

STEEPLETALK

January 2014



The New Year is upon us with all the possibilities and uncertainties an unknown future holds. One thing we do know, life is a gift of time. What will we do with this gift in 2014?

I appreciate the words from Galatians 6:10 that read like this in “The Message”:

“Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.”
(Galatians 6:10 “The Message”)

There is a familiar word that jumps from this verse, it’s the word “time.” Perhaps you’re thinking, “What happened to the time in 2013, it’s already over.” And perhaps you have thought, “Before you know it, another Christmas will be here.” It has been said that “time marches on”, or perhaps better said, “Time sprints on.”

As we move into another twelve month cycle, this is a “timely” opportunity to look at the matter of time. During the four Sundays of January we will be doing a sermon series entitled, “The Time of Your Life.” Together we’ll look at the reality that our days are numbered. We will look at setting priorities, maximizing our minutes and finding productivity. We will find how the Bible gives practical and spiritual applications for the best use of time.

At the stroke of midnight on December 31st, given our opportunity to have the gift of another 365 days of life, we will be good for over a half million minutes (60 x 24 x 365 = 525,600). Minutes matter, so we want to begin the New Year looking at “The Time of Your Life.” Join us as we learn how “every time we get the chance” we have opportunities to “work for the benefit of all.”

Please take the time to join us as we serve together.

Setting priorities is one of the most important things we can do to maximize time. That’s true in our individual lives, but also for the life of the congregation. By action of the November Administrative Council, priority goals have been set for 2014. A short description follows:

Our Mission ...

Lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship
A disciple...KNOWS Christ
GROWS deeper in Christ
SHOWS Christ’s love

To live into our mission, 2014 goals are:

1. Help others KNOW Christ by attracting and welcoming people without a church home.
2. To GROW deeper in Christ we will continue shaping and developing an intentional discipleship program using the principles of “Deepening Your Effectiveness” and “From Members to Disciples.”
3. To SHOW Christ’s love we will increase the congregation’s presence in the community.
4. Leading others onto the path of discipleship requires connecting points. 2014 will be defined as the connecting year as we address connection points to KNOW, GROW and SHOW in the areas of personal faith, new members, children and youth programs, inactive members, accountable discipleship, and those on the fringes of the church.

Grace and peace,
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YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS:

Pulse (grades 9-12) Youth Room—10:10 -10:40 a.m.
Pulse 78 (grades 7-8) Asbury Room—10:10-10:40 a.m.

High Definition Youth Group (Gr. 7-12), 6:30-8 p.m.

Sunday Evenings: All youth meet at church with separate group time for Middle and High School. Food is served at 6 p.m. The Church is open 1/2 hour before and after youth group.

YSP: On 1st Sundays of the month High School has Youth Service Project (YSP) meetings from 7:30-8:30 p.m.; Youth Group will still meet!

SAVE THE DATE! YSP will present THE BIG EVENT on Sunday, March 16th. Pasta Dinner, Talent Show and Auction to raise money for Youth in Missions!

For up-to-date details on Youth Ministry:

Email lring@mentorumc.org to be added to our parent or youth email lists. Check Youth Ministries at www.mentorumc.org and find us on Facebook!

GRIEFSHARE



GRIEFSHARE is a Grief Recovery Support Group. *It's real help for deep hurt.*

The 13 week Winter session starts Wednesday, January 8th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 112. The weekly video seminars are designed to help you successfully travel the journey from mourning to joy. Pastor Bev Wrobel will be the facilitator for these sessions.

The cost is \$20 which includes the book. Please register by calling or emailing Pastor Bev Wrobel at 255-3496, ext. 14; blwrobel@mentorumc.org. For more information visit the GRIEFSHARE website at www.griefshare.org.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has introduced an electronic option for making regular offerings. The new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings to the church's bank account. **Online Giving** lets you go to www.mentorumc.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES

HEARTLAND VISITATION . . .

Our time of worship at Heartland is 10:45 a.m. We would love to have you come with us on January 19th. Look for the Ellwells or Marge Westman in the atrium by the Welcome Center after the 9 a.m. service.

