

STEEPLETALK

News from Mentor United Methodist Church

March

2020

From the Pastor

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

Jesus' prayer (John 17:15 – 18)

Jesus prayed for you.

As he neared the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus lifted his followers up to God. Those who follow Jesus are in the world for Jesus.

I invite you to pause for a moment and reflect on this truth ... a prayer and hope of Jesus.

We are protected ... empowered to be like Jesus (sanctified) ... sent ...

The world is to be different because Jesus' followers are in the world -

Not removed from the world ... not hidden ...

Sent into the world by Jesus.

I want to encourage each of you as you seek to follow Jesus.

Be prayerful

Be kind

Be helpful

Be forgiving

Be patient

Be loving

The political climate of our day

The denominational conversations we are engaged in

The day-to-day interactions and situations of our lives

All these and much more challenge us.

Jesus did not pray that we would be taken out of the world but instead, empowered by Christ, we would be Kingdom-builders. Let us not grow weary ... or afraid ... or hopeless. "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (I Corinthians 1:18)

As Lent begins, join us as we walk with Jesus; learn his spiritual disciplines; grow in God's grace.

As we engage in conversations regarding the United Methodist Church, join us as we walk with Jesus; learn from each other; grow in God's grace.

As we live and move and have our being, join us -

We aren't perfect;

We don't have everything figured out;

We certainly differ in many ways.

But Jesus loves us ... prays for us ... sends us ...

Let's follow Jesus together and experience His Kingdom coming among us.

That's Jesus' prayer, and mine, too.

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Pastor Sondra



General Conference, May 2020

The General Conference is the only body of The United Methodist Church that can set official policy and speak for the denomination.

The General Conference is an international body of nearly 1,000 delegates – half clergy and half lay – who are elected by the members of their respective Annual Conferences. The General Conference meets every four years and can also meet between those years if a special session is called (this occurred in 2019).

During General Conference, delegates discuss and vote on petitions and resolutions proposed by individuals, agencies, annual conferences, and other groups within the denomination. These actions could result in a revision of: *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, the denomination's book of law, and *The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church*, the denomination's policies on current social issues.

Bishops attend the General Conference but cannot vote. Some bishops serve as presiding officers during the conference, with the remaining bishops present but unable to speak on the proceedings, unless granted permission to do so by the delegates.

The next General Conference will be May 5 – 15, 2020 in Minneapolis, MN. Mentor UMC is represented by delegates from the East Ohio Conference. The delegates, 6 clergy and 6 lay, were elected at Annual Conference in June 2019.

At the conclusion of General Conference, Mentor UMC will meet to learn about the decisions and policies adopted in Minneapolis. We will discuss our local ministry and what our vision moving forward will be. We will continue to pray and trust God to guide us so that Jesus is honored, and the Mentor community is blessed by our faithful witness to Christ.

Many proposals are being discussed and sent to General Conference for consideration. AS OF TODAY, NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

Please speak to Pastor Sondra or Pastor Quincy if you have questions. Please visit: eocumc.com to learn more.

As we prepare for General Conference in May please be prayerful, and plan to attend our Listening Sessions. Above all, keep seeking Christ and serving Christ. We continue to focus on leading all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

Pastor Sondra

General Conference Discussions

In preparation for the General Conference for the UMC, which will take place in May 2020, Mentor UMC's pastors and leadership will be providing informative discussion groups for anyone interested in understanding the issues at play in General Conference, potential outcomes and the possible effects for our church. All those attending will receive information, view discussion starting material and engage in discussions with MUMC family who hold a variety of views on these issues.

Our primary goal is that we hear voices different from our own and increase in understanding and love of each other and of Jesus. Everyone over the age of 13 is welcome to attend. We do ask that if you attend one meeting, you commit to attending at least one subsequent meeting. Our preference is that you would attend all four. No sign-up needed, simply show up!

The meetings will be held Wednesdays, March 11, April 1, April 29 and May 13, from 6:30-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall and facilitated by SPR chair Brad Partee and MUMC pastors. Please contact Pastor Sondra at ssnode@mentorumc.org or Pastor Quincy at qwheeler@mentorumc.org with any questions.

Save the Dates

Change the World Day – Rise Against Hunger food packing event on Saturday, May 16 and Africa University Choir Concert on Friday, May 1.

Through The Years

One of the most influential Methodist leaders of the nineteenth and early twentieth century was Charles Cardwell McCabe. He was a preacher, bishop, chaplain, college chancellor, and was one who popularized one of the most stirring hymns in the Methodist Hymnal.

