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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional

GRADUATION &
SCHOLARSHIP
RECOGNITION

SUNDAY
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Where you go, I will go... - Ruth 1:16

Today we begin a new worship series called "Go. Be. Joy!". It is an invitation for us to look at our faith journey through the lens of this simple pattern. The scriptures that we will focus on each week illustrate a kind of rhythm seen in the lives of God's people—a rhythm of going and being that has a direction and a purpose—joy!

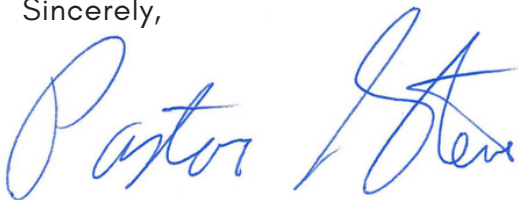
Today, we are invited to consider the story of Ruth. Written as a historical short story sometime between 550 BCE and 330 BCE (though some scholars believe it may have been written about 1000 BCE), the book of Ruth pivots on verse 16 in the first of its only four chapters. Ruth insists on going with her mother-in-law Naomi back to Naomi's homeland, Bethlehem. It is a surprising decision that many, Naomi included, would label as an unwise or even bad choice. Ruth is a Moabite woman whose husband has just died. Her future is uncertain at best, most likely doomed to poverty and abuse. The smart and logical thing for her to do is to go home to her family-of-origin in Moab and surround herself with a supportive community of people who are like her—who share her culture, religion and background. But, instead, Ruth has made up her mind that she is going with Naomi, the mother of her late husband, to Naomi's home in Bethlehem, to live among Naomi's Jewish people, to learn and live by their ways and beliefs. There is a good chance that Naomi's people will reject her. After all, the history of the Moabites and the Israelites was at the time fraught with bitter prejudice, hatred and division. Why go? What drove her to go?

I encourage you to read all four chapters of Ruth today. It might take you all of 15 minutes and who knows, it might change your life forever! That may sound a bit over dramatic, but is it? It is crazy to think about how every decision we make impacts our present and future reality. By the end of chapter four in the book of Ruth, we see that God was involved in Ruth's decision to go. It was a decision, as it turns out, that continues to have a major impact on every person alive today! In case you don't know, Ruth marries Boaz and they become the grandparents of Jesse, the father of David who is in the genealogy of Jesus. Who knows what the world would look like today if Ruth hadn't decided to go!

There are other examples where it was the decision to NOT go, deciding instead to simply be, that made all the difference. What seems to be at the heart of going and being is discerning when to go and when to just be. It seems in our world today, we live in a culture of Go! Go! Go! What is driving our going? Does it have a worthy direction? Are we listening for God's guidance, listening to the most popular factors such as money, power and personal gain, or are we too often not listening at all, not even aware of where or why we are going—like we are powerless against the tide of our busy culture?

Let's dig into these questions together. Let's reflect on our lives as followers of Christ. Let's examine our own patterns of going and being to see if we are on the path toward joy—not just a surface, worldly, or individualistic joy, but an authentic, deep and communion joy that convinces us that God is indeed redeeming the world!

Sincerely,



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
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

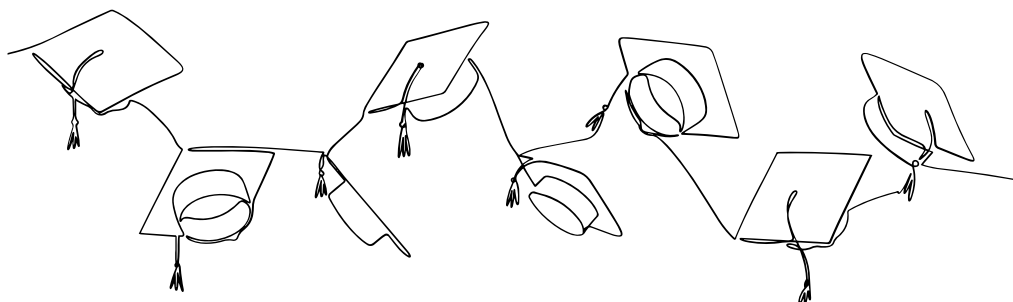
Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, Bill Wolfgang, Doug Kepp

Please include in your prayers the 26 young persons aged 6 to 11 and the many staff members who are at Royal Family Kids Camp from June 8 through June 12. .

Congrats to all our Graduates & Scholarship Recipients of 2024

We celebrate their achievements and pray for their bright & beautiful futures! To view the video, check it out on our YouTube Channel or [click here](#). There is also a list of names shared on the final page of this Weekly Update.



