

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

# METHODIST

# CHURCH

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Worship with us in-person or online:

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

### Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



Saturday, August 24th from 1-3 PM here at MUMC. Details on *Need to Know* page

# Pastor's Letter

*Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness..." - Genesis 1:26*

*For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works... - Ephesians 2:10*

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation... - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

I have always loved hearing and reading good stories. Some of the best stories I have found are in children's books. Over the years, my wife Cara and I have accumulated a nice collection of children's books. The best ones tell a story that illustrate the same truth and wisdom we find in the Bible and in our faith. Telling fiction stories that reveal divine truth is itself a biblical tradition! The Israelites were masterful storytellers and so was Jesus! Much of the gospels are filled with Jesus telling stories and parables to teach people (children and adults) about the Kingdom of God.

This week we begin a new three-week sermon and worship series inspired by three of my favorite children's books. The scripture passages above are the focus passages for each week in the series. You can see that each one tells us a profound truth about our identity and sense of self. We are all made by God and created in Christ! And, when we get beat up by the storms of life, forget who we are, even cause harm to others and/or ourselves, Christ is there with arms open ready to restore us into a new creation. This message is central to our faith, and central to Jesus' Good News throughout the Gospels. Yet, it is a message that we need to hear over and over again, told in new and creative ways, sung in songs, prayed in prayers, danced in the streets, painted on walls, proclaimed in sermons, tasted in broken bread...and shared in children's stories.

I invite you to treat yourself to a fresh hearing of the Good News heard in these three children's books and seen in their beautiful illustrations. They are some of my favorites!

August 18 - *Old Turtle* by Douglas Wood, watercolors by Cheng-Khee Chee

August 25 - *You Are Special* by Max Lucado, illustrated by Sergio Martinez

September 1 - *Fly, Eagle, Fly!* retold by Christopher Gregorowski, pictures by Niki Daly

I will be preaching in the Modern services for this series. Pastor Ivy will be preaching in Traditional on August 18th and September 1st. Pastor Tammy will be preaching in Traditional on August 25th.

Each Sunday we will read the book in the church library at 10:10 AM and again at 12:10 PM. I hope you will plan on sticking around for another 15-20 minutes to hear these stories together.

Remember you are God's beloved!



Pastor Steve



# 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, Beverly Beebe, Carol & Richard Anderson

*Salida Woods* - Doris Sturm

*Aristocrat Berea* - Virginia Gilman

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

*Grand River Health & Rehab* - Beverly Hill

*Tapestry* - Gloria McFeely

*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom

*Breckenridge/Fairmount* - Patricia Laubscher

*Village of St. Edward*: Dale Porter

*Holly Hill* - Floyd Richards

**Members who are in need of prayer:**

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, Bill Wolfgang,  
Doug Kepp, Lois Dyckman, Carol Anderson, Doug Koman

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Drobnick,  
who passed on Sunday, August 11, 2024.**

## Children's Book Series

8/18 - *Old Turtle* by Douglas Wood

8/25 - *You Are Special* by Max Lucado

9/1 - *Quiltmaker's Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau

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**Join us in person and online  
Traditional & Modern Worship | 9 AM & 11 AM**

# Need to Know

## Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49303440>

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

## Support for All

Join us on August 19 from 6-8 PM. Anyone with or who has any medical, health, physical, disabilities, mental, emotional, or are caregivers, etc. are invited to meet at MUMC on the third Monday of every month. No RSVP necessary. Contact Alan Vick for more info.

## Back to School Bash

Join us on August 24th from 1-3 here at MUMC for our annual Back to School Bash! There will be Pelican's, Popcorn, DJ, Photo Booth, Bounce Houses, and Pastors in a DUNK TANK! Blessing of the Backpacks, Educators, & Students is at 2 PM. Don't miss this awesome event (and bring your friends)! If you are in a Journey Group, on a Committee, or just really excited for back to school season, reach out to Pastor Tammy or Mackalyn to run a game (or bring your own to run) at the Bash.

## Anniversary Celebration

If you haven't had the chance yet, check out the Anniversary letter and video celebrating 1 year of Ministry with Pastors Steve, Ivy, and Tammy on our website.



## Shirts for Sale

Check out this webpage where you can pick out a shirt (tees, long sleeve, crewnecks, hoodies) to rep the church! Pricing and designs are on the site. These shirts need to be **ordered by August 21st** to be available for pickup at the Church the first week of September. Grab yours today!

## CPR/AED Training

AHA-certified CPR/AED training (3 hrs) is being arranged this fall in the church for those who are willing & able to assist in emergency situations. This training is also beneficial in family & personal life situations outside of church. Preference is being given to ushers, tech team, church staff & others able to assist, but may also be open to congregants if additional training slots are available. Please contact Chris Meldrum at (440) 220-0824 or [crmeldrum11@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crmeldrum11@sbcglobal.net) if interested.

