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Worship with us in-person or online:
Mentorumc.org, [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#)

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

Lenten Dinners at Mentor UMC



March 12, 19, 26, & April 2



With Classes after!



Pastor's Letter

Hello Family,

I would like to express my appreciation for the well wishes for being approved for ordination. It is wild to think I became a Certified Candidate in March of 2022 and will be ordained this June. I know your prayers have helped me navigate these past few years of seminary and the ordination process. God is good!

I am also grateful for all of you who supported Evan this past Sunday. When he told me he wanted to share a message that was on his heart, I was incredibly nervous. I did not need to be because you all supported him and lived into the words at his baptism and confirmation. You supported and encouraged him as he shared the word of how we are to love one another as we want to be loved. My heart was overflowing on Sunday!!

This past Wednesday we began our season of Lent, the time when we prepare for celebrating Easter. It is forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, minus Sundays.

You can learn more at umcdiscipleship.org/resources/introduction-to-the-season-of-lent. This Sunday will be the first Sunday of our Lenten sermon series, Dinner with Jesus. Our first story is from Luke 5:27-32, the story of Jesus being invited to a great banquet at the home of Levi, a tax collector, who gives up everything to follow Jesus. The Pharisees asked Jesus why He associated with these men. In verses 31 and 32, we read, "Jesus answered, 'Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn't come to call righteous people but sinners to change their hearts and lives.'"

I appreciate what Jesus says and am reminded why hospitality in our church is so important. As we come together for Family, Feast, and Fellowship on the Wednesdays of Lent, it is vital that we extend a welcome to all who are present. The warm welcome extends to Sunday and any day our doors are open for all to enter. As followers of Jesus Christ, we need to be welcoming to everyone. We do not know what someone may be going through, but we do know how to offer and extend grace, hope, and love to all we meet.

As we begin our 2025 Lenten journey, let us all remember that we are loved by an awesome and merciful God. Let us extend that love and mercy to everyone we encounter. May it be so.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Tammy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Tammy

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

Members who are in need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Jeff Klein, Nora Kelley, Noralee Starr, The Weiss Family

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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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

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 for the volunteer sign up](#) and the donation list. The Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, April 12th!

YSP Fundraising

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. You can find information about raffle baskets and forms by clicking [here](#).

What's Your 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. You may contact Bill Mueller or Nancy Leyden for more information.

With Blessings, Bill Mueller, bil.mueller.home@gmail.com, 440-463-5540

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 [online here](#).

Hope Chest Thank You

The Hope Chest is very grateful to MUMC for inviting Jan to speak at your services in February. We appreciate your support in donations, volunteering, and prayer. Thank you for helping us to continue our mission.

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@mentorumc.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@mentorumc.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.

Mission Barn

Our youth group has the opportunity to serve for a day on March 22nd at the Mission Barn in New Castle, Pennsylvania. The Mission Barn is a UMC organization that works with UMCOR relief. We will meet at Mentor UMC to leave around 6:45 AM and will return between 4:30-5 PM. We have a limited number of spots for 3 adults and 12 youth. Register here. Visit this link for more information about the Mission Barn.

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 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](#).