Need to Know

Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49270341>

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

Support for All

This new group meets on the third Monday of each month! Anyone with or who has any medical, health, physical, disabilities, mental, emotional, caregivers, and helpers of those etc. are invited to meet at MUMC. First meeting is June 17 from 6-8 PM. All are welcome, no RSVP needed. Contact Alan Vick for more information.

Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Hall, where Modern Worship is held, will be undergoing renovations beginning the week of June 3rd. We thank you for your support, prayers, and patience!

Summer Service Times

Thank you to all who were involved in our discernment process throughout the past year in regard to our service times. After exploring going to two services last summer, we are going to keep all four services going into this summer. We hope you join us at 9 & 11 AM, in-person or online, for Modern and Traditional Worship.

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon

Join Women in Faith for a Bread, Broth, and Brownies Luncheon! June's menu includes dinner roll mini sandwiches, cold strawberry soup, pasta salad, and peanut butter s'mores no bake brownies. After lunch we will assemble "mission encouragement" treats for our youth summer mission teams, YSP and MSMW. We hope to see you on Wed, June 12th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! RSVP: uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or sign up in the Info Hub.

CWC Luncheon

The Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co. will meet for a luncheon on Tuesday, June 8th at 11:15 AM at Pine Ridge CC. "Taste the Tea" will be the topic and Alice Sems will speak. Lunch will also feature Pat Dennison, owner of Palmer Place Fine Teas. RSVP to cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or call Dee at 440.487.0661.

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!

Summer Programs

You can register for ALL [summer programs and more here](#) or by [visiting our website](#).

Vacation Bible School

June 17-21, 2024

Camp Firelight

\$15 per child

Servant Sign Up:

Adult Crew Leaders, Youth Jr. Crew Leaders, Music Assistants, Recreation/Craft Assistants, etc.

Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp

June 17-21, 2024

9:30 AM to 4 PM

\$70 per kid

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

Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for information about our two open positions, Modern Worship Director 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.

Pastor Discretionary Fund

Many may not be aware that Mentor United Methodist has a special fund to be used by our pastors for emergency needs. The purpose of the Lead Pastor's Discretionary 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.

Since January, this fund has helped *24 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. The total amount given thus far is \$7,840.49 and we are down to under \$400. Checks can be made out to Mentor UMC or you can designate your online giving to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

VBS Snack Signup

You can [sign up here](#) to provide snacks for this summer's VBS: Camp Firelight.

What's Your 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.

Hannah's Home Bottles

Pick up a bottle to fill with cash or a check to go towards Hannah's Home. You can drop off to the church office on Sundays or throughout the week during office hours (8-4). Deadline to drop off bottles is Father's day.

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. The time commitment is about 4 hours. Please use [this link](#) to sign up online.

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.

Buy a YSP Stock!

Buy a "YSP Mission Trip Stock" to support our trip to Reelfoot Rural Mission in TN. Purchase 1 of 3 classes: Class C \$35, Class B \$75, and Class A \$125. [Click here](#) or visit our website to learn more about what you receive for your stock!

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.

YSP Meetings

Youth Service Project meeting at 12 PM in the Wesley Room on June 9.

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room.

NextGen Youth & Family Night

On June 14, we invite parents & their youth to the Lake County Captains' Faith Night at 7 PM. Please sign up as soon as you can using this [link](#). Meal included with ticket.

Youth Sunday:

Faith & Family Fest

On Sunday, July 14th, the youth will host Youth Sunday at 9AM Modern and 11AM Traditional services. After services, NextGen Youth Ministries and Laske County Faith Leaders will host a family-friendly faith event from 6pm-10pm.

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.

Grads & Scholarship

To see the celebration video visit our website or click here!

Congrats to all our Graduates & Scholarship Recipients of 2024!

Roxy Beers
Matthew Biddell
Ellie Busch
Brayden Carlson
Abigail Colbow
Jake Cosmo
Gabriel Crozier
Isabella Cuff
Asa Davis
Rebekah Denton
Evan Filson
Gabriel Gainar
Grace Gainar
Julie Gainar
Samuel Gingrich
Leland Kranz
Carly Lewis
Katherine Lowe
Nathan Lowe
Alyse Madormo
Sean McArthur
Penelope McFadden
Lorelai Megery
Kelsey Murphy
Eliana Palermo
Evan Palermo
Tammy Palermo
Ryan N. Pershing
Jason Rhoads
Caden Risma
Adam Romo
Emma Simons
Ryan Skelly
Lydia Smith
RJ Snively
Rachel Stevenson
Devon Stouffer
Leia Toivonen
Joseph Toth
Audrey Woledge