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Additional worship opportunity available throughout the summer!



Thursday evening Worship Services will be held in the Chapel at 7:30 PM beginning June 6 and will run through August 29. If your schedule will prevent attending a Sunday service, this is a great alternative. Hope to see you there!

Rubber Duck Race Entries Extended!



We need more ducks for our race! Enter and help Heifer Project send flocks of ducks to families in need across the world. Only \$20 a duck! Forms are at the Information Hub or in this newsletter. See www.mentorumc.org/heifer-project for more info!

Thank you

Thank you for your cards and condolences upon the recent passing of Michael's brother Jeff Fournier and Chris' stepmother Grace Allee.
- The Fourniers



Save the Date!

On Sunday, June 9 from 12:00 PM to 2 PM, we will have a farewell open house for Pastor Kurt and Nancy Landerholm. Pastor Kurt will be here at MUMC until June 30, but this will give us all a chance to thank him for his years of service.



Gingerbread Workshops Beginning June 5

We are starting up our workshops for the 2019 Gingerbread House Craft Fair. Join us any Wednesday at 10 AM - 12 PM in the Gallery. 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.

Ruth Naomi Circle

Join us for the Ruth Naomi Circle annual picnic on June 13 from 11 AM to 2 PM. We will meet at Veterans Park at 5730 Hopkins Rd, Mentor. Bring a bag lunch for yourself and a food item in a brown bag for prizes. There are no meetings in July or August. Contact Georgeanna Allen with any questions at 440-255-5515.

From the Pastor

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:3-6

The Apostle Paul opened his letter to the Christians in Philippi with these words of appreciation. The saints in the church of that community had blessed him with their generosity in giving and serving. Paul also sought to prepare the congregation for the coming of Timothy.

Philippi was located in Macedonia about ten miles from the Aegean Sea. That meant there was a good source of fresh water.

Mentor has been my Philippi, not just for the location on the fresh water of Lake Erie, but because of the generosity you faithfully display. A generosity carried out in ministry and mission, to Lake County and beyond.

I came to Ohio for my first appointment as a pastor. I was assigned to a community where one of the two churches, Beech Grove, was located where the waters of Newell Creek Run find their way into the Ohio River. From that southern outpost of our conference, Ohio became my home. Seven years ago we came to the north shores and ironically, settled on Newell Creek Drive. Mentor has become our home and we think Lake County is truly one of the best kept secrets in Ohio.

But it is you, this dynamic congregation, that has been a blessing. My life verse has been Romans 12:1, "...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." My heart's desire has been to present myself to God, wherever that is. What a blessing it has been for Nancy and I to live out our faith and calling among you.

With the arrival of June, I take my final turn toward retirement. I will leave this appointment with the joy of having served among you.

Here's a bit of a schedule for how my June looks:

- Organizing, cleaning and packing my office
- June 16 Last Sunday I preach
- June 23 Vacation Sunday
- June 30 Not present as this is the transition Sunday
- Week of June 24 I officially leave as Rev. Sondra Snode begins her service.

Whether we stay in the community or not, we'll be friends, but I will no longer serve as your pastor. But it has been a blessing. Thank you!

Pastor Kurt

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Children and Family Ministries

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www.mentoruc.org/sunday-school



June! June? Wait! What? It can't be June already?!

Have you registered your kids for [summer programs](#)? The week of June 17-21 is **Vacation Bible School, To Mars and Beyond**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and **Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp, Water of Life**, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Be sure to register ASAP for these programs! You don't want to miss out.

Summer Sunday Mornings will be a little different for K-6th grade than during the school year. They will meet as one large group in room 112 and will be learning about The 10 Commandments. I am looking for some Life Changers for July and August at both 9:00 and 11:00. If you have never been your child's leader, this is a great time to try it out. Contact me for more information. I am also looking for Life Changers for the Early Childhood Area. Did you know youth who have completed 7th grade and up are eligible to serve in that area?!

While I realize we are all busy during the summer (hey, I am going to Liberia, so I know busy!), please make sure you still come to MUMC this summer. I love to see your faces all tan and glowing from the vitamin D you are absorbing!

Looking ahead to July, **Disney's Frozen, Jr.** will be performed on July 19 at 7:30 PM and July 20 at 4:00 PM. [Tickets are on sale!](#) Go to this link to sign up <https://mumctlp.booktix.com/>.

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Through The Years

It is interesting to learn that one of the key people in the early Methodist movement in the United States was someone who had been a member of the British army. Thomas Webb was a Captain in His Majesty's Army and fought in the French and Indian War. He was part of the unsuccessful attempt to take Fort Duquesne in what is now Pittsburgh. He was twice wounded seriously in Quebec, resulting in the loss of an eye. He retired from the British army and was given a civilian appointment as a barrack-master in Albany, New York. His wife died, and he left his infant son in the care of a family on Long Island, New York. Depressed, he returned to England.

