
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 24, 2020

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This week's biggest news: Augustine "Auggie" Harley Wheeler arrived! We extend our love to the entire Wheeler family – and can't wait to meet and love on this newest person! Along with the rest of his family, of course!

Sometimes we are reminded of the importance of our witness. Little ones enter the world in need of care and nurture. They are fragile ... and innocent ... and dependent. No one is born racist or homophobic or misogynic – No one is born faithful or trusting or hopeful –

This is not a nature versus nurture or even theological debate. From their very first breath, children must receive care. They learn and grow and discover who can be trusted; what they must do to survive. As children watch others act with respect, patience, forgiveness, and love they learn and grow. As children hear about Jesus and see the difference Jesus makes, they recognize God's love in their own lives. As children see the Church at work in the world, they discover that they, too, are part of Kingdom work.

Thank you for the ways you are seeking to model Christ for others; for the faith-filled lessons you are teaching in word and action. Children and adults need you. Be strong and courageous. Let us not forget that opposing voices and lessons are also at work in the world.

This week we provided food for families we connected with through the Mentor School System. (Thank you for your generosity towards our food ministry!) We also connected with children online; met in Journey Groups online; held committee meetings online; prepared our building for re-entry in person! Conversations and action steps continue to unfold so we will be ready to welcome one another facemask-to-facemask when the time is right. In the meantime, we look forward to worshipping together online, connecting beyond our church walls, and serving Christ in many ways.

This weekend we remember those who offered their very lives for others. Their sacrifice changed the world. Your life has been shaped by others who trusted God, modeled Christ, were the Church in the world. So be encouraged in the prayers you utter ... the kindness you extend the help you offer. You make a difference – one new baby, one chance encounter, one conversation, one life - at a time!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sondra



Tech Team for Sunday Mornings

As we prepare to return to the building, our plan is to continue online worship in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Both our Traditional and Modern worship services would be viewed remotely each week. We are creating a Tech Team and need your help! Each Sunday, team members are needed to operate the software and camera in each location.

Please let the church office know if you would like to explore the opportunity to serve. Andrew Ring will be glad to answer questions. Will you prayerfully consider assisting with this important ministry? Contact the office at 440-255-3496 or cnagy@mentorumc.org if you are interested.

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children
www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school

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

Positive Parenting Book Club

[The 5 Love Languages](#) by Dr. Gary Chapman is our next book. Choose between [The 5 Love Languages for CHILDREN](#) or [The 5 Love Languages for TEENS](#).

We will have our first meeting on Thursday, May 28, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM on Zoom. Purchase the copy of the book you wish to read. This is a great way to connect with other parents, especially during this time. If you have questions, please contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

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

PLEASE REGISTER ASAP!

mentorumc.org/summer-programs

Middle School Mission Week ~ July 6-10 for students who have completed 6-8 grades (Contact Leah at lnash@mentorumc.org for more details.)

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.

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: Lake West - Gina Cartagena

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 • 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,
Muril Zimmerman, Sandy Linsell

Congratulations to Pastor Quincy, Chelsea and Elliot Wheeler on the birth of Augustine "Auggie" Wheeler on May 19.

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 **@mentorumc.org**.

For example: **ssnode@mentorumc.org** for Pastor Sondra Snode and **qwheeler@mentorumc.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.

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

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/10846047>.

Join us in worship!
9 AM and 11 AM

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

We will honor our graduates in service on June 7.





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. 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 27 at 7:00 PM.

Youth Service Project

We Have Found Our Project!! This year we will be working locally in Thompson, Ohio from June 21 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.

Still looking for flowers? Need more plants to make your gardens bloom? Continue to support YSP!

Now Thru June 7th 2020

Sabo's Nursery in Madison, OH will donate 10% of sales that mention MUMC to the MUMC YSP Trip. When purchasing, you must state that this is for Mentor United Methodist Church YSP prior to checkout so the correct code is entered.

Sabo's is located at:

7800 North Ridge Rd., East Madison, OH 44057



Contact Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org with any questions.



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.

Have a Prayer Request?

[SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST](#)

On our website homepage, click [SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST](#) to send us your request. You can share your information or remain anonymous and let us know if you would like to be contacted by a pastor. You can call us at 440-255-3496 as well. We are here to support you in prayer!

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.

WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
Together



BLOOD DRIVE

Mentor United Methodist Church

Asbury & Wesley Rooms, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Presenting donors will receive a Red Cross t-shirt, while supplies last!

Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org,
sponsor code: Mentorunited, or call 1-800- RED CROSS.

Click here to schedule an appointment!

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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