McCabe was born in 1836 in Athens, Ohio. His father, Robert, was a tailor. His grandfather, also Robert, was an early class leader (coach to up to 20 members of your congregation who are ready to be more intentional about their discipleship) in the Methodist movement in the mid-eighteenth century. An inspiring speaker, Charles was made a class leader at age 15. He later went on to Ohio Wesleyan University where he graduated in 1860. He became a high school principal and joined the Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church all in 1860. That same year he was ordained a deacon and was made an elder in 1862.

After the Civil War broke out, McCabe helped raise a regiment of infantry for the Union Army. He was named chaplain of the 122nd Ohio Infantry in 1862. He was captured by the Confederate Army and sent to Libby Prison in Virginia, a notorious facility known for its inhumane conditions. While in prison, a newspaper was slipped through the bars of his cell. It contained the relatively new song Battle Hymn of the Republic. McCabe liked the song and taught it to his fellow prisoners. He became ill while at the prison and was released to go back to the North. Later, at a meeting of the United States Christian Commission in the U. S. Capitol, he met Abraham Lincoln and sang Battle Hymn of the Republic to him, in his rich baritone voice. Lincoln was so moved by the song that he asked Rev. McCabe to sing it again.

After the war, Rev. McCabe lectured all over the country. His most famous motivational talk was called "The Right Side of Life in Libby Prison" which captivated many. He served as Church Extension Secretary of the U. S. Christian Commission and raised money for the construction of new Methodist churches. The famed agnostic, Robert Ingersoll, declared that churches were "dying out all over the land." Rev. McCabe countered, "Dear Robert, we are building more than one new Methodist church a day and propose to make it two a day." The numbers of causes that Rev. McCabe lent his efforts to are too numerous to mention.

Rev. McCabe was named a Bishop in 1896 at the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Cleveland. Then, in 1902, he was named chancellor of American University in Washington D. C. Bishop McCabe died in 1906 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Chicago. At his funeral the baritone singer, George Lott, sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic. His friend Bishop Earl Cranston said, "Few men have done more to make the world better."

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

The Big Event

The Big Event Fundraising Dinner, hosted by the Youth Service Project (YSP) team, will take place on Sunday, March 15 from 5:00-8:00 PM. This year's Big Event theme is "Hindsight is 2020" and will include a live auction, silent auction, dinner to be served at 5:15 PM, and live performances by the YSP team and other members of the church.

Tickets can be purchased Sundays at the Information Hub through March 15, in the church office during the week, or at the door of the Big Event. Tickets are \$10 for 12 years old and over, \$5 for ages 4-11 and free for ages 3 and under. Anyone wishing to donate a basket for the silent auction or an item for the live auction may contact Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org.

Items may be dropped off in the church office and are due by March 13. The YSP team will travel to Newberry, Michigan in July to partner with God's Country Cooperative Parish in providing rehabilitation work to residents' homes and renovation to GCCP's Center!

Children and Family Ministries

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



Well, it is now February and there have been ZERO snow days! In fact, there has hardly been a winter. Leah and I took kids to Polar Blast for snow tubing yesterday. It appears all of northeast Ohio had the same idea. When we went to buy our tickets, we were told there were no tubes left! WOWZA! We then had to create a Plan B. It was a great reminder that we are not in control and that we need to trust that God is Sovereign! He is all powerful and in control!!!

I am reminded of this a lot these days. Three moms joined me last Monday to discuss Queen Bees & Wanna Bees at Starbucks. We decided that there was too much good info to only meet once and have planned to meet the remaining Monday evenings! My plan versus God's plan...God is Sovereign! With that being said, we have decided that for April, we will be reading Rosalind Wiseman's book on sons, [Masterminds & Wingmen](#). Stay tuned for more details!

As the second month of 2020 is moving along, let's take a moment to check your family calendar! How has it been going prioritizing how your family is spending their time? I know that as your children get older and become more involved in activities, it is easy to let faith activities get pushed to the side. I pray that you will continue to put God at the forefront of your family planning. I want to encourage and support you as you lead your family onto a path of Christ centered discipleship.

One of the break out speakers from the ETCH Conference that I really enjoyed was Mark Jones. He was fun to listen to and spoke about a very important topic, "Helping Parents Deal with Disrespectful Kids". This is a topic that I believe every parent is dealing with in their families. Mark shared how there is an issue of entitlement among children today. He offers ways to combat this issue that continues to emerge in our culture. Mark also shared ideas on how to deal with the lack of respect in children today. He even shares strategies on how to teach respect. If you are interested in learning more, please let me know! I would love to offer a small group study on this topic.

Do you have your summer planned? I hope you have left room for:

[Vacation Bible School](#) (June 8-12 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm)
[Get Out Doors \(G.O.D.\) Camp](#) (June 8-12 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm)
[Theatre Arts Camp](#) (July 13-17 & July 20-24 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm)

As always, I look forward to hearing how I can come alongside you on your parenting journey.

