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July

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Life Changers are needed for SUMMER quarter

Why not sign up to help with our Sunday children's programs? Be a "Life Changer" as an adult or youth who helps children change their lives through the transformative grace of Jesus!

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who made our SUMMER PROGRAMS such an awesome success! These programs could not run without all the dedicated Life Changers who make them happen!



Additional Worship opportunity available throughout the summer!

Thursday evening Worship Services are being held in the Chapel each week and will run through August 30. The service begins at 7:30 PM. If your schedule will prevent attending a Sunday service, this is a great alternative. Hope to see you there!

iConnect Guest Preacher

Please join us for a very special iConnect Sunday on July 29. Jim Anderson, potter and owner of Farmhouse Stoneware and former pastor of Colebrook United Methodist Church, will present the sermon entitled "A Visit to the Potter's House". During the message, he uses his potter's wheel to share the message of God as the Great Potter. Jim will deliver the message in both the 9 AM and 11 AM iConnect services.



School Shoes Program

Consider donating a couple hours of your time on Saturday, July 28, to take a family living in Woodlawn Homes to purchase school shoes. Funds are supplied through Catalyst Ministries, but volunteers are needed to provide transportation. Catalyst Ministries requires 2 adult volunteers per car, but children are welcome.

Families are picked up at the Woodlawn Community Center in Painesville, the family is taken to Walmart in Mentor where shoes are selected and purchased, then the family is returned to Woodlawn Homes. If you are interested in participating please register on the Catalyst Ministry website, www.catalystministry.org, or fill out a paper form (available on the Sign Up Table). Registrations must be received by July 16. If you have questions please contact Neal Nelson at neal@catalystministry.org or 440-497-8506.

Occupy Youth - Fundraiser Youth Service Project

Thursday, July 12, Youth Service Project will be holding a fund raiser from 4 PM to 8 PM at Moe's Southwest Grill located at 9710 Mentor Avenue. (This is the location by Target and Kohl's, not by the mall). Flyers are needed to give the cashier and will be available at the Sign Up Table on Sunday, July 8.

From the Pastor

When one thinks of the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament, perhaps the first one to come to mind is Psalm 23. We often hear it read at funerals. One of the lines reads, "He (the Shepherd) restores my soul." (Psalm 23:3) That is exactly what the Psalms do for the reader, they restore our souls.

Psalms, a collection of lyrical poems, is a composite work containing multiple authors. Psalm 90 names the author as Moses. David was the biggest contributor. Solomon wrote a couple. Other lesser known personalities authored others.

The meaning of Psalms is "Praise Songs." That's what they are known as.

They were written over ten centuries dating from Moses to after the Babylonian exile. One of the best ways to understand the individual Psalms is to read them alongside other Old Testament books. For example, read Psalm 3 along with 2 Samuel 15 where David runs from his son Absalom. Another when David grieves over his sin with Bathsheba in Psalm 51 and 2 Samuel 11 and 12. Psalm 137 can be read in the context of the Babylonian exile in Daniel, and Psalm 126 in the return in Ezra and Nehemiah.

The psalms were the hymnal of Israel. They were poems often set to music. Some were personal, many were for corporate worship. In the New Testament the call was to worship God and share with each other with Psalms (Ephesians 5:19).

One of the main reasons we're drawn to the Psalms is because they are honest prayers invoking honest emotions. They express emotion about God or to God. Sometimes there is joy, other times there is lament, and surely there is fear and even anger. They are almost always a heartfelt cry to God. They ask questions. Clearly the Psalms teach us to see God, to have a heart of gratitude and praise. The Psalms give wisdom, declare victory, present the Law, and call us to worship.

The book of Psalms expresses worship. Throughout its many pages, the Psalms encourages its readers to praise God for who He is and what He has done. The Psalms illuminate the greatness of our God, affirm God's faithfulness to us in times of trouble, and remind us of the centrality of God's Word. The Psalms present a clear picture of God's loving guidance; praise and worship is central to the response of the Psalms. They help us see what hearts devoted to God look like, hearts that repent, change and serve.

During worship services during the month of July we'll be looking at some of the Psalms. In preparation and for your own spiritual renewal you might want to read Psalm 11, 23, and 42.

Have a blessed and restored July.

- Pastor Kurt

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July Prayer Focus - Nancy Landerholm

For July we will focus on the phrase "thy kingdom come" in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. Thy kingdom come is one of the most practical prayers to pray. When the kingdom of Jesus is born into hearts, families are healed (children nurtured in tender loving homes without all the drama and strife), hatred is replaced by love, getting is replaced by giving, unforgiveness replaced by forgiveness, and on and on we can go. During July pray that Jesus would become the king in your family and anticipate his answer to your sincere prayer.





