

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

# METHODIST

# CHURCH

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### **Worship Schedule**

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



# Pastor's Letter

## *Culture of Call*

*We, who are many, are one body in Christ...  
We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.  
– Romans 12:5-6*

In Paul's letter to the church in Rome as well as in his first letter to the church in Corinth (see 1 Corinthians 12), he refers to the church as "the body of Christ" and all the people are members of the one body. Paul goes out of his way to emphasize that every part of the body, though different, is important for the whole. He wants the church to understand that the talents, abilities, skills, knowledge, wisdom, faith, and experience of one person don't make that member any better than another member because all their abilities are gifts from God by God's grace.

In the United Methodist Church, all the way back to the 1700s and the founder of the Methodist Movement, John Wesley, the church's mission has been carried out by the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laikós*, which means "of the people". Throughout our history, the laity have preached, served as missionaries, taught Sunday School, led adult formation, organized programs, visited the sick and imprisoned, fed the hungry and provided for those who needed clothes, prayed for the hurting and marched for justice, balanced budgets and maintained facilities for worship and ministry, sung in choirs and praised in praise bands, shared the good news of Jesus in the community at home and at work, used visual arts, dance and music to convey the depths of God's love and grace, led youth and children's ministries, and so much more. Without the laity responding to God's call to serve, the church would not look like the Body of Christ.

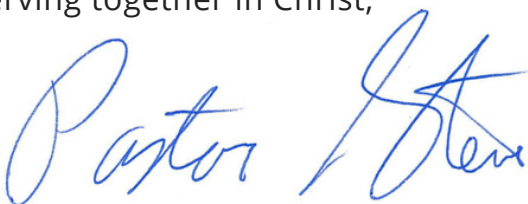
This Sunday, October 20th, is the first of two Sundays that focus on call. As Christians, we are all called. We see in the Bible and still today, God calls each of us to use our gifts not only at church, but in our day-to-day lives at work and in the community.

I am so grateful to serve at Mentor UMC where the laity answer the call to serve every day. And, get this, a Good News paradox...as you serve, sharing your time, gifts, talents, prayers, and resources, you receive more in return! Serving draws us nearer to God and to one another. There is joy in service.

This Sunday, at 4 PM at Headlands Beach in Mentor, you are invited to renew your baptismal and church membership vows as we welcome new members into the Body of Christ called Mentor UMC.

How have you been blessed through serving? How is God calling you to use your gifts for service in 2025? Praise God who makes us the Body of Christ!

Serving together in Christ,



Pastor Steve



# 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 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, David Fell,  
Carol Anderson, Pam Crawley, Bob Linsell, Patrick, Russ Lancaster,  
Dick & Nancy Smith, Laurie & Craig Eppler, Jack Zimmerman, Roy,  
Andy Champa, Ruth Christofer, Georgeanna Allen, Suzanne Dubeansky

# Need to Know

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49333863>

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

## Support for All

Anyone with or who has health, mental, physical disabilities, or are caregivers are invited to meet at MUMC on Monday, October 21st from 6-8 PM. You will hear about Paul David Tripp's hope-filled book, "Suffering", and how to move forward with the hope of the gospel.

## Finance Update

The Finance Committee has 2024 financial results year-to-date through September 30, 2024. At this time, there is a \$50,447 shortfall. All members of MUMC are encouraged to be faithful and generous in their giving throughout the remainder of the year.

## 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, members, and friends! No RSVP necessary.

## Doubt in Faith: A Testimonial

[Click here](#) or visit the Traditional Worship page on our website to read the full testimony from Paul Montgomery, as referenced by Pastor Steve this past Sunday in Traditional service.

