

What's happening Sunday, December 03, 2017
 09:00 AM - Confirmation Class Youth Room
 10:00 AM - Journey Group Conference Room
 10:00 AM - Journey Group - Petrowski Adams Parlor
 10:15 AM - Children's Choir Rehearsal Room 112
 10:15 AM - Cherub Choir Rehearsal Room 104
 01:00 PM - Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal - It's a Wonderful Life
 06:00 PM - Occupy Youth Ministry
 05:00 PM - Landerholm Journey Group Wesley Room
 07:00 PM - Journey Group - Nagle Wesley Room

What's happening this week . . .

Monday, December 4, 2017
 10:00 AM - Parents Morning Out Early Childhood
 10:00 AM - Worship at Brookdale Heisley - Off-Site
 11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek - Off-Site
 06:30 PM - Journey Group - Off-Site
 07:00 PM - Men's Group Meeting Library

Tuesday, December 5, 2017
 09:30 AM - Journey Group - Palermo
 09:30 AM - Journey Group - Ring
 07:00 PM - Emmaus/Journey Group
 07:00 PM - Canticle Bell Rehearsal
 07:00 PM - Journey Group - Imbler
 07:00 PM - Disciple II
 07:00 PM - Journey Group - Schwaller

Wednesday, December 6, 2017
 12:00 PM - Young at Heart Luncheon
 01:00 PM - GriefShare
 01:00 PM - Knitting Group
 07:00 PM - Trustee Meeting
 07:00 PM - Communications Team
 07:00 PM - Journey Group - Off-Site
 07:00 PM - Boy Scout Troop #280



Ruth Naomi Circle
 Join us for the Christmas Lunch at Marie Scramblers on Thursday, December 14th at 11:30 AM. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift to share and knitted hats, scarfs and gloves to donate. There will not be a meeting in January. Contact Georgeanna Allen with any questions at (440) 255-5515.

"It's a Wonderful Life"
 Starring the Truth and Light Players

Friday, December 8 at 7:00 PM
 Saturday, December 9 at 4:00 PM (sold out)

Potluck Meal to follow Saturday performance.
 Cost is a free will offering but tickets must be reserved.

Reserve tickets for the Friday performance at our website;
www.mentorumc.org/current/tickets-for-its-a-wonderful-life

Thursday, December 7, 2017
 10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous
 06:45 PM - Charter Member Rehearsal
 07:00 PM - Journey Group - S.A.L.T.
 07:45 PM - Chancel Choir

Friday, December 8, 2017
 09:00 AM - MOPS & MOMSnext Meeting
 01:00 PM - Journey Group - Sterner
 07:00 PM - Christmas Show - It's a Wonderful Life"

Saturday, December 9, 2017
 08:00 AM - Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
 08:00 AM - iConnect - Vocal Rehearsal Chapel
 08:00 AM - iConnect Rehearsal Fellowship Hall
 04:00 PM - Christmas Show - It's a Wonderful Life"
 06:00 PM - Christmas Show Potluck

What's happening Sunday, December 10, 2017
 08:00 AM - Christmas Food Collection Atrium, Arcade
 09:00 AM - Christmas Cantata Sanctuary
 09:00 AM - Confirmation Class Youth Room
 11:00 AM - Christmas Cantata
 10:00 AM - Journey Group Conference Room
 10:00 AM - Journey Group - Off-Site
 10:00 AM - Journey Group - Petrowski
 10:15 AM - Children's Choir Rehearsal
 10:15 AM - Cherub Choir Rehearsal
 05:00 PM - Occupy Youth Ministry
 06:00 PM - StuCo 56
 07:00 PM - Journey Group - Nagle
 08:00 PM - After Glow - Off-Site



Newsletter
 The December newsletter has been mailed. We will always have the paper copy for you to receive.

Did you know the newsletters are also at www.mentorumc.org/current/newsletter? See issues from as far back as 2013!

The email newsletter will arrive in your inbox this week. If you receive the enewsletter and don't want paper, just let the office know. We are happy to get you information in the way that you need it! Contact Carolyn Nagy at 440-255-3496 or cnagy@mentorumc.org with any questions.

Visitor Parking

With the holiday season, MUMC will have more visitors. If possible, please try to park off-site to leave room in the parking lots. We are welcome to park behind the Pink Bandana Bakery (formerly Jimmy's Backyard BBQ) and Village Plaza.



Welcome to Mentor United Methodist Church!

440.255.3496 www.mentorumc.org Lead Pastor Rev. Kurt Landerholm	Traditional Worship Sanctuary 9 and 11 AM	Modern Worship iConnect Fellowship Hall 9 and 11 AM	Communion Chapel 10:30 AM
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The mission of Mentor United Methodist Church is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship.
December 3, 2017

Visitors

If this is your first visit, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Gallery.
 We have a gift for you and want to learn how we can help you on your journey.