Through The Years

This past month we celebrated the Ordination of Quincy Wheeler and the Commissioning of Jennifer Lam at Annual Conference. Quincy was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church, which puts him in full conference membership. Jennifer was commissioned as a Deacon in the church giving her provisional conference membership. Jennifer will now work for her ordination.

The subject is often brought up about the differences between an Elder and a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. The best explanation is the one used by the East Ohio Conference. Elders are called to an administrative role in a church. They administer the sacraments and also preach and teach the word. There are two sacraments in the Methodist Church, they are Baptism and Holy Communion. These were the two sacraments in which Jesus participated. Elders are considered generalists. They are also itinerant, meaning they can be moved by the Bishop as the need arises.

Deacons are considered specialists. While they also preach and teach the word, they are trained in areas like counseling, missions, visitation, and education just to name a few. Deacons find their own placement, usually with a church, and the Bishop appoints them to that position. Deacons are not itinerant.

Services such as weddings and funerals can be performed by either an Elder or a Deacon. We are blessed to have as Elders, Revs. Kurt Landerholm and Quincy Wheeler. We are also blessed with Deacons, Revs. Bev Wrobel and Bruce Becker.

The path to ordination in the United Methodist Church requires many years and much training as well as formal education. These dedicated servants of God provide leadership, teaching, and guidance to the church.

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

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Charter Members and Painesville Men's Chorus to Sing the National Anthem at area ballgames this Summer!

Lake County Captains on Wednesday August 1st!!!
Cleveland Indians on Friday August 17th!!!

Our very own Charter Members Men's Choir and the Painesville Men's Chorus will kick-off games for area baseball teams by singing the National Anthem. Two games are available:

Lake County Captains game at Classic Park in Eastlake on Wednesday August 1st. Game time is 7:00 PM and it will be against the Bowling Green Hot Rods (which is the Class A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays).
Cleveland Indians game at Progressive Field in downtown Cleveland on Friday August 17th. Game time is 7:10 PM and it will be against the Baltimore Orioles.

Church members and friends are invited to come out, listen to our choir sing, and enjoy the ballgames and festivities at discounted prices:

Lake County Captains: \$8.00 per ticket.
Cleveland Indians: \$20 per ticket. (Upper Box Section 551)

To order tickets, please do the following:

Write a check to Mentor United Methodist Church for the necessary amount:

\$8 times the quantity of Captains Game tickets

\$20 times the quantity of Indians Game tickets

In the memo field of the check, please write "Charter Members/2018 ballgames."

Stop by the church office on or before Monday July 16th:

Fill out the order form with details of your purchase

Leave your check with the proper amount

Tickets will be available for pickup beginning Sunday July 22nd in the church office. For more information, contact Jeff Pershing at jeffpershing@yahoo.com, or at 773-230-6695 (mobile).
We hope to see you there!

CALENDARRegularly Scheduled Weekly Meetings:

These meetings are listed here instead of the calendar. Contact your group leader for any time changes. Please see other events on the calendar page.

Sunday:

09:00 AM Adult Sunday School

Wednesday (except July 4):

10:00 AM Journey Group - Wednesday Morning Way
01:00 PM Knitting Group

Monday:

07:00 PM Men's Group Meeting

Thursday:

10:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous

Tuesday:

06:30 AM Men's Journey Group

Saturday:

08:00 AM iConnect Rehearsal

Journey through Israel – Lunch and Program

Sunday, July 15, 12:20 PM in Fellowship Hall

Stay for a free salad lunch after church on Sunday, July 15, as Pastor Bev and Steve Wrobel share some of their experiences from their "Life of Christ" tour of Israel hosted by Michael Card. Take in some of the sites, sounds and flavors of the Holy Land as we share a meal together and take a video journey to Jerusalem, Judean Desert, Sea of Galilee and more.

All are welcome! No reservations are needed. Sponsored by Mentor United Methodist Women.

Lake Health Run

Lake Health University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center

2018 5th Annual Run for Life 5K Run / Walk

August 12 - Lake Metro Parks Farm Park in Kirtland, Ohio

Race Starts at 8:00 AM Registration Opens at 7:00 AM

For more information, go to www.lhuhseidmancancer.org/charity-run-life

**Christmas in July!**

Mentor United Methodist Women New Day Circle will be collecting basic school supplies for needy Lake County children to be distributed through the Salvation Army in Painesville during their Back to School Bash. Items will be collected through July 29.

Stop by the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall or near the Chapel to pick up a reminder ornament. Your new, unwrapped donation may be left under one of the trees. Thank you for sharing God's love with those in need!

