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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



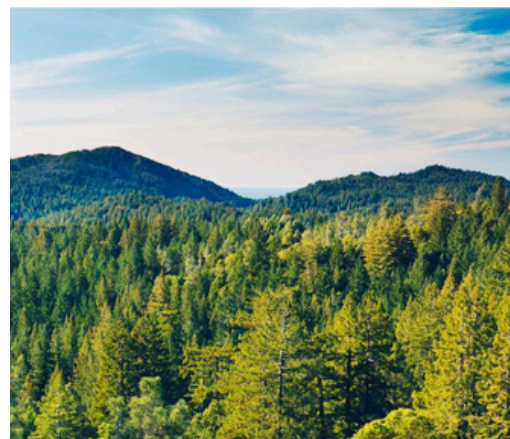
Pastor's Letter

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

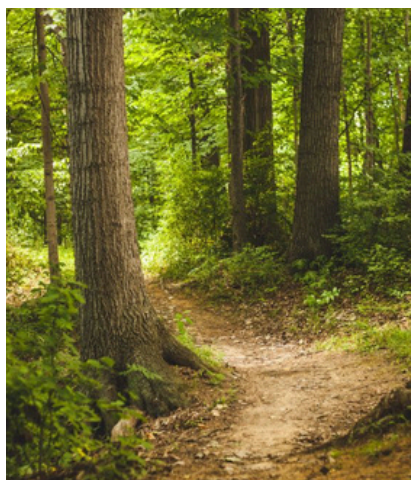


Have you ever driven by or even visited a quarry where the land has been stripped for the purpose of mining raw materials to make so many of the products we enjoy? Compared to the original forests and mountains that were there before the mining began, it isn't pretty. Yet, we recognize it is a necessary process to get to the minerals and elements essential to so many conveniences we treasure: copper for wires, lithium for batteries, silicon for electronics, diamonds for jewelry, etc.

This way of thinking, (strip-mining that is necessary to get down to the essential elements, down to the real treasures), has been and often still is a way of thinking when we read the Bible. For more than a few generations, Biblical scholars believed that the real meaning of scripture is buried deep beneath the words on the page and the only way to get to these gems of wisdom and truth is to excavate—to cut through the layers of culture, language, translation, interpretation, sociology, history, etc. The unintended consequence is the tendency for people to think you need to be a scholar (trained in operating heavy equipment!) to get at the distilled, pure, absolute truth.



Over the past few decades, biblical scholars and theologians have shifted their approach. They have been humbled, realizing that the truths and wisdom and teaching are perhaps better discovered when we step back, any of us, and appreciate the beauty of the landscape. From this approach, we are invited to not only enjoy the scenery of rolling mountains from a distance, but to pack a bag and take a walk through the forest. If you have a favorite path that you enjoy walking, even if it is in a city or neighborhood, you know that every time you walk it is a new experience. Depending on the time of day, the season of the year, the weather and what is going on in your life, the same walk will be unique and memorable in its own way!



This week in our series, I invite you to consider Paul's words in 2 Timothy—*all scripture is God-breathed*. With that in mind, read a few pages from the Bible—maybe from the Psalms, maybe the Gospels, perhaps from Genesis or Exodus. Imagine you are taking a walk through a beautiful forest. Breathe in the fresh air. Pay attention to the sounds you hear. Do you pick up any scents or fragrances? What do you see? How do the words make you feel? What memories come to mind? What questions are prompted? Who are the main characters and who are the ones on the margins? Let the scriptures speak to you. Let them shape you and become a part of you. Keep going back. You may find a new treasure every time—no machinery necessary, just paying attention and staying open.

On a path of Christ-centered discipleship together,

Pastor Steve

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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, Beverly Beebe,
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, Mackalyn Figgins & family, Pam Crawley, Bob Linsell,
Tucker Byrem, Bob & Bev Lee, Joshua Jr., Youth & Youth Ministry

WRESTLING WITH
DOUBT
FINDING FAITH

Sermon Series: September 8th - October 13th

9/8 - *Is There a God?*

Psalm 19:1-6, Genesis 1:1-2a

9/15 - *The Good Book? Wrestling with the Bible*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

9/22 - *Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell?*

1 Timothy 2:3-6

9/29 - *Is Heaven Real?*

John 14:1-3

10/6 - *When Prayers Go Unanswered*

Psalm 22:2, John 15:7, Luke 22:42

10/13 - *Why Do the Innocent Suffer?*

Genesis 1:27-28



Need to Know

Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49316831>

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

Sermon Series Classes

Join us for a Sermon Series class "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith" on Thursday nights, 6:00-7:30, September 12 – October 17. Books are \$14 in the church office. Reach out to Pastor Steve for any questions.

Support for All

Anyone with/who has any health, mental, emotional, physical disabilities, or caregivers, etc. are invited to meet at MUMC on Monday, September 16th from 6-8 PM. No RSVP needed; contact Alan Vick for more.

