

STEEPLETALK

News from Mentor United Methodist Church

February

2020

From the Pastor

I was looking out my front window the other day and noted how far south the setting sun seemed to be, that is, compared to its position in the summer months. This summer, the sun was directly in front of our house, shining brightly through the neighbor's trees. Now it is down the street, so to speak, and not blinding my view of the pond behind my neighbor's trees.

Creation amazes me. The sun didn't move; the earth did – spinning at a constant rate so we experience day-to-day and month-to-month and season-to-season. This month, we gain an additional day to keep the seasons and calendar in order. I suppose once upon a time I understood it all ... took a test ... and then returned to my normal business not thinking about all this science.

I often hear people say, "I don't have enough time!" or "There aren't enough hours in the day." However, reality is that time remains a constant. I have always had and will always have 24 hours each day. It is up to me to determine how I will use my time, so that time doesn't "get away from me."

What if we embraced each day, not as normal science but as a special gift? How will you embrace your gift?

Instead of taking time to enjoy creation or the enjoyment of family and friends – MAKE time for the things that enrich your life and strengthen your faith.

Don't be a victim of the clock or calendar.
MAKE time work for you!
Assess your priorities – and remember: God wants to be discovered!
God wants you to know grace and power and victory!
God is steadfast ... just like the sun in the sky.

This month, use your time wisely.
I'm striving to move closer to God. How about you?

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Sondra

Immersion Baptism

Coming soon, on a Sunday in mid to late March, we will be offering another opportunity for immersion baptism! Please contact Pastor Quincy if you are interested at qwheeler@mentorumc.org! More details to follow!

Ash Wednesday Schedule for February 26, 2020

Drop in for ashes 7 - 8 AM and 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Attend Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 PM

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Through The Years

This month we will continue with more descriptions of stained glass windows at Mentor Methodist. The original inspiration for such glass was the building of the 1906 Sanctuary (where the Chapel now stands). There are some pieces that probably no longer exist, but there are some that weren't covered last month. In the Chapel there is a panel that has no designation on it. We do not know the donors but it is known that Harry King and his sisters (names not known) did donate three panels. It is possible that the panel in the Chapel is one of these. The King windows were located on the north wall of the 1906 Sanctuary. 

Three windows existed on the east wall of the 1906 Sanctuary. They were given by Horatio and Elizabeth Munson. The middle window was dedicated to their son, Henry Edward Munson who died while a student at Oberlin College in 1890. The left window was dedicated to Horatio Edward Munson and the window on the right was dedicated to Elizabeth Munson who lived until 1939, aged 98. Sadly, these windows are lost to history. The Munson family is buried in a prominent gravesite in one of the oldest sections of the Mentor Cemetery. Munson Road in Mentor is named for the family.

There is, however, another stained glass window from this era that exists. It is located in the Gallery and I am sure many of you have noticed it. It was restored in 2016 thanks to contributions from the congregation. Also in the gallery is a stained glass cross given by the youth of the church in honor of the building of the current Chapel in 1988. It was moved to the Gallery from the Chapel.

The Asbury Room contains two windows that you, members of the congregation, helped create. These were created for the building addition in 2012. People were asked to select pieces of glass and placed them on a form. The windows were then completed and hung in the Asbury Room. Check them out if you haven't noticed them.

The history of stained glass windows is just one more example of the love that people, over the generations, have for this church. The talents and gifts of its people have made Mentor United Methodist Church what it is today.

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

Join Us On The Path

Journeying Together

Saturday, March 21 • Sunday, March 22 • At the Hilton Garden Inn, Twinsburg
Relax, reflect and connect. Plan now to join us as together with Dr. Wyndy Corbin Reuschling of Ashland Theological Seminary we explore the varied experiences of women in Scripture and how their experiences connect with our own experiences of God.

Additional information and registration forms are available at the Information Hub or online at www.mentorumc.org. Registrations will be accepted through March 1. Cost with four meals and overnight accommodations ranges from \$125-\$185 (financial assistance may be available). This retreat is open to all women of the church, friends, and family.



