

*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 131 KREMSER
 "We Gather Together"

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 9:6-15
 New Testament Page 820
 Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Kurt Landerholm
 The First Social Network
 Generosity

COMMITMENT TIME
 During the singing of the hymns you will be invited to come forward and place your 2018 stewardship commitment card on the communion rail. We not only come to commit our gifts, but come committing our lives to Christ and to His Church. Come up the center aisle and return on the side aisles. If you would like to spend time at the communion rail in prayer, you are invited to do so.

Hymn 399 MESSIAH
 Hymn 405 SEEK YE
 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"
 "Seek Ye First"

SENDING FORTH

*Choral Benediction
 Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

*Postlude Piet Post
 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Members of the congregation stand if able
 Altar flowers are presented by Marty Ellsworth
 In loving memory of Terry Ellsworth,
 From his family and friends.
 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.

iConnect Modern Worship

Good morning! The First Social Network: Generosity
 Preaching today is Rev. Quincy Wheeler
 The YouVersion Link is
<http://bible.com/events/312903>
 Please feel free to use this during service and take notes.
 9:00 We welcome new members
 11:00 Baptism of Amelia Jordan

Worship Through Music

One Thing Remains (Bethel Music)
 Lay Me Down (Chris Tomlin)
 Hold Us Together (Matt Maher)
 Offering (Paul Baloche)



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

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

November 19, 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 Membership 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.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

See the sign up table for opportunities to help with our 27th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

All are welcome to join us for a free dinner on Thanksgiving day from 11AM to 2PM.

It's a Wonderful Life

Tickets that have been reserved for the play performances on December 8 and 9 can be picked up at the sign up table today.

November Prayer Focus

Please continue to pray for those affected by natural disasters and those who have suffered so much loss in Las Vegas and Sutherland Springs, TX.

At the Sign Up Table Today

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
 Altar Guild Poinsettia Sale
 Cornerstone
 Ticket pick up for It's a Wonderful Life

What's happening Sunday, November 19, 2017

06:00 PM - Positive Parenting

What's happening this week . . .

Thursday, November 23, 2017

11:00 AM - Thanksgiving Meal

Saturday, November 25, 2017

05:30 PM - More than a Meal Fellowship Hall

See our website calendar for all activities.
www.mentorumc.org/calendar

Congregational Care



Hospitalized: Lake West - Patricia Laubscher

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

Breckenridge Village, Fairmount - Dave Smith
 Starkey Place - Ruby Irish; Heartland - Debra Jones
 Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik, Janette Kester
 Menora Park - Aquilla Yagoda
 Mentor Ridge Health & Rehab - Gloria Meyer
 Altercare - Bonnie Strecker

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Virginia Gilman Art Sydow Alice Zimmerman
 Joan Evans Val Hardy Doug Kepp

Our sympathy to Rem Siekmann and family on the death of his stepfather Joseph Busken on October 16.

Congratulations to Mike and Kathy Fellows on the birth of their grandson James William Rego on November 9. Parents are Margaret and Andrew Rego of Honolulu.

Congratulations to Jeff and Kelly Jordan on the baptism of their daughter, Amelia today.

Congratulations to Mark and Eszti Landerholm on the baptism of their son, Nathan today.

We welcome new members in iConnect today: Frank Galeoti & Robin Sabo, Rich Poling, Jeff Shorter, and Alan Vick. Welcome to the MUMC family!

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.

Sanctuary Order of Worship

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude GATHERING
"The Gift to Be Simple" Dale Wood
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.

Welcome

*Call to Worship Rev. Bruce Becker, Liturgist

Leader: We called out for help to you, O Lord, and you heard our cries.
People: **O Lord, I am blessed. We are grateful.**
Leader: Our ancestors were once homeless in the wilderness. You give us homes to share with our grandchildren, our friends, our neighbors.
People: **O Lord, I am blessed. We are grateful.**
Leader: The children of Israel were once slaves in Egypt. We have enough food to eat, and even more.
People: **O Lord, I am blessed. We are grateful.**
Leader: We gather at tables filled with laughter and food. In Jesus' name we say together:
All: **O Lord, I am blessed. We are grateful. Amen.**

(9:00) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Nathan Judah Landerholm, born January 1, 2017 Son of Mark & Eszter Landerholm

The Pastor Addresses the Parents:

Mark and Eszter, on behalf of the whole church I ask you, do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

Mark and Eszter, will you nurture Nathan in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

The Pastor Addresses the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Response: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child and his parents, now before you in your care?

Response: **With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Pastor: Nathan Judah Landerholm, I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

Response: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we pledge to surround you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the Mentor United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious God, You have cared for the earth, and have filled it with your riches. Abundance flows in your steppes, through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth.

The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and together they glorify your name!

On this occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society.

Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world.

We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. For those living and struggling in the aftermath of natural disasters. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.

We pray that you will bless all those who gather here, guide and empower us for your work. And may we through our lives of generosity return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 694 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Anthem 9:00 "Thy Word" arr. Jack Schrader
Charter Members

11:00 "Hold On To the Rock" Pepper Choplin
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

(unison)

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
(Taken from the Book of Worship 1965)

Offertory 9:00 "Wade In The Water" Mark Hayes
Charter Members

11:00 "Speak, O Lord" arr. Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir