
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, November 8, 2020

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As I write this, the presidential election is “too close to call.” Today, I await news of the final count in several states. So, as we await the outcome we all remain expectant, perhaps somewhat anxious. We also remain confident in Jesus.

In a “too close to call” election what is clear is that we are a divided nation. Remaining confident in Jesus is what we have to offer each other and the world. Obviously, leaders matter. It is a privilege to share our voice through the democratic process. Even as we celebrate Veterans Day in the coming week, we are reminded of many who sacrificed so that we can know the freedom of a democracy – including the right to vote. Whoever the president is, our nation will continue to find ways to pursue and defend liberty and justice for all.



As Jesus' followers, we remain confident because Jesus prayed for us to be strong. One of the things we note in Jesus' prayer (John 17) is that he does not ask that his followers be taken out of the world (verse 15) but that we will remain strong – protected from evil, and secure in our testimony of God. In other words, we are in the world to help others know Jesus' power and love and provision and victory. We can be united in Jesus (also part of this prayer), but only as we seek Christ together.

In unsettled times, we continue to remain rooted in the good news of Christ. We work together as Christ's Church to help others know and experience true freedom and victory. Jesus is the hope of the world. And we, as Christ's followers, are stewards of his good news!

My prayer is that we will continue to encourage each other in Jesus! And, that we will be a church that confidently shares hope and love to all people, regardless of who the President of the United States is.

Pastor Sondra

Change in Online Service Format

Today, November 8, we will change our online service format. We will livestream a modern service at 9 AM and traditional at 11 AM. We are excited to bring you the worship experience in each space, Fellowship Hall for modern and Sanctuary for traditional. We work very hard each week to help you feel the Lord's presence in worship. We will have mistakes and technical issues, but with your patience and support we can praise God and learn from him together.

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/45442595>

Join us in worship!
9 AM and 11 AM
[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and our [website](#)

8600 Mentor Ave. Mentor, Ohio 44060

440.255.3496

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: UH - Ken Ireland

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

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Art Sydow, Dale Snyder, Karen Mancini, Linda Leach, Erica Wilmot,
Gina Cartagena, Kimi Schmidt, Carl Snyder, Sylvia Bisbee, John Proegler
Marilyn Clark (at her son's home), John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Durley Imbler in his passing on October 30.

Kids Gratitude Video

We invite the children of the congregation to briefly record themselves sharing what they are thankful for. We would like to put these clips all together and include this video in the online service on November 22. Please record in landscape mode (horizontal) and just ask your kids to say, "I am thankful for..." Files can be sent with Google Drive links or linked through iPhone Mail Drop to Michelle Park at mpark@mentorumc.org.

The deadline for video submissions is November 15. Thank you and we look forward to hearing your children remind us of our blessings!

Advent Wreath Kits - Not Just for the Kids!

To celebrate advent together, we have a small advent wreath for your household! Just glue the candle cups with a glue gun to the wreath! All the pieces shown are included.

Kits will be available for pick up from at the Gallery entrance under the portico on Sundays, November 15 and 22, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM.

They can be picked up from the office on Wednesdays, November 11 and 18. Arrangements can also be made by emailing Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.



Annual Christmas Play

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 11, at 7:30 PM for the Annual Christmas Play! It will be livestreamed for you to enjoy from the comfort and safety of your own home. We have two plays this year in one livestream. Enjoy "Zoom Christmas Call" by Quincy Wheeler and "Dad's Christmas Miracle" by Pat Cook. You can order your tickets at mumctlp.booktix.com. Cost is \$5.00 per device.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets the second Friday in the morning and/or the fourth Thursday in the evening. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is [Decide to Rise](#) and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at mops@mentorumc.org for more information.

MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups is every Sunday morning at 10:10-10:50 AM. Check your email for login details or contact Tammy.

PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow

2nd, 3rd, 4th gr led by Cristen Neibecker & Laurie Babcock

5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

Positive Parenting Book Club's next book is yet to be determined. We meet from our own homes virtually. If you are interested, you can [vote for the next book!](#)

MUM Preschool has employment opportunities beginning in January. Details are at <http://mentorumc.org/preschool-hiring>. Questions can be directed to mumcpreschool@mentorumc.org.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

This Thanksgiving, we will host our 30th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner! It will look a little different as we provide drive-thru and delivery of meals only. We will miss sitting down and enjoying food and fellowship with our community, however, this meal will bless many especially with the challenges of this year.

Monetary donations are always appreciated. If giving online, please use the fund "Thanksgiving Dinner".

To sign up to donate food please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3lQ12Nh>

To sign up to work please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3j1L1SS>

This outreach makes such an impact and we look forward to sharing the spirit of giving as we give thanks. Please contact Jim Post at jpost@ohiotech.edu or 440-477-6130 with any questions.



Youth Ministry

lnash@mentorumc.org

Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at [MUMCYouth712](#)

Check Out What our Students Have Made in Minecraft!