Worship 2025

We'd like to hear from you! What would you like to see in worship? Worship staff, pastors, and key worship leaders will be meeting on Friday, September 20th for an all day planning retreat to plan for worship series' in 2025. Tell us your ideas and suggestions. [Please click here to offer your thoughts.](#)

New Member Classes

Mentor 101 will be offered on Tues, Sept 17th from 6:00-8:00 PM. New Member Sunday is on Sept 22nd all four Services. Let us know by Sept 19th.

Sermon Series Surveys

Want to offer some feedback? [Click here](#) to take surveys for the Children's Book series we just completed and for the Doubt series we're exploring this fall. We love hearing from you!

Emmaus Walk

Women's walk is Oct 3-6: Laurie Babcock is the Lay Director and can answer any questions. The Men's walk is Oct 24-27. Chuck Tackett is Lay Director and can answer questions. [Learn more here.](#)

Ad Council

The next Ad Council meeting is September 18th here at MUMC.

Church Directory

Thank you to our staff, directory committee, and congregation for support and patience during this past year for the church directory. We are closer than ever to completing the directory. We're so excited to deliver you more updates in the coming weeks.

Choir Season

Please reach out to Amy Bender if you would like to get involved in any of the choirs. All skill levels welcome!

Men's Breakfasts

All men are invited to join the Men's Breakfast Club which meets every Thursday at 8:00 AM at Market Street Family Restaurant, Thursdays: September 19 & 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, etc.

Women's Breakfast

The Women's Breakfast Club meets the first Thursday of each month at Market Street. It is a great way to get to know your church family and stay connected during the week. Upcoming: October 3, November 7, December 5.

Healthy Congregations Workshop

Join us on Saturday, Nov 9th from 9-4 PM at Mayfield UMC for a special workshop, lunch included. This event is open to anyone but church leaders are especially encouraged to attend as this is in place of our Shepherding Summit. The cost is \$15 and can be paid by cash or through our online giving. [Click here to access the registration form.](#)

Tickets on Sale Now!

The Birthright Lake New Fundraiser Bundles of Joy Brunch is on September 22nd at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club from 11 - 3 PM. Enjoy brunch, a baskets raffle, and contribute through a free-will offering. Ticket purchase and raffle info can be found on their website birthrightlake.org and social media.

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. Yes, we will be dining in fellowship together and delivering meals to those who are unable to come to the church. In the coming weeks, we will be letting you know how you can participate through volunteer and donation opportunities and, especially, by joining us on Thanksgiving Day as we share a magnificent meal.

Hannah's Home

Our congregation helped raise money this past spring for the annual Baby Bottle campaign with Hannah's Home. Our donation of \$1,356.72 helped them surpass their goal and reach a total of \$149,707.52.

What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

Treat Street Signups

It's never too early to start planning your trunk theme for this year's Treat Street. [Sign up online here](#) to share in the fun and hand out candy on October 19th: you can volunteer to be a trunker, a game or activity host, to donate candy, and more.

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, November 12th here at MUMC. Our goal is to collect 32 units of blood for hospital patients in need. You can [sign up on our website](#).

Project Hope

PH for the Homeless is in need of toilet paper, napkins, deli meat, lunch chips, disinfectant wipes, 1-gallon Ziploc bags sandwich bags, Odoban cleaner (disinfectant commercial cleaner) and toilet bowl cleaner. You can drop items off during their drop off hours, 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 bin labeled "Hope Chest".

More Than a Meal

The next MTAM is on Saturday, September 28th. 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!

Meal Blessing

The first week of each month is our Meal Blessing. Volunteers get together at MUMC to cook, pack, and deliver meals to those in the community who need it. If you are interested in volunteering get in touch with the church office. If you would like to donate to Food Ministry, visit the Info Hub for more details.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Walk will be on Saturday, September 28th at 8:45 AM at Lake Farm Park. This event is a powerful way to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. You can view our team registration [at this link](#) or on our site. If you have questions get in touch with Amy Szabo: amypszabr@gmail.com or 440.477.1902

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 MUMP: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more: bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org

MOMCo

MOMCo is September 27th! 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: September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 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!](#)

Middle School

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

Chalk fest

Youth are invited to the Cleveland Museum of Art for the Chalk Festival on September 15th after church. We'll have lunch then leave. It is \$10 small square, \$20 large square. We have chalk available to use.

Spiritual Parenting class

Join us on Tuesdays: October 1, 8, 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.](#)

Bible Study

Pastor Tammy is leading a Bible study based on the musical, *Godspell*. It is on Mondays, September: 16, 23, and 30 from 6 to 7:30 PM. It will be hybrid for those not able to come to Mentor UMC. Please reach out to Pastor Tammy if you are interested.

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 Outings

Join us on September 20th 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.](#)

Confirmation Registration

Confirmation Reg is open for the '24-'25 year. Learn more on our [website](#) or by getting in touch with Youth Director, Mackalyn Figgins: mfiggins@mentorumc.org or 440.255.3496 ext 114.