MUMC MORE THAN A MEAL



Free Community Dinner

We are looking for families to host one of our monthly meals. As a host, you can choose the menu and help to coordinate shopping for food and instructing our volunteers in the kitchen that evening. We encourage families to group together and financially support a meal for the month. Costs have been averaging \$150 to feed up to 75 people. **The next two dates that are available to host are February 22nd and March 29th.** If you would like to sign up to host or volunteer for a meal, please email Karen Martin at dansgirl9065@sbcglobal.net. Also, sign up is available at the Welcome Center Sunday mornings.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SERVANT OPPORTUNITES:

Please prayerfully consider giving some time to our children.

- Winter Sunday School sign up:
<http://tinyurl.com/SSWinter>
- Discoverers Leadership sign up:
<http://tinyurl.com/DiscLeaders>

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2014-15

Mentor United Methodist Preschool offers classes for three year olds, four year olds and a Pre-K class for five year olds. Children must be the age of their class by September 30th.

Our state licensed preschool has provided quality education since 1967. Preschool is a great way to prepare your child for academic success. Come join the fun!

Registration dates:

Church Members—Sundays, January 12, 19, 26
Register between services in Room 101

Current Students — Thursday, January 23 at 8 a.m.

Open Registration — Saturday, February 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A registration fee of \$60, plus one month's tuition is due upon registration. For more information, please contact Colleen Judson or Suzanne Teringo, 255-3496, ext. 23.

THROUGH THE YEARS

The first overseas mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church was to the African country of Liberia in 1832. The Methodist Episcopal Church, as our church was known then, believed very strongly in missions and spreading the Word of God. The first missions centered on the largely undeveloped parts of the United States. Indeed the circuit riders of the church came to areas such as Mentor Ohio to establish churches. But the church realized that missions should also go to overseas locations. Liberia, where some freed African-American slaves lived, was selected.

But who would go? It was dangerous work as the Liberia climate proved deadly to many who ventured there. Up stepped the Rev. Melville Cox, a native New Englander who had settled with his wife and baby daughter in Maryland. Both Mrs. Cox and their young daughter died in a cholera epidemic in 1831. Cox himself suffered from tuberculosis. Rev. Cox agreed to go to Liberia and set up the mission. A student told him not to go saying he would die there. Rev. Cox replied, "If I die in Africa, you must come and write my epitaph." He further stated "Let a thousand die before Africa be given up!"

Rev. Cox sailed for Liberia on November 6, 1832. When he arrived in Liberia, he started a church and a school with seventy students. However, as predicted, his health did not hold out. He died on July 21, 1833. During one of his fevers, he sang a spiritual "I am happy, I am happy! My days are immortal." The main building at the College of West Africa is named for him.

Over the decades, many more missionaries from the Methodist Church have gone to Liberia to improve the health, economic status, and spiritual life of our brothers and sisters in Liberia. Indeed our own Rev. Kathy Dickriede continues this great work to this day with the Camphor Mission. Many members of our church have joined Rev. Dickriede in this Christian work. God Bless you all! We are proud of you!

Do you have any MUM history you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to:

Mr. Don Humphrey
dhumphrey@ameritech.net.



The Adult Education Committee is pleased to announce that a group of New classes will be starting in January! Check out the listings here or on our bulletin boards to see what is NEW for January.

Mondays and Tuesdays, day and evening, women's and men's — be the first to sign up for your preferences.

- > "Between a Rock & a Hard Place": Mondays at North Mentor Centenary UMC. Kathy Dickriede will lead this study January 6th—February 10th, 10-11:30 a.m.
- > "Game Plan for Life": Mondays at Hope Ridge UMC with leader Dana Ludwig. January 6th—February 10th.
- > "Discover Your Story": One night seminar. February 3 ONLY with Kristen Otte, 7:30 p.m.
- > "Live Your Best Story": One night seminar. February 10th ONLY with Kristen Otte, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- > "Stepping Up": the Psalms of Ascent, a Beth Moore study. Tuesdays at Mentor UMC, January 7th—March 11th, 9-11 a.m.
- > "Jesus & Courageous Women": Tuesdays at Mentor UMC with Sally Carr. January 7th-March 18th, 7-8 p.m.
- > Spiritual Wellness every other Thursday at Mentor UMC starting January 9th, 10-11 a.m.

