

STEEPLETALK

AUGUST 2016



The ebb and flow of church life takes us from season to season and from event to event. I have used farming as a metaphor: there are seasons for planting, weeding and harvesting; there are events like calving and a well-timed rain. Certainly the big dates stand out on the church calendar, e.g. Christmas and Easter, and seasons like Advent and Lent. But some of the lesser known and quieter events are very important. One of those is the Sunday we present Bibles.

Why is the Bible so important to the Christian and for young children learning to read? There are several reasons. First, this is no ordinary book. The Bible is God's Word, God's love letter to us, and the Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation. The Bible is too important to not be read. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*All scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*" (II Timothy 3:16). This love letter is revealed from Genesis to Revelation, and in the best known verse of the Bible, "*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*" (John 3:16)

Second, the Bible is our owner's manual. It gives us instruction and perspective on how we should live. To seek to be a Christian without using the Bible would be like attempting to fly a plane without the flight manual. Again the words of Paul come to mind, "*...useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness...*" How do we know how we should live? It's found in the Scriptures.

Third, the Bible helps us learn about God. Through the Scriptures we learn about God's character and attributes. It tells us that God is holy, all powerful, righteous, and just; that God is loving, merciful, gracious, patient, and faithful. We will get to know God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through the revelation of the Scriptures, and through our growing knowledge faith and trust will come easier.

Fourth, the Scriptures will provide for us truth in a world that promotes many confusing and even harmful messages. In a world that sends out a barrage of messages, how will we know what is right or correct. It comes by knowing the real truth so that we can better understand the counterfeit.

I celebrate the distribution of Bibles to our children (August 21st), and I affirm that they are used in Sunday School and Confirmation (all year long), and that our young people are being introduced to the eternal truths.

But learning and reading from the Scriptures is not for a season in life, no, in God's agricultural world we need to make it a life-time companion. We need to keep our nose in the Book and continue to grow in both what we know the Bible says and to know the God of the Bible. Likewise, our study and reading of the Scriptures should not be confined to church; they should be shared at home with our children and for our own spiritual nurture.

Some of the sweetest words of the Bible are found in Psalm 119:1-7, 43, 72, 105. Read these, they are a good place to begin.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR WORKSHOPS

The 2016 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.



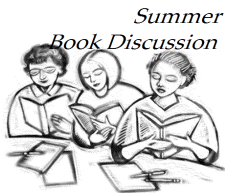
Thank you for your generous support of the Christmas in July supply drive. Thousands of local students and families will be served again this year at the Lake County Back to School Bash sponsored by the Salvation Army in Painesville.

You are invited to join us as we visit the Salvation Army to pack school supply bags on Monday, August 1st, from 9 a.m. until noon. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the Salvation Army. We will return by 12:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Carole Ring at 255-7213 or umw@jmentorunc.org.



Girls ages 8 to 108 are invited to join in an evening meal, fun, and mission on Sunday, August 14th from 5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Zahia "Susan" Hodali will speak to us about culture and life as a Muslim living in America. We will also have several hands-on mission projects to participate in.

This free event is sponsored by Mentor United Methodist Women. Please contact Carole Ring (255-7213) if you have questions or would like transportation. We hope you will join us for this special night out!



TUESDAY MORNING SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, August 16th
Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love by William H. Willimon

Tolerate one another. Wait. Isn't that supposed to be *love* one another? It's one thing to genuinely love people who are more or less the same as we are, but what about those who are not only strangers, but people who live completely different lives? Reliable spiritual guide Will Willimon invites you to look more closely at the gospel's command to love — because to genuinely love those considered to be "Other," or outside the mainstream Christian culture, may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do.

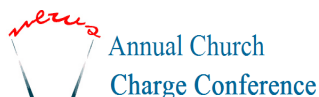
The Summer Book Discussion is held in the Adams Parlor at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Carole Ring at 255-7213 or umw@mentorunc.org if you have questions regarding these book discussions. **All are welcome to join us!**

SERVANT OPPORTUNITY

HOPE CHEST: They are in dire need of new or gently used towels. Your donations can be put in the Hope Chest Box located in the Atrium next to the doors to Fellowship Hall.