By HIS Grace and through HIS love,
 Tammy

Thank you

Thank you so very much for your cards, phone calls, and prayers for the passing of my sister, Margaret (Peg) Kelly on 1/9/20. Lovingly, Kay McKinney

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Lenten Cantata, Traditional Services at 9 and 11 AM on Sunday, March 29

April 9, Holy Thursday Service - 7:30 PM
 Interactive Journey with Jesus Service including Holy Communion

April 10, Good Friday Service - 7:30 PM
 Tenebrae service including choir and candlelight

April 11, Easter Egg Hunt, Garfield Park, 10:30 AM, for children 2+, egg drop contest for 8+

April 12, Easter Sunday Services - 9 AM and 11 AM "Walking Out of the Tomb"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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.

2020 Annual All-Church Rummage Sale

April 25, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Attend planning meetings March 10 and April 7 at 7 PM.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Come one, Come all!

Gather up all those useful household items, clean clothing (NO FOOTWEAR) and bring them to the church Monday, April 20, through Thursday, April 23, 9 AM to 7 PM. Sorting your own donations is a great way to help! Just put your items on the appropriate tables.

NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

Please NO major appliances, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, tires, sofa beds, non-flat screen televisions, bowling balls, encyclopedias, cookbooks, landline telephones or footwear.

All are welcome to come bid on our silent auction/buy it now priced items. They will be displayed again this year on the counter in the Gallery, Tuesday through Friday, with bids accepted until 6:00 PM on Friday.

Workers are needed all week to help unload, sort, set up, and price items. On Saturday, the day of the sale, we need workers to help customers check-out (cash only) and get their purchases to their cars.

Please be sure to sign up, as this helps us plan. On Saturday, lunch and snacks will be provided for workers. Sign up with friends and enjoy time together of fun and fellowship, while working for a good cause!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring your ideas to the March 10 and April 7 meetings
on how sale proceeds can be directed to church projects.

Contact Rhonda Hoon at rhondahoon@yahoo.com or 440-255-6569 with any questions.

All-Church Rummage Sale 2020
Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

All are welcome to help make this event a success!

Please circle as many time slots as you would like.
Any time that you can help is appreciated! Just jot down your name and
contact information and the time that works for you.

Lunch will be provided for you on Saturday.

Monday, April 20 - Saturday, April 25

Monday	9 AM-1 PM	1-5 PM	4-7 PM	
Tuesday	9 AM-1 PM	1-5 PM	4-7 PM	
Wednesday	9 AM-1 PM	1-5 PM	4-7 PM	
Thursday	9 AM-1 PM	1-5 PM	4-7 PM	
Friday	9 AM-1 PM	1-5 PM		
Saturday	8 AM-12 PM	12-4 PM	3-5 PM	All Day

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Hoon at 440-255-6569 or
rhondahoon@yahoo.com.

Please place the form in the offering plate, give to the church office or
call/email Rhonda with your information.

Cornerstone

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

Coming up:

March 8 We host Fellowship Hour. Please bring some snacks to share and volunteer to serve or clean up.

April 25 All Church Rummage Sale, proceeds go to fund missions and church projects.

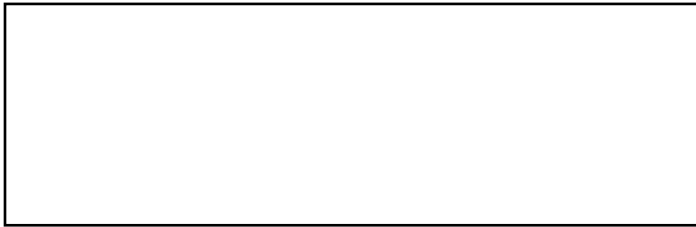
June 6 Tour of Stan Hywet Hall and Lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse

Questions, ideas for a trip, or to sign up, please email Larry larryhoon@yahoo.com or Jo Ann jag5.1@icloud.com.

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Prayer Focus - March

And God said, "Let there be light, and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is a seasonal time change measure where clocks are set ahead of Standard Time, usually by one hour. DST is used in over 70 countries worldwide and affects over one billion people every year.

Although legislature determines how we mark time, God created days. This month, have your prayer focus be praying for eyes to see God each day. Seek to be intentional in your time with God – daily, spend 20 minutes with God.

What do you want to say to God?
How are you listening for God?

Seek to be intentional in your thanksgiving – daily, think of 3 things for which to thank God!
Seek to be intentional in your prayers for others –
Pray that all those at Mentor UMC will see God at work.
Every day - from morning till night – from daylight to darkness – from darkness to daylight –God is at work.

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.