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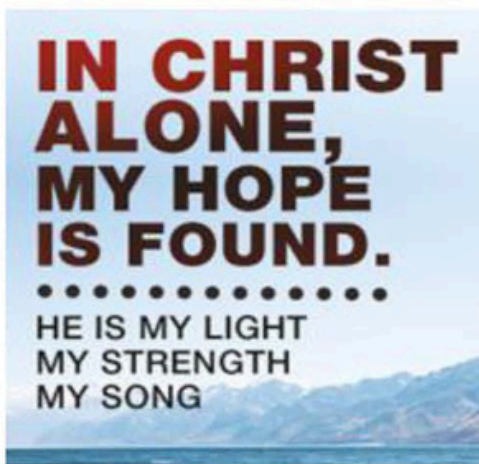
Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter



TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

It is one thing to believe that you're blessed, yet it is another thing to say so. When you begin to voice your blessings, say them and speak them, you begin to reveal a spiritual power like none other! This is how and when you begin to have real freedom in your life.

We all need to speak and live in ways that resemble holiness every day. The period of Lent (those 40 days before Easter, starting on Ash Wednesday) gives us the opportunity to frame our lives around becoming better, newer, stronger. We are always seeking to reinvent ourselves in some way or another, and during this 40-day period, we can try, once again, to come closer to the Holy Spirit's call on our lives. We simply must **TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY**.

It is by any means necessary that we have the ability to create a stronger prayer life, a more enduring Bible study time and a never-tiring thirst for fellowship. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us that there is a time for everything. *'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.* Well, Lent is the time to **TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY**. Although hymnwriter, William D. Longstaff wrote this great hymn of the faith a long time ago, even today we can recommit with the wonderful words:

***Take time to be holy,** the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.
Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.
Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.*

Friends, primarily, it is time to get the issue of salvation, the issue of eternity resolved. Yes, it is **time to become more Holy**, not only you, but it is also time for your spouse, girlfriend, your boyfriend, your partner in life. It's time for your children too! Call them to say: Are you going to church? Is there a church close to you? Does the pastor know your name? Is the girl/guy you are dating going with you? It's time for your grandchildren also! Ask their parents, your children: Are you teaching them to kneel at their bedside to pray? Will you take them to the local Vacation Bible School this year? You can buy them an iPad but give them Jesus! It's time! **Take time to be Holy**. Tell them thank you for the sweater, tickets for coming to visit, golf clubs, new TV, but what I really want is for you to resolve 2025, for it is time.

-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

Governors Point - Doris Sturm

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

Concord Ridge - Jack Brown

Members who are in need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Sally Carr, Weiss Family, Sean McArthur,
Hilary Pleska, Jeff Klein, Lois Dyckman, Nora Kelley, Noralee Starr

YOU'RE INVITED TO



Dinner with Jesus Lenten Sermon Series

SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 9 - April 6

March 9: Celebration March 30: Ministration
March 16: Invitation April 6: Preparation
March 23: Intention

WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER & CLASSES

March 12, 19, 26, April 2

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



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Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49397594>

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

Lent Sermon Series & Dinners

Lent is almost here! Join us for our sermon series, "Dinners with Jesus" that take a look at stories in the Bible that highlight meals with Jesus culminating in Holy Week services & Lenten offerings. We will once again gather on Wednesday evenings to enjoy fellowship and a dinner followed by classes and groups that are open to all. [Register online here.](#)

Church Directory

The Church Directories are IN and available for pickup in the Information Hub on Sunday, February 23rd. If you can't make it in person we'll set yours aside for pickup in the church office during the week. We are asking that you only take one per family.

Part of the cost of the directories was graciously covered by our Cornerstone ministry. We are asking for additional support through donations to cover the remainder of the cost of these long awaited books. Each book is about \$10 but payment is NOT required in order to receive a book. Donations can be dropped off in the church office.

Need to Know

Ash Wednesday

MARCH 5th

7:30 AM in the Chapel

12 PM in the Chapel

7:30 PM in the Sanctuary



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.

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Birthday Bash

Don't miss the celebration at Mentor United Women in Faith's March luncheon! The menu includes marbled rye bread, potato soup with toppings, salad, and birthday brownie sundaes. This month we will celebrate 156 years of faith, hope, and love in action through United Women in Faith as well as celebrate our lives as individuals and as a community! We will also be assembling hygiene kits that our youth will deliver to the Mission Barn, one of the UMCOR Relief Supply Network depots, when they visit there later in March.

We hope to see you on Wednesday, March 12th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the sign-up sheet in the Info Hub.

Easter Flowers

Order your Easter Flowers [online](#) or in person (forms in the Info Hub). Prices are on the forms.

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: 440.477.4485

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, March 18th. Signup [online here](#) or at our site.

There will be a recruitment table set up in the Gallery on **March 9th**. Stop by and learn more about giving blood and sign up for the next drive!

More Than a Meal

More Than a Meal is a free meal that is served to the community on the last Saturday of each month. 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 in the coming weeks for a detailed donations list and the volunteer sign up. The Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, April 12th!

YSP Fundraising

YSP fundraising has begun! Purchase a stock and mark your calendars for the BIG Event and the Plant sale in May. Support YSP as they prepare for their trip to God's Country Cooperative Parrish in Newberry, MI. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

What's M. Your Mission Opportunities

Welcome Center Hospitality

Sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Desk in the Gallery on Sunday mornings. Answer questions from visitors and pass out welcome bags. Contact Chris Fletcher with any questions or [signup here](#).

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](#).

Thank You

Dear Congregation,

Cara and I thank you for your prayers and support before, during and since Cara's hysterectomy on February 10. We have felt your love and your prayers and the meal train and cards were very helpful. She is recovering well. This week, she returned to work, though full recovery is expected to take six to eight weeks. Prayers for her to not overdo it!

Pastor Steve

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, a light lunch will be provided. Childcare for 12 and under available upon request. Contact Melanie Thomas at mthomas@eocumc.com with any questions.

Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families. But unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand. 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 [online here](#).



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.

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.

Hockey Game

Youth are invited to a Monsters Hockey game in Cleveland on Saturday, March 1st. Tickets will be about \$20-30 and individuals will be responsible for their own concessions. First twelve kids to sign up will get their ticket half off! Click here to [sign up](#).

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 9 & 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](#).

