
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

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October 31, 2021

Traditional Worship at 9 AM and 11 AM

Modern Worship at 9 AM

Family Park Worship at 11 AM at Garfield Park

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).

Dear Forgiven Ones,

We continue to learn to pray as Jesus teaches. This week, asking that God forgive us. Well, that isn't all Jesus teaches. As if to get our attention, Jesus adds: "as we forgive those who trespass against us."

We all desire forgiveness. We do not want our mistakes or sin or trespasses held against us. Imagine if you never got another chance. Imagine if people only viewed you through a lens that only saw your failures; only remembered your indebtedness to them; only viewed your darkness and brokenness.

As Christ's followers, we don't need to pretend or dress up in our best costumes to hide our mistakes or sin. We confess our faults and failures, and trust God to bring healing. Jesus restores and redeems us. This is the power of forgiveness. It is a challenge to overcome sin, mistakes, and the hurts of life. Yet because of God's great mercy revealed in Jesus, we ask God to forgive us. God offers another opportunity; a way forward through every trespass. Jesus forgives our debt, and brings light into our darkness.

It is exactly because Jesus helps us know the power of forgiveness that we can forgive others. Jesus' forgiveness is not contingent upon us forgiving others. However, by forgiving others we show that Jesus is at work within us. As God forgives us, we can forgive others. This is only by the grace and mercy of God at work. But this is what Jesus teaches us to pray; to ask for; to believe can happen.

God's kingdom coming among us ... God offering daily provision ... God's forgiveness transforming us into a forgiving people ...

May The Lord's Prayer continue to guide you on your way,
Pastor Sondra

Beginning November 7, 2021, at 11 AM in our Fellowship Hall, we will offer "The Gathering".

This worship opportunity will not be a duplicate of the 9 AM Modern Worship, thus we are calling it "*The Gathering*".

The Gathering will be an interactive, intergenerational, and intentional worship experience. There will be music, scripture, a message, an opportunity to be in community, and will be a mask-only service. *The Gathering* will be offered for a season...that is for at least November and December.

Modern Worship will be offered at 9 AM

The 9 AM Modern Worship service will continue to be livestreamed.

Traditional Worship will be offered at 9 AM and 11 AM

The 11 AM Traditional Worship service will continue to be livestreamed.

November 7, at 11 AM, *The Gathering*, an interactive, intergenerational, intentional worship experience will begin.

Today is our last Park Worship at 11 AM at Garfield Park. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.

Congregational Care

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

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, Mary Jane Scott

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/48787173>.

Advent Lighters Sign Up

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

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
 - o 0-2 year old & 3-4 Year old sign in at the Early Childhood Area prior to service
 - o Kindergarten through 6th grade begin worship with their families. You will be dismissed from there to go to the Education Wing.
 - o Leaders are still needed [Fall Sign Up](#). Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.
 - **5th & 6th Grades—1 adult or youth helper**
- 11:00 AM at Garfield Park
 - o Family worship time

Advent Calendar PRE-orders are being taken now through November 7. [Order Link](#)

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Friday, November 12, from 9:30 AM to Noon at Daniel's Park.

YOUTH 56 meets Sunday, November 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Busy Bee's.

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.

Pumpkin Carving and Cosplay

Youth 712

Today, October 31 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Dress up as your favorite character and bring a friend for a fun prize!

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

This Thanksgiving, we will host our 31st annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner! It will look like last year as we provide drive-thru and delivery of meals only.

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/3lXQZsl>

To sign up to work please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3vpTOG1>

This outreach makes such an impact and we look forward to sharing the spirit of giving as we give thanks. Please contact Jim Post or Katelyn Gurbach at dinnerhelp@mentorumc.org with any questions about volunteering.

Telephone Reminder from the City of Mentor

When dialing MUMC, please remember to dial "440"

Starting 10/24/21, you must dial 10-digits with the area code for all local calls. The new dialing pattern applies to all local calls in the 440 and 513 area codes. If you don't use 10-digits, you will get a recording that says your call cannot be completed as dialed. This change is needed so that the National Suicide Prevention Line can launch a three-digit code – 988 in July 2022.

What other changes need to be made?

In addition to changing your dialing patterns, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete local calls using only 7-digit numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Some examples are:

- life safety systems or medical monitoring devices
- PBXs
- fax machines
- Internet dial-up numbers
- fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates
- speed dialers
- mobile or other wireless phone contact lists
- call forwarding settings
- voicemail services and other similar functions

Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

Pastor Appreciation Month Thank You

Philippians 1:3-5, 7-11 is a scripture passage that shows the heart of our pastors at Mentor UMC. "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now."

This scripture especially rings true when we give God thanks for the amazing pastors he has placed in the life of Mentor UMC. As we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month, we ask that you join us in thanking Pastor Sondra, Pastor Mikayla, and Pastor Barb for all of their spiritual guidance, leadership, and loving support they provide to all of us. We ask that you all join us in reaching out our pastors with a letter, card, e-mail, or conversation to share with them our appreciation for all that they do in our lives. We are truly blessed to have them along side us as we all live into our own faith journey of Christ-centered discipleship.

