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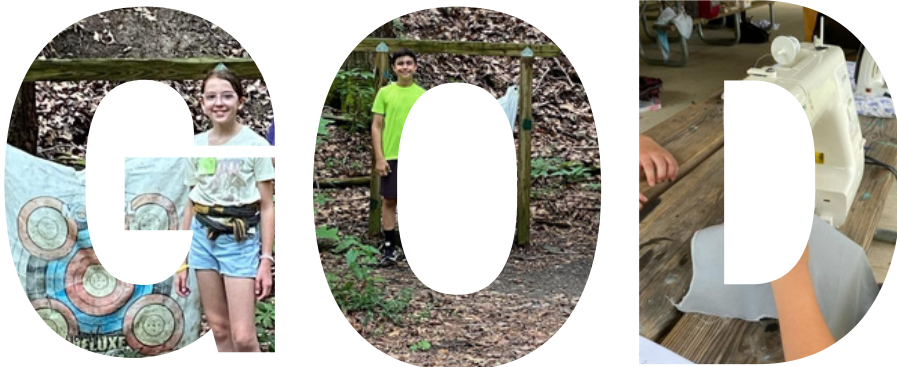
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Worship with us in-person or online:
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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

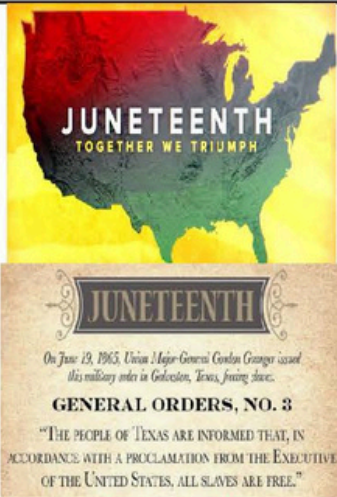
9 & 11 AM Traditional





PASTOR'S LETTER

Prayers for our Youth, Volunteers, and Pastor Steve as they embark on the YSP trip to Reelfoot Missions in Obion, TN



Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and read a federal order abolishing the institution of slavery.

REFLECTIONS ON JUNETEENTH FROM PASTOR IVY I was 13 or 14 years old when I put to memory the words to a poem entitled "I, Too." And when I first learned of the Juneteenth federal holiday (6/17/21), my first words were "I, Too, Sing America." Church I believe that the Juneteenth holiday is a great achievement for our country! And what I love, primarily, is that the holiday will allow for the exact conversation that is at the heart of the tension our country is experiencing even now. **So, I can see, in homes, schools, barber shops, lodges, on the job, etc. people will discuss race like never before. Simply with the question: what is Juneteenth?** So, I believe that our work has been catapulted into a good, strong and surely intense arena for dialogue and potential connection. I ask that you educate yourself with facts, so that you will be prepared for acceptance, resistance, denial, alienation and silence. Congratulations to all and hope Juneteenth was great! – Pastor Ivy

*I, too, sing America. I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in the kitchen, when company comes,
But I laugh, And eat well, And grow strong.
Tomorrow, I'll be at the table, when company comes.
Nobody'll dare say to me, "Eat in the kitchen," Then.
Besides, They'll see how beautiful I am and be ashamed—
I, too, am America. Langston Hughes, 1902-1967*

10 JUNETEENTH QUOTES SELECTED BY PASTOR IVY

From: "31 Quotes That'll Inspire You on Juneteenth & Beyond" -By Syeda Khaula Saad, www.bustle.com

1. "You can't separate peace from freedom, because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom."—Malcolm X
2. "Every year we must remind successive generations that this event triggered a series of events that one by one defines the challenges and responsibilities of successive generations. That's why we need this holiday."—Al Edwards
3. "My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together."—Desmond Tutu
4. "Won't it be wonderful when Black history and Native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history."—Maya Angelou
5. "We all require and want respect, man or woman, Black or white. It's our basic human right. —Aretha Franklin
6. "What the people want is simple. They want an America as good as its promise."—Barbara C. Jordan
7. "Does anybody hear us pray for Michael Brown or Freddie Gray? Peace is more than the absence of war. ... Maybe we can finally say, enough is enough, it's time for love."—Prince
8. "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."—James Baldwin
9. "It is not enough to be quietly non-racist, now is the time to be vocally anti-racist."—Unknown
10. "In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute."—Thurgood Marshall