## 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. This 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](#)

## Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Join Mentor UWF for another bread, broth, and brownies luncheon! November's menu includes blueberry muffins, cream of turkey soup, deviled eggs, salad, and pumpkin swirl brownies. With the holidays approaching, we will celebrate food with "How Did the Devil Get in Deviled Eggs and Other Fun Food Stories." We hope to see you on Wednesday, November 13th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! Please RSVP to [uwf@mentorumc.org](mailto:uwf@mentorumc.org), register online here, or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DA8AA2BAA8-51477854-bread>

## Charge Conference

Leaders and members are invited to attend Charge Conference on November 3rd at 3 PM at First UMC in Geneva.

## Service of Baptisms and New Members at the Lake

All are invited to attend a service of baptisms and new members at Headlands Beach on Sunday, October 20th at 4 PM. Please park in Lot 1 and follow the handicap accessible boardwalk down to deck by the water.

## 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.** For any questions or to look at the devotional for more inspo, please contact Kenna: [ktanner@mentorumc.org](mailto:ktanner@mentorumc.org)

## Hospitality and Refreshments

Join us on Sunday, October 27th, 12:30 PM and/or Wednesday, October 30th, 6 PM to talk about enhancing our Fellowship time after service in the gallery on Sunday mornings. Please come to one of these meetings if:

- You like to cook or bake
- You like to buy refreshments
- You like to greet people
- You enjoy setting the table
- You don't mind cleaning things up after the party is over
- You want to meet other people in the church and be part of a team that is sharing God's love with others.

With enough people involved in this ministry, we can enhance our fellowship time.



## 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 Day Meal

Mentor UMC will once again serve a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner for our community on Thanksgiving Day. We will be dining in Fellowship Hall together and delivering meals to those who are unable to come to the church. [Check out our site](#) to learn more about the dinner and how to donate or volunteer. You can also stop by the table in the Gallery to sign up in person.

## Gingerbread Craft Fair

Join us on Friday, November 8th from 4 to 8 PM and Saturday, November 9th from 10 to 3 PM. Your donations of handmade crafts for UMWF Craft Room, items for Attic Treasures Room (mini-rummage sale), Bake Shop & Country Cupboard homemade bake goods and snacks are needed. We also need shopping bags and packing paper. Please pick up a Volunteer Signup sheet today on one of our posters, in the Info Hub, or go to the Church website. More info on donation and drop off dates can be found [online](#).

# What's Your M.O.? Mission Opportunities

## Woodlawn Homes

As the weather starts to cool, we need to think about the kids from Woodlawn who will need new winter apparel. UWF will again be purchasing coats and boots for all children who need new ones. Members and friends of MUMC are encouraged to help by donating hats and gloves/mittens so that children may receive them. Distribution of all winter wear is on November 21st. [Deadline to drop off items is Sunday, November 17th](#). You can drop off in the Narthex/Gallery.

## 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](mailto:director@projecthopeforthehomeless.org)

## Royal Family Kids Camp

The RFK Leadership team is asking for support through \$25 donations in order to purchase grocery gift cards for the families of our Royal Family Kids campers. These cards will help augment their grocery budget and provide for a plentiful Thanksgiving Day dinner. Drop off a cash/check to the church office or designate your online giving to RFK (type in the comment field)

## 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](mailto:hello@morewithmary.com).

## Evangelism Meeting

All are invited to attend the upcoming Evangelism committee meeting at MUMC at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 24th.

## 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).

## Hope Chest

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

# 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](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org).

## **Pre-Reg for 2025-2026**

Pre-register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMP: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more: [bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org)

## **MOMCo**

MOMCo is October 25th. Moms join us in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM. 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](#).

## **Camp Wanake**

Youth are invited on November 22nd - 24th to the Camp Wanake Retreat. It is \$100 to register. There are scholarships available, just ask Mackalyn!

## **Middle School**

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

## **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!

## **YSP Meeting**

The next Youth Service Project is Sunday, October 27th at 12:15 PM. Youth and parents are invited to meet after service to discuss the upcoming 2025 trip, fundraising, and more.

## **Project Feed**

Youth are invited to participate in Project Feed at North Hampton UMC from 4-6 PM on November 10th. We will pack meals for those experiencing meal instability. Get in touch with Mackalyn to learn more.

