

MENTOR

UNITED

WEEKLY UPDATE

METHODIST

CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8600 MENTOR AVE

MENTOR OH 44060

MENTORUMC.ORG

440.255.3496

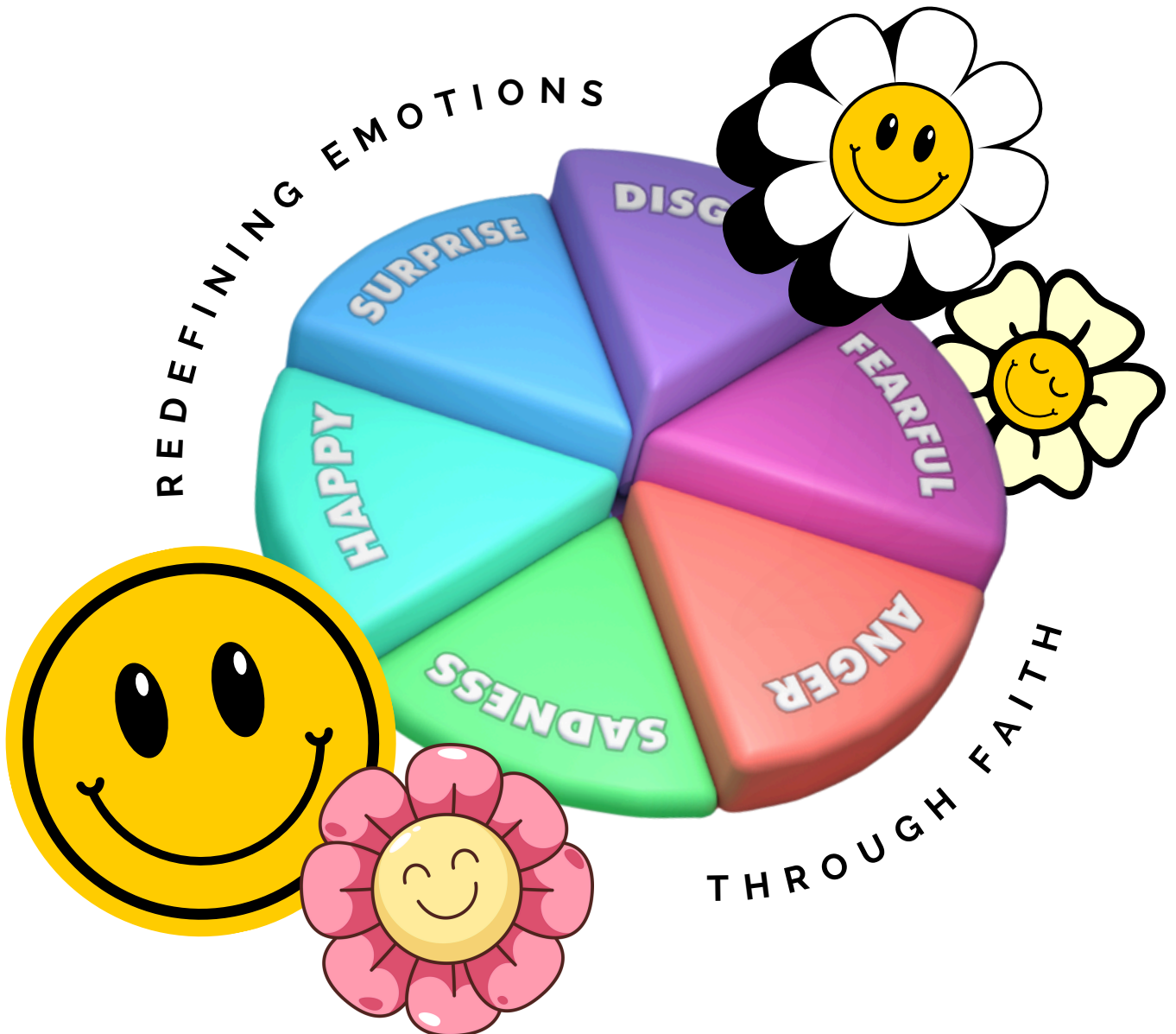
Worship with us in-person or online:

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

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

Hello Friends,

Here we are in the middle of February. As I reflect on the past few weeks of our sermon series, I can see the Holy Spirit at work with the timing of this series as we have been experiencing a variety of emotions since the beginning of this particular sermon series. I have appreciated the messages that have been given regarding how we can redefine our emotions through our faith. January 26, surprise was the emotion as Pastor Steve reflected on Paul and Silas's experience in jail and with the Roman guard. February 2, fear was the emotion, and Pastor Steve shared the story of being on the ladder when he was a youth. February 9, anger was the emotion, and Pastor Ivy reflected on Jesus being angry. This Sunday, Pastor Steve will be preaching on happiness.

