

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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# CHURCH

DECEMBER 29, 2024

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**Worship Schedule**

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



# Pastor's Letter

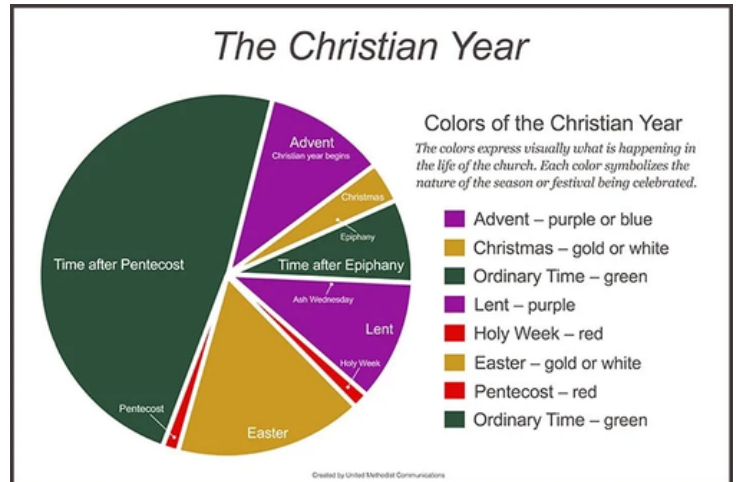
Merry  
Christmas!

I cannot even believe that we are almost to the end of 2024. I hope that you and your family enjoyed a blessed Christmas day. I know that not everyone experiences Christmas the same way, and that is okay. My prayer is that you know how much you are loved by our awesome God.

Did you know that the first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the Christian calendar? (1) Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. (2) The *Christmas Season* includes the twelve days from sunset Christmas Eve (December 24) through Epiphany (January 6). (3) The *Season After Epiphany* begins January 7 and lasts

until Ash Wednesday. (4) Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter. The exact dates of Lent depend on the date for Easter Sunday. (5) Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21. Because the date for Easter moves between March 22 and April 25, the length of the Season After Epiphany and the Season After Pentecost varies. The Easter Season is fifty days long and goes through the Day of Pentecost. (6) The Season After Pentecost begins immediately after Pentecost Sunday and continues until the beginning of Advent.

There were some folks who were disappointed that we didn't sing as many Christmas songs. Interestingly, during Advent, we are preparing for Jesus' birth and aren't supposed to sing carols. This Sunday, December 29th, I invite you to participate in singing as many Christmas songs as we can fit into our service. As it is our last Sunday of 2024, we will also join in praying the Wesley Covenant Prayer. New Year's is traditionally a time to start fresh. As Christians, we do that at the beginning of Advent. As human beings, we do that on January 1st. I am looking forward to worshipping with you this Sunday as we recognize new beginnings.



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# 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

*Governors Point* - Doris Sturm

*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

*Mentor Ridge* - Russ Lancaster

*Concord Ridge* - Jack Brown

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

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, David Fell, Carol Anderson, Pam Crawley, Bob Linsell, Dick & Nancy Smith, Andy Champa, Suzanne Dubeansky

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Doug Kepp,  
who passed on December 26, 2024.**

**His service will be January 11, 2025 at 11 AM at Mentor UMC.**

## The Gospel According to Peanuts

Sundays. January 5, 12 & 19

Join us in person or online

9AM Modern Worship or 11AM Traditional Worship



# Need to Know

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49367539>

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

## Disciple Bible Study

Beginning in the new year, we will start Discipleship Bible studies. Pastor Steve will lead a Disciple 1 class on Thursdays, 4-6 PM starting January 16th. Syndie Toth will lead Disciple 1 on Mondays from 10-12 PM and Lucas & Wendy Rhoads will lead Disciple 2 on Thursdays from 7-9 PM. This will go all 2025, with a break in the summer. Pastor Tammy will facilitate the fast track version, which is 24 weeks. The prayer is to have 100 plus people involved to learn more about the Bible. [Register here.](#)

## The Gospel According to Peanuts: Snoopy Scavenger Hunt

Join us the first three Sundays of January for our new sermon series: *The Gospel According to Peanuts*. After service, we encourage all ages to participate in a Snoopy scavenger hunt: find all the Snoopys hidden around the building! There are 20 in total.

## Shepherding Summit

Join us on January 15th here at MUMC for the next Shepherding Summit. This is a great opportunity for leaders & friends of the church who wish to know more about leading all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship through faith, processes, ministries, and more. More info coming soon!

## Nominations Thank You

Nominations Committee would like to offer a big thanks to all committee members for your years of dedicated service at MUMC. Your commitment to our church community has been integral in furthering our mission. We continue to strive for experience and stability in our committees by rotating classes of 3-year terms. As this current term comes to a close, please know how grateful we are for the time, effort, and energy you have put into serving as part of this committee. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed us.

## Healthy Congregations Workshop

The Healthy Congregations workshop is on Saturday, February 8th from 9-4 PM. This workshop is designed to equip leaders to respond to the presence or potential threat of anxiety in a congregational system in ways that prevent destructive conflict and help the church stay focused on its unique mission and purpose. The cost is \$15 and can be paid by cash or through our online giving. [Click here to access the registration form](#)

## Communion

Continue to join us in the Chapel at 10:30 AM in between services for communion.

