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WEEKLY UPDATE

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CHURCH

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Mentorumc.org, [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#)

Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

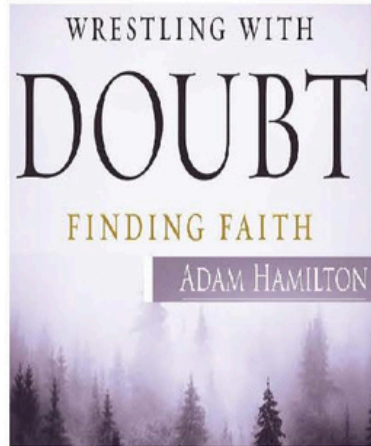
9 & 11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

October is:
Pastor
Appreciation
Month

WORRY LESS,
PRAY
MORE



WRESTLING..DEBATING.
STRUGGLING.GRAPPLE.
QUESTIONING...TRYING.

Nothing messes up your thought process like College Philosophy 100! Oh boy! Nothing stretches your moral, integral, or foundational boundaries like being 18, 19 years old, away from parents, and having to express or better yet, having others express themselves!

Well, we are challenged every day by life and living. And those challenges can bring either security and trust or skepticism and doubt. Either way, life keeps on moving. We all become unsettled at times about the answers to life's most important questions:

- Does God exist? •Is there a God? •What is God like? •Why are we here?
- What happens when we leave here? •Is the Bible reliable?
- Is the Bible accurate? •Is there a heaven?
- Why do people suffer? •What about unanswered prayers? •Is there a hell?

Doubt and plausibility began with Adam and Eve and we are not exempt.

Every person will eventually ask these types of questions, yet **how we answer them will affect how we live and how we view the world.**

Many people say that this series: "Wrestling with Doubt-Finding Faith" has been helpful. Often, after worship service, members share how witnessing to their children, or arguing with in-laws, or deciding for ourselves is a continual struggle throughout life. The answers to the major questions in life become foggier or clearer as we age. Yet, when we feel struggle and doubt, **we should fight against distancing from God. God never leaves us nor forsakes us**, and when we trust in that knowledge, we can rest in our spirit. Often we pretend we have it all together. We pretend that we have all the answers.

Yet, dear friends, I can give you arguments, debates, statements, and facts, but **nothing will convince you until you respond in faith.** When you respond in faith (*that is, you're able to say, "God, I believe you are real and I want to know you on a personal basis,*), God will make Godself known to you.

So, what about you? Have you responded to God in faith?

If so, then I commend you and I encourage you to put God first, spend time with God every single day, and discover what God wants you to do with your life. If not, then I encourage you to do so right now. **If you've never had a personal experience with God, then silently and sincerely pray this prayer:**

WHAT ABOUT
YOU?

Lord, I am convinced you are real and that you will respond favorably to me. I admit I am a sinner and I need to be saved. I believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead in order to pay for my sins and purchase for me a home in heaven. And I call to you in faith and ask you to save me. In Jesus name, Amen.

God bless you and have faith! —Pastor Ioy Smith

*God will take care of you,
through every day, o're all the way.*

*He will take care of you.
God will take care of you.*

ANNOUNCING A NEW BEGINNING AT MUMC

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? - Isaiah 43:19

Effective Sunday, December 1st, Mentor United Methodist Church will transition from four services to two. Our Modern Worship Service will be at 9:00 AM and our Traditional Worship Service will be at 11:00 AM each Sunday, both will also be livestreamed. The MUMC Administrative Council, with affirmation from our Church Ministry teams and staff, proactively embraces the impacts of the pandemic, staff and member transitions, and General Conference emphasis that all who seek Christ are seen and valued in our church. This decision has gone through several stages of discernment involving many leaders, prayer, and conversations since July 28th.

It is our prayer that this new schedule will provide the most impactful Worship Services to inspire and transform our faith. Our Leadership team understands this change will have an impact on each of our schedules and preferences. Please reach out to our Pastors or leaders so that we can be of support during this time of adjustment.

We look forward to seeing you in Worship and for your continued volunteer and financial support of our church family. We are excited to Worship with each other in our much-anticipated Advent Season. Look for future communications and the many exciting opportunities planned around this change!

Blessings siblings in Christ!

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 & Richard Anderson, Doug Kepp

Salida Woods - Doris Sturm

Aristocrat Berea - Virginia Gilman

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,

Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

Grand River Health & Rehab - Beverly Hill

Tapestry - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Village of St. Edward: Dale Porter

Holly Hill - Floyd Richards

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, Lois Dyckman, Carol Anderson, Pam Crawley, Bob Linsell, Patrick, Russ Lancaster, Dick & Nancy Smith, Laurie & Craig Eppler, Jack Zimmerman



Need to Know

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[https://bible.com/events/493](https://bible.com/events/49330752)

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

Now Hiring: Part-Time Modern Worship Director

Please [visit our website](#) to learn more about the part-time Modern Worship Director position here at MUMC. If you're eager to lead our community by planning transformative worship, utilizing your talents in music, technology, and leadership to draw hearts closer to God, then we invite you to join us.

Support for All

Anyone with/who has health, mental, physical disabilities, or are caregivers, etc. are invited to meet at MUMC on Monday, October 21st from 6-8 PM. At the meeting you will hear about Paul David Tripp's hope-filled book, "Suffering", and how to move forward with the hope of the gospel. No RSVP needed.

All Saints Day

We will be honoring those who have past in in the recent year on the first Sunday in November, the 3rd, during all services. We hope you join us in-person or online.