For more information go to our website at www.mentorumc.org and click on Adult Learning. To register for classes email Gayle Avery at gavery@mentorumc.org or call 255-3496, ext. 25.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

OFFERINGS:

- **Family Sunday:** 1st Sunday of the month; 3rd through 6th grade remain in worship; no Children's Message; 3 year olds through 2nd grade meet in Chapel then go to Education Wing.
- **The BREAKFAST CLUB, a Young Family Study**
Sundays from 10:10-10:50 in Room 109;
Childcare is available in Room 102.
- **Parents Morning Out** (toddlers—4 yr. olds)
Mondays, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.
- **Discoverers (5 YO-6 Gr.)** Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.; "What's in the Bible?" curriculum; Winter session — January 7—February 25. MUST PREREGISTER by January 6th!
- **Children's Choir** (K-6th grade) rehearses
Sundays, 10:15-10:45 in the Chapel
- **Cherub Choir** (3,4,5 YO) rehearses
Sundays, 10:15-10:35 in Room 103
- **StuCo 56 (5th/6th grade)** meets Friday, January 17th; <http://tinyurl.com/StuCo56RSVP>
- **GENERATIONS**, family fellowship group, STAY TUNED to the bulletin for details for January!

REGISTRATION FORM: A current form needs to be completed for each child for 2013-2014:

Printable: <http://tinyurl.com/MUMCKidMinReg>

Electronic: <http://tinyurl.com/CFMReg13-14>

NEWSLETTERS:

Sunday's Cool News <http://tinyurl.com/SCNJan14>
and **ROOTED** <http://tinyurl.com/ROOTEDJan14>.

MOPS & MOMSnext:

"A Beautiful Mess: Embrace Your Story"

- ANNUAL SPA meeting: Friday, January 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- MOPS: Moms with children birth - kindergarten
- MOMSnext: Moms with school aged children
- To learn more, and/or reserve childcare: email mops@mentorumc or call 255-3496, ext. 18 by January 7th



"THE BASICS CLASS"

This class will be offered on five Tuesday evenings in Room 112. Child care is available if requested. **Dates are January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4 from 7—8:30 p.m. These five classes cover some of the "basics" of our faith, and is required for church membership.**

To register please email or call Pastor Bev Wrobel, blwrobel@mentorumc.org; 255-3496, ext. 14.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The **NEW DAY CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, January 13th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Asbury Room. Contact Carole Ring at umw@mentorumc.org if you have questions. All women are welcome to join us!

RUTH-ESTHER CIRCLE does not meet in January but we invite you to join us the second Tuesday in February at 9:30 a.m. in the Adams Parlor. Watch for information on our program. All women of the church are invited!



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 21 — Saturday, February 22
Twinsburg Hilton Garden Inn

Women . . . Come for yummy cooked meals, time away to connect with friends and join in a time planned just for you. You may arrive stressed after a busy week, but will certainly head back home spiritually filled and blessed by your time with other women.

The theme for 2014 is **Walking God's Path: Named, Claimed . . . Never the Same.** Our speaker, Rev. Karen Cook will engage us by sharing God's truths for our lives. Come join us! Count on never being the same! Registration begins Sunday, January 12th at the Welcome Center.

CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY **with Sunday Supper — Sunday, January 19th** **6-8:30 p.m. — Fellowship Hall**

All are invited to share in a 60's style meal, view the film *Ruby Bridges*, and join in dialogue and discussion after the film. This family-friendly film depicts the true story of Ruby Bridges, an African-American girl who, in 1960 at age 6, helped to integrate the all-white schools of New Orleans. Come celebrate Dr. King's legacy of service and social justice while enjoying fellowship, food, and conversation.

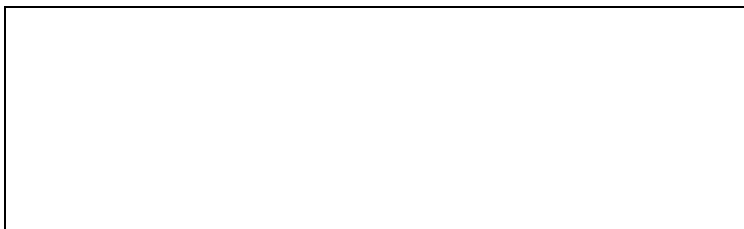
This free event is sponsored by the Mentor United Methodist Women.