## EOC Bishop Update

East Ohio Conference Bishop Tracy S. Malone has been appointed to Indiana beginning September of this year. Laity and clergy are invited and encouraged to attend *The Celebration of Ministry and Farewell Service* for Bishop Malone Saturday, August 3 at 11:00 AM at Faith UMC in North Canton (300 9th Street NW). The service will be followed by a reception at the church. This is your opportunity to offer Bishop Malone blessings and words of appreciation for her eight years of ministry among us.

On September 1st, Hee-Soo Jung will become East Ohio's Bishop. Learn more and watch videos from both Bishop Malone and Bishop Jung at <https://www.eocumc.com>.

## Open Positions @ MUMC

Check out our website to learn more about our open positions, Modern Worship Director and Pastor of Visitation. Please pray for excellent candidates to apply and tell everyone you know about the openings—especially through word of mouth and social media. [Click here.](#)

# What's Your M.O.?

## Mission Opportunities

### Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of bottled water-16oz, Sunscreen, and disposable coffee cups. Donations can be dropped off directly at the shelter, Monday through Friday 9-2. Volunteers are also needed, particularly those serving IN the shelter with our staff and guests. Learn more by visiting Project Hope's [website](#).

### Tickets on Sale Now!

Join Us for the Birthright Lake New Fundraiser Bundles of Joy Brunch on September 22nd at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club (5330 Coronada Dr., Mentor, OH 44060) from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Discover how you can make a meaningful impact on the women and children in your community. Enjoy a delightful brunch, participate in our baskets raffle, and contribute through a free will offering. Can't attend? We will have raffle baskets online beginning two weeks before the event and football squares online too. Ticket purchase and raffle information can be found on our website [birthrightlake.org](http://birthrightlake.org) and their social media. Get your tickets now at [birthrightlake.org](http://birthrightlake.org) and be part of this wonderful cause!

### Community Assistance

A Community assistance ministry would expand on the ways we are currently helping people with needs in our community. Reach out to Pastor Steve if you:

- have passion for helping people in need
- have flexible schedule that permits you to respond to requests during weekdays
- have some knowledge about community resources or willingness & interest in learning about community resources.

### Blood Drive

Thank you to all who signed up for this month's drive! We had 25 donors register and collected 22 units of blood for hospital patients in need.

The next Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, November 12th here at MUMC. Our goal is to collect 32 units of blood for hospital patients in need. You can [sign up on our website](#).

### Food Ministry

Help support our ongoing food missions by designating your giving to Food Ministry. There are special Food Ministry envelopes available in the Info Hub. Mail your giving, drop it off in the offering boxes/church office, or give online through our website or app.

### More Than a Meal

The next MTAM is on Saturday, August 31st. You can help cook, clean up, or hand out meals while interacting with guests. Please use [this link](#) to sign up online or visit our Missions page on our website!

### Meal Blessing

The first week of each month is our Meal Blessing. Volunteers get together at MUMC to cook, pack, and deliver meals to those in the community who need it. If you are interested in volunteering get in touch with the church office. If you would like to donate to Food Ministry, visit the Info Hub for more details.

# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services. Join us for our current curriculum, "Celebrate Wonder".

- [Check-In Instruction Video](#)
- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- Grades K-5 will begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

## Sunday Morning Signup

Mentor United Methodist Church'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!"

## 2024-2025 Preschool Reg

Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open to YOU, our church families. Click here for the: [Registration Link](#). If you have any questions, please contact our State Manager, Brittany Jones at [bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org).

## Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room. Join us as we explore the Re:form curriculum.

## Chalk fest

Youth are invited to the Cleveland Museum of Art for their Chalk Festival on September 15th after church. We'll have lunch then head out. It is \$10 small square, \$20 large square. We have chalk available to use (but bring your own if you would like)!

## Football Outings

Join us on September 6th for a Mentor Football game and on September 13th for a Riverside game to support our students and students of the community. Arrival time to the field is 6:30 PM (game starts at 7). We will make signs to have at the game and hand out goody bags to the kids. Check the 'Need to Know' page for info about buying MUMC shirts to wear to the game!

## Third Grade Bibles

To mark your child's promotion to Third Grade, MUMC would like to give them the gift of a Bible on August 25. Parents, grandparents, and godparents are all invited to witness this special occasion.

There will be a breakfast and practice on Saturday, August 24 from 9:00-10:30 AM. Following the meal, we will run through the worship service so that you will know how the Bible presentations will go. [Please sign up](#), so that we can make the necessary arrangements for the morning and for the service. If you are interested in participating in this special day, please choose the service that best suits your day either the 9:00 in the Modern Service or 11:00 in the Traditional Service. We are asking everyone who is planning on participating to sign up no later than August 18. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Tammy: [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org).

If you do not or can not participate in the Bible presentations, you can still receive one for your third grader by getting in touch with Pastor Tammy.