While in England, he heard the preaching of a Moravian preacher named Carey. Soon after, Carey introduced Webb to James Rouguet who then introduced him to the Methodist Society. After filling in for a preacher, it was apparent that Webb had the gift to preach. Soon John Wesley instructed him to go back to America to preach to the colonists. While in New York, to visit his son, Webb was introduced to the New York Methodist Society and preached regularly in a sail loft on Barrack Street. Later, he became the most significant donor to help buy the land that became the John Street Methodist church in lower Manhattan. His gift of 30 pounds sterling would be worth over \$4,700 today. This church is still in existence today and remains one of Methodism's founding churches. When preaching, Webb must have been quite a sight wearing his scarlet military uniform and green eye patch, with his sword by his side. He seemed intimidating until he joined in a Charles Wesley hymn. His preaching moved many and later Webb helped found Methodist societies in Philadelphia, Delaware, and Maryland.

Webb returned to England in 1772 and appealed for more preachers to go to America. He went back to the U. S. and met a new Methodist preacher, Francis Asbury.

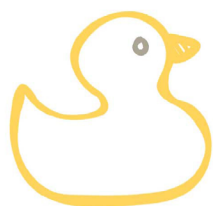
When the American Revolution began, Webb was eventually arrested and charged with being a spy. He was sent to a prisoner of war camp in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. George Washington permitted him to return to England, at the urging of his second wife, Gracie. This left Francis Asbury as the only English Methodist preacher still in the United States. Thomas Webb settled in Bristol and continued preaching until his death in 1796. Francis Asbury would go on to establish the church we know today in our country.

Do you have any MUMC history you would like to share with the congregation?
 Please send it to: Don Humphrey, 7330 Holly Park Dr., Concord, Ohio 44060-6704 or e-mail to:
dhumphrey@ameritech.net

Announcement

Effective July 1, Rev. Beverly Wrobel will be moving to halftime service at Mentor UMC. Pastor Bev has served on staff at the church since 2006. Her primary roles in pastoral care, counseling and equipping ministries will continue. As an ordained Deacon, Pastor Bev is living into her calling to bridge the church and the world. She will live out this call serving in grief care ministries as hospice chaplain and bereavement counselor at Ohio Living Hospice. By rearranging some of her involvement beyond the local church, along with some rearrangement of responsibilities at Mentor UMC, she will serve in the church and the community. Her exceptional gifts and expertise in pastoral care and counseling will be maximized with her halftime status. Pastor Bev, and Steve, will continue to be present on Sundays and an active part of the church.

The staff pastor parish relations committee has been in conversation about this change with Pastor Bev and are addressing other staff options due to her reduction in hours and responsibilities.



Duck Race

Heifer Project is underway! The goal is to purchase 100 Flocks of Ducks (\$2000). For every \$20 your family donates, you will have one rubber duck in a **River Duck Race** on Friday, June 21, 2019. A prize will be awarded to the family with the winning duck (family does not need to be present to win). Please use the tear-off below and return with your donation in the offering plate by noon on **Sunday, June 16** or give to the Church Office by **Friday, June 14**. Ducks make great Father's Day gifts!

See updates from past years and the chore chart for kids at www.mentorumc.org/heifer-project.

Heifer Project ~ Flock Of Ducks

Our family would like to make a donation in the amount of \$_____.
For every \$20 donated, a rubber duck will be entered into the duck race for a total of _____ ducks.

Name _____

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MSMW Shoe Racks of Hope

Middle School Mission week will be partnering with Project Hope again this year to give a pair of new shoes to every resident! On June 2, shoe racks will be placed around the church with tags indicating the shoes to purchase. Place your donations on the shoe racks by June 23. We will watch the racks fill up with shoes and our Middle School Mission Week kids will make the delivery to Project Hope!

June Prayer Focus

"Lord, teach us to pray..." (Luke 11:1). The best way to learn to pray is by using God's own word and asking for the Holy Spirit to guide you into truth and direct you how to pray the truths you are shown. Seek out prayers, for instance, that Paul prayed and use them as an outline to pray for yourself, family, workplace, nation, and church. The Psalms are rich with prayers that David and the other Psalmists prayed. The following are verses from Colossians used as prayers: Fill me with the knowledge of Your will in all areas of my life. (1:10), I pray that you will have first place in everything in my life (1:18), Help me to always be honest toward others (3:9). Insert other individuals or groups names in these prayers. God longs to hear from us, so don't neglect this great gift. Eloquence in our words, NOT REQUIRED, only our willingness to pray!

- Nancy Landerholm

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 next Newsletter is June 8.

