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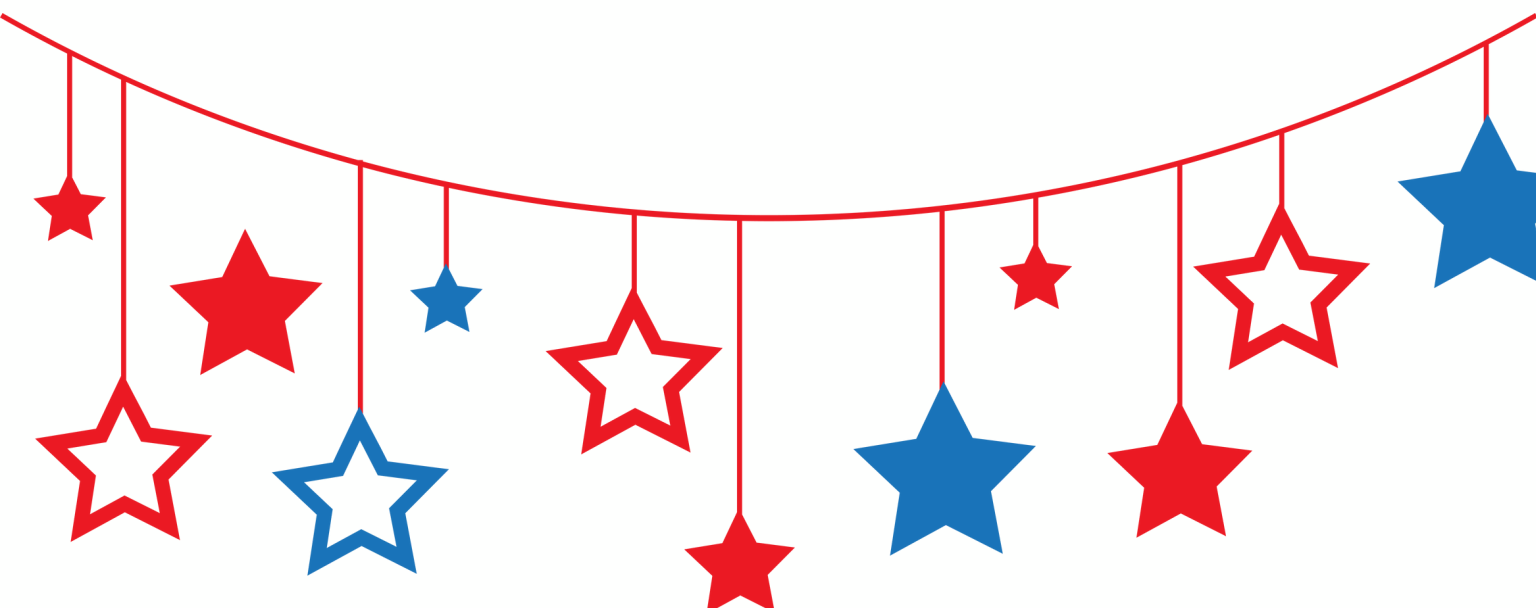
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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



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Pastor's Letter

A New Creation

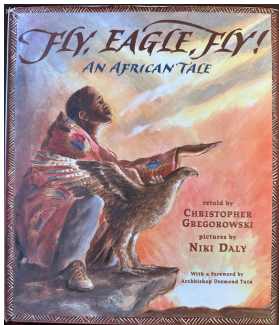


So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation...

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

Have you ever seen an eagle soaring high in the sky? Wings spread, they sail on the wind, elevated by invisible currents, evidence of a powerful force all around, felt but not seen. It's beautiful.

