Welcome to Mentor United Methodist Church!

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Lead Pastor
Rev. Kurt Landerholm
KLanderholm@mentorumc.org

Traditional Worship
Sanctuary
9 and 11 AM

Modern Worship
Fellowship Hall
9 and 11 AM

Communion
10:30 AM
Chapel

The mission of Mentor United Methodist Church is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

December 23, 2018

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
Fellowship hour will resume after the holidays.

Weekly Update

Welcome to Mentor United Methodist Church!

Good morning! Preaching today is Rev. Quincy Wheeler.

Lighting of the Advent Candles
9 AM Koch Family
11 AM Balaban Family

Sermon Under Wraps: God Is Faithful

The YouVersion Link is https://bible.com/events/520645.

Please feel free to use your phone during service to take notes.

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**Spiritual Parenting Online**
6 weeks on Tuesdays starting January 8 in the comfort of your own home!
Info and registration at [mentorumc.org/positive-parenting](http://mentorumc.org/positive-parenting).

**MUM Preschool Pre-Registration for 2019-2020**
Complete the form to be in the queue for registration at: [mentorumc.org/preschool](http://mentorumc.org/preschool).

**Prayer Buddies**
Adults without children in the home are encouraged to sign up to pray for a child in our church.
Children are encouraged to sign up to be the recipient of prayers!
All the details and sign up information is at [mentorumc.org/prayer-buddy](http://mentorumc.org/prayer-buddy).

**Parents’ Morning Out**
Mondays from 10 AM to 12 PM, Spots still available.
Info and registration at [mentorumc.org/parents-morning-out](http://mentorumc.org/parents-morning-out).

**LAMB (Learning And Mommy Bonding)**
Tuesdays from 9 am to 11 am starting January 8
Thursdays from 9 am to 11 am starting January 10
Info and registration at [mentorumc.org/lamb](http://mentorumc.org/lamb).

**Positive Parenting Book Club**
Tuesday, January 8 6:00-8:00 pm
Relentless Parenting by Brian & Angela Haynes
CHILDCARE is available UPON REQUEST
Info and registration at [mentorumc.org/positive-parenting](http://mentorumc.org/positive-parenting).

**What’s happening Sunday, December 23, 2018**
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School - Adams Parlor
10:00 AM - Journey Group - Wooleadge - Room 103
10:15 AM - Children’s Choir Rehearsal - Room 112
10:15 AM - Cherub Choir Rehearsal - Room 104
06:15 PM - Sunday Night Basketball - Hope Ridge

What’s happening this week . . .

**Monday, December 24, 2018**
Office closed

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018**
Office closed

**Wednesday, December 26, 2018**
Office closed

**Thursday, December 27, 2018**
06:30 AM - Men's Journey Group - Conference Room
10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous - Asbury Room
04:30 PM - Journey Group - Lauren Ring - Early Childhood
07:00 PM - S.A.L.T. - Room 103
07:00 PM - Occupy & StuCo 56 Bowling & Arcade Party - Off-Site

**Friday, December 28, 2018**
09:30 AM - MOPS & MOMSnext Meeting - Conference Room, Early Childhood, Fellowship Hall, Gallery
01:00 PM - Journey Group - Fournier / Korenko - Conference Room

**Saturday, December 29, 2018**
08:00 AM - iConnect - Vocal Rehearsal - Chapel
08:00 AM - iConnect Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
04:30 PM - More than a Meal Prep - Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
05:30 PM - More than a Meal - Fellowship Hall

**What’s happening Sunday, December 30, 2018**
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School - Adams Parlor
10:00 AM - Journey Group - Wooleadge - Room 103
06:15 PM - Sunday Night Basketball - Hope Ridge
Shopping on Amazon for the Holidays?
We are registered with AmazonSmile Foundation as a charitable organization. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, 0.05% of the price of the eligible purchases are donated to MUMC. There is no cost to the church and no cost to you. It is easy to get started visit smile.amazon.com and select Mentor United Methodist Church.

2019 Offering Envelopes
Offering envelopes are available in the Arcade for you to pick up.

Bowling/ Arcade Party | December 27
OCCUPY Round 1. Cost is $15 per person and includes:
- One Game of Bowling (includes shoe rental)
- $10 Arcade playing card
- Food and drink
Parents are welcome to sign up to bowl as well! Bring friends! We need at least 12 students signed up by Friday, December 21 and paid by Sunday, December 23 in order to move forward with the event. Otherwise this event will be cancelled and moved to another time.

R.S.V.P. deadline is Friday, December 21 & $15 due no later than December 23. Payment can be check, cash, or Subsplash (in the app, go to Giving, choose “One-Time” as the frequency, use “other” as the fund, and email tsimons@mentorumc.org that you are paying for bowling.)