Over the past 9 months, MUMC Youth found a way to come together and create. We hope you will check out this video and see their amazing builds that they worked on together!

<https://youtu.be/NLWBZhbSJOM>



[Click here https://youtu.be/AviCUvNALWY](https://youtu.be/AviCUvNALWY) to see Abby and Brad Colbow's replica of MUMC on Minecraft!



Youth Group Update

Starting November 8, Youth Group will be meeting virtually! We will meet from 6:30-7:15 PM via video call for worship and a lesson. Then, at 7:15 each week, we will choose a virtual game to play together as a group. If you have any questions or concerns about your student playing games online, please contact Leah. We have set up our games to be as safe as possible!

Youth Group Today, November 8

Please join us at 6:30 PM for a time of worship and hangout. We will be using this link to connect to video: <https://meet.google.com/psg-ykrh-sgr?hs=122&authuser=0>

After our lesson and fellowship, we will then be playing Minecraft together as a group.

Please contact Leah Nash via text or email at lnash@mentorumc.org prior to 6 PM to set up access for you to join the Minecraft Realm.

YSP Information Meeting November 15

Our first planning meeting for YSP 2021 will be Sunday November 15 at 4 PM. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing mission, we encourage you to come to this information meeting! We will discuss where we plan to go, what is needed to be part of the mission, and possible plans through the pandemic. *No commitment is required at this time.* Information including trip costs, time commitments, etc, will be shared.

To join the meeting please use this link: <https://meet.google.com/kph-dqre-pgh?hs=122&authuser=0>



ORDER FORM 2020

It is a tradition at MUMC to place poinsettias on the altar at Christmas in the memory or appreciation of a loved one(s) or for the glory of God. Plants are \$7 each and can be picked up on Sunday, December 27, 2020, after services. Please indicate if you will be picking up flowers or donating them to the church.

Checks can be made out to MUMC or Mentor United Methodist Church with "Poinsettias" as the memo. Please return form and check to:

Mentor United Methodist Church
c/o The Altar Guild
8600 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, Ohio 44060

You may fill out an online form at this link <https://bit.ly/3jq10dG>

Online payment can be made at the following link <http://mentorumc.org/onlinegiving>. Choose the fund "Poinsettias".

I will be picking up my plants Please donate my plants to the church

(PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT YOUR INFORMATION)

NAME OF PERSON ORDERING _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN APPRECIATION OF _____

TO THE GLORY OF GOD _____

FLOWERS ARE DESIGNATED FOR ___ SANCTUARY ___ FELLOWSHIP HALL

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED _____ X \$7 EACH = \$_____

___ CASH ___ CHECK

Adopt-A-Week Leaf Cleanup

We have an opportunity to get outside this fall and help with leaf cleanup on our church property. Sign up as a family or a group for a week to rake and spend time together! See the sign up at this link <https://bit.ly/2FxQP8X> for further information.

Giving Tree

Hello Church Family! Hope this finds you all warm, cozy, and healthy!
2020 continues to throw us curveballs, making our upcoming holiday events more difficult. One thing is for sure: We Still Need Your Help and Support!

Each year we put the names of 250-300 children on the tree in the Gallery. This year, those trees will most likely not be put up. This congregation has been so amazingly generous with this project over the many years that I have had the privilege to oversee it. Now more than ever, these children need some joy at Christmas time, so we are working to make this more Covid friendly.

The plan is to use SignUp Genius to list the kids' names. You will be able to pick out a child via the list. Once you sign up, I will have your contact information.

Options:

- Shop, wrap, and deliver to church (best choice for us!)
- Shop via Amazon Smile and ship to your home, wrap and deliver to church (best choice for us!)
- Shop via Amazon Smile and ship directly to church (gifts will be wrapped at church)**
- Make a Monetary Donation.**

** with these 2 options volunteers will be needed to shop for multiple kids (\$ would be provided from donations) and to help wrap the gifts at church.

I cannot shop and wrap for all these kids, so please do what you can to shop as you normally would! Thank you once again for all your support. More details will be coming shortly with the plan to get this going earlier than we usually do!

Use the Google form at this link <https://bit.ly/3eeKegr> to indicate your interest so we can plan.

Please remember funds are needed for the November Food Pantry Distribution scheduled for November 16 and 17. Online donations can be made at this link <http://mentorunc.org/onlinegiving> or through the app. Just choose the fund "Food".

Please feel free to contact me at 440-283-6524 or lskra5@aol.com.
Betsy Iskra, Missions Commission

30th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 26, 2020
11 AM To 2 PM

Mentor United Methodist Church
8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio

Meals are served as drive-thru only in an effort to
keep you and your family safe.
Meal delivery is available in Lake County to shut-ins.

For Meal Drive Thru and Delivery:

- Please call by 11/23 to reserve your meal
- Delivery is to Lake County only
- Call 440-255-3496 between 9AM and 3 PM
- Email info@mentorumc.org after hours



We look forward to helping you enjoy Thanksgiving!



This dinner is provided for the community by the
people of Mentor United Methodist Church.