
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Happy Mother's Day!

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This week, we begin our "Change the World" sermon series. Although our emphasis in the community has shifted from the original plan, we continue to make a difference in the world. There is much to celebrate! And, there is much to consider for our own faith journey.

In honor of the women in our lives, this week we will consider how a mother, a sister, and a daughter impacted the life of not just one person but an entire nation. Although we may not set out to be heroes, each of us can be prepared to impact a life ... and thus, change the world.

We join the many voices extending wishes of "Happy Mother's Day!" We honor the impact of women in our lives ... those who birthed us, nurtured us, taught us, and challenged us to become who God created us to be. As you prepare for worship this week, take time to read Exodus 1 – 5. And let us pray together:

Lord, thank you for all those who have nurtured me in the faith.

Help me to live in a manner that expresses gratitude for the sacrifices, guidance, and grace poured into my life by others.

And, by your grace,

Help me be prepared to offer myself to those who cross my path.

May the world be changed by the coming of your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

In the coming weeks we will hear from those who are currently on the front lines ... offering themselves in service to others during the pandemic. We give thanks for their commitment, and know you join us in upholding them in prayer.

Our conversations and plans for Phase 2 of our Re-launching continue. We are developing the guidelines that will shape our gatherings when we can come back together in our facility. We are also securing the technology and licenses needed to enable us to continue to live-stream our services – in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall. We value our traditional and modern worship services and look forward to a return to a more "normal" Sunday experience.

The reality is our ministry will not look exactly like it did prior to the pandemic. But that's okay. Because our mission to help all come to know Jesus will not change. In fact, we remain more committed than ever to help others be a disciple of Jesus.

We miss you!

We pray for you!

We love you!

Pastor Sondra and Pastor Quincy



Mentor UMC – Re-opening Phases

PHASE 1

Beginning May 4, 2020

Groups of 10 or less may schedule a gathering at the church facility
All gatherings must be approved by the church office

(only one gathering will be scheduled at the same time)

Gatherings will take place in either Wesley or Asbury, as assigned

Participants must practice social distancing of at least 6 feet

The meeting room cannot be rearranged

All participants must bring their own mask to wear

The group leader will wipe down used surfaces at end of gathering:
tables, door handles, light switches

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups, Cherubs, Children's Choir, and Youth 56 are suspended until further notice.

Positive Parenting Book Club

Masterminds & Wingmen by Rosalind Wiseman

Thursday, May 14 is our last meeting

6:30 - 8:30 PM in YOUR HOME ONLINE

Read Masterminds & Wingmen by Rosalind Wiseman then join Tammy online for a virtual meetup to discuss the book.

MUMC Kids' MeetUp

Join Tammy for a daily MUMC Kids' Meetup at 11:30 AM

Monday through Friday and 10:30 AM on Sundays. Please

check your email for the password.



Youth 56 will have a weekly [Youth 56 Meetup](#) at 7:00 PM Sunday evenings. Please check your email for the password.

SUMMER 2020 PROGRAMS are still being planned!

Family Style Vacation Bible School: Knights of the North Castle ~ June 8-12 for kids 4 as of 1/1/2020 thru 6th grade

mentorumc.org/summer-programs

Theatre Arts Camp: Shrek, Jr. ~ July 13-17 AND 20-24 / Performances July 24 & 25 for students who have just completed K-8 grade.

Registration is closed.

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Congregational Care

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Lantern - Jim Reed • Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich
The Enclave - Kay Disbro • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer, Muril Zimmerman
Concord Village - Shirley Dessner • Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Kimi Schmidt

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Linda Leach, Susan Rimes, John Reno, Sylvia Bisbee, Carl Snyder, Jean Lewis

Correct Email format from Church Staff

There have been emails received that appear to come from a staff member of the church but are not from MUMC. The email addresses of our MUMC staff are in the format of **first letter of first name, last name** and **@mentorunc.org**.

For example: **ssnode@mentorunc.org** for Pastor Sondra Snode and **qwheeler@mentorunc.org** for Pastor Quincy. Please remember that our staff would never ask you to send money or buy gift cards on our own. Any appeals for gift cards are through Missions Commission for our food distribution from the church. If there is ever a time you have a concern, delete the email and call the office at 440-255-3496. Any staff member would prefer you delete **any** email that you are wary of.

May Food Distribution

The Food Pantry will be doing a distribution in May. We feel extremely blessed to be able to continue this ministry despite the current situation. The congregation has truly made a difference in the lives of our community neighbors. In March, we had the opportunity to bless nearly 60 families and also provide resources to the Mentor Schools and other local food pantries.

At this time, we are taking strong measures to ensure the health and safety of families and our volunteers. In order to do this, in place of donating food items, we are asking for monetary donations. Donations can be made by check (mail or drop off at the church office) or by selecting "Food" when giving online. The funds received will go directly to the purchase of items needed for this distribution on May 18 and 19, as our shelves need restocking. As always, thank you for the continued support of this ministry.

- Katelynn Gurbach and Nancy Leyden



Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/7206668>.

