

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

# METHODIST

# CHURCH

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[Mentorumc.org](http://Mentorumc.org), [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#)

**Worship Schedule**

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

# RUMMAGE SALE



## Saturday, April 12th

## 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Mentor United Methodist Church**  
**8600 Mentor Ave**

# Pastor's Letter

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Lent  
PRAY. FAST. SERVE.

## CARING SERVANTS INVITATION

Our Caring Servants enjoy taking the church to others! Contact me, if you would like to become a Caring Servant to share time with our Saint members, or if you (or someone close to you) would like to become a Saint. Possibly, you might want to become a Saint only receiving prayers/cards but not actual visits. Either way, please let me know. —Pastor Ivy

## HOW CAN I KEEP THE FAITH?

Cling to your faith in Christ  
and keep your conscience clear.  
1 Timothy 1:9

Not Just Hanging On,  
**STANDING STRONG**

### In Times Like These Song by George Beverly Shea

In times like these, you need a savior, In times like these, you need an anchor  
Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the solid rock

In times like these, you need the Bible, In times like these, o be not idle  
Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the solid rock

This rock is Jesus, yes he's the one

This rock is Jesus, the only one

Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the solid rock

NOW  
FAITH  
IS

Keep the faith and believe that  
God will do the impossible in  
your life. All things are possible  
for one who believes.

Mark 9:23

**WHAT'S GOING ON?** I always take this opportunity to share, by way of the Weekly Update Pastor's Article, some of me with you. I would like to always expound on the scripture passage or sermon theme for the week, yet I like this opportunity to share how, when and where my personal faith journey continues to develop. From daily experiences, movies/TV shows, books and music choices, travels, connections and conversations, I hope that how and where I feel the Holy Spirit, besides in the church building, provides a springboard or trigger of sorts, for you as a believer. **A few things going on with me now:**

- 1) Admittedly, **I need to be more aware of news**, US and World news. I am simply deficient in being attentive to major news occurrences. I don't watch enough news and that, to me, keeps me at a disadvantage in recognizing the struggles we have globally and at home. I have to do better. smh.
- 2) **My daughter** has completed Basic Training for the Air Force and her assignment starts in May in South Korea. Yes, South Korea! I am so happy for her, because she is very happy about it. She wanted to be stationed out of the country and South Korea surely is, huh? So, that brings me super joy. Blessings!
- 3) I am **enjoying the visitation** part of my pastoral responsibilities. Making contact with some Mentor Saints and others unable to attend has been wonderful over these past few weeks.
- 4) Here's **your pastoral invitation**: please come to the Poverty Simulation on April 26 here at Mentor. (register by Apr. 24). If you attended the Healthy Conversations events at Mayfield UMC last month, this should be on your list as well. It is such an eye-opening event, as it reveals the hoops, roadblocks, hurdles in having a better life. So much to learn!
- 5) **I'm ready for Holy Week!** Yass! I think we have had a great Lenten period. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Day, surely, we can be strengthened by the witness of this body of believers. I love this season which reminds us of the history of our faith, the good, the bad and yes, the ugly. I love Lent!

**That's it for me, for now....God bless you, Pastor Ivy**



# Care CONGREGATIONAL

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

## Members admitted to Rehab,

### Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

*The Enclave* - Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,  
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Carol Anderson

*Parker Place* - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,  
Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

*Tapestry* - Gloria McFeely

*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom

*Breckenridge/Fairmount* - Patricia Laubscher

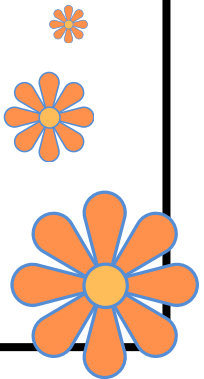
*Village of St. Edward*: Dale Porter

*Holly Hill* - Floyd Richards

*Brookdale* - Bill Wolfgang

### Members who are in need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Nora Kelley, Karen Mancini  
Noralee Starr, Laurie Eppler, Doug Koman, Connie Sterner



## **This Easter, Let's Make History!**

Does anyone remember there ever being an MUMC Easter Sunrise service at Fairport Harbor Beach Park? Or, has there ever been a sunrise service the week after Easter to re-enact the story in John 21 when the resurrected Jesus appears on the shore of the Sea of Galilee? The disciples have been fishing all night and have caught nothing. When they get to the shore, Jesus feeds them fish from a charcoal fire and then asks Peter three times "Peter, do you love me?" No? Ok, then, let's make history together!