Catalyst Ministries SPP School Supplies collection during the month of February 2020

pocket folders with prongs, dry erase markers, supply boxes, Ziplock Bags both gallon and quart size, Pink Pearl erasers, highlighters (varying colors), Fiskars blunt tip scissors, Post-It notes, composition notebooks, 24 pack Crayola crayons, glue sticks (not purple please), clear page protectors, earbuds

School supply donations will be collected throughout February and may be placed in the bin located at the Community Center. Thank you for supporting our School Partnership Program!

Missions Commission

We are again raising \$10,000 for the Change the World Day – Rise Against Hunger food packing event on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Donations are being accepted via check or on-line giving.

The YSP Big Event fundraiser is being held on Sunday, March 15, 2020.

Children and Family Ministries

Register for events through the app or at www.mentorumc.org/children
www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school



As I sit here on a cold January afternoon, I wonder if there will be any snow days in February. I also wonder if parents will be looking forward to a snow day. Since kids have just returned to school, I think maybe by the time you are reading this, it will be time for a cozy, laid back day of snuggles, hot chocolate, and wearing pajamas all day....

So, I must've been feeling sassy thinking that people would have time to read by January 14 for Book Club! I have re-scheduled it for Monday, February 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The book is [Queen Bees & Wanna Bees](#) by Rosalind Wiseman . I've started this book, and let me tell you, there are some nuggets in there! I know this is geared toward parents of daughters but there is a companion book for parents of sons. I am happy to have that as a discussion if there is interest.

How is your 2020 calendar shaping up? What have you put on your family calendar? What is your first priority for your family? Is church on your calendar? I hope it is. If you have been unable to be at church, any time is a great time to start up again. If you are not receiving my weekly emails with the topic for Sunday, please let me know. I want to encourage and support you as you lead your family onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

I was able to hear Dr. Joshua Straub speak twice at ETCH. During his break out session, he shared that the most effective parenting tip is PRAYER! I couldn't agree more. It is amazing what happens when we pray and pray with intent. Another effective tip is to understand the environment in which we are raising our children. Parents need to remember that children are created in God's image rather than being God's gift to the earth. Children are also born broken and sinful. Parents need to remember that their children are not only their children but also their brothers and sisters in Christ. And parents need to remember that the reason that human beings were created is to be in relationship with God and with one another. It is important to realize that our children's hearts are cultivated by entering into a relationship with them. A safe relationship is one that has love without fear. Dr. Straub referenced the Circle of Security www.circleofsecurityinternational.com/. This is important to remember in today's society where anxiety is so prevalent. Dr. Straub shared these points regarding speaking to your kids:

- When they're anxious
- In discipline
- About their interests
- In our mistakes
- In pure laughter and play

I hope that my recap of the sessions I attended have been helpful to your parenting. As always, please let me know how I can come alongside you on this journey. Please be sure to stay up to date with what is happening either through the app, website, and/or Facebook. All of the summer dates are available!

By HIS Grace and through HIS love,
 Tammy

Ruth-Naomi Circle Meeting

Thursday, February 13 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.

For our February meeting, we will meet in Fellowship Hall where we will be doing what has become our annual service project - cleaning the candle holders and sorting through the candles used for our Christmas Eve candlelight services. If you have a small paring knife, please bring it with you. Join us for a time of work, fellowship and refreshments. All women of the church are welcome to become a part of this women's fellowship. If you would like more information or have questions contact Georgeanna Allen at 255-5515.



In case of inclement weather, our policy is to not meet if Mentor Schools are closed. Please check one of our local TV channels for school closings or call the Church Office at 440-255-3496. We will advise them if we are canceling.

Arboretum Bottle Donation

The Holden Arboretum is in need of clear 2 liter bottles to build terrariums with the 3rd grade classes from their Growing Students In Science program. We need about 125 more bottles, so would appreciate anyone who would be willing to save them for us. Green bottles will not work. Anyone who has some to donate can call Carolyn Sechnick at 255-7177 and she will arrange to get them. Thank you for your help.



Cornerstone

Provides opportunities for fun, spiritual fulfillment and service to others in an atmosphere of Christ-centered discipleship.

Coming up:

February 22 - Valentine dinner: Salmon or prime rib prepared by our master chef Jim Post. Dave Sechnick will tell us about the choir's performance in Carnegie Hall. Sign up between services or RSVP to either email below. Cost is \$25.

April 25 - All Church Rummage Sale, items accepted starting April 20, proceeds go to fund missions and church projects

Later in May - Tour of Stan Hywet Hall

Questions, Ideas for a trip, or to sign up please email larryhoon@yahoo.com or jag5.1@icloud.com

Safety and Security Training

February 10, two sessions offered at 2:30 PM and 7 PM
As a church, we seek to provide a safe environment to all who enter our facility. All ushers, greeters, teachers, and leaders are invited and encouraged to attend an upcoming training session. We will learn about being aware of our surroundings, as well as how to handle situations should they arise. Please plan to attend the afternoon or evening session, which will be led by law enforcement officers.

Mentor UMC Scholarship for Post Secondary Education

Deadline: April 10, 2020, 4 PM
The Scholarship Committee is pleased to offer Mentor UMC scholarships for both vocational and academic post-secondary pursuits.

Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors graduating in 2020, current undergraduate college and vocational students, as well as seminary students. The student applying must be a member of Mentor United Methodist Church (as of April 30, 2019) and meet all other eligibility requirements. If you were confirmed at MUMC, you are a member. If you took the BASICS classes and joined the church as an older student, you are a member. For questions about your membership, please contact the church office at (440) 255-3496. You are to print out the completed application form and mail or deliver it along with other required documents to the church office before April 10, 2020, at 4 PM.

All information is saved to an account and password that you set up and does not need to be completed in one session. Questions? Please contact Tami White, MUMC Scholarship Chairperson at Scholarship@mentorumc.org.



Joseph Ministry

Do you have a small home repair project that is too small for contractors? Maybe you have a leaky faucet or a bad light switch or perhaps need a railing or a shower bar installed. We have a team of volunteers on call for your minor emergency fix-it project. The Joseph Ministry is ready to help. Contact the church office at 440-255-3496 and let them know what you need, and we may, with some exceptions, be able to help.

Outreach Opportunity

Mentor UMC is doing an outreach through a Band Night at Toth's Bar at 6966 Heisley Rd, Mentor on Friday, February 21 from 7-10 PM. The Ben Gage Band from Akron will be coming and playing their stylings of folk and Americana music. We encourage any adults interested to attend while looking for opportunities to share your faith and love with the patrons of Toth's bar as they enjoy a night of music. This is also a perfect event to which to invite your friends, relatives or neighbors who may be reluctant to try a church but might enjoy an evening of music and fellowship. For more questions, please contact Quincy Wheeler at 440-417-8078 or qwheeler@mentorumc.org.

For the most current information, please see the calendar at www.mentorumc.org.