My take away from the Healthy Congregations workshop is the Bowen family systems theory, the view that the family unit is an emotional unit where all the members are interconnected and influence each other. This is the basis for Healthy Congregations. In order for us to be calm in all types of situations, we need to be able to pause before we react in a fight or flight way. When we take a moment to consider what is happening in a given moment, we then can think about how we will react.

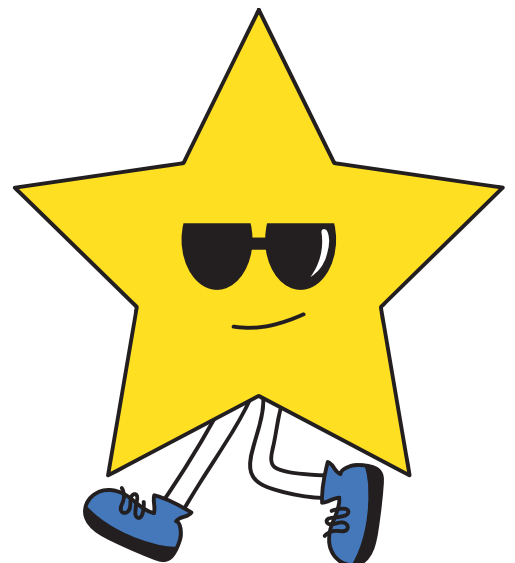
This all takes me back to the very beginning of creation. God created us to be in relationship with God and in relationship with one another. We are created to be in community and not to be in isolation. Living in community is not always easy. It becomes even more challenging when we are emotionally invested in the community. As we continue navigating our lives in days of chaos and uncertainty, my prayer for us all is to hold fast to our love for God and love for one another. I pray that we will be an example to others when we shine God's grace and love to everyone we encounter.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday! To continue to be in community with you all, my faith family.

Blessings,

Pastor Tammy

Pastor Tammy



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

Concord Ridge - Jack Brown

Members who are in need of prayer:

Joan Korenko, Kay Feiten, Sally Carr,
Weiss Family, Sean McArthur, Hilary Pleska

YOU'RE INVITED TO



MARCH 6 - APRIL 6

March 9: Celebration March 30: Ministration
March 16: Invitation April 6: Preparation
March 23: Intention

Join us in-person or online
Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM



 
www.mentorumc.org



Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49390337>

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

YSP Fundraising

YSP fundraising has begun! Purchase a stock and mark your calendars for the BIG Event and the Plant sale in May. Support YSP as they prepare for their trip to God's Country Cooperative Parrish in Newberry, MI. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

Easter Flowers

Order your Easter Flowers [online](#) or in person (forms in the Info Hub). Prices are on the forms.

Fellowship Hour

Every Sunday we gather in the Gallery after worship to enjoy food & fellowship. Here are a couple ongoing offerings:

- **Feb 16th:** Hope Chest Soup & bread fellowship
- Join us the first Sunday of the month for Pancakes in the Gallery after services!
- Modern Worship hosts the second Sunday of the month, so come check the Gallery out!

To host Fellowship hour, get in touch with Kathy Fellows: 440.477.4485

Lent Sermon Series & Dinners

Lent is almost here! Join us for our sermon series, "Dinners with Jesus" that take a look at stories in the Bible that highlight meals with Jesus culminating in Holy Week services & Lenten offerings. We will once again gather on Wednesday evenings to enjoy fellowship and a dinner followed by classes and groups that are open to all. [Register online here](#).

Visit from the Bishop POSTPONED

Bishop Jung's February 23rd visit is postponed until further notice.

In relation to the Bishop, all laity and clergy are invited to Bishop Day on Thursday, February 27th at the UMC of Macedonia. This is a great opportunity to meet, learn from, and share with our bishop! Please [register online](#) before February 20th.

Online Giving Update

If you give online, Subsplash will be introducing two-factor identification. This means when you sign in to give online it will have one extra step of security to protect your account.

Greeters

[Sign up online](#) to serve on Sunday morning as a greeter. You can also find a sign up in the Info Hub.

Journey Groups

Join a journey group this winter/spring! There are openings in the groups below. To learn more about each group please [visit our site](#) or get in touch with Pastor Tammy.