Here's how you can help make these services even more effective and memorable...Let Pastor Steve know if you are interested in helping in any of the ways below.

### For April 20th, *Easter Sunrise Service*, 6:30 am at Fairport Harbor Beach Park:

- Be a greeter: get there by 6:10 AM & be ready to welcome people as they arrive
- Bring light refreshments (donuts, muffins, a container of coffee, etc.)
- Bring a folding table to set refreshments on

### For April 27th, *John 21 Reenactment Sunrise Service*, 6:30 am at Fairport Harbor Beach Park:

- All the above plus...
- One or two men to be disciples in the boat
- A fishing boat (one without a motor/one that can be rowed) that could be used. *Do you have such a boat? Do you know someone who does?*
- A casting net or something like it.

Painesville UMC is going to be collaborating with us for the Easter Sunrise on April 20th. It is rare for Easter to be this late in the year. So, I'm hopeful for a beautiful sunrise! See you there!

*Pastor Steve*

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/4941519349411257>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures & worship by visiting this link.

### Scholarships 2025

Students in high school and higher education may fill out the MUMC Scholarship form for 2025. Find it online [HERE](#). Deadline to submit is Friday, April 18th.

### Big Event Tickets

Tickets for YSP's BIG Event on April 6th are on sale NOW! Visit the table after service or call the church office to reserve a ticket (you need a physical ticket for the auctions but feel free to pay online, if you prefer, through [Giving](#)). Tickets are \$15 for adults. Kids 17 and under are FREE

### CWC Luncheon

Join the Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co for a luncheon on Tuesday, April 15th from 11:15 AM to 1:30 PM. We'll meet at Pine Ridge CC to hear from Lisa Basham about staging & organizing the home as well as Stonecroft speaker, Lisa Haley. Cost is \$30 and you must RSVP by April 10th: [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com) or call Lynn: 440.488.4351

# Need to Know

### Fellowship Hour

Join us the first Sunday of the month for Pancakes in the Gallery after services! To host Fellowship hour, get in touch with Kathy Fellows: 440.477.44851

This Sunday is Pancake Sunday! The cost of this monthly breakfast has been generously taken care of by the Niemi family. If you feel so inclined to help defray the cost or to sponsor the monthly breakfast, please feel free to do so using any of our giving options with it clearly labeled PANCAKES.

### Poverty Simulation

Join us at MUMC in Fellowship Hall on April 26th from 11 AM to 1 PM for a Poverty Simulation. Please register by April 24th. **We need at least 30 participants and 15 facilitators for this simulation.** Ages 13 and up are welcome and a light lunch will be provided. Childcare for 12 and under available upon request. Contact [mthomas@eocumc.com](mailto:mthomas@eocumc.com) with any questions. [Learn more and register here.](#)

### Daily Prayers in Lent with Pastor Steve

The vision and prayer for the congregation from the pastors in 2025 is threefold. It is that we would all:

- Immerse ourselves in scripture
- Devote ourselves to prayer
- Commit ourselves to spiritual practices

Lent is a dedicated season in the church to learn about the Christian faith and focus anew on spiritual practices such as prayer, communion, worship, serving, fellowship, fasting, and devotion.

Pastor Steve invites you to join him in praying daily beginning in Lent and continuing beyond. He will be praying the prayers in the book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brugesemann*. You can purchase the book [online here](#) or [used here](#).

Pastor Steve invites you to connect in the new group on [Slack](#) to share our journey of daily prayers together.

## Rummage Sale

The annual sale will be on Saturday, April 12th from 9-3 PM at Mentor UMC.

