
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, December 20, 2020

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Christ-centered ... another of Mentor UMC's core values ... means "we will focus on the life, words, way, and Spirit of Jesus." Jesus – the Savior of the world! Whose birth the angels declared, and shepherds hurried to witness, and world quietly welcomed.

Albeit in a different way, I look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you.

I hope you will join us Sunday evening for our "Drive-in Worship". Many thanks to all who have worked to develop an opportunity for us to worship together as a church family.

Beginning at 4:45, come see the scripture come to life (entering off Southwood St. and driving alongside the east side of the education building). Under the Gallery Portico, pick up your candles or glowsticks for Christmas Eve worship at home. Find a spot in our parking lot. Listen to our Modern Worship team's musical selections on your FM radio. **Then at 5:30** join us for a Service of Lessons and Carols. All this from the comfort of your car (bring snacks and a light for "Silent Night") surrounded by your church family. It will be a wonderful evening --- with a special surprise at the end! Please come and worship with us!

Our Christmas Eve worships will be livestreamed at 3, 5, 7, and 9 PM. Again, many thanks to all those who have dedicated hours of planning and recording to assure worship on this holy evening will be meaningful. Even as you gather in your homes, remember to prioritize worship of Emmanuel!

Throughout 2020 we have tried to remain Christ-centered. I truly believe that as we focus on Jesus, we find hope and comfort and peace even in the craziness of life! And, we have certainly experienced crazy challenges this year. Thank you for your on-going quest to allow the life, words, and way of Jesus to guide you; and shape our ministry together.

I am grateful for each of you.

May God bless you and your loved ones this holy season, and always.

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/47526479>

Join us in worship!
9 AM Modern and 11 AM Traditional
[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and
our [website www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)

Lighting the Advent wreath in services today are the Powell/Wheeler family in Modern Worship at 9 AM and the Neibecker family in Traditional Worship at 11AM.

Reflections on 2020

On December 27, our final worship of 2020, we will take a look back on 2020. We look forward to moving on to a new year! Yet ... what are the lessons or blessings of 2020 that you don't want to forget? What do you want to remember about 2020? Pastor Sondra is looking for your input. Please send her an email by Monday, December 21, so she can include your thoughts in the service (ssnode@mentorumc.org).

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 • Parker Place - Opal Pinasky
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, Art Sydow

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Dale Snyder, Karen Mancini, Linda Leach, Erica Wilmot, Jeanne Babcock
Kimi Schmidt, Carl Snyder, Sylvia Bisbee, John Proegler
John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Ken Ireland, Noel Barber, Evelyn Scott

Christmas Cantata 2019 Online until Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2021

We are pleased to offer an opportunity to listen to the 2019 Christmas Cantata on YouTube. The link is unlisted to comply with copyright requirements. Please use this link to access it <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7oAk1I1HP4>. You will not see the video appear on our YouTube Channel or be able to search for it. Thank you for understanding as we navigate online copyright issues. If you have any difficulty, please call or email Carolyn in the office at 440.255.3496 or cnagy@mentorumc.org. She can email the link directly to you.

Candles for Christmas Eve Online Worship

Candles or glowsticks for Christmas Eve can be picked up at the Drive-in Worship Sunday evening at 4:45 PM or the Church Office Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22, from 8:30 AM to 4 PM.

Holiday Office Hours

Please note that in observance of the holidays, the Church Office will be closed on December 23, 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

Hope Chest Monetary Donations

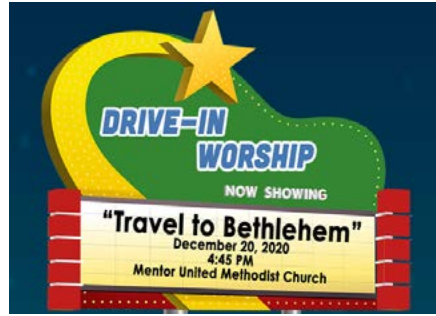
Hope Chest is still closed for material donations but monetary donations are needed to continue their ministry. The mailing address is 1 Victoria Place, Ste. 321, Painesville, OH 44077.

Stewardship for 2021 Operating Budget

Please prayerfully consider your 2021 pledge and return your pledge card by mail or by dropping it off at the church office. Please remember that online pledging and giving remains available at www.mentorumc.org and via the [MUMC church app](#).

Thank you for your continued support of our church and our mission to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. If you have questions you can contact Teresa Simons tsimons@mentorumc.org 255-3496.





TONIGHT! Come And Worship As A Church Family - "Travel to Bethlehem"
December 20, Drive-In Worship Experience

- 4:45 – 5:30 PM Drive past Christmas Scenes along the Ed Wing
Listen to our Modern Worship Band on our FM Station
Pick up candles and glowsticks under the portico for Christmas Eve
Bring snacks, and candles or flashlights to use for "Silent Night"
Find a spot in our parking lot to be ready for singing and story telling
- 5:30 - 6 PM Worship over the FM Station and Seeing each other "car-to-car"
We will hear the familiar story
We will sing favorite carols to our live organ accompaniment
We will end the evening with "Silent Night"
We receive a Christmas Blessing

Christmas Eve Services

Livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube and our website home page.

3 PM Traditional with Communion

5 PM Children's Service

7 PM Modern Service

9 PM Traditional Service with "Hallelujah" Chorus

The Order of Worship for each Traditional service can be found online at http://mentorumc.org/weekly_updates.

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Letters of Gratitude and Encouragement for Cleveland Clinic

The Cleveland Clinic has a program for writing a note of gratitude or encouragement to a Cleveland Clinic Caregiver or a Patient currently admitted to a Cleveland Clinic hospital. There are very specific instructions and there is a survey link to use for each letter at <https://redcap.ccf.org/redcap/surveys/index.php?s=3X7YKDCCHK8>.

Cleveland Clinic Caregivers are so appreciative of your service and your efforts to practice social distancing and keep your hands clean. As you participate in this virtual opportunity, please, practice frequent hand hygiene (alcohol hand rubs & soap/water), cough etiquette (cover coughs and/or use cloth face masks) and please, do not participate if having symptoms of any illness.

Please send one note per stamped envelope, addressed as populated by the bottom of the link based on your choices. Any questions can be directed to:
216.219.9766 or ourvoice@ccf.org.

If you would be willing to capture a photo of yourself writing the letter, addressing, or mailing, they can be emailed to Amy Szabo at szabo3@ccf.org.