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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

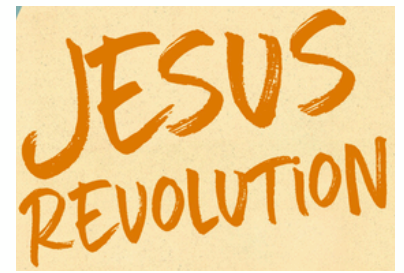
9 & 11 AM Traditional



THEATRE ARTS CAMP

Pastor's Letter

Growth in Discomfort



If you show partiality, you commit sin... - James 2:9a

Cara and I love going to the movies—as in at a theater, paying too much for popcorn and a couple of blue raspberry Ices! We also enjoy watching movies at home sitting together on our couch. Whether at home or a theater, watching a good movie (or even an OK movie) is a great way to get comfortable and for about two hours forget about the problems, challenges, and hurts of the world.

A couple of months ago, Cara and I watched the movie *Jesus Revolution*, first in theaters spring of 2023. You can watch it on Netflix, Prime Video, and several other streaming networks—or check the DVD out of the library. Set in California in the 1970s, the movie is based on the true story of Chuck Smith, an aging pastor of a small, languishing church who meets Lonnie Frisbee, a charismatic hippie preacher who convinces Chuck that the younger generation are looking for salvation.

This is not the kind of movie Cara and I typically watch! Church and ministry are the focus of much of our lives, so when we have a couple of hours to watch a movie, we tend to go for action, sci-fi, romance, or comedy—something to take our minds off church and ministry. But, I have to say, *Jesus Revolution* kept us engaged and entertained. There were parts that made us laugh and parts that moved me to tears. Spoiler alert!—Chuck's church was transformed and a nation-wide movement was launched that introduced thousands of people to Christ.

After meeting Lonnie Frisbee, Pastor Chuck opens his church up to long-haired, barefoot, guitar-playing, bandana-wearing, sometimes drug-using, hippies. To say it made some of his long-time members uncomfortable is putting it mildly. In fact, it made Pastor Chuck uncomfortable too! It's a great example of how God often calls us out of our comfort zones and in our discomfort, helps us grow.

Another example of growth in discomfort is in the New Testament. The Book of James in the New Testament is a quick read—just five chapters. I recommend it. In chapter 2, James warns against partiality. He gets pretty specific about people in the church who were favoring the wealthy and treating the poor differently. Talk about discomfort! I'm sure it was not an easy message to hear.

When was the last time you felt God calling you out of your comfort zone? What made you uncomfortable? What did you do? If you surrendered and accepted your discomfort, how did things turn out? Were you stretched? Did you grow in faith? How so?

For the next three Sundays, we will be exploring growth: Growth in discomfort, Growth Through the Storm, and Growth through Service. Every Sunday will draw us into the scriptures for wisdom and inspiration related to growth. You don't need to watch *Jesus Revolution* to get a lot out of this series—so come whether you have seen the movie or not. If you do decide to watch the movie, note that it is rated PG-13 with some content that may not be appropriate for children.

Who in our community is looking for salvation? Are we ready to welcome them? Absolutely!

Serving Christ together,

Pastor Steve

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 - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Delores Tackett

Salida Woods - Doris Sturm

Aristocrat Berea - Virginia Gilman

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,
Deloris Parsons

Tapestry - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Danbury Mentor - Dale Porter

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,
Doug Kepp, Lois Dyckman, Pam Crawley, Carol Anderson

JESUS REVOLUTION

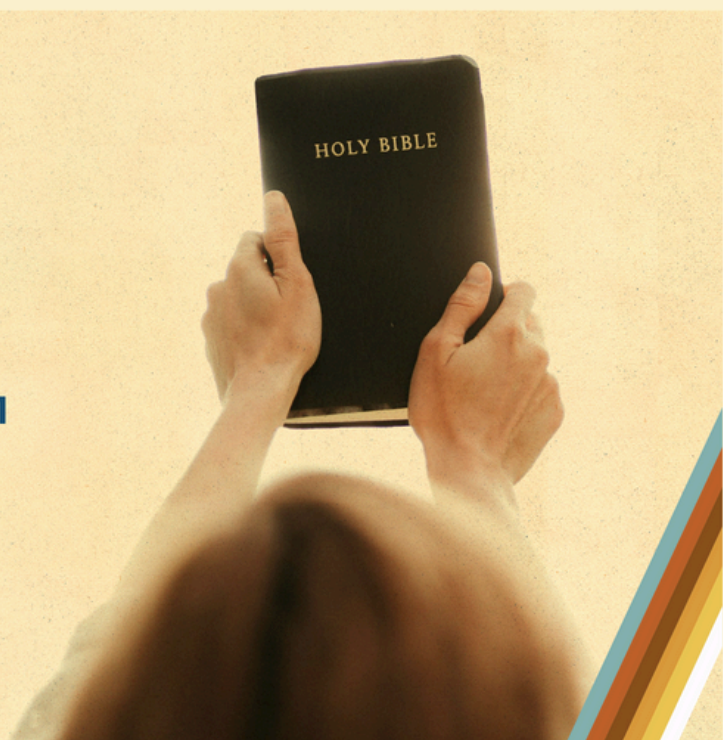
SUNDAYS JULY 28 - AUGUST 11

July 28: Growth in Discomfort - James 2:1-9

August 4: Growth through the Storm - Jonah 1:4-17

August 11: Growth through Serving - Matthew 28:16-20

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



Need to Know

Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49294065>

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

Support for All

Join us on August 19 from 6-8 PM. Anyone with or who has any medical, health, physical, disabilities, mental, emotional, or are caregivers, etc. are invited to meet at MUMC on the third Monday of every month. No RSVP necessary. Contact Alan Vick for more info.