## Altar Flowers

There are openings for flowers in January: in Traditional worship. Please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

## Church Directory

Directories will be available soon. We're excited to start off the New Year with new books!

## Thanks

Thank you for all the wonderful Christmas cards, gifts and expressions of love for Christmas!

Pastor Steve, Pastor Ivy, Pastor Tammy.



## Pastors Discretionary Need

As winter heightens and the holidays draw near, the Pastor's Discretionary fund is in need of financial support. The purpose of this fund is to help needy individuals in a confidential and timely manner at the discretion of either the Lead or Associate Pastor of the church. This fund has helped many families in need of emergency rent, utilities, medical needs prescriptions, etc. Often these families are living in a car, have fallen on hard times, are disabled, or working in low paying jobs and don't qualify for other assistance. Mentor UMC's Pastor's Discretionary fund has been a life saving vehicle. Because of the great need in our community, this fund is dangerously low, and contributions would be welcomed. Checks can be made out to Mentor UMC and designated to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

## Hope Chest

While Hope Chest is in the process of moving locations. During this process, we ask that donations be paused. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

# What's Your M.O.? Mission Opportunities

## Christmas Eve Giving

Thank you to all who gave this holiday season! This year's Christmas Eve offering will be sent to UMVIM and Nehemiah Mission.

*UMVIM:* "United Methodist Volunteers in Mission is a grassroots movement of United Methodists who seek to put their "Christian Love in Action." Since the 1970s, UMVIM has offered a framework through which disciples can engage in short-term mission locally, nationally, and globally." [Learn more here.](#)

*Nehemiah Mission:* "The Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland serves low income persons & neighborhoods by providing community enhancement, home maintenance & targeted programming for; international newcomers, elderly, disabled & those without shelter, food and clothing." [Learn more here.](#)

## Blood Drive

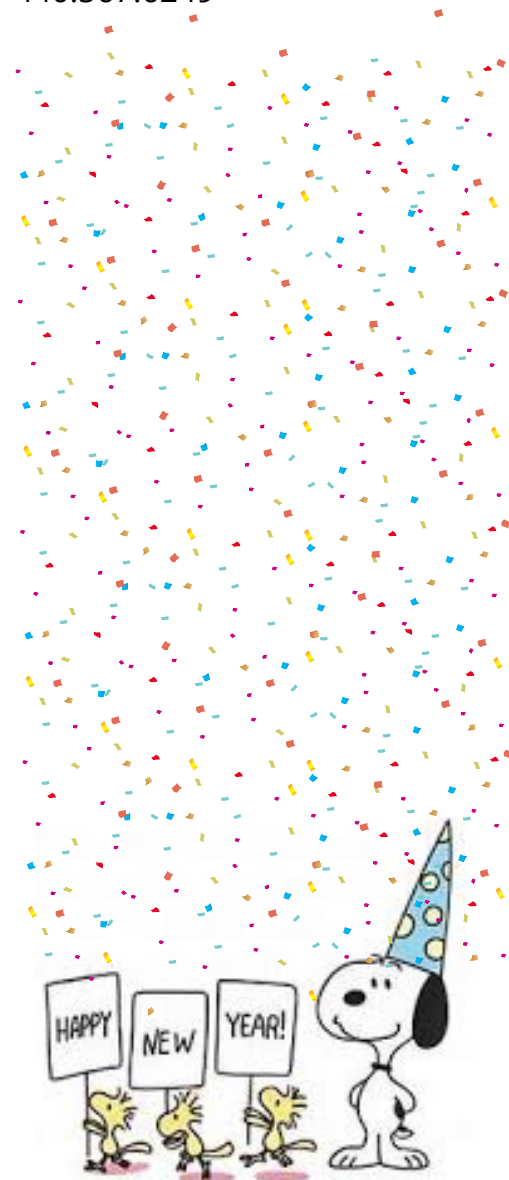
The next Blood Drive at MUMC is Tuesday, January 14th. Signup [online here](#) or at our site.

## Home Healthcare

For those interested in assisting in home healthcare please contact Susan Swain, 440.567.6249



[Give online](#)





# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS. 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!"

## 2024-2025 Preschool Reg

There are still a few openings for 2024-2025 Preschool. If you have questions or wish to register, please contact State Manager, Brittany Jones at [bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org).

## Pre-Reg for 2025-2026

Pre-register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMC: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more: [bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org)

## MOMCo

MOMCo meets Fridays, January 10 and 24. Moms join us in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM.

## Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½  
9:15-10:45 AM in the Early Childhood Area

- WINTER: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5
- SPRING: March 26, 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.

## Tea Time

Youth are invited to meet at MUMC in the Library between Sunday services (around 10 AM). We'll enjoy drinks and snacks, talk, do devotions, and more. No need to RSVP, just pop in!

## Young Adult Small Group

Young Adults are encouraged to join a small group that meets in-person and online at 6 PM on Mondays. This group is ongoing and accepting new friends at anytime. [Sign up online](#) or get in touch with Mackalyn.