Items needed: pencils, glue sticks, medium size pink erasers, one subject wide rule spiral notebooks, colored pencils, 24 pack crayons, washable markers, scissors, rulers, plastic supply boxes, wide rule loose leaf paper, bottle glue, pocket folders with prongs, blue or black pens, red pens, highlighters, pencil pouches, 3 ring binders, dry erase markers, ruled index cards, backpacks, new socks for children & teens, new underwear for children & teens, new shoes for children & teens, men's t-shirts (colors or white), men's socks.

Plan to join us as we visit the Salvation Army to pack school supply bags on Monday, July 30, from 9 AM until noon. Meet at church in the Gallery at 8:30 AM to carpool to the Salvation Army. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Carole Ring at 440-255-7213 or umw@mentorumc.org.

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Women's Summer Fellowship - All women are welcome!

Tuesday, July 10 – Women's Book Discussion, *Love Does* by Bob Goff – 9:30 AM-11:00 AM in the Adams Parlor.

Monday, July 30 – Women's Mission Day at the Salvation Army -- meet in the parking lot near the Gallery to carpool at 8:30 AM, pack school supplies 9:00 AM-noon, return to church around 12:30 PM – RSVP by July 26, students 5th grade and older are welcome.

Tuesday, August 7 – Women's Book Discussion, *Reading with Patrick* by Michelle Kuo – 9:30 AM-11:00 AM in the Adams Parlor.

Sunday, August 12 – Sundaes Sunday – ice cream sundae bar, brief program and mission project (making a variety of simple Christmas ornaments for Red Bird Mission) – 2:00 PM-4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, students 5th grade and older are welcome with an adult.

Tuesday, August 21 – Women's Mission Day at Greater Cleveland Food Bank – meet in the parking lot near the Gallery to carpool at 9:20 AM, serve 10:00 AM-noon, return to church around 12:30 PM – must be pre-registered so please RSVP by August 17.

Please contact Carole Ring umw@mentorunc.org with questions or to RSVP for the mission days. No reservation is needed to participate in the other events. Please join us!

Traditional worship service in the Sanctuary Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Modern worship, iConnect, in Fellowship Hall Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Deadline for the August Newsletter is July 9.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2018</h1> <p>See page 4 for regularly scheduled meetings.</p>						
1 03:30 PM - YSP Meeting	2 10:00 AM - Worship at Brookdale Heisley 11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek	3	4 08:00 AM - 4th of July - Church Office Closed Today Independence Day	5 07:30 PM - Thursday Evening Worship Service	6 05:00 PM - Warning/ Bruno Rehearsal 07:00 PM - Denton/ lafelice Rehearsal	7 09:30 AM - Warning/ Bruno (family) 11:00 AM - Warning/ Bruno Wedding 12:30 PM - Denton/ lafelice Family 02:00 PM - Denton/ lafelice Wedding
8 03:30 PM - YSP Meeting	9 10:00 AM - Diemer Group Study 07:00 PM - Communications Team 07:00 PM - iConnect Planning	10 08:00 AM - Council on Aging 09:30 AM - Women's Book Discussion - Love Does 06:00 PM - Fellowship/ Evangelism	11 11:00 AM - GS Group 07:00 PM - Children's Ministry Team 07:00 PM - Finance Committee	12 07:30 PM - Thursday Evening Worship Service	13 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 07:00 PM - Wade Event	14 08:15 AM - YSP Trip
15 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 01:00 PM - Wrobel Israel Trip Presentation	16 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 10:00 AM - Diemer Group Study 10:15 AM - Worship at Mentor Ridge 11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek 01:30 PM - AS Group 07:00 PM - GEM Meeting	17 08:15 AM - YSP Trip	18 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 01:15 PM - Mentor Miscellany Club 07:00 PM - Administrative Council	19 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 07:30 PM - Thursday Evening Worship Service	20 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 05:30 PM - Carr/ Davenport Rehearsal	21 08:00 AM - Kairos Team Formation Meeting 08:00 AM - Journey Group Leader Meeting 08:15 AM - YSP Trip 01:30 PM - Carr/ Davenport Family 03:00 PM - Carr/ Davenport Wedding
22 09:00 AM - YSP Sunday	23 10:00 AM - Diemer Group Study 07:00 PM - iConnect Planning	24	25 11:00 AM - GS Group 07:00 PM - Worship Committee 07:00 PM - Trustee Meeting 08:00 PM - Staff-Parish	26 07:30 PM - Thursday Evening Worship Service	27	28 04:30 PM - More than a Meal Prep 05:30 PM - More than a Meal
29	30 10:00 AM - Diemer Group Study	31				