- **Donations** accepted Mon, April 7th (9-7 PM) through Thurs, April 10th (9-12 PM) at MUMC. NO donations accepted on Friday the 11th. View the full do's and don'ts list on [our website](#) or in the Info Hub.
- The Rummage Sale team is taking donations of newspaper in the Community Center for wrapping items for the sale.
- **Silent Auction Items Needed:** Each year the Rummage Sale has a Silent Auction that takes place just before the sale. This year bidding will take place in the Gallery on Wed, April 9th (12-7 PM) and Thurs, April 10th (9-7 PM) and **END Fri, April 11th at 5 PM.** Stop by the church to peruse the items. Winners can pick items up after 5 PM on Fri or BEFORE 10 AM on Sat the 12th.
  - **Items needed:** new or never been used items of **higher value** (like a sought-after collector's item, brand new electronic/new small kitchen appliance, etc.).
  - *Reach out to Jan Robinson for questions: 440.299.8261*

# What's Your Mission Opportunities?



## Candy Donations

Children & Family Ministry is in need of candy donations for this year's Community Egg Hunt at Garfield Park. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or to Pastor Tammy. Details about the Egg Hunt are on the next page.

## Change the World Day

For Change the World Day 2025 we are again hosting *Rise Against Hunger* to pack 15,000 meals to be distributed worldwide to people in need. This is a hands-on event to be held at MUMC in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 AM to noon. To volunteer for this event please register [here](#) or on the sign-up sheet in the Info Hub.

Donations to cover the cost of these meals can be made to MUMC with Rise Against Hunger in memo line or online at <https://www.mentorumc.org/onlinegiving> Select Fund: Missions or Other: Rise Against Hunger.

## Royal Family Kids

Royal Family Kids Camp is an overnight camp experience for kids ages 6-11 who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. This year's camp runs from Friday, June 6th through Wednesday, June 11th. Apply to volunteer full time or help out part time, as your schedule permits.

If you are 16 or older, you can help! The number of campers who can participate in this life-changing experience is limited by the number of volunteers. Don't be the reason some child can't come to camp! **APPLY HERE** or on our website.

Training date is Saturday May 3 from 8-4 at Willoughby Hills UMC. For more information, see or call Johanna Martin, 352-1432.

## Alzheimer's Walk 2025

The Walk will be held at Lake Farm Park on September 27th. This year our team goal is to raise \$2,000. All Journey groups & committees are encouraged to walk as part of Team MUMC. Get your team registered as soon as possible so we can meet our goal! [Click here.](#)

# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services.

- ALL ages are encouraged to check in at the Early Childhood Center (or Gallery, if available).
- Grades K-5 begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

## Sunday Morning Signup

MUMC's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Here is a great place to do just that! [Click here for leader signup](#). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

## Register for 2025-2026

Register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMP: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more:

[bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org)

## MOMCo

MOMCo meets Fridays in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM.

Upcoming dates:

April 11, 25

May 9, 23

## Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½

9:15-10:45 AM in the Early Childhood Area

- SPRING: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). [Apply here!](#)

## Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room during worship.

## Easter Basket Making

Youth are invited to create special Egg Baskets for Easter this year to give out on Saturday, April 19th. Talk to Mackalyn for details.

## Community Egg Hunt

This year's Community Egg Hunt is at Garfield Park on Mentor Ave. We'll meet at 10 AM to hunt for eggs! All families welcome.

## Summer Programs

Get an early look at this summer's lineup at MUMC and beyond by visiting our [website](#). Find dates and the registration link under the "Upcoming" section [here](#).

## Young Adult Small Group

Young Adults are encouraged to join a small group that meets in-person and online on Tuesday at 5 PM. This group is ongoing and accepting new friends at anytime. [Sign up online](#) or get in touch with Mackalyn.

## Youth Group

Youth are invited to meet on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM. Upcoming dates:

April 13 & 27

May 11 & 25

## Youth Service Project

This year YSP will be going to God's Country Community Mission in Newberry, MI. Learn more about events & fundraisers [here](#).

