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WEEKLY UPDATE

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Worship with us in-person or online:
Mentorumc.org, Facebook, and Youtube

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter



Pastor's Discretionary Update

Friends, I love making sure that the MUMC Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF) supports folk in Lake County with emergency financial assistance. Through the PDF we are able to come alongside particular crisis situations and show the true heart of Mentor UMC.

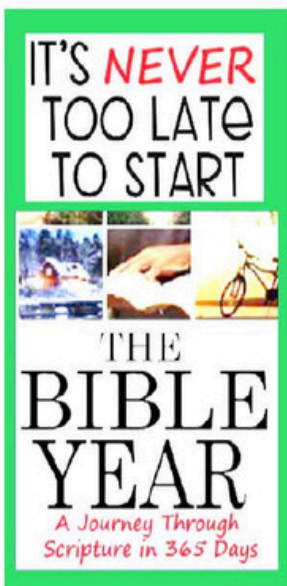
I am so gratified by this church for its many charitable efforts. Through the PDF we are able to respond on the spot to temporary shelter/lodging, food shortages, utility bills, transportation issues and more. And at the onset, if you have ever contributed to the PDF, **please accept this as a personal THANK YOU from the Pastors, me in particular.** I take pride in the confidence in my 'discretion' toward financially helping others.

Generally, the office administrator is the first line of contact when requests come to the church. Together, we vet and verify the requests. And know that monies are never given directly to individuals, rather we make contact with apartment landlords, car repair shops, the water company, hotel reservations clerks and such. The PDF allows the Pastors to make direct financial assistance happen as we/Pastors are solicited.



Just to share, some requests happen when:

- a person was sick with Norovirus and unable to work, (no hours worked, no pay)....needing help paying a water and electric bill.
- a person working at a new job waiting for their first pay and needing rent monies while going to work.
- while escaping domestic violence, a mother and six-month-old child needed a hotel stay during snow storm.
- a person needing help with a portion of car repair costs.
- a disabled person needed a hotel stay while awaiting a delay in construction repairs to a new apartment.
- a parent with two children, ages 3 and 1, needing lodging after being hired for a new job.
- and many more.



In the 1990s, I became enthralled with the great gospel singer/ song-writer Mahalia Jackson. Well, she broke records with a song entitled 'If I Can Help Somebody'. The lyrics say: *If I can help somebody, as I travel along If I can help somebody, with a word or song. If I can help somebody, from doing wrong. Then, my living shall not be in vain.*

We should feel so good to know that 'we have helped somebody, yes, many 'somebodies' in Lake County through our PDF. We have given a helping hand, a bit of support, a tidbit of good for 'somebody' and we are the better for it. God bless, —Pastor Ivy



Invitation from Caring Servants

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

The Mentor UMC Caring Servants ministry consists of 27 members. The Caring Servants are linked to members of the church who are not able to attend for various reasons. Those persons are considered "Saints." Please contact me, **if you would like to become a Caring Servant** to share time with our Saint members, or **if you (or someone close to you) would like to become a Saint.** Possibly, **you might want to become a Saint only receiving prayers/cards** but not actual visits. Either way, please let me know. Our Caring Servants enjoy taking the church to others. —Pastor Ivy

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

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

Members who are in need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Jeff Klein, Nora Kelley,
The Tackett Family Noralee Starr, The Weiss Family,
Laurie Eppler, Doug Koman

This Easter, Let's Make History!

Does anyone remember there ever being an MUMC Easter Sunrise service at Fairport Harbor Beach Park? Or, has there ever been a sunrise service the week after Easter to re-enact the story in John 21 when the resurrected Jesus appears on the shore of the Sea of Galilee? The disciples have been fishing all night and have caught nothing. When they get to the shore, Jesus feeds them fish from a charcoal fire and then asks Peter three times "Peter, do you love me?" No? Ok, then, let's make history together!

Here's how you can help make these services even more effective and memorable...Let Pastor Steve know if you are interested in helping in any of the ways below.

For April 20th, *Easter Sunrise Service*, 6:30 am at Fairport Harbor Beach Park:

- Be a greeter: get there by 6:10 AM & be ready to welcome people as they arrive
- Bring light refreshments (donuts, muffins, a container of coffee, etc.)
- Bring a folding table to set refreshments on

For April 27th, *John 21 Reenactment Sunrise Service*, 6:30 am at Fairport Harbor Beach Park:

- All the above plus...
- One or two men to be disciples in the boat
- A fishing boat (one without a motor/one that can be rowed) that could be used. *Do you have such a boat? Do you know someone who does?*
- A casting net or something like it.

Painesville UMC is going to be collaborating with us for the Easter Sunrise on April 20th. It is rare for Easter to be this late in the year. So, I'm hopeful for a beautiful sunrise! See you there!

Pastor Steve

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49407844>

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

Lenten Dinners & Classes

All are welcome to gather on Wednesday evenings to enjoy fellowship and a dinner followed by classes that are open to all. [Register online here.](#)

Scholarships 2025

Students in high school and higher education may fill out the MUMC Scholarship form for 2025. Find it online [HERE](#). Deadline to submit is Friday, April 18th.

