
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

8600 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060

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November 28, 2021

Traditional Worship at 9 AM and 11 AM

Modern Worship at 9 AM

The Gathering 11 AM, Fellowship Hall, mask required

Worship with us online every Sunday at 9 and 11 AM at mentorumc.org, [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mentorumc), and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/mentorumc).

We were servants of Jesus this week as we came together to offer meals to our community. THANK YOU to Katelynn Gurbach, Jim Post, and Rich Elwell for their leadership – as well as the MANY volunteers who assisted with our Thanksgiving Dinner. Ministry doesn't just happen. Ministry requires investment of time and talents, finances and feelings. We choose to offer ourselves to the work of Jesus. THANK YOU to everyone for every way YOU served Jesus this week.



As Advent begins, we choose to center ourselves on the good news of God's arrival in our lives. This year, we will look to the classic story of The Grinch for insight into a faith-full life. I hope you will [join our Advent study](#) in person, online or simply read Matt Rawle's book, The Heart that Grew Three Sizes. I hope you will join us for worship each week as we invite Jesus to be present in our lives in new ways, transforming ways, life-giving ways.

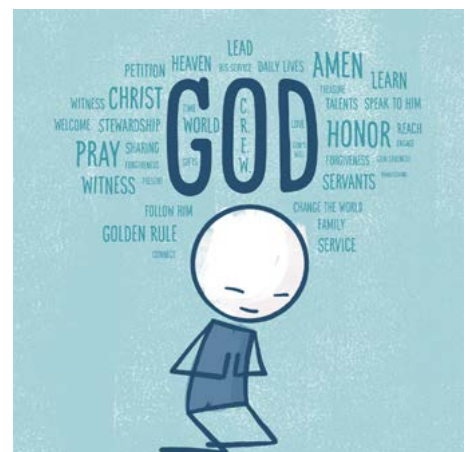
As followers of Jesus, we choose to trust God's power and love to be at work within us and through us. It is not always an easy journey. Our culture challenges us; pandemic statistics, as well as views challenge us; the day-to-day happenings of our lives challenge us. Yet we look to Jesus ... center ourselves on Jesus ... and discover Jesus is always present, ready to usher in his Kingdom. Jesus wants us to have hearts that reflect his peace, hope, joy, and love.

May this season, this week, this day bring you ever closer to the One who chooses you!
Pastor Sondra

Stewardship Emphasis - "Help Write the Next Chapter"

We want to thank you for your generous support for the ministry of Mentor UMC.

Our focus this year is "Help Write the Next Chapter." Be on the look-out in your mail for a letter highlighting our goals and needs for 2022. You can also mail your commitment to the church or fill out an [online pledge card](#) on our website and church app. Thank you for your continued support of our church.



Congregational Care

In our prayers today and in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

Members admitted to the Hospital: TriPoint - Syndie Toth • UH - Mary Jane Scott
Geauga - Dick Smith

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro, Jeanne Babcock
Vista Springs - Audrey Arslanian • Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman
Parker Place - Opal Pinasky, Bill Owen, Bob and Sandy Linsell
Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua, Hugh Samson • Salida Woods - Doris Sturm
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely • Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Ann Shetler

Members who are home or homebound:

Karen Mancini, Karen Scott, Beverly Rhoades, Ruth Johnson, Noel Barber, Dale Snyder,
Jeff Klein, Joyce Trimble

Congratulations to Clark and Diana Hanna on the baptism of their children Brian and
Alexandra today.

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/48802070>.

More Than A Meal Please note that More Than a Meal for next month is moved to the third
Saturday of the month, which is December 18.

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

Tammy Palermo TPalermo@mentorumc.org

MUMC Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups, mask required in Education Wing and Early Childhood Area

- 9:00 AM at MUMC
 - 0-2 year old & 3-4 Year old sign in at the Early Childhood Area prior to service
 - Kindergarten through 6th grade begin worship with their families. You will be dismissed from there to go to the Education Wing.
 - Leaders are still needed [Winter Sign Up](#). Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.
- 11:00 AM The Gathering (mask required)
 - Interactive, Intergenerational, and Intentional worship service

There are still some Advent Calendars available. First come, first served. [Order Link](#)

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Friday, December 10, from 9:30 AM to Noon at MUMC.

MOPS Kids is in need of a few more **paid caregivers**. If you are interested in watching some children on Friday mornings, please contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

Pre-Registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year for **MUM Preschool**. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool next fall, please share the mentorumc.org/preschool website.

Giving Trees - Gifts Due by December 12

The Giving Trees are up! We are doing a combination of the "old" way and the "new" way. There are names on the tree in the gallery of children to donate gifts to. These are mostly single child families. On the Signup Genius are families with 2 or more children. If you are planning on picking several children, please visit the [Signup Genius](#) and bless a whole family. Gifts are due back to MUMC by December 12 at noon. **Gifts must be wrapped and tagged.**



[Signup Genius link here](#)

Please note: The distribution of gifts is December 13 and 14. Gifts must be brought in, wrapped and on time by December 12, to be given out. As soon as your gifts are ready, please feel free to bring them up to the church. We have secure storage for them. Thank you!

