



# Weekly Update - Mentor United Methodist Church

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8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH

Worship Times: Sundays 9AM & 11AM  
All information is online at [www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)

December 3, 2017

## ★ SPECIAL INTEREST

**Cornerstone** See the sign up table today or the website for information about our next event on December 10. We will attend the Lakeland Civic Chorus concert and visit the Historic Kirtland Nativity Exhibit. [www.mentorumc.org/current/cornerstone](http://www.mentorumc.org/current/cornerstone)

## 🎵 UPWARD

### Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Because Sunday is a day for worship and Christmas Eve is a special day to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are keeping our regular Sunday morning worship schedule and Christmas Eve schedule.

Sunday morning

9:00 AM Sanctuary and iConnect worship

11:00 AM Sanctuary and iConnect worship

Christmas Eve\*

3 PM Traditional Service, Communion Served

5 PM Traditional Children's Service Led by Children  
Featuring Children's Choirs and a Special Reading of "It's a Wonderful Life"

7 PM Traditional Service Featuring the Charter Members Choir

7 PM Modern Service iConnect Worship Team

9 PM Traditional Service Featuring Chancel Choir and Canticle Bells

11 PM Traditional Service Featuring Chancel Choir

\*All Christmas Eve services will have candle light with the option of candles or glow sticks. Candle shaped Glow Sticks will be available for those who would feel more comfortable using a Glow Stick instead of a lit candle.

They can be secured from an usher, while supplies last. You will be able to take the Glow Stick with you when you leave the service.

## ↔ OUTWARD

Outreach, Missions and Special Events

**Food Pantry** Thank you to all the volunteers and for the generous donations for Thanksgiving baskets.

The final count is that we served 96 families, for a total of 419 people.

Your help is greatly appreciated as we have had an increase in need due to the opioid epidemic. There are many grandparents and great-grandparents caring for children that are in desperate need.

The Christmas food basket schedule is below. If you can help, contact Mike Cosmo at [m.cosmo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.cosmo@sbcglobal.net) or 440-255-7452.

Sunday, December 3: Grocery bags for donations distributed after service

Sunday, December 10: Grocery bags collected

Monday, December 11: Donations sorted and repacked 9AM-1 PM

Monday, December 11: Distribution 4-8 PM

Tuesday, December 12: Distribution 12 noon to 2 PM

### A Special Word from Hope Chest

Hope Chest thanks everyone who celebrated our 50th anniversary this summer. We reconnected with old friends, and met new friends, donors and clients. Our shelves were full—for a few weeks.

Hope Chest has a list of winter "needs". These items may be new or slightly used. Towels, blankets or bedding, dishes, small kitchen and household items are needed. Seasonal clothes in all sizes, including coats, sweatpants, hoodies and adult gloves are hard to keep supplied at this time of year. Monetary donations allow to us continue our mission to purchase new sneakers, socks and underwear for school children.

Donations may be mailed or brought to Hope Chest, 1 Victoria Place, Suite 321, Painesville, OH 44077 Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-1:00 pm, or left inside our brown bin located on the building's dock off of South St. Clair Street. Visit our website at [www.hopechest.yolasite.com](http://www.hopechest.yolasite.com) or email us at [hopechest.painesville@gmail.com](mailto:hopechest.painesville@gmail.com) with questions.



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**Giving Trees** The Christmas trees in the Gallery and outside the Chapel are decorated with different giving ornament tags. Pick up an ornament and show Christ's love. See our website for more information at [www.mentorumc.org/current/giving-trees](http://www.mentorumc.org/current/giving-trees)

**Green Trees: GIVING** Gifts for children in need. Gifts are due back by noon on December 10 and should be wrapped with the tag securely attached. There is a 2-part tag. Please fill out one and place it in the box below the tree. This gives us your contact information. The second tag is to be placed on the gift.

If you would like to shop for a whole family, please contact Betsy Iskra as soon as possible at [iskra5@aol.com](mailto:iskra5@aol.com) or call/text 440-283-6524.

**Red Hearts: SHARING** Monetary donation to a charity may be placed in the envelope provided and placed in the box at the Sign Up Table. Charities are Forbes House, Ohio Guidestone and Salvation Army.

**Yellow Angels: PRAYING** Pray for the name or group listed throughout the holiday season.

**Blue Bells: CARING** Suggestion for something you can do to help others.

**White Churches: MISSIONS** Donations for Camphor Mission in Liberia

**Tree of Forgotten Toys** Donations of unwrapped toys/clothes or gift cards for ages birth through high school can be placed under the tree in the office. These are used to ensure all the needs of the Giving Tree are met. Gifts are due December 10. Contact Joan Sadler with any questions at 440-257-5522.



## SUPPORT

The December newsletter has been mailed. We will always have a paper copy for you!

The email newsletter will arrive in your inbox this week. If you receive the enewsletter and don't need 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](mailto:cnagy@mentorumc.org) with any questions.



## SPECIAL INTEREST Women: Save The Date For The Path 2018!

Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4, 2018  
Hilton Garden Inn Twinsburg  
Mark your calendars now!  
Registration begins in January.



## DEEPER Discipleship Ministries

### Children & Family Ministries

[www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)  
[www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)

### MOPS & MOMSnext

December 8, 9:30AM to noon - Meeting  
December 11, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Food Sorting service project  
[www.mentorumc.org/mops](http://www.mentorumc.org/mops)

### StuCo 56 5th & 6th grade youth group

December 10, 6-8 PM – Christmas FUN!  
[www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56](http://www.mentorumc.org/stuco-56)

### Parents Morning Out

Mondays 10 AM to noon, parents may have a morning to themselves! See the website at [www.mentorumc.org/parents-morning-out](http://www.mentorumc.org/parents-morning-out) for cost and registration details. Two spots remain.

### Children's Choir & Cherub Choir - Sundays

Children's Choir (1-6 Gr) rehearses 10:15-10:45 in Room 112

Cherub Choir (3 year old-K) rehearses 10:15-10:35 in Room 104

### Life Changers are needed for WINTER quarter

Why not sign up to help with our Sunday children's programs? Be a "Life Changer" as an adult or youth who helps children change their lives through the transformative grace of Jesus!

9:00 AM 3 Life Changers needed  
11:00 AM 7 Life Changers needed

Sign up at the link below

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cabab29a2fa7-winter1>