Pastor Sondra - SSnode@mentorumc.org

Pastor Mikayla - MDoepker@mentorumc.org

Pastor Barb - BHolzhauser@mentorumc.org

Blood Drive

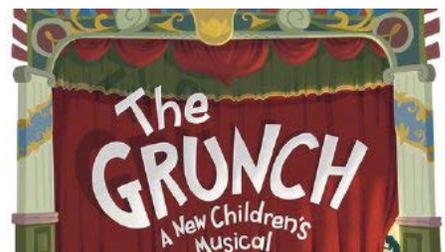
MUMC will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on November 10, from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Asbury and Wesley rooms. You can schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org.

Charge Conference

November 17, 7 PM, at Mentor United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary. Our Administrative Council meeting will include Charge Conference for MUMC.

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.



Creative Prayer Classes

Join us this week on Monday, November 1, from 7 to 8 PM. We will learn to pray through our senses.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mikayla at MDoepker@mentorunc.org. Sign up online at [this link](#) or call the Church Office at 440.255.3496.

Nov. 1	"Forgive Us"	Tammy Palermo	Praying through our senses
Nov. 8	"Lead Us"	Alison Magyari	Prayer Yoga
Nov. 15	"Amen"	Rev. Kathy Dickriede	Praying for our Community/World

Gingerbread House Craft Fair

Join us on Friday, November 5, 4 PM to 9 PM or Saturday, November 6, 10 AM to 3 PM. This annual event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women's Fellowship with all proceeds benefiting local, national, and international mission projects. We need your support.

Country Cupboard donations of your homemade pickles, jellies, applesauce, homemade snacks, candies, fudge, or any of your specialty snacks can be dropped off at the church Monday through Friday this week. Please note ingredients or if there are nuts in any of your items.

Your **Bake Shop** donations of homemade pies, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, quick breads or any of your favorite home baked specialties can be dropped off in the church kitchen Monday through Friday, November 5. Please list ingredients and note if there are nuts or an item is gluten free. Packaging suggestion of 3 cookies or brownies in a ziplock bag & labeled.

Our **Attic Treasures Room** is accepting donations of **small** appliance, pots & pans, bakeware, kitchen items, knick-knacks, crystal, dishes, jewelry, etc. beginning Monday through Thursday, November 4. If you have any questions please contact Kim Mele at gingerbread@mentorunc.org.

UMW Craft Room donations of handmade crafts and Christmas ornaments to help fill our UMW Craft Room can be dropped off at the Church Office for Kathy Fellows Monday through Friday, November 5.

Volunteers Needed!

Please donate a couple hours to help set up during the week or help out at the event on Friday or Saturday. Students who volunteer can receive service hour credit.

Help is especially needed for clean up from 3 pm to 6 pm on Saturday. The church needs to be put back together for our services on Sunday. **THIS IS REALLY A BIG JOB** after an event of this size. The more hands to help the easier the job.

We also **need someone with a pick-up truck** on Saturday after 3 PM to take items left from our Attic Treasures Room to Good Will on Mentor Avenue.

To volunteer for any of these needs, please contact Carol Hoskinson at cjh2004@sbcglobal.net or see the sign up sheet in this update or online.



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR 2021
Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet**

We need a lot of hands to make this UMW MISSION PROJECT!

Duties: Everything will already be priced, all you have to do is sell the items and keep the tables stocked or be a floater to give relief to workers for lunch/breaks. Just arrive 10-15 minutes early. People are needed to help with clean up and to put the church back together after the event. Please check days and areas where you are willing to help.

CHEESE TABLE (Amish Cheese & Sausage from Middlefield)

Friday, November 5th

___ 4:00—6:30 p.m.

___ 6:30—9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 6th

___ 10:00—12:30 p.m.

___ 12:30—3:00 p.m.

BAKE SHOP & COUNTRY CUPBOARD

Friday, November 5th

___ 4:00—6:30 p.m.

___ 6:30—9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 6th

___ 10:00—12:30 p.m.

___ 12:30—3:00 p.m.

UMW CRAFT AREA ___ ATTIC TREASURES ___ (Mini-rummage sale)

Please check area of preference

Friday, November 5th

___ 4:00—6:30 p.m.

___ 6:30—9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 6th

___ 10:00—12:30 p.m.

___ 12:30—3:00 p.m.

FLOATERS (Help where needed)

Friday, November 5th

___ 4:00—6:30 p.m.

___ 6:30—9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 6th

___ 10:00—12:30 p.m.

___ 12:30—3:00 p.m.

HELP during the week to set-up M ___ T ___ W ___ Th ___ F ___

HELP TO CLEAN-UP after the event, and set-up for Sunday morning.

___ 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Email _____

Turn this form into the Church Office or email your information to Carol Hoskinson at cjh2004@sbcglobal.net



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 after the last service in each space on Christmas Eve. Please indicate if you will be picking up flowers or donating them to the church. Contact Carolyn in the Church Office with questions at 440-255-3496.

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](#)

Online payment can be made at [THIS LINK](#)

Choose the fund "Poinsettias."

Poinsettia Order Form 2021- Due Nov. 28

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

(PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT YOUR INFORMATION)

NAME OF PERSON ORDERING AS IT WILL APPEAR _____

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 ___ ONLINE