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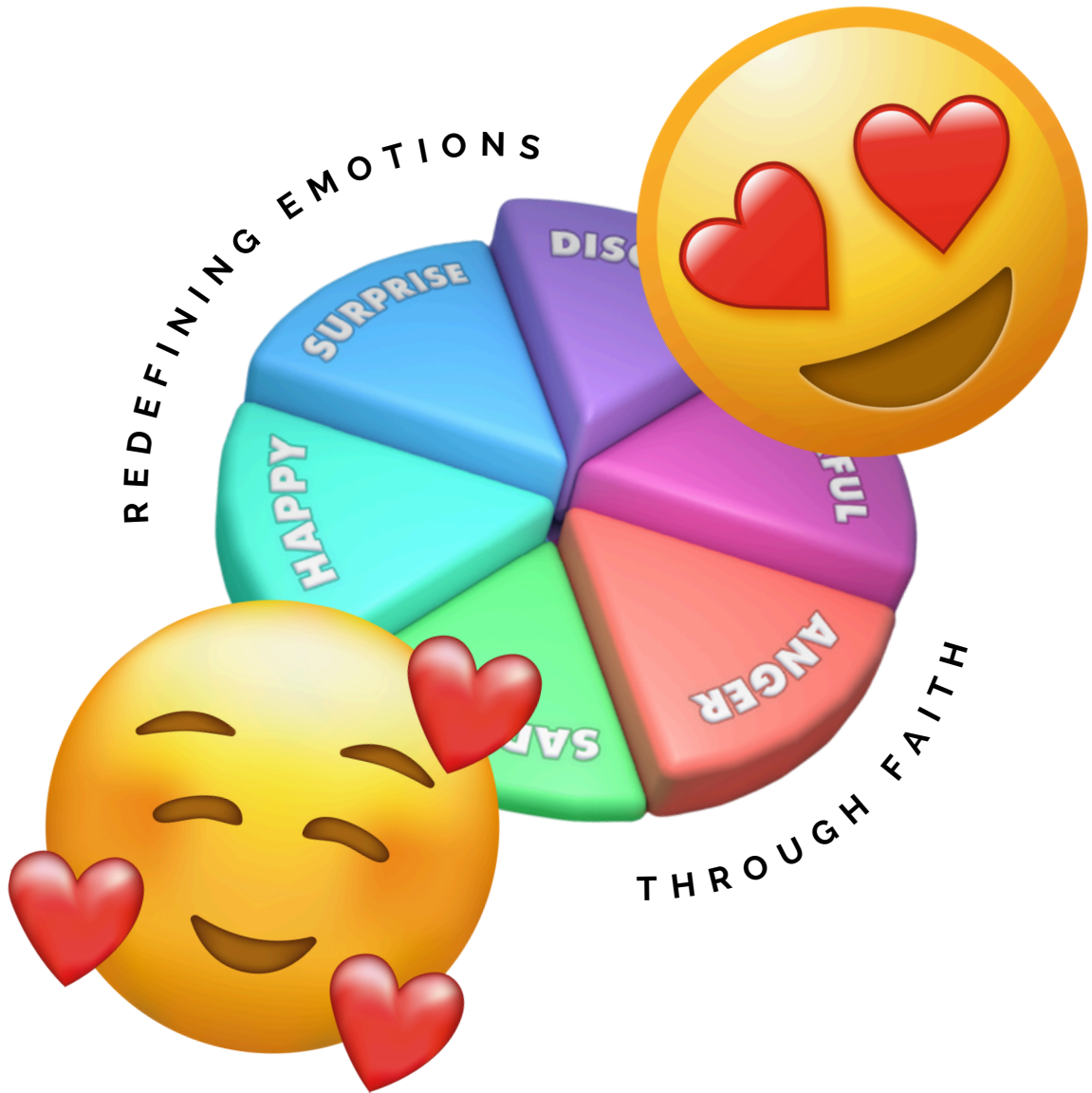
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Mentorumc.org, [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#)

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

For God
SO LOVED THE WORLD
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*God is love and
if God is in you,
you have the
capacity to love
within you.*



The Bible is a love story.

