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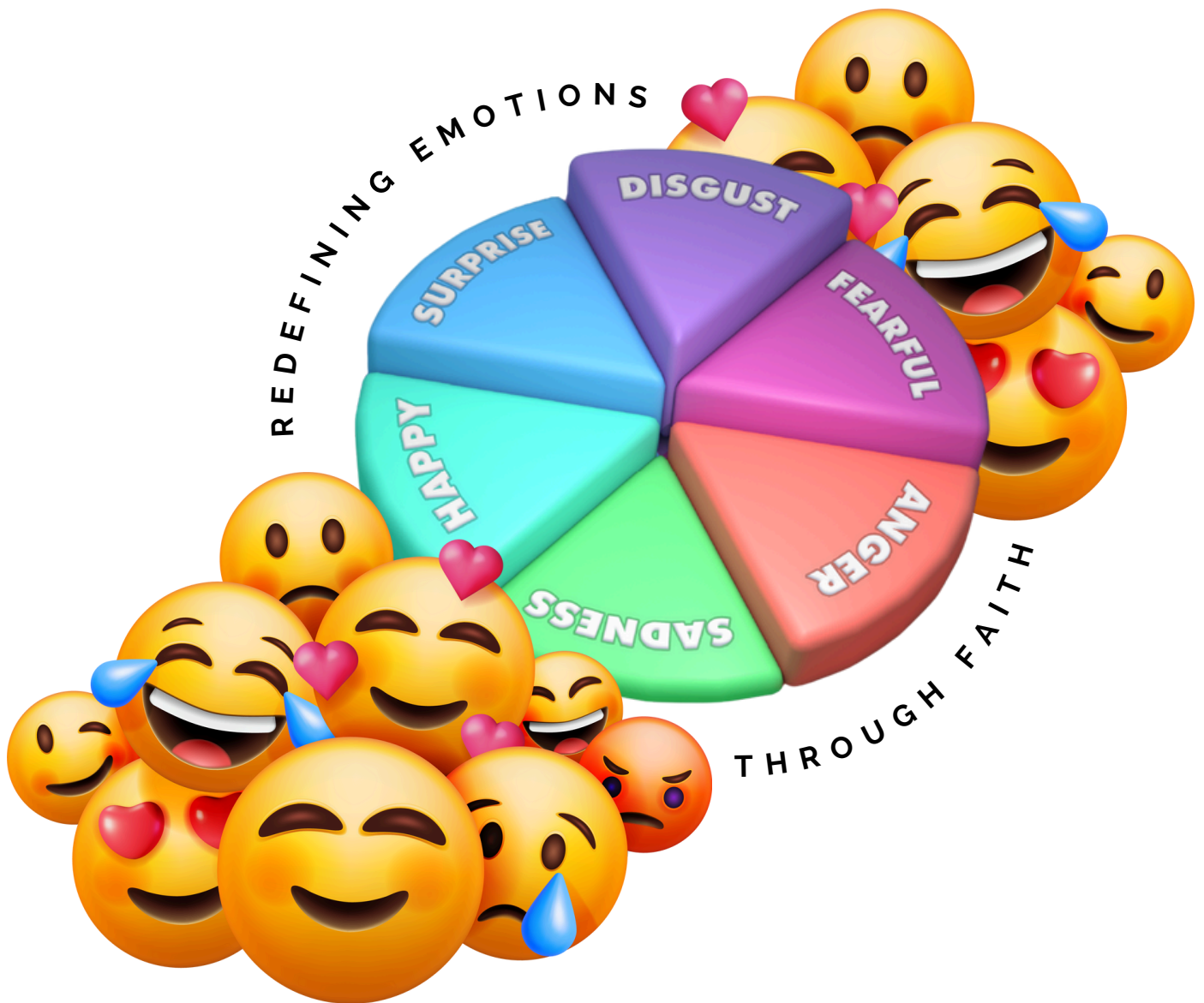
Worship with us in-person or online:

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

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



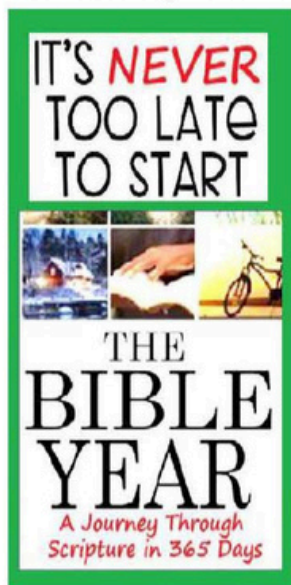
NEW SERMON SERIES!