HOPE CHEST VOLUNTEERS are needed to help on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will be working with great volunteers and the store surroundings are very pleasant. If you would be interested in volunteering at Hope Chest, please call or email Joan Lancaster at (440) 354-2981 or jrlanc@aol.com.

Hope Chest is located at 1 Victoria Place, Painesville. Their mission is to distribute new or gently used clothing, linens, and small household goods to those in need **free of charge**. This organization is solely operated by volunteers.



Our annual charge conference will be held on Sunday, October 30th at 1:30 p.m. in MUMC Sanctuary.

THROUGH THE YEARS

The term apostolic succession is used in various Christian denominations referring to how ministerial authority is derived. Churches such as the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Church can show a line of succession from their current clergy back to the apostles of Christ.

The United Methodist Church traces its roots back to John Wesley. While Rev. Wesley attempted to reform the Anglican Church, and always considered himself an Anglican, he eventually started the movement that became the Methodist Episcopal Church. Wesley's new church, (Methodist Episcopal) in the United States needed leaders to administer the sacraments and lead worship services. Rev. Wesley consecrated Thomas Coke as the first superintendent of this church movement in 1784. Supt. Coke consecrated Francis Asbury that same year. Rev. Asbury took the title of Bishop and bishops have lead the Methodist church ever since. Both Rev. Coke and Bishop Asbury began ordaining clergy to lead the ever increasing Methodist congregations.

Rev. Kurt Landerholm, our senior minister, was ordained by Bishop James Thomas in 1984. There is a plaque on a wall in Rev. Landerholm's office that tracts his line of succession. It starts with John Wesley and then goes to Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury in 1784. The remaining Bishops (with their year of election) is as follows: Elijah Hedding—1824, Levi Scott—1852, John Hamilton—1900, Willis King—1944, and James Thomas—1964.

While we celebrate the connection of all Methodist clergy to its founder, we should also celebrate the connection we Christians have to one another. Throughout the centuries, the bond we share in loving and worshipping our Lord, Jesus Christ, brings us joy and peace. May the love of Christ fill your hearts!

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

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. **If you have any questions**, please contact Rich & Katie Elwell at (440) 255-6794 or Don & Pat Humphrey at (440) 354-3833.

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

The church kitchen is available for preparing this meal.

Contact Nancy Leyden at nancyleyden@att.net for more information.

On the third Tuesday of every month from 6-6:30 p.m., Pastor Quincy leads a group who sing hymns, camp songs, worship songs and popular songs with a group of residents and consumers at Deepwood. They share the good news and a smile. If you're interested in being involved, please contact Pastor Quincy for more details—qwheeler@mentorunc.org.

More than a Meal — We are always in need of sponsors for the monthly meal held on the last Saturday of each month at MUMC. Our next meal will be August 27th at 5:30 p.m. Extra hands are always appreciated for set-up, starting at 4 p.m. through clean-up, which is usually around 7 p.m. Stop in, lend a hand, eat and visit with some of our guests. Contact Jim Post at mgr61111@aol.com.

American Red Cross — Emergency Request for Blood Donors! The Red Cross has a significant blood shortage and is issuing an emergency request for eligible blood and platelet donors. Every donation matters, as blood is being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Here's how you can help!

- . Visit sleevesup.redcrossblood.org and schedule an appointment with the Red Cross to donate blood or platelets if you are eligible.
- . Encourage those around you to donate blood in the coming days.