Join us in worship!
9 AM and 11 AM

[Facebook live](#), [YouTube](#), and [website home page](#)

Youth Ministry

lnash@mentorumc.org



Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at MUMCYouth712



Youth Group: 7-12

We will be having Youth Group remotely until further notice. Join us at 6:00 PM on Sunday to share a brief message, have fun conversation, do activities together, and sing a few songs.

Get your measuring cups and aprons ready; this week we will be making brownies or other baked goods together for our Youth Group Activity. We also invite you to wear your coziest PJs while you bake! You can connect by using this link: <https://meet.google.com/xpd-pdwq-riv>

We have a Minecraft Realm!

All students are welcome to join our MUMC Server. This is a safe, closed environment where students can come together, create, and talk to one another from home. To join, simply email lnash@mentorumc.org your Username/Gamer tag and Leah will send you an invite.

*Note, this server is run through the Java Edition of the game and not the Microsoft Edition. Students are welcome to play at any time, however, we will have a designated time Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 PM to play Virtual Capture the Flag!

Youth Service Project

We Have Found Our Project!! This year we will be working locally in Thompson, Ohio from June 19 through the 27. More details will soon be shared about our project, but we are excited about where the Lord is leading us to serve. We continue to need all of your prayers and support as we plan this project.

Graduating Seniors

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we want to make sure we honor those who are graduating. If you or your student is graduating high school, college, or graduate school, let us know! Please email Leah at lnash@mentorumc.org your full name, area/planned area of study, what the next steps in your life are, and where you are graduating from. We can't wait to share in this exciting time with you.

NEW: Hospice of the Western Reserve Virtual Volunteer Training

Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. We are excited to announce virtual volunteer training for new volunteers. For more information, contact us at 216.255.9090 or fill out an online application hospicewr.org/volunteers. Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits as soon as Ohio's Stay at Home order is lifted.

Ohio Guidestone

A gently used laptop is needed for Ohio Guidestone for one of their clients. This needs to be a working laptop in good condition, ready to use. If you can help, please call the office at 440-255-3496.

Hope Chest Closed, Rummage Sale Canceled - Hold Items at Home

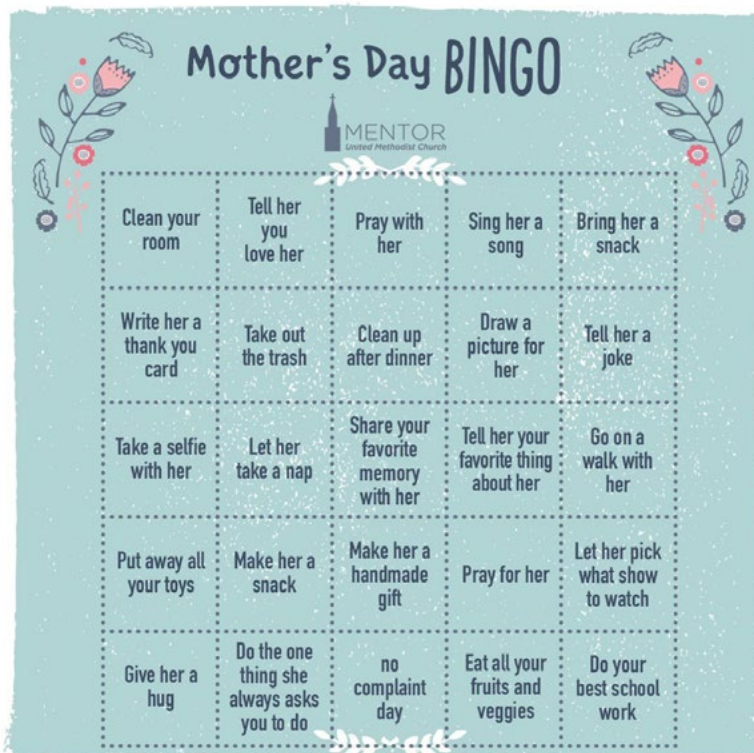
Hope Chest is closed until further notice. We are not accepting any donations until they are up and running again. Please hold on to your items at home and do not drop them off at the church. Thank you!

Upper Room Booklets

The May/June Upper Room devotionals have arrived. If you would like one, just stop by the office and we can bring it out to you or give us a call and we can mail it to you. Please specify if you need large print. Just add \$1 to your offering. The office is open 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday and can be reached at 440-255-3496.

Sign Up for Church eNews

If you know of someone who is not receiving Weekly Update emails from the church, they probably opted out of our newsletter. This means they must resubscribe through Mailchimp. Because of privacy, we are not able to just resubscribe them. Please direct them to our [webpage](#) to fill out the Mailchimp form. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn in the office at cnagy@mentorumc.org or 440-255-3496.



Senior Center Curbside Meals Update

Update from City of Mentor:
Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Mentor Senior Center is closed to the public until further notice. Lunch reservations can be made online or by phone at 440-974-5725 and paid for with a credit card. If you are able to order online, please call the Mentor Senior Center to request a user name and password.