

**MENTOR**

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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



# Pastor's Letter

Hello, Siblings in Christ,

I am blessed to be writing to you this week as we are on our fifth Sunday in our series, "This Is Us: Being United Methodist Christians." This week, I have the honor and pleasure to share with you one of my favorite things about being United Methodist: God's abundant grace! Prior to becoming Methodist, I did not fully understand grace in the way that John Wesley describes it. As I grew in my faith, and more importantly in my understanding of what it means to be a United Methodist, I heard these words that described grace.

I remember going on the Walk to Emmaus and hearing these different types of grace: prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying. Even after that amazing weekend retreat, I still struggled to keep them straight in my head. It was during my United Methodist Doctrine class in the summer of 2022 that I was able to really grasp what Wesley meant by these types of grace. The following passage has helped me to understand what God's grace means throughout my life as a follower of Jesus Christ.

*"In one metaphor Wesley compares religion to a house. Repentance is the porch, justification is the door, and sanctification is the whole house. While the goal is being in the house, one must cross the porch and go through the doorway to get there. Similarly, in most cases, crossing the porch is of moderate duration, passing through the doorway is of short duration, and exploring the house could and should take a lifetime."*

This is taken from Scott J. Jones's book *United Methodist Doctrine: The Extreme Center* on page 175.

When we read Luke 15:11-24, we are able to see God's grace at work in the life of the prodigal son. He has a great life but wants to explore the world. As he wanders around, he is experiencing God's prevenient grace without even knowing that is what is happening. When he realizes the error of his ways, he is repentant and realizes that he can go home to his father. Here we see God's justifying grace taking place in his life. When he goes home, he is welcomed with open and loving arms by his father. His dad even hosts an extravagant party for him. This is God's sanctifying grace welcoming him home. It is a beautiful example for us as we seek to not only understand God's amazing and abundant grace but to see how God's grace is at work in our own lives.

You may be experiencing God's prevenient grace where you are not fully aware of God in your life. You may be at the point where you recognize that you need to make some changes, and you ask God to be present fully in your life accepting God's justifying grace. You may be living a life with God at the center, living out the call that God has placed on your life. You are experiencing God's sanctifying grace and sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

Wherever you may be on your faith journey, please know you are welcome to journey with the Mentor United Methodist family. As a family, we share our lives with one another as we seek to grow closer to God through Jesus Christ.

This Is Us,

*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* - 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

*Danbury Senior Living* - Kathryn Bevacqua

*Tapestry* - Gloria McFeely

*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom

*Breckenridge/Fairmount* - Patricia Laubscher

*Danbury Mentor* - Dale Porter

*Mentor Ridge Rehab* - Delores Tackett

## Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,

Bill Wolfgang, Georgeanna Allen

Prayers for Women's Kairos Outside weekend #6 May 17-19  
where Stephanie Grantz is serving.



## Change the World Day 2024

Join us for our annual  
Change the World Day  
on Saturday, **May 18th** from 9-2  
in the Northwest parking lot  
@ MUMC

We will be partnering with  
Sleep In Heavenly Peace  
to build 60 beds.

**Sign up online here** or on our website.

You can also help support the cost of  
supplies for this mission by designating  
your giving to *Change the World Day*. To  
learn more about SIHP, visit their site

## **Youversion**

<https://bible.com/events/49238927>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures and worship by visiting this link each week.

## **Softball Teams**

We have expanded to include a second MUMC team. The new team is being managed by Mitch Niemi. In order to differentiate, we're referring to the established team as MUMC Gray & new team is MUMC Red.

The season began on May 9th, with a double-header between the Gray Team and the Red Team. Gray won both games, and everyone had a good time. The Red Team is still in the process of adding players.

Full schedule has now been released, and both teams play every Tuesday for twelve consecutive weeks, with the regular-season finale scheduled for July 23rd.

We could still use more players, particularly on the new team. And, we always appreciate having some MUMC "fans" come out to cheer us on throughout the season.

## **Memorial Day Recognition**

Call the church office or email [ktanner@mentorumc.org](mailto:ktanner@mentorumc.org) with the name(s) of loved one(s) you wish to remember this Memorial Day. All names will be printed on an insert for Traditional worship and displayed on a slide for Modern.

## **Party Invitation**

All are invited to John Hardy's 70th birthday party here at MUMC on May 18th from 2-5 PM.

# *Need to Know*

## **Summer Programs**

Children, Youth, and Adult Volunteers JOIN US for a summer of fun! 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,

## **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

## **Youth Annual Conference**

June 8, 2024, 10 AM to 6 PM

at Kalahari in Sandusky

\$75 for registration

(+ Kalahari pass, and food)

## **CWC Luncheon**

Join us for the next Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co, Luncheon, "Flower Power", on May 21st. It will be held at Pine Ridge CC at 11:15 AM. Please RSVP to [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com) or call Dee at 440.487.0661 by *May 16th*. You can pay the \$22 cost at the door. See you there!