Please RSVP for the SUNDAY SUPPER. Child care (Toddler-K) will be provided upon request. Contact Carole Ring at umw@mentorumc.org to RSVP, if you have questions or would like child care or transportation. We hope you will join us for this special night out!

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November 2013

Receipts	\$853,421.23
Disbursements	880,234.20
Deficit	(\$26,812.97)

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STEEPLETALK
January 10th
For FEBRUARY Issue**

WORSHIP

SANCTUARY Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.

iCONNECT Worship — 9 & 11 a.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

COMMUNION — 10:30 a.m.
(Adams Parlor)

CHILDREN

CHILDCARE — 9 & 11 a.m.

For infants—2 year old

SUNDAY SCHOOL — 9 & 11 a.m.

For 3 year olds—6th grade

CHECK-IN — 3 year old—6th grade

Check in before worship in the Chapel

PICK-UP — The children are in their
Classrooms in the Education Wing

YOUTH

PULSE — 10:10 a.m. (Pettit Youth Room)

For 9th—12th grade

PULSE 78 — 10:10 a.m. (Asbury Room)

For 7th & 8th grade

ADULTS

BREAKFAST CLUB — 10:10 a.m. (Room 109)


For young families

ADULT BIBLE STUDY — 10:10 a.m.

(Wesley Room)



January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Church & Office closed	2 10:00 Overeaters Anonymous 6:15 Canticle Bells Rehearsal 7:00 S.A.L.T. 7:00 Charter Members Reh. 7:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3	4 8:00 iConnect Rehearsal
5 Communion Sunday 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Cherub Choir 10:15 Children's Choir 6:00 High Definition 6:30 YSP Meeting 7:00 Disciple II 7:00 Disciple I (H)	6 10:00 Parents Morning Out 10:00 Between a Rock (N) 10:15 Emeritus Visitation 6:30 Game Plan for Life (H) 7:00 iConnect Planning	7 9:00 Women's Study Group 9:15 Disciple IV 1:00 The Names of God 1:30 Alzheimer Support Group 6:00 Discoverers 6:30 Building Committee 7:00 Disciple IV (H) 7:00 Women's Study Group 7:00 BS Troop #280 7:00 The Basics Class	8 1:00 Loving Threads 1:00 GRIEFSHARE 6:00 Jane's Girls Emmaus 7:00 Evangelism Team 7:00 Library Committee 7:00 Celebration Bell Rehearsal 7:30 Missions Commission 7:30 Trustee Meeting	9 10:00 Spiritual Wellness Class 10:00 Overeaters Anonymous 6:15 Canticle Bell Rehearsal 6:30 American Heritage Girls 6:45 Mentor Jr. Women's Club 7:00 S.A.L.T. 7:00 Charter Members Reh. 7:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30 MOPS/MOMSnext	11 9:30 UMW District Meeting
12 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Cherub Choir 10:15 Children's Choir 6:00 High Definition 7:00 Disciple II 7:00 Disciple I (H)	13 10:00 Parents Morning Out 10:00 New Day Circle 10:00 Between a Rock (N) 6:00 Mentor Woman's Club 6:30 Game Plan for Life (H) 7:00 iConnect Planning	14 9:00 Women's Study Group 9:15 Disciple IV 1:00 The Names of God (H) 6:00 Discoverers 7:00 Disciple IV (H) 7:00 Women's Study Group 7:00 BS Troop #280 7:00 The Basics Class	15 1:00 Loving Threads 1:00 GRIEFSHARE 1:00 Mentor Miscellany Club 6:00 Jane's Girls Emmaus 7:00 Celebration Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Worship Committee 7:30 ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL	16 10:00 Overeaters Anonymous 6:15 Canticle Bell Rehearsal 7:00 S.A.L.T. 7:00 Charter Members Reh. 7:45 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 9:30 MOPS/MOMSnext Steering 6:00 Harvey/Weiss Rehearsal (S) 7:00 StuCo 56	18 4:00 Harvey/Weiss Wedding (S)
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S - Sanctuary
C - Chapel

HR— Hope Ridge UMC
NMC—North Mentor Centenary