Fellowship Hour

Join us in the Gallery for Fellowship Hour after services. This week is hosted by G.E.M./Finance Committee.

Childcare is available at all services in our Education Wing. First Sundays of the month, K-6th grade children join their parents/guardians in worship.

Need To Know This Week

See the Weekly Update for more information about activities.
 Go to our website or pick one up as you leave worship.

Christmas Eve Ushers

Volunteers are needed for ushering during the 5 Christmas Eve Sanctuary services.

Please consider serving your congregation, and meeting new people, by ushering! A sign-up sheet is at the Sign Up table by Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested, but have further questions, please contact Chris Meldrum at (440) 220-0824. Training sessions are available in the Narthex at 7PM on Thursday, December 14 and Tuesday, December 19.

Giving Tree

See the trees around the building for ways to show Christ's love this Christmas season. More information is in the Weekly Update and online.

Food Pantry

Grocery bags are distributed today to fill for the Christmas Food Baskets. Items are due December 10.

At the Sign Up Table Today

Cornerstone
 Christmas Eve Ushers

Retirement Announcement

After serving for 15 years as senior custodian and 5 years as part-time custodian, Mike Mele has announced his plans to retire effective December 15. He has been a faithful and loyal employee to the church and the many outside groups that use the facilities. We will want to express our gratitude and appreciation.

Congregational Care



Hospitalized: UH - James Cherny

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

Fairmount Health Center - Patricia Laubscher
 Starkey Place - Ruby Irish; Heartland - Debra Jones
 Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik, Janette Kester
 Menora Park - Aquilla Yagoda
 Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Art Sydow Alice Zimmerman
 Joan Evans Bonnie Strecker Dave Smith

If you know of someone for whom our Prayer Chain members should pray or would like to share good news, please fill out a "Prayer Request" card in the pew racks, call the church office or visit www.mentorumc.org/prayer-requests.

Job Posting for Senior Custodian

Mentor UMC is seeking a full time Senior Custodian to follow daily, weekly and monthly cleaning schedules to maintain the facilities and grounds in a safe, clean and attractive manner. Must be able to work in a serving capacity with congregational members, staff and those the congregation serves. Candidates should work independently, without direct supervision and be able to supervise part-time custodial staff. The position requires physical activity and moderate lifting. Interested parties can submit resumes and letters of interest by email to SeniorCustodianPosition@mentorumc.org or by mail to: Mentor UMC, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Respond by December 8.

Sanctuary Order of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude **GATHERING** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles Presentation of God's Holy Word
Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.
If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Choral Introit "Oh, Do You Hear?" Cherub Choir

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Beverly Wrobel

Drama "It's a Wonderful Life"

Opening Hymn 211 vs. 1 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, First Week of Advent

9:00 Michael, Pamela & Darin Petrowski
11:00 Kelly Kuczynski, Carol Sobocki & Lily Welch

*Advent Hymn 204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" McGee

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Anthem 9:00 "Bethlehem Boy" Cynthia Gray
Children's Choir

11:00 "Who But the Lord" Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory 9:00 "Rejoice and Be Merry" arr. Hal H. Hopson
Children's Choir

11:00 "Blessed Is the Lord (Benedictus)" Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir

*Doxology UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" PROMISED COMING

Scripture Reading New Testament Page 846 Hebrews 1:1-9

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Clarence Who? Rev. Kurt Landerholm

THANKSGIVING

Service of Holy Communion UMH 12

Invitation
Confession and Pardon
The Great Thanksgiving
The Distribution of Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn 209 "Blessed Be the God of Israel" MERLE'S TUNE

SENDING FORTH

*Pastoral Benediction

*Postlude "Concerto in a Minor" A. Vivaldi

*Members of the congregation stand if able

Altar flowers are presented by the Scott Palmer Family
in loving memory of Mildred and Dave Palmer,
and

Lectern flowers are presented by Doris Diemert
in memory of Donald Diemert from all his loving family.

If you would like to order flowers in memory of loved ones, to celebrate an anniversary,
or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440-255-5899.
There are openings for January 14, 21 and 28.

iConnect Modern Worship

Good morning!

Preaching today is Rev. Quincy Wheeler.

The YouVersion Link is
<http://bible.com/events/316904>
Please feel free to use this during service and take notes.

It's a Wonderful Life

"You really have a wonderful life, George. Don't you see what a shame it would be to throw it away?" These words from the classic Christmas movie still speak to us today in a world of disillusionment and pessimism. Join us this Christmas season as we celebrate the wonderful life we have received in Jesus!

Worship Through Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Aaron Shust)

Angels We Have Heard On High (Chris Tomlin)

Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven (Paul Baloche)

What a Beautiful Name (Hillsong)