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**Worship Schedule**

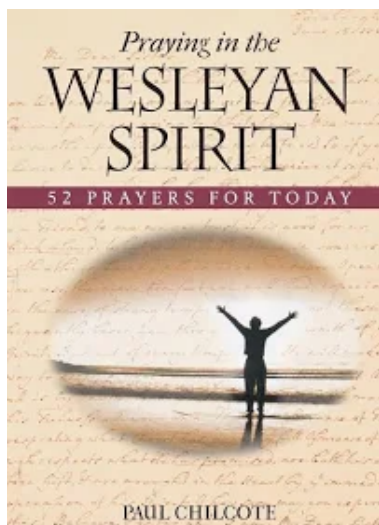
9 AM Modern

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# Pastor's Letter

HELLO FRIENDS,



I am excited to begin this year by reading the book *Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit: 52 Prayers for Today* with you. Each week we will read the scripture, prayer, and hymn text based on one of John Wesley's sermons. United Methodist Elder, Paul Chilcote is the author of this book. I am super excited as I will be traveling to London in October with him and our Bishop with fellow clergy as we experience the places where John Wesley was throughout England. If you would like to join me and others from MUMC in reading and sharing our thoughts, get a copy of the book and join the [MUMC Slack](#) and my [#wesleyanprayer](#) channel. You can join at any time!

This Sunday is our second sermon in the series, *The Gospel According to Peanuts*. I am excited to share with you my understanding of "The Hound of Heaven," who you may know better as the Gen Z icon, Snoopy. Well, I had no idea until Kenna told me this news!

When I think of Snoopy, this is the image that comes to mind for me. As I have been pondering the passage for this Sunday from Luke 6, I am looking forward to sharing how we are to rejoice knowing that we are loved by an almighty God even in the midst of negativity from other people. Jesus tells his disciples (and in turn US) that they are to "Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven."

My prayer is that you will be part of our worship this Sunday and experience the same sort of joy and happiness that Snoopy has when he is dancing!



See you soon,

Pastor Tammy

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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,

Bob Linsell, Joan Korenko, Katie Weiss, and Pastor Ivy and  
Lydia Smith as she prepares to leave for the Air Force on January 14th.

## 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/49373424>

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

## Disciple Bible Study

Ongoing in 2025 are a few Disciple Bible studies. Pastor Steve is leading a Disciple 1 class on Thursdays, 4-6 PM starting January 16th. Lucas & Wendy Rhoads are leading Disciple 2 on Thursdays from 7-9 PM. This will go all 2025, with a break in the summer. Pastor Tammy is facilitating the fast track version, which is 24 weeks, on Tuesdays. [Register here](#) or **get in touch with the leaders to join while it's still early in the course.**

## Journey Group

On Sunday, January 19th the Martin Journey Group will begin a study by Sandra Richter in her *Epic of Eden* series. This one, her latest, is *Deborah: Unlikely Heroes and the Book of Judges*. Join in the conference room on Sunday mornings from 10 to 11 AM. We will take 16 weeks to complete the study. We will not meet on Easter Sunday and possibly not on Palm Sunday either. This study will take us almost until Memorial Day. To learn more about this study [click here](#) or visit our site.

## The Gospel According to Peanuts: Scavenger Hunt

After service, we encourage all ages to participate in a Snoopy scavenger hunt. Find all the Snoopys hidden around the building: 20 in total!

## Shepherding Summit

Join us on January 15th at MUMC for the Shepherding Summit. This is a great opportunity for leaders & friends of the church to learn more about leading all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship through faith, processes, ministries, and more. [RSVP here](#).

## Read the Bible in a Year

Join Pastor Ivy in following "The Bible Year", by Magray Devega. Readings are mapped out for you day by day, just get in touch or join Slack! Purchase the book online or follow the guided list from Pastor Ivy. Join the Slack workspace (click on the #bibleinayear channel) to experience more and stay in touch with others participating in readings. [Click here](#).

## Wesleyan Prayer

Led by Pastor Tammy, we will pray one prayer a week for a year and immerse ourselves in a "short course" in Wesleyan thought and theology. [Join the Slack workspace](#) to get involved.

## 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](#)

## Fast & Pray

Pastor Steve is doing a "Fast & Pray" experience this year. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that was practiced in biblical times and is still practiced today. Fasting can have health benefits but it is recommended that you consult with your doctor to be sure it is a healthy practice for you. Join the Slack workspace to stay in touch with others that are participating in fasting this year. Once you [join the workspace](#), you need to click on the specific channel to get involved.

## You, Me, and Mentor UMC

Join us around 12:15 PM in the Gallery on Sunday, January 19, 2025 for a light luncheon to welcome and meet Pastors, new friends, and members. [RSVP online](#).

## 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

## 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

## 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.

## Food Ministry

You can designate your giving in person or online to Food Ministry (envelopes available in the Info Hub and Narthex). Help support our ongoing food outreach including More Than a Meal, Local Food Distributions, Meal Blessings to shut-ins & shelters, and more. [Click here.](#)

## 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, January 25th 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@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.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@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org)

## MOMCo

MOMCo meets Fridays, January 10 and 24. Moms join us 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: 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.

## Youth Group

Starting on January 26th, Youth are invited to meet on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM.

## Young Adult Small Group

Young Adults are encouraged to join a small group that meets in-person and online regularly (Winter/Spring schedule coming soon). This group is ongoing and accepting new friends at anytime. [Sign up online](#) or get in touch with Mackalyn.

## Winter Jam

Youth are invited to come to a contemporary Christian concert at Wolstein Center on Friday, January 31st. We'll leave from the church together at 4 PM. Cost is \$15 (plus money for food) at the door. Learn more about Winter Jam on [their website](#) or by getting in touch with Mackalyn.

## Ice Skating

Youth will meet at Mentor Civic Center to ice skate from 1:30 to 3:30 PM on Sunday, February 2nd. Cost is \$11. Let Mackalyn know if you need a ride.

## 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!