Music at Seven: Snacks & Songs

Join us on Friday, October 25th at 7 PM in the Gallery for an exciting night of music! We'll enjoy a snack potluck and beautiful performances by Pastors, staff, worship team members, and more! No RSVP necessary.

Healthy Congregations Workshop

Join us on Saturday, November 9th from 9-4 PM at Mayfield UMC for a special workshop, lunch included. This event is sponsored by the East Ohio Conference and is open to anyone however church leaders are especially encouraged to attend. The Healthy Congregations workshop is designed to equip leaders to respond to the presence or potential threat of anxiety in a congregational system in ways that prevent destructive conflict and help the church stay focused on its unique mission and purpose. The cost is \$15 and can be paid by cash or through our online giving. [Click here to access the registration form](#)

Service of Baptisms and New Members at the Lake

All are invited to attend a service of baptisms and new members at Headlands Beach in Mentor on Sunday, October 20th at 4:00 PM. Please park in Lot 1 (the furthest lot to the right) and follow the handicap accessible boardwalk down to deck by the water. Anyone who has never been baptized is invited to be baptized. All of us will renew our baptismal vows. We will also welcome new members. Contact Pastor Steve if you have questions.

Advent Devotionals: ART SUBMISSIONS - ALL LEVELS WELCOME

This year for Advent, members of our congregation have created an incredible and meaningful devotional to celebrate the season. We are inviting any and all to contribute pieces of art to be included in this booklet. **Please submit by Monday, October 21st.** These are the themes to base your art off of:

God with Us -

- Hope Thru Vulnerability
- Peace Thru Embodiment
- Joy Thru Identity
- Love Beyond
- Love Found in Participation

For any questions or to look at the devotional for more inspo, please contact Kenna:

ktanner@mentorumc.org

UMCOR Disaster Relief

You can donate to UMCOR directly or designate your online giving to disaster relief (type "disaster relief" or "UMCOR" in the comment section). Learn more about UMCOR by [clicking here](#).

Thanksgiving

Missions Commission is pleased to announce that Mentor UMC will once again serve a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner for our community on Thanksgiving Day. We will be dining in fellowship together and delivering meals to those who are unable to come to the church. Info about volunteering & donations is coming soon!

Gingerbread 2024

Join us for this year's Gingerbread House Arts & Crafts Show on Friday, November 8th from 4 PM - 8:30 PM and Saturday, November 9th from 10 AM - 3 PM. If you are willing to make crafts to donate, may have items for our Attic Treasures Room, snack and baked goods check out the website. For those making foodstuffs, please list all ingredients. Begin dropping off Attic Treasure donations in the afternoon of November 4 until November 7. We are also collecting any shopping bags and packing paper.

What's Your M.O.? Mission Opportunities

Treat Street Help Needed

You can donate candy to the church office during office hours this coming week: only one week left! You can also [sign up online here](#) to volunteer to be a trunker.

Project Hope

PH for the Homeless is hiring a full-time Finance Director. The position requires an accounting degree. There is also a preference for non-profit experience. Check out their website or our socials for details. If interested, send a resume to Judy Burr: director@projecthopeforthehomeless.org

Project Hope is in need of toilet paper, paper towels, lunch chips, cereal, drink mix, and deli meat. You may drop off items at the shelter between 9 AM and 2 PM, Mon-Friday.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of toothpaste and toothbrushes. You can drop items off in the Community Center.

Paper Recycling

For those looking to recycle paper and cardboard, you can find three bins at St. Mary's (the church just to the west of us).



More Than a Meal

The next MTAM is on Saturday, **October 26th** 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!

Birthright Cards for a Cause Fundraiser

Make a difference for a mom in need while treating yourself to 30 beautifully embellished cards in a decorative box for just \$30! Each purchase supports Birthright with a \$13 donation. Order at <https://bit.ly/birthrightCFAC24>. Boxes available for pick-up at Birthright on November 8th. For more info, email hello@morewithmary.com.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services.

- [Check-In Instruction Video](#)
- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- 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.

Pre-Reg for 2025-2026

Pre-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 is October 11th. Moms join us in the Gallery from 9 - 12. Check our [website](#) for more dates.

Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½
9:15-10:45 AM in the Early Childhood Area

- FALL: October 16, 23, 30, November 6
- WINTER: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5
- SPRING: March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). [Apply here!](#)

Spiritual Parenting class

Join us on Tuesdays: October 22, 29, & November 5, 12 from 6-7 PM for a new Spiritual Parenting class using the book by Michelle Anthony. [Check out the book here](#) and [find the registration here.](#)

Treat Street

Families & friends of all ages are invited to our annual trunk-or-treat here at MUMC. This event is FREE and will have CANDY, GAMES, POPCORN, and a family-friendly HAUNTED HOUSE. We can't wait to enjoy an afternoon with you on October 19th from 3-5 PM.

Middle School

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

Fall Fest

Youth are invited to join us on a visit to Hornyak Farms on Sunday, October 13th from 5 - 7:30 PM. We'll leave the church at 4:30 PM. There is no cost for this event!

Tea Time

Youth are invited to meet at MUMC in the Library between Sunday services (around 10 AM). We'll enjoy drinks and snacks, talk, do devotions, and more. No need to RSVP, just pop in!

Football Outing

Join us on October 18th for a Mentor HS game to support our students and students of the community. Arrival time to the field is 6:30 PM (game at 7). TICKETS FOR SALE ONLINE ONLY: [Learn more on our website.](#)