☆ John 8:36 "So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free." ☆

☆ Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not be encumbered once more by a yoke of slavery." ☆

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

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

Mentor Ridge - Delores Tackett

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,
Doug Kepp, Lois Dyckman



Need to Know

Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49277823>

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

Softball Teams

MUMC softball teams play every Tuesday with the regular-season finale scheduled for July 23rd. Come out to Richmond Park to cheer us on!

Here are our current standings:

Gesu 9-3-0

St. John Lutheran 7-4-1

MUMC Gray 7-5-0

MUMC Red 0-11-1

EOC Annual Conference

Watch [this video](#) recapping this year's East Ohio Annual Conference.



CWC Luncheon

Join us on July 16th @ 11:15 AM at Pine Ridge CC for the Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co. Luncheon! RSVP to cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or call Dee at 440.487.0661.

Exchange Students

The International Student admissions program at Lake Catholic High School in Mentor is looking for families to take exchange students in. The International student program here at Lake Catholic provides students from Spain and Brazil a beautiful opportunity to better their lives by studying in American and expanding their cultural views. These students are from 10-12 grade. They come speaking fair to good English. The stay starts August 15, 2024 and they would depart the first week of June 2025. The host family is paid a monthly stipend of \$1,000. Host families are expected to treat the international student as a part of the families including them in any families events and activities. They can contact Nate Skonieczny nskonieczny@lakecatholic.org OR call 330.612.7183



Summer Programs

You can register for ALL summer programs and more here or by visiting our website.

Middle School Mission Week

July 8-12, 2024

See the World...

on Earth as it is in Heaven

\$70 per kid

Theatre Arts Camp

July 15-19 AND 22-26, 2024

Seussical, the Musical, Jr.

SHOWS: July 26 and 27

\$90 per CAST MEMBER

\$60 per CREW MEMBER

STILL OPENINGS FOR ENSEMBLE AND CREW!

Open Positions @ MUMC

Check out our website to learn more about our open positions, Modern Worship Director, Pastor of Visitation, and Youth Director. 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.](#)

Support for All

Join us on July 15 from 6-8 PM. Anyone with/who has any medical, health, physical, disabilities, mental, emotional, caregivers, etc. are invited to meet at MUMC. Contact Alan Vick for more info.

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 watching [this video](#) or visiting Project Hope's [website](#).

Hannah's Home Bottles

Father's day was the deadline to turn in your baby bottle donations for Hannah's Home but you can still drop off your bottle (with a donation or empty) to the church office today or during office hours.

UWF Donations

Mentor United Women in Faith is collecting clean, gently used t-shirts and bath towels for an upcycling project. Donations may be left in the church office through July 21. Thank you!



What's Your M.O.? Mission Opportunities



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.

More Than a Meal

The next MTAM is on Saturday, June 29th. 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!

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.

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)

Woodlawn Homes

On Sat, June 29th, the Mentor UWF and Catalyst Ministry will be passing out "Family Essential Baskets" to residents of Woodlawn Homes (that's 70 homes). Baskets contain detergent, toilet paper, and soap. Carol Ryan will be collecting donations for this project after service on the 9th & 23rd. **Sponsoring a basket costs \$20!** Any donations are appreciated.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

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.

Youth Mashup

Join us on July 14th from 6-8 PM for a Youth Mashup. This will be an exciting night of fun & fellowship. Details to come!

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.

VBS & GOD Camp

Thank you to all our Pastors, Staff, and Volunteers who helped make this past week a wonderful, spiritually-filled adventure for our kids! Fun & fellowship was had for all. To see more pictures and videos of these programs, check out our social media!