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>10:00 AM - Journey Group</p> <p>10:00 AM - Souper Bowl of Caring</p> <p>10:15 AM - Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>05:00 PM - Bible Quizzing</p> <p>06:45 PM - Journey Group - Carr</p> <p>07:00 PM - Sunday Night Basketball</p> <p>07:00 PM - Journey Group - Nagle</p>	<p>09:15 AM - Parents Morning Out Carr</p> <p>10:00 AM - Centenary Bible Study - Heisley</p> <p>11:00 AM - Worship at Enclave (formerly Afta)</p> <p>06:30 PM - Disciple II - McAdams</p> <p>07:00 PM - Men's Group Meeting</p> <p>07:30 PM - Communications Committee Meeting</p>	<p>09:30 AM - Journey Group - Palermo</p> <p>09:30 AM - Journey Group - Ring</p> <p>07:00 PM - Emmaus/Journey Group</p>	<p>09:30 AM - Valentine Caramel Puff Prep</p> <p>12:00 PM - Knitting Group</p> <p>01:00 PM - Knitting Group</p> <p>01:30 PM - GirlsShare</p> <p>04:30 PM - Youth 56 Making Dinner for Project Hope</p> <p>06:30 PM - Trustee Meeting</p> <p>07:00 PM - Missions Commission</p> <p>07:30 PM - Journey Group - Callagher</p> <p>07:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop #280</p>	<p>10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous</p> <p>06:00 PM - Canticle Bells</p> <p>06:30 PM - Disciple I - Snade</p> <p>06:45 PM - Charter Members Rehearsal</p> <p>07:00 PM - S.A.L.T.</p> <p>07:45 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>01:00 PM - Journey Group - Fournier / Karenko</p>	<p>08:00 AM - Modern Worship - Vocal Rehearsal</p> <p>08:00 AM - Modern Worship Rehearsal</p> <p>08:00 AM - YSP Pancake Breakfast</p>
<p>09:00 AM - Confirmation Class</p> <p>10:00 AM - Journey Group</p> <p>10:00 AM - Journey Group - Woolegge</p> <p>10:15 AM - Children's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:15 AM - Cherub Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>12:00 PM - Youth 56 & Youth Snow Tubing</p> <p>12:00 PM - Youth 56 / Youth Lunch</p> <p>05:00 PM - Bible Quizzing</p> <p>05:00 PM - Journey Group - Carr</p> <p>05:00 PM - Journey Group - L Ring</p>	<p>09:15 AM - Parents Morning Out Carr</p> <p>10:00 AM - Centenary Bible Study - Heisley</p> <p>11:00 AM - Worship at Enclave (formerly Afta)</p> <p>06:30 PM - Disciple II - McAdams</p> <p>07:00 PM - Men's Group Meeting</p> <p>07:00 PM - Modern Worship Meeting</p> <p>07:00 PM - EAP Training</p>	<p>09:30 AM - Journey Group - Palermo</p> <p>09:30 AM - Journey Group - Ring</p> <p>07:00 PM - Emmaus/Journey Group</p>	<p>01:00 PM - Knitting Group</p> <p>01:00 PM - GirlsShare</p> <p>06:00 PM - Lay Leader Meeting</p> <p>07:00 PM - Finance Committee</p> <p>07:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop #280</p> <p>07:00 PM - Children's Ministry Team</p>	<p>09:30 AM - Ruth Naomi Circle</p> <p>10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous</p> <p>06:00 PM - Canticle Bells</p> <p>06:30 PM - Disciple I - Snade</p> <p>06:45 PM - Charter Members Rehearsal</p> <p>07:00 PM - S.A.L.T.</p> <p>07:00 PM - Mentor Jr. Women's Club Meeting</p> <p>07:45 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>09:30 AM - MOPS & MOMSnext Meeting</p> <p>01:00 PM - Journey Group - Fournier / Karenko</p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day!</p>	<p>08:00 AM - Modern Worship - Vocal Rehearsal</p> <p>08:00 AM - Modern Worship Rehearsal</p> <p>08:00 AM - Journey Group Leader Meeting</p>
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EASTER FLOWER ORDERS 2020

This year we are offering tulips, daffodils, lilies, and hyacinths. The prices are as follows:



Tulip, Daffodil, Lily, Hyacinth \$7 each

Please make your check to MUMC or Mentor United Methodist Church.

Checks and forms can be mailed to:

The Altar Guild c/o Mentor United Methodist Church
8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor OH 44060.

The Altar Guild will also be at the Information Hub on Sunday, March 8, 15 and 22 with forms to order plants.

The last day to order will be March 22, so we can place our order and they can be delivered for Easter.

Your plants may be picked up after the 11 AM service on Easter morning.

Please indicate how many of each type you would like:

___ Tulip (\$7) ___ Daffodil (\$7) ___ Lily (\$7) ___ Hyacinth (\$7)

Total \$ _____

(PLEASE PRINT NAMES)