Sign up here: www.eventbrite.com/e/stuco-56-occupy-bowling-tickets-47560676263

Rape Aggression Defense Systems - R.A.D.
Women’s Self-Defense Classes,
January 7, 11, 14 & 18, 6-9 PM, held at Mentor United Methodist Church. Could you effectively defend yourself if attacked? Reserve your spot for this free course taught by certified instructors. Attendance is needed for all four sessions for course completion.
Open to all women aged 13 and older. Call or text Brooke Taylor at 216-681-6303. Check out the website at rgd-systems.com.
We are very fortunate to be able to offer this class! Sponsored by United Methodist Women.

Christmas Eve Services
3 PM Traditional Service, Communion Served
5 PM Traditional Children’s Service Led by Children, Featuring Children's Choirs and a Special Reading
7 PM Traditional Service Featuring the Charter Members Choir
7 PM Modern Service, iConnect Worship Team
9 PM Traditional Service Featuring Chancel Choir, Canticle Bells, Hallelujah Chorus
11 PM Vesper Service in the Chapel
All Christmas Eve services will have candle light with the option of candles or glow sticks. The 11 PM service will be a quiet, reflective service in the Chapel. Childcare is available for the 7 PM services.

45th Annual Live Nativity at North Mentor Centenary Church
December 22 & 23, 7-9 PM
This has come to be a Christmas tradition for many in the community and surrounding areas. Many of the babies that once portrayed the baby Jesus have brought their children and grandchildren to play this precious role. Park or drive through. 9290 Lakeshore Blvd. at Corduroy Rd.

Parking Needs
Christmas Eve is very busy with worshippers, many coming as visitors. During the 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 services the parking lots are filled to capacity and overflowing. If you are able, please consider parking off-site at the various options:
- Across Mentor Ave. in the parking lot
- In the rear of the Pink Bandana
- Behind the strip mall where Mamma Roberto’s and Tommy’s Jerky is located (8640 Mentor Ave.) Thank you.
Wedding Coordinator Needed  to provide direction, support, and Christ like hospitality to the bride and groom in wedding planning. Primary responsibilities include meeting with and providing information to couples, and providing advance planning and scheduling for each wedding. Responsible for upholding and communicating the protocol and policies for weddings held at MUMC. Ideal candidates should be people-oriented, friendly, and easy to approach. Using confident leadership and strong people skills, they would exude a non-anxious presence knowing they are interacting with people at an important time in life when anxieties and nerves may occasionally challenge. Candidates must be extremely organized, detail oriented and practice excellent communication skills. Hours are flexible. If you have interest in and would like more details about serving in type of role, please send an email to Michael Petrowski at sprc@mentorumc.org and include the best phone numbers where you can be reached. A modest stipend is provided.

Liberia Fundraiser
MUMC T-Shirts and Sweatshirts are available for purchase and pick-up (if you have already purchased) in the Information Hub today! Stop by and get a last minute Christmas gift for someone you love, or grab a shirt to wear to show your love for Jesus and our church. $15 for t-shirts, $25 for crew-neck sweatshirts, and $30 for hooded sweatshirts. Checks can be made out to MUMC and noted “Liberia Shirts”. All proceeds go to benefit Roxy Beers and Eliana Palermo in their upcoming mission trip to Liberia.

More-Than-A-Meal
This is our free community meal served on the last Saturday of the month. We are presently looking for Journey Groups, Committees, or individuals to sign up to prepare and serve the meals on February 23 and throughout 2019. This requires preparing for 100 persons and covering the costs if possible. If some funding is needed, there are limited funds available. Regular workers and experienced persons will be present to assist. If you are interested, contact Jim Post at 440-477-6130.

Hope Chest Holiday Hours
Hope Chest will be closed from December 19 to January 7. Please do not drop off items to the church until after January 7 as they will not be picked up. Thank you for your generosity in 2018!

News From Missions Commission
Missions Commission wants to inform the congregation that as of January 1, we have begun a Covenant Relationship with Helen Roberts-Evans, a General Board of Global Ministries missionary serving as director of the Dept. of General Education and Ministry of the UMC in Liberia. She was commissioned in October 2009, having initially gone to Liberia as a mission volunteer in July 2008. Helen was born in Liberia and her return as a missionary was a lifelong dream. Her work includes meeting needs in such areas as teacher training, scholarships, resources, new school construction, and school building renovation and repair. She has been very helpful to the staff of Middle School Mission Week as she has met with them and linked them to students needing scholarship support and kept us informed of the students’ progress. Helen understands life and the challenges in Liberia. To read more about Helen, go to http://www.umcmission.org/Explore-Our-Work/Missionaries-in-Service/Missionary-Profiles/Roberts-Evans-Helen

As there are many changes happening in the church in Liberia, including a new bishop, it was Kathy Dickriede’s suggestion that instead of sending our gifts directly to Camphor Mission, we commit to a Covenant Relationship with Helen Roberts-Evans. This is a three-year commitment to provide $2500 annually, but the partnership is much more than a financial commitment. It is a dynamic relationship where the church and missionary pray for one another and community regularly. When we Covenant with one missionary, we are supporting the entire United Methodist missionary community on their behalf. Please add Helen and her missionary work in Liberia to your prayer list.