And if you get hung up on the pronunciation of words, the repetitiveness of the "shall nots", the confusing details of Leviticus and Deuteronomy, the fear of Revelation...then you've missed the point. It's like going to a movie and coming out of the theater only to throw your hands up and say "I didn't get it."

*What Wondrous
Love is This*

The Bible is a love story and the strongest evidence of that is found in the book of John chapter three verse 16 that says: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 will never become a real truth, have genuine substance and serve as a foundation for you until, yes UNTIL, you are able to put your name in that verse. Until you say it this way, (say it out loud) "For God so loved (your first/last name) that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life." Our Methodist founder, John Wesley, categorized God's universal love for us by calling it 'prevenient grace'. The grace and love of God that surrounds us even when we are unaware of God or God's will. It's the availability of air, sunshine, flowing blood in your body, life itself.

Friends, God would not tell us to have **love** if we were not able to achieve it. God would not tell us to have **joy** if we were not able to achieve it. God would not tell us to have **self-control** if we were not able to achieve it. God would not tell us to have **patience** if we were not able to achieve it. It is good for us to remember that God is ever ready and ever desirous for us to give love.

Oh what a **world** this would be, Oh what a **country** this would be, Oh what a **state** this would be, Oh what a **city** this would be, Oh what a **life** this would be if we would embody a Christ-like Love for ourselves and others!

Well, know that it is possible when we accept God's love, and then by example, give God's love to others. Whatever your name is, whatever your social standing, whatever your race, whatever your locale, whatever your bank account, whatever your education, whatever you have or don't have, God extends love to all. Believe it, receive it, and live in that transformative power! —Happy Valentine's Day! —Pastor Ivy

PRAY
for yourself for others

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:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,
Bob Linsell, Joan Korenko, Kay Feiten

YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME!

REDEFINING EMOTIONS THROUGH FAITH

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 16

January 26 - Surprise, You're Not the Boss of Me!
February 2 - Fearful, You're Not the Boss of Me!
February 9 - Anger, You're Not the Boss of Me!
February 16 - Happy, You're Not the Boss of Me!

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



Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49387427>

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

YSP Fundraising

YSP fundraising has begun! Purchase a stock, come to the Bake Sale on the 9th, 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](#).

Online Giving Update

If you give online, they 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.

Easter Flowers

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

Pastor Steve Help

While Pastor Cara Stultz Costello recovers from surgery this week, there is a MealTrain set up to help the family this coming week. [Click here](#). You can also send cards (call the church office for the address).

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.

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Join Mentor UWF for February's bread, broth, and brownies luncheon! The menu includes dinner rolls, vegetable beef soup, salad, and butterscotch chip brownies. This month's theme is "Sharing God's Love," and you are invited to bring any of the following items to share with Project Hope for the Homeless: 10-12 oz. disposable cups, plasticware, Lysol spray, toilet bowl cleaner, 33-gallon trash bags. We hope to see you on Wednesday, February 12th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register [online here](#), or sign up in the Info Hub.

Caring Servants

Caring Servants meet on February 12th from 3 to 4:30 PM at Mentor UMC.

Greeters

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

Visit from the Bishop

Join us in worship on February 23rd when Bishop Jung comes to preach. Bishop Jung's current bio can be found on the East Ohio Conference [website here](#).

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 *Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor* by Tom Berlin (in-person AND online)

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.O.? Mission Opportunities

YSP Bake Sale

Join us after service on February 9th for the YSP Bake Sale. Proceeds go to the Youth Service Project Trip this summer.

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Join us on Sunday, February 9th for Souper Bowl of Caring, the annual fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday. We will be taking donations in cans based on which team you are rooting for (proceeds go to Project Hope).

Snacks for Theatre Kids

[Sign up online](#) to donate snacks for the kids of Memorial Middle School as they rehearse this winter for their upcoming performance under the guidance of Pastor Tammy and Kat Fisher. This ministry is so important in building connections out in the community.

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](#).

MENTOR UMC

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@mentor.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@mentor.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.

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

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.](#)