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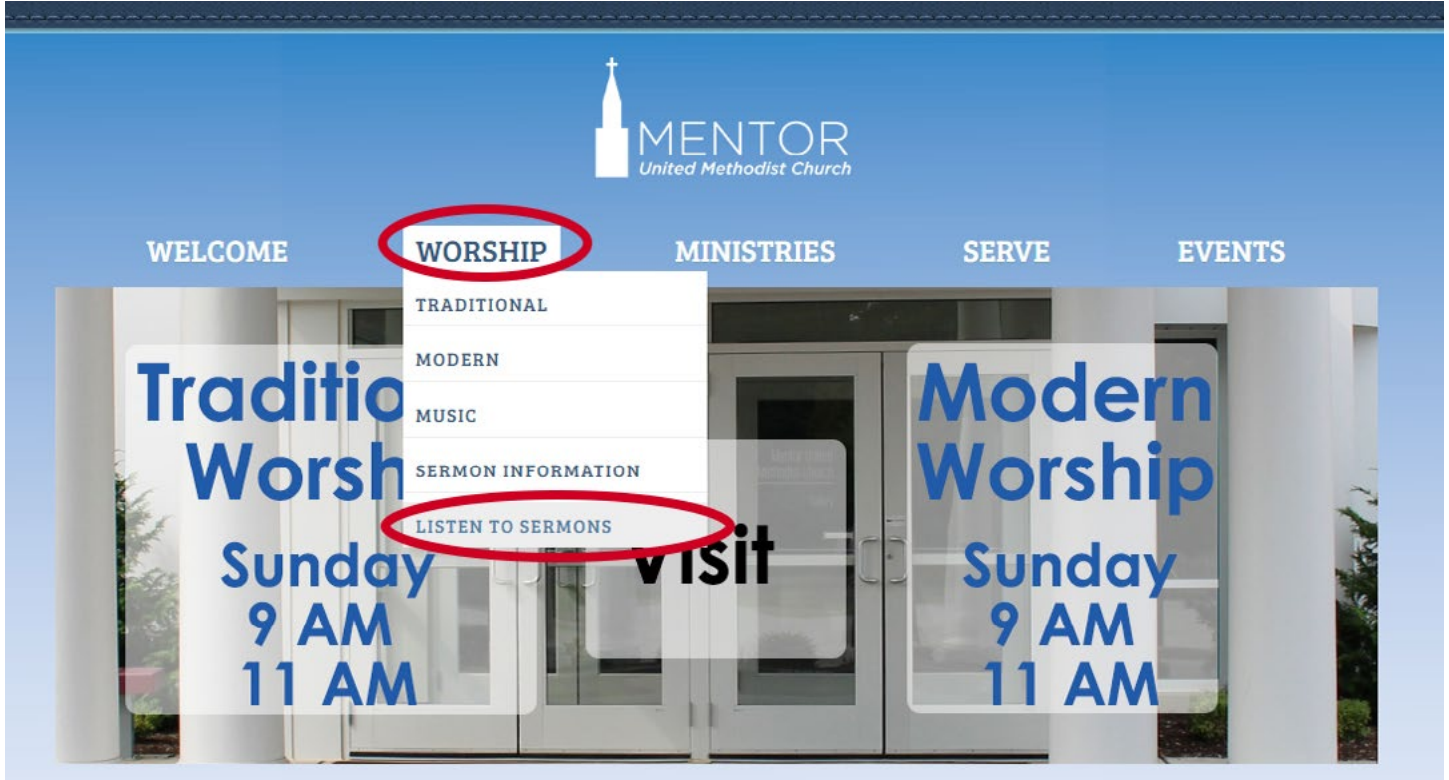
In memory of _____

In appreciation of _____

To the Glory of God _____

Place my flowers in: ___ Sanctuary ___ Fellowship Hall

Missed a week of church? Just go online to our website at www.mentorumc.org. Click on the pull-down menu "Worship" and then click "Listen to Sermons".



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Prayer Focus for February: Missionaries

This is love: not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4: 10 & 11

February is traditionally known as the love month because of St. Valentine's Day. A priest in 3rd century Rome, Valentine sought to comfort those being persecuted for their faith. The result, he was arrested, beaten, and ultimately beheaded. Not a sweet story to recall ... yet because of his great love of God he was willing to risk his life, worldly position and possessions to help others know God's love.

Take time to pray for missionaries – those willing to sacrifice and serve, often in places and situations way beyond their comfort zones. Because of faithful witnesses many come to know and experience God's love. Specifically, pray for missionaries our church supports: Helen Roberts-Evans in Liberia, and Mark and Eszte Landerholm in Hungary. And also pray for those who have or are considering serving on mission teams – Puerto Rico; Guatemala; YSP

God sends missionaries into all the world so all the world will know God!

Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM
Deadline for the newsletter is the 8th of each month.