- Sundays @ 10 AM
 - in-person
 - Led by Barry & Johanna Martin
 - Studying *Deborah Unlikely Heroes and the Book of Judges*
- Sundays @ 7 PM
 - in-person
 - Led by Craig Eppler & Fourniers
 - Studying *RC Sproul* video series
- Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM
 - in-person
 - OPTION ONE: Led by Lindsay McFadden & Sue Patterson - Studying *Everywhere is Jerusalem* by James C. Howell
 - OPTION TWO: Led by Carole Ring - Studying *Everywhere Is Jerusalem* by James C. Howell (in-person AND online)
 - OPTION THREE: Led by Alan Vick, this group meets on Tues at 7:30 PM studying Adam Hamilton's *Luke*.

Nametag Reminder

Please remember to wear your nametag on Sunday mornings to help others get to know you. You can order church nametags from the office.

Hope Chest

Nearly 60 years ago, a handful of teachers in Painesville, who were also members of the Painesville UMC, realized that some children weren't walking to school in the Winter because they didn't have coats to wear. Hope Chest was the ministry born out of that need.

Hope Chest has been providing coats, boots, gloves and other clothing to children in Lake Co ever since. Since then, they've expanded their service to include adult clothing & household goods. Several churches, including Mentor UMC, have partnered with Hope Chest from nearly the beginning.

Mentor UMC Missions Commission has dedicated **Sunday, February 16th** as "Hope Chest Day" and we will be hosting an informational "Soup & Sandwich" Lunch between the 9 & 11 Services.

Jan Milazzotto, current Executive Director of Hope Chest, will give a short presentation during worship.

This is primarily an informational opportunity. Hope Chest has just moved into a new facility with new challenges and will be sharing their vision going forward and the type of support they need.

As you are aware, we often turn to our very generous congregation to ask for support for the many, many needs of our local, national, and international community. We can be proud that Mentor UMC always responds. We appreciate your gifts and ask only that you give what you are able and to those needs that touch your heart.

We hope to see you on February 16th.

Blessings,

The Missions Commission

What's Your M. .? Mission Opportunities

Welcome Center Hospitality

Sign up online to volunteer your time at the Welcome Desk in the Gallery on Sunday mornings. Answer questions from visitors about our church worship and ministry moments, pass out welcome bags, and develop an initial relationship with the visitor. Contact Chris Fletcher with any questions or [signup here](#).

Birthright Fundraiser

All are invited to 'Light Up the Night' with Birthright on February 20th at Villa Croatia in Eastlake for an evening of fun, food, and fashion to support moms and little ones in need. Enjoy raffle baskets, a silent auction, a heartfelt fashion show with supporters, clients and children models, and inspiring stories from moms. Proceeds provide critical essentials like diapers, formula, and health items not covered by government assistance. Tickets are available now at birthrightlake.org

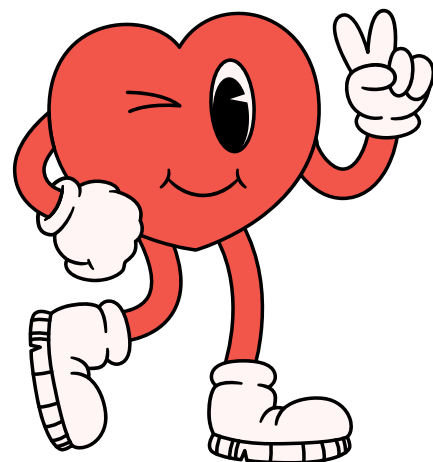
Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, March 18th. Signup [online here](#) or at our site.

There will be a recruitment table set up in the Gallery on **March 9th**. Stop by and learn more about giving blood and sign up for the next drive!

More Than a Meal

More Than a Meal is a free meal that is served to the community on the last Saturday of each month. The next MTAM is Saturday, February 22nd at MUMC. Doors open at 5 PM and meal is served at 5:30 PM. You can sign up to help with this monthly mission online. Visit our site or [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!"

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.

Register for 2025-2026

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

bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org

MOMCo

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

Upcoming dates:

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

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

- WINTER: 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.

Memorial Middle School

Get your tickets for Memorial's production of *Beauty and the Beast* on February 21st & 22nd which Pastor Tammy & Kat Fisher have been working closely with the students on. [Click 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.

Hockey Game

Youth are invited to a Monsters Hockey game in Cleveland on Saturday, March 1st. Tickets will be about \$20-30 and individuals will be responsible for their own concessions. First twelve kids to sign up will get their ticket half off! [Click here to sign up.](#)

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: Feb 9 & 23