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Join Mentor United Women in Faith (UWF) for another bread, broth, brownies, and bingo luncheon! April's menu includes dinner rolls, cheddar broccoli soup, Easter brownies, and salad. We will reflect on Lent through poetry shared by Kenna Tanner, readings shared by Paula Langdon, and more. We will also have the opportunity to fill Easter eggs for our Woodlawn and community egg hunts. We hope to see you on Wednesday, April 2, at noon in the Mentor UMC Gallery! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register [online here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Need to Know

Daily Prayers in Lent with Pastor Steve

The vision and prayer for the congregation from the pastors in 2025 is threefold. It is that we would all:

- Immerse ourselves in scripture
- Devote ourselves to prayer
- Commit ourselves to spiritual practices

Lent is a dedicated season in the church to learn about the Christian faith and focus anew on spiritual practices such as prayer, communion, worship, serving, fellowship, fasting, and devotion.

Pastor Steve invites you to join him in praying daily beginning in Lent and continuing beyond. He will be praying the prayers in the book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brugesemann* You can purchase the book [online here](#) or [used here](#).

Pastor Steve invites you to connect in the new group on [Slack](#) to share our journey of daily prayers together.

Fellowship Hour

Join us the first Sunday of the month for Pancakes in the Gallery after services! To host Fellowship hour, get in touch with Kathy Fellows: 440.477.44851

CWC Luncheon

Join the Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co for a luncheon on Tuesday, April 15th from 11:15 AM to 1:30 PM. We'll meet at Pine Ridge CC to hear from Lisa Basham about staging & organizing the home as well as Stonecroft speaker, Lisa Haley. Cost is \$30 and you must RSVP by April 10th: cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or call Lynn: 440.488.4351

Thank you from Pastor Steve

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes for my birthday! I am grateful to have been around the sun 56 times now! My prayer is that God will watch over me, keep me healthy and allow me to celebrate many more birthdays as one of your pastors!

P.S. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day in Staff meeting this week. Who ever said meetings can't be fun?! We have an amazing staff! Praise God!



More Than a Meal

The next MTAM is Saturday, March 29th 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](#).

Rummage Sale

Donations will be accepted starting the week of April 7th at MUMC. [Check our website for the volunteer sign up](#) and the full donation list. The Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, April 12th!

The Rummage Sale team is taking newspaper in the Community Center for wrapping items for the sale.

BIG Event Baskets

Mark your calendar for the BIG Event on Sunday, April 6th. Support YSP as they prepare for their trip to God's Country Cooperative Parrish in Newberry, MI by donating auction items or a basket. You can find information about raffle baskets and forms by clicking [here](#).

Hope Chest Open House

Hope Chest will have an Open House on Friday, March 28th from 3 to 6 PM and Sunday, March 30th from noon to 3 PM at 1400 Mentor Ave. See the new space and learn more about their services to the community.

What's Your M.O. Mission Opportunities?



Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is the focus of the Missions Commission for the month of March. This is also known as the Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County and is mainly supported by interdenominational churches in the area. Mentor United Methodist Church has helped support Project Hope since its inception in 1993.

Please prayerfully consider helping to continue this support by volunteering, providing a meal, or making a donation. For online donations, please select the Fund "Missions" or "Other" with "Project Hope" in the note.

Alzheimer's Walk 2025

The Walk will be held at Lake Farm Park on September 27th. This year our team goal is to raise \$2,000. All Journey groups & committees are encouraged to walk as part of Team MUMC. Get your team registered as soon as possible so we can meet our goal! [Click here](#).

Poverty Simulation

Join us at MUMC in Fellowship Hall on April 26th from 11 AM to 1 PM for a Poverty Simulation. Please register by April 24th. We need at least 30 participants and 15 facilitators for this simulation. Ages 13 and up are welcome and a light lunch will be provided. Childcare for 12 and under available upon request. Contact Melanie Thomas at mthomas@eocumc.com with any questions.

The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. CAPS is an interactive, immersive experience. It sensitizes community participants to the realities of poverty. [Learn more and register here](#).

UH Volunteers

Are you interested in making a difference in people's lives, making new friends, and giving back to the community? UH Lake West & TriPoint are seeking volunteers for the front desk, gift shop, and other areas. Call 440-354-1665 or 440-953-6049.

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@mentorunc.org.

Register for 2025-2026

Register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMC: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more:

bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org

MOMCo

MOMCo meets Fridays in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM.

Upcoming dates:

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

- 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 during worship.

Easter Basket Making

Youth are invited to create special Egg Baskets for Easter this year to give out on Saturday, April 19th. Talk to Mackalyn for details.

Summer Programs

Get an early look at this summer's lineup at MUMC and beyond by visiting our [website](#). Find dates and the registration link under the "Upcoming" section [here](#).

Young Adult Small Group

Young Adults are encouraged to join a small group that meets in-person and online on Tuesday at 5 PM. This group is ongoing and accepting new friends at anytime. [Sign up online](#) or get in touch with Mackalyn.

Youth Group

Youth are invited to meet on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM. Upcoming dates:

March 23

April 13 & 27

May 11 & 25

Youth Service Project

This year YSP will be going to God's Country Cooperative Parish in Newberry, MI. Learn more about events & fundraisers [here](#).