Pastor's Letter

PUSH TOWARD THE MARK I'm beginning to re-read a book entitled "**Start This, Stop That** – Do the Things that Grow Your Church" by Jim and Jennifer Cowart. You know how some books seem to call out to you from the book shelf, closet or desk pile? Well, I'll share that the final pages conclude saying "**Start Now, Stop Waiting**" attached to the Bible verse in Ecclesiastes 11:4 'If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.'

Much of our hesitation in getting started on a new or continued plan rests in our drive, energy, motivation levels. I can understand that moving from point A to B to C and forward, can easily be deterred by how we feel and past experiences. Often, it's hard to **move** beyond that sluggish mood, that cloudy vision. So, me?, I'm drawn to the interrogatives of '**STOP**' AND '**START**'! I need such strong directives and commands. The book talks about how to let go of practices in the church that are out-of-date and useless in our present-day church administration and worship styles. And, it is true that we do need firm dictates on placing borders and limits on the vision for our church. Likewise, I welcome hard, firm directives in my personal life. Maybe I'm just wired that way, but to move forward, I am one who will take big steps, large leaps, strong jumps. Not in a reckless or careless way, but moving with purpose. When the Old Testament figure Solomon writes to us, we see that we do not need to adopt a pessimistic, cynical, or fatalistic view toward life. In this new preaching series, we seek to redefine our reaction to emotions, to get different results of course. Friends, we ought to enjoy life for what it is: a gift from the hand of God, and seek to overcome defeatist pitfalls. If God is in the center of your worldview, the pursuits of life can be put in their proper place, not offering meaning for life, but offering enjoyment. I cannot be sure what you need to **START** doing or **STOP** doing, yet I am sure that whatever your goals are for stronger, more secure, elevated faith, responding to the **START, STOP, GO, QUIT, RUN, PUSH, DUCK, TURN** with faith can move us closer and closer toward achievement and betterment!

Pastor Ivy



JAN 26 - FEB 16 YOU'RE NOT THE BOSS OF ME:

Surprise Fear Redefining Emotions through Faith Anger HAPPY

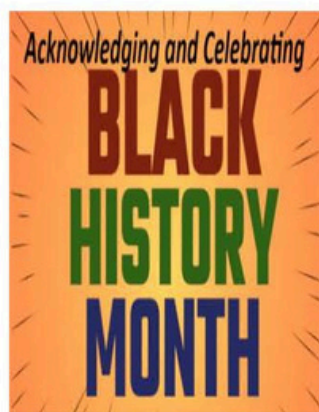
How One Week Became a Month Began in Ohio!

Celebrations grew and outstripped the bounds of a single week. Black teachers, mainly women, were instrumental in shaping the celebration through their work in the classroom. Communities like churches, sororities and fraternities, and civic organizations advanced the movement by holding local celebrations, establishing history clubs, and hosting lectures. The growing pride and connection to cultural identity the Black community experienced during the 1960s Civil Rights Movement pushed the need for more opportunities to champion Black history nationwide.

Students and educators at Kent State University were the first groups to expand the celebration through the month in 1970. Finally, in 1976 President Gerald Ford declared February as Black History Month. Twenty-

six years after Woodson's death, President Ford called on the country at the United States Bicentennial to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Congress officially recognized Black History Month in 1986, and every president since Ronald Reagan has issued a Black History Month proclamation. @Vicktorika Kurpas Black History Month celebrate vector design graphic



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.

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/49380509>

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

Nametag Reminder

If you possess a nametag please remember to wear it on Sunday mornings to help others get to know you. You can order church nametags from the office. Get in touch with Stephanie Lee: 440.255.3496.

Healthy Congregations Workshop

ALL are invited to attend the Healthy Congregations Workshop on Saturday, February 8th from 9-4 PM. This workshop is about understanding the church as a system of relationships. It helps church members, leaders, staff and pastors recognize how anxiety works in a system and equips us to be better non-anxious leaders that elevate the health of the whole Body of Christ. The cost is \$15 and can be paid by cash or through our online giving. [Click here to access the registration form](#)



Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Join Mentor United Women in Faith 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 find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Caring Servants

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

Ambassadors

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

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.

Fast & Pray

Pastor Steve is doing a "Fast & Pray" experience this year. 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.

Traditional Flowers

There are flower openings in Traditional Worship for Altar & Pulpit Flowers. February 9th is needed. Please reach out to Kathy Fellows to order: 440.477.4485

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 **M.O.?** Your **M.O.?** 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 at MUMC is Tuesday, March 18th. 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.

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@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, 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.

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.

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 or [signup here](#).

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. [Signup here](#).

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](#).