Connection Ministries

We will be hosting "The Listening Church" through Connectional Ministries on August 15th from 2 PM to 4:30 PM. This is a great opportunity led by Rev. Luke Edwards to learn about concepts and skills of being a Listening Church. Learn more and [register here](#).

Journey Groups

For those interested in leading a Journey Group this fall, please get in touch with Pastor Ivy about your schedule by August 1st.

EOC Bishop Update

East Ohio Conference Bishop Tracy S. Malone has been appointed to Indiana beginning September of this year. Laity and clergy are invited and encouraged to attend *The Celebration of Ministry and Farewell Service* for Bishop Malone Saturday, August 3 at 11:00 AM at Faith UMC in North Canton (300 9th Street NW). The service will be followed by a reception at the church. This is your opportunity to offer Bishop Malone blessings and words of appreciation for her eight years of ministry among us.

On September 1st, Hee-Soo Jung will become East Ohio's Bishop. Learn more and watch videos from both Bishop Malone and Bishop Jung at <https://www.eocumc.com>.

Dog Days Family Night

UWF would like to invite you and the family to "Dog Days of Summer Family Night".. Don't miss out on learning about some of the ways our canine companions can help us! The evening will include a hot dog supper, a chance to meet some therapy dogs, an opportunity to make a dog tug toy, and more! **This is a great event for kids and it is free!** RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub. See you on Wednesday, July 31st from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the Gallery.

Open Positions @ MUMC

Check out our website to learn more about our open positions, Modern Worship Director and Pastor of Visitation. Please pray for excellent candidates to apply and tell everyone you know about the openings—especially through word of mouth and social media. [Click here](#).

Follow Us!

If you like staying in the know, hearing about worship, and giggling then follow us on TikTok! We have lots of fun sharing this church's ministry with the world. Find us at [@mentorumchurch](https://www.instagram.com/mentorumchurch) or click the [link here](#).





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

Back to School Bash

The Salvation Army of Lake County is collecting supplies and monetary donations (Missions will MATCH \$200 for cash donations) for the 2024-25 school year. Supplies will be distributed to families in need at the 2024 School Supply Distribution at Harvey High School on Saturday, August 3, 2024. **Drop off items to the display in the Gallery/Narthex by Wednesday, July 31st.** [Visit our website](#) or the Info Hub to see what items are needed, how to donate, and more.

Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of bottled water-16oz, Sunscreen, and disposable coffee cups. Donations can be dropped off directly at the shelter, Monday through Friday 9-2. Volunteers are also needed, particularly those serving IN the shelter with our staff and guests. Learn more by visiting [Project Hope's website](#).

Community Assistance

A Community assistance ministry would expand on the ways we are currently helping people with needs in our community. Reach out to Pastor Steve if you:

- have passion for helping people in need
- have flexible schedule that permits you to respond to requests during weekdays
- have some knowledge about community resources or willingness & interest in learning about community resources.

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, August 6th here at MUMC. Our goal is to collect 32 units of blood for hospital patients in need. You can [sign up on our website](#).

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of bath towels and 13 gal plastic garbage bags. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center (between Fellowship Hall and the Gallery)

Food Ministry

Help support our ongoing food missions by designating your giving to Food Ministry. There are special Food Ministry envelopes available in the Info Hub. Mail your giving, drop it off in the offering boxes/church office, or give online through our website or app.

More Than a Meal

The next MTAM is on Saturday, August 31st. You can help cook, clean up, or hand out meals while interacting with guests. Please use [this link](#) to sign up online or visit our Missions page on our website!

Meal Blessing

The first week of each month is our Meal Blessing. Volunteers get together at MUMC to cook, pack, and deliver meals to those in the community who need it. If you are interested in volunteering get in touch with the church office or Nancy Leyden. If you would like to donate to Food Ministry, visit the Info Hub for more details.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services. Join us for our current curriculum, "Celebrate Wonder".

- [Check-In Instruction Video](#)
- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- Grades K-5 will begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

Sunday Morning Signup

Mentor United Methodist Church'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 SUMMER 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

Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open to YOU, our church families. Click here for the: [Pre-Registration Link](#). If you have any questions, please contact our State Manager, Brittany Jones at bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room. Join us as we explore the Re:form curriculum.

NextGen Youth & Family

Join us for an exciting outing on August 18th to the Lake County Captains' Faith Day at 1 PM. Please be sure to sign up as soon as you can using this [link](#). Meal included with ticket.

Meet our new Youth Director!



Mackalyn Figgins is from Fayette, OH and attended Ohio Northern University before getting her Masters of Divinity at Methodist Theological School. She is passionate about Youth Ministry, community, and spiritual growth. She also enjoys gardening, reading, music, and more.

Get in touch:

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Third Grade Bibles

To mark your child's promotion to Third Grade, MUMC would like to give them the gift of a Bible on August 25. Parents, grandparents, and godparents are all invited to witness this special occasion.

There will be a breakfast and practice on Saturday, August 24 from 9:00-10:30 AM. Following the meal, we will run through the worship service so that you will know how the Bible presentations will go. [Please sign up](#), so that we can make the necessary arrangements for the morning and for the service. If you are interested in participating in this special day, please choose the service that best suits your day either the 9:00 in the Modern Service or 11:00 in the Traditional Service. We are asking everyone who is planning on participating to sign up no later than August 18. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Tammy: tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

If you do not or can not participate in the Bible presentations, you can still receive one for your third grader by getting in touch with Pastor Tammy.