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WEEKLY UPDATE

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CHURCH

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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



WELCOME BACK, YSP!

4TH OF JULY

PASTOR'S LETTER

Why?

...for building up the body of Christ - Ephesians 4:12

What a blessing it has been for me to be on this year's Youth Service Project (YSP) mission trip. Our theme scripture for our week, as well as for the year of preparation, was Ephesians 4:12. Verses 9-11 talk about how Christ not only ascended but how he also descended. In Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of the Bible, *The Message*, Christ not only climbed up the mountain, Christ also climbed down the mountain and hung out in the valley. Furthermore, the passage tells us that as Christ ascends and descends, Christ gives gifts to the people—all kinds of gifts—the kind of gifts that make a difference! Why? For what purpose? For the building up of the body of Christ!

It is amazing to think about what Christ did and still does every day. Christ has all the power and privilege that can be had, yet Christ chooses to use his power and privilege to help others. Going into the valley, hanging out in the "low places" is a risky and vulnerable thing. Being on top of a mountain is a place of power and protection. Coming down from the mountain is identifying with everyday folk, getting to know their joys and sorrows, seeking to understand and to be understood. What we know from the gospels is that when Jesus became one of us, he was misunderstood. The world did not recognize him and so they rejected him and nailed him to a tree. It's rough living in the valley. Why do it? For the building up of the body of Christ!



Since none of us is Christ, none of us is ascending and descending; none of us dwells in God's heavenly kingdom—not in this life. If we did, would we leave such a perfect place to enter into the suffering of the world? Would we risk living in close quarters, getting up close where others see your flaws and your weaknesses? Where you're bound to be misunderstood, stretched and challenged? If so, why?

In a small way, going on a YSP trip resembles the ascending and descending of Christ. We leave the comforts and familiarity of home and work to go to a place that is unfamiliar to us, offering whatever skills and gifts we have to make a difference, to help out. We go as a team, immersed on a worksite together to accomplish a challenging goal in just 5 days. This year those goals were to frame a new house and install a wheelchair ramp at another. We worked through 97-degree-days and through thundershowers. We prayed, shared devotions, worshipped and ate together every day. We got to know Vivian and Tiger, the wonderful women who reside in the homes at the worksites. We laughed a lot, poked fun and worked through differences of opinions—like how best to fasten board A to board B.

I was amazed at the way the team worked together—youth and adults—ready at all times to pitch in and help in any way that is needed. Everyone participating in the prayers and devotions. Everyone striving to be more like Jesus in all that we did and do. It was and is for the building up of the body of Christ.

Praise to the team and its leaders. Praise to Rod Ring who leads YSP with incredible organization, spirit, faith, and care. Praise to Jim Post who kept us well fed. Praise to the youth who were all in. Praise to the leaders and participants of YSP from the past, who created, sustained and helped shape this outstanding outreach mission opportunity. Praise to the congregation for your prayers and support that make YSP possible. Mostly, praise to God for sending us Jesus who gave everything so that we might discover and use our gifts for the building up of the body of Christ.

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, 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

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Laura Kramer,
who passed on Friday, June 21, 2024.**



Need to Know



**CHURCH
OFFICE
WILL BE
CLOSED ON
THURS,
JULY 4TH**



Youversion

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

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

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.

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.

Finance Update

As of May 31, 2024, the Finance Committee shares they are optimistic that this church can meet its monthly obligations with the faithful support of the congregation and their ongoing generosity.

Receipts (Income)	487,000*
Expenditures	440,000

*This total includes a ONE-TIME gift of \$100,000

Exchange Students

The International Student admissions program at Lake Catholic High School is looking for families to take exchange students in. Stay starts August 15 and they would depart the first week of June 2025. The host family is paid a monthly stipend. They can contact Nate Skonieczny nskonieczny@lakecatholic.org OR call 330.612.7183

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@mentor.unc.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.

Softball Teams

MUMC softball teams play every Tuesday at Richmond Park. Come out to cheer us on!

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](#).



What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

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](#).

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!

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)

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.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who helped prepare & serve a meal this past Tuesday for Re:Source Cleveland. It is an amazing blessing to partner with this organization.

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](#).



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, July 27th. 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

Next Meal Blessing is this coming week (first week of every month). Contact Missions (Craig Eppler or Nancy Leyden) to get involved.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS. 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. Join us as we explore the Re:form curriculum.

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.

Welcome Back Youth & Adults from Obion, TN!

Blessed that our YSP participants have safely returned home from their mission in Obion, TN. Hear all about it from their sharing during services!

