tutor at Woodlawn Community Center in Painesville ([www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org))
- Do send a note to someone listed in the bulletin as at home or in a nursing home/rehab
- Do educate yourself about domestic violence or human trafficking and get involved in the work of advocacy
- Do call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time & let them know you are thinking about them
- Do check out <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas>

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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



**STEEPLETALK**  
**Deadline**  
**For JUNE Issue**  
**May 6**



**Mother's Day Weekend**  
**May 8—9—10**  
**MUMC East Front Parking Lot**  
**Friday 12 p.m.—7 p.m.**  
**Saturday 9 a.m.—7 p.m.**  
**Sunday Morning**  
**Hanging Baskets—Hanging Bags—Planters**

Proceeds from the sale will support the Youth  
Service Project (YSP) trip to Northport, Michigan



**Asbury Fellowship sponsored**  
**RUMMAGE SALE**

**No you didn't miss it!**  
**We had to change the date this year**  
**so hang on to your "treasures" just a**  
**little longer.**

**SATURDAY, JULY 11th**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

This is an **ALL-CHURCH VENTURE** and we will need  
all of your help from set-up beginning Sunday evening  
July 5th through the sale on Saturday, July 11th. Pro-  
ceeds from this sale go to support church projects &  
programs.