Other ways to schedule a blood donation appointment: visit us online, through the app or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

KNOW

- **Sunday School SUMMER Schedule**
 - Children 0-4 yrs.—Early Childhood area
 - **K-6th grade worship with their families**
 - www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

GROW

- **Bibles, Book Bags, and Bag Tags Sunday, August 21**
 - Third Graders receive their Bibles in the Sanctuary service at 9 a.m.
 - Third Graders receive their Bibles in iConnect at 11 a.m.
 - All students are invited to bring their book bags for a special blessing and will receive a bag tag

If you have a third grader and haven't received any information regarding the **Breakfast on August 20th & Bible Presentation on August 21st,, PLEASE CONTACT TAMMY ASAP!**

- **MOPS & MOMSnext 2016-17 KICK-OFF**
 - Veteran's Park on Friday, August 26 from 10 a.m. to noon

SHOW

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

CURRENT INFO & CHILD REGISTRATION FORMS:
www.mentorumc.org/children

CHOIR NEWS



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR A NEW CHOIR SEASON TO BEGIN!

First rehearsals:

Charter Members	August 4
Chancel Choir	September 8
Canticle Bells	September 8

New members are always welcome. Seriously...more than welcome! Questions? Contact Amy Bender, 255-3496, ext. 21 or abender@mentorumc.org.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED in July for Theatre Arts Camp! Our Theatre Arts Camp was a success thanks to our directors and helpers. Many thanks to all who attended our shows!

THANK YOU for all the cards, calls and visits during my recent recovery. Dee Smith

FINANCE NEWS

YTD through JUNE 2016

Receipts	\$490,457.
Disbursements	490,858.
Deficit	(401.)

Electronic giving is available online at
www.mentorumc.org



Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee

The Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee has received requests to end employment from Tracy Paroubek and Beverly Lodge.



Tracy has served for the past five years as the director of the Celebration Hand Bell Choir. The Committee is grateful for Tracy and her faithful leadership and direction of the choir.

Beverly has been serving as the Saturday office secretary and coordinator of weddings for over 18 years. She has helped guide countless couples through the planning of their weddings at Mentor UMC. The committee is grateful for Bev's attention to this important ministry of the church.

Please express your appreciation to Tracy and Beverly as you have the opportunity.

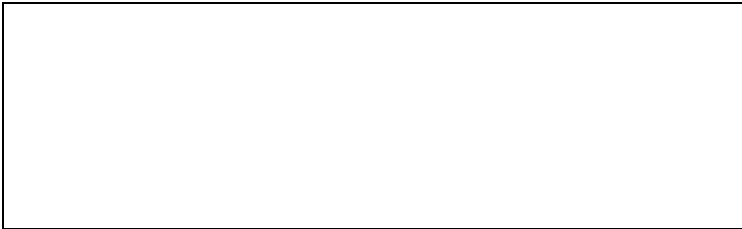


Wedding Coordinator Needed to provide direction, support, and Christ-like hospitality to the bride and groom in wedding planning. Primary responsibilities include meeting with and providing information to couples, and providing advance planning and scheduling for each wedding. Responsible for upholding and communicating the protocol and policies for weddings held at MUMC. Ideal candidates should be people-oriented, friendly, and easy to approach. Using confident leadership and strong people skills, they would exude a non-anxious presence knowing that they are interacting with people at an important time in life when anxieties and nerves may occasionally challenge. Candidates must be extremely organized, detail oriented and practice excellent communication skills. Hours are flexible. If you have interest in and would like more details about serving in this type of role, please send an email to Sherry Gallagher at gallagher691@gmail.com and include the best phone numbers where you can be reached. A modest stipend is provided.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



SUMMER WORSHIP OPTIONS . . .

During the summer months, we offer an additional worship opportunity with an 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening service. 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 fellowship and worship.

Shop Amazon & Donate to MUMC

We are now registered with AmazonSmile Foundation as a charitable organization. When you shop at smile.amazon.com 0.5% of the price of the eligible purchases are donated to MUMC. There is no cost to the church and no cost to you.

It is easy to get started visit smile.amazon.com and



**CHURCH & COMMUNITY PICNIC
Sunday, August 7, 3-6 p.m.
Garfield Park, Mentor Avenue, Mentor**

The fun begins at 3 p.m. with games that all ages can enjoy. Food will be served at 4 p.m. with the Church providing the hotdogs, beverages, and paper products.

You are invited to bring your favorite picnic food to share as well. Live music will follow.

All are welcome!

Invite your friends and neighbors, and enjoy connecting with others in our church family.



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