## **Communion Coordinators**

Consider serving as a Coordinator for Modern Worship. Please contact Justin Mackey at [JMackey@Mentorumc.org](mailto:JMackey@Mentorumc.org) OR Laurie Eppler at [Laerainbow427@aol.com](mailto:Laerainbow427@aol.com)

## **Liturgists**

Get in touch with Amy Bender if you are interested in being a liturgist in Traditional Worship on a Sunday morning: [abender@mentorumc.org](mailto:abender@mentorumc.org)

## **Admin Council**

Administration Council meets on the third Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is May 15 at 6:30 PM here at MUMC.

## **General Conference**

Watch this [video](#) (or scan below) to hear from Bishop Tracy Smith Malone and Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton about Gen Conference reflections.



## Food Ministry

Help support our ongoing and various food missions. Consider designating your giving to Food Ministry. There are special Food Ministry envelopes available in the Information Hub, Fellowship Hall, and in the Narthex. Mail your giving, drop it off in the offering boxes/church office, or give online through our website or app.

Find current Food Ministry needs on our website under the Local Missions page, [click here](#).



## Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 14th from 9 AM to 3 PM here at MUMC. Sign up to donate by visiting our site or [this link](#).

## RFK Volunteer Opportunity

If any youth aged 16+ want to experience a little of RFK this year without training, Johanna Martin is looking for volunteers to play board games and help with registration on Saturday morning June 8 from 8:15 AM until about 11:30 AM at the Willoughby Hills UMC church, 34201 Eddy Rd, Willoughby Hills. If any youth are interested, she will sign them up for volunteer service hours. Please email Johanna Martin at [johannamartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johannamartin@sbcglobal.net).

# What's Your M.O.?

## Mission Opportunities

### Royal Family Kids

It's that time of year when Royal Family Kids is gearing up for another year of camp. The number of kids that can have a potentially life-changing experience this summer depends on the number of teens (age 16+) & adults who volunteer their time to create positive memories for children who have experienced neglect and abuse. Camp is scheduled to begin for staff on Friday, June 7. Children ages 6-11 arrive on Saturday, June 8 and stay through the afternoon of Wednesday, June 12. At camp children receive positive attention and encouragement as they engage in many activities. Volunteers are needed both full and part time to have fun and make moments matter in a child's life. Volunteers are interviewed and receive a background check for the safety of the children. Also, all volunteers receive training before the start of camp. Learn more on their site by [clicking here](#). For more info speak with Johanna Martin [johannamartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johannamartin@sbcglobal.net) or [visit our website](#) for more.

### Renewed Covenant

We have renewed our covenant relationship with missionary, Janice Lee. You can learn more about her work and our international [missions on our website](#).

### Buy a YSP Stock!

Buy a "YSP Mission Trip Stock" to support our trip to Reelfoot Rural Mission in Obion, TN. Purchase one of three 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!



### VBS helpers needed

[Click here](#) to see when and where you can help out with VBS this June (or visit our website)!

### Hannah's Home Bottles

Beginning on Mother's Day, you can pick up a bottle to fill with cash or a check to go towards Hannah's Home. Bottles can be dropped off in the main office. Deadline to drop off bottles is Father's day. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about Hannah's Home.



# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS. WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Children & Family Ministries

[www.mentorumc.org/children](http://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](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org).

### MOMCo.

MOMCo (The Mom Community) will meet on Friday, May 10th and May 24th at Mentor UMC until noon.

## Middle School

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

### YSP Meetings

Youth Service Project meetings are on the following Sundays at 12 PM in the Wesley Room: May 5, June 9. Email [ysp@mentorumc.org](mailto:ysp@mentorumc.org) for more info or [click here](#).

### Youth Mornings

Every Sunday between services from 10 AM-11AM Youth are invited to come hangout in the MUMC Youth Room for fun, fellowship, and refreshments.

### Youth Evenings

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 6pm-7:30pm. Dates are as follows: April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16. [RSVP here](#).

### Confirmation Sunday

Join us on May 19th for Confirmation Sunday. This is also a great time to become a new member! Get in touch with a Pastor to learn more.

### Scholarship & Grad Recognition Sunday

If you want your picture featured in the Grad/Scholarship video, please submit a picture to Kenna Tanner by June 2nd. If you're a graduate, also share your post-graduation plans if you are comfortable. If you are a recipient currently enrolled in school, share where at.

## NextGen Youth & Family Night

On June 14, we would like to invite parents and their youth to the Lake County Captains' Faith Night at 7pm. Please be sure to sign up as soon as you can using the [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 Lake County Faith Leaders will host a family-friendly faith event from 6pm-10pm. If you and or your youth are interested in helping out with these events on Youth Sunday, please reach out to Briyant Hines.

### Lunch & Learn

Join us in the Gallery on May 19 after the 11 AM service for a Lunch & Learn hosted by Briyant Hines. May is Mental Health Awareness month and all month long our Youth are promoting mental health. Pick up pins, bracelets, stickers, and more in the Info Hub to show your support. To RSVP, find the form on our linktree/website or [click here](#).