Also on the trees are throughout the church are :

YELLOW ANGELS: these represent names of members of our church in need of prayers. Please feel free to take these ornaments home.

BLUE BELLS: These represent good deeds or acts of kindness that can be completed.

RED HEARTS: These represent charities that we are supporting this holiday season. They include:

Nehemiah Mission • The Salvation Army • The Lake County Free Clinic

CHURCH WINDOWS: These ornaments are for donations to Africa University to help fund the building of a dormitory.

On Sundays, there is a green box in the Information Hub by the Church Office to place your red heart or church window donations in, or give them to the office during the week.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at 440-283-6524. Thank you, Betsy Iskra

Advent Candle Lighters Sign Up

Advent is fast approaching and we need people to light the Advent candles each week and on Christmas Eve. This is a much loved tradition and is so special this year. Use the [Sign Up Genius link](#), sign up at the Info Hub, call the Church Office, or email Tammy at TPalermo@mentorumc.org.

Christmas Play Tickets

Truth & Light Players will present their annual Christmas production. This year is "The Grunch" on December 11 at 4 PM. Tickets are necessary to obtain prior to the show. Please go to <https://mumctlp.booktix.com/>, or see the app and website.

Advent Study

The classic Christmas tale of *The Grinch* is the inspiration for our Advent study. Our study will be [The Heart That Grew Three Sizes](#) by Matt Rawle.

This is open to ALL ages and will be Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00 PM and will include dinner.

The study is every Sunday evening in Advent, November 28 through December 19. Sign-up is required at [this link](#) on our website and app, or contact the Church Office at 440.255.3496.



Christmas Eve Schedule and Ushers

We are so pleased to return to our Christmas Eve service schedule of
3 PM Traditional Worship - Communion • 5 PM Children-led service (mask required)
7 PM Modern Worship • 7 PM Traditional Worship - Charter Members
9 PM Traditional Worship - Hallelujah Chorus • 11 PM Traditional Worship
The 7 PM Modern and 9 PM Traditional services will also be livestreamed

Volunteers are needed for ushering during the five Sanctuary Christmas Eve services. Please consider serving your congregation, and meeting new people, by ushering! A sign-up sheet will be at the Information Hub beginning November 21.

You can also sign up through the website and app at [this link](#). If interested in ushering but hesitant, training will be provided on Tuesday, December 7 or Wednesday, December 15 in the Narthex from 7 – 8 PM. If you have further questions, please contact Chris Meldrum at (440) 220-0824.

Poinsettia Plants for Christmas Eve - Last Day to Order

It is a tradition at Mentor United Methodist Church to place poinsettias on the altar for Christmas Eve services in the memory or appreciation of a loved one(s) or for the glory of God. Plants are \$7 each. Forms can be found on our app, website, or at the Information Hub.

To make your payment online, choose "Poinsettia" as the fund at [this link](#). Payments may also be dropped off at the church office or mailed to "MUMC c/o Altar Guild Poinsettias, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060".

Orders are due November 28.

Custodial Volunteer Assistance

The month of December is a busy month at Mentor UMC – and occasionally custodial assistance is needed. Are you willing to help with some cleaning, set-up or tear-down? Are you willing to be on-call when a need arises? We are especially in need of some assistance on Christmas Eve. We are so glad to welcome the community back into our building! We appreciate your willingness to help engage in our ministry needs.

Please contact the church office for more info at 440-255-3496.

Part-time Office Assistant Position

Our church is looking for a part-time office assistant. If you are interested in learning more about the position or would like a copy of the job description, please call or stop by the church office.

Brunner Tree of Remembrance Memorial

The holidays are a special time for remembering. We at Brunners are remembering you and your loved one this holiday season. We cordially invite you and your family to join us at our Tree of Remembrance Memorial Service.

Sunday, 1:00 PM, December 5, 2021, on the lawn of Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center at 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor.

Bring a weatherproof ornament to place on our outdoor Tree of Remembrance when your loved one's name is read. Your ornament will remain on our tree until January 9, 2022. In the event you cannot join us, be assured your loved one will be mentioned in our service. Please call our office if wish to hang an ornament but cannot be present on this date. 440.255.3401

Blue Christmas

a service of healing and hope



Monday, December 20th, @ 7:00 pm

Please gather in the chapel for worship as we remember loved ones who are no longer physically present with us. On the eve of the shortest day of the year when darkness lingers, and with a mix of sadness and gratitude for them, the light Christ will illumine our path as we make our way through the holidays. Come, behold the Light of the world!



In the rising of the sun and its going down, we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.
In the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring, we remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.
In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.
So long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.



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