Our final book in our Children's Books series is *Fly, Eagle, Fly*. It is an old African tale retold by Christopher Gregorowski. It is a story about an eagle chick that was rescued from a cliff just a couple days after it was born. The farmer who rescued the eagle took it home and raised it among his chickens. He seemed to think that if he raised it as a chicken among other chickens feeding it chicken food, it would pretty much be a chicken. The farmer's friend, however, sees that it is not a chicken, it is an eagle. "An eagle," he says, "does not belong to the earth, but to the sky." He coaxes the eagle, "Fly, eagle, fly!" It is to no avail. The eagle doesn't know it is anything other than a chicken, unable to fly high in the sky, convinced that it is bound to the earth like all the other chickens. Eventually, the farmer's friend wakes the farmer up before dawn and together they climb the mountain, carrying the eagle until they get to the cliff overlooking the valley far below. As they watch the sun rise, the eagle spreads its wings and together they wait in silence. Before long, they feel a gentle breeze and watch it lift the eagle into the sky, rising up with the sun.



Since the first century, Christians have tried to share what it is like when they found and accepted Christ in their lives. In Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth, he describes life with Christ as a new creation. "Everything old has passed away, everything has become new". Have you experienced that? Do you want to experience that or experience it anew? What old grudges, old habits, old addictions, old hates, old sorrows and grief would you like to have go away? What would the new you look like if you no longer had these heavy burdens weighing you down?

The writer, composer and musician Michael Joncas compared this new creation in Christ to being raised up on eagle's wings. In his hymn "On Eagle's Wings" (UMH 143), we sing,

*"And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand."*

How do you describe the difference Christ has made in your life? I'd love to hear about it. I pray that in our worship and in our ministry together, we experience anew or for the first time the beautiful power, comfort and strength of Christ that raises us up and makes us new.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Pastor Steve'.

Pastor Steve

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

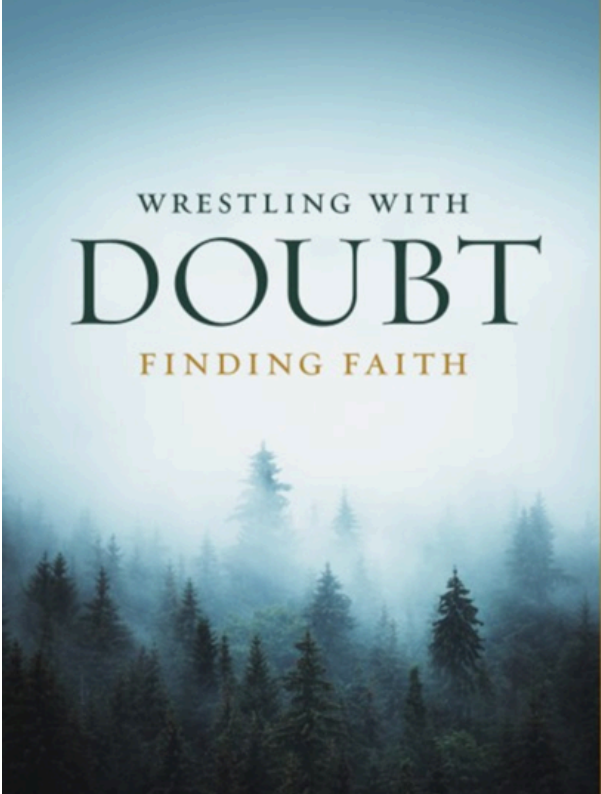
Holly Hill - Floyd Richards

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.

Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Don Brown, who passed on Saturday, August 24, 2024. Don was the brother of Carol Leland.

Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Robert Lee, father of Bob Lee, who passed on Sunday, August 25, 2024.



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/49310610>

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. Reach out to Pastor Steve for any questions.

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Mentor UWF 4B luncheon returns! September's menu includes cornbread, veggie beef soup, salad, and peanut butter chocolate brownies. Join us in welcoming Youth Director, Mackalyn Figgins, and getting to know her. We hope to see you on Wednesday, September 11th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register [online here](#), or find the sheet in the Info Hub.

Support for All

Anyone with/who has any health, mental, emotional, physical disabilities, or caregivers, etc. are invited to meet at MUMC on September 16 from 6-8 PM. Contact Alan Vick for more.

OFFICE CLOSURES:

Monday, September 2th for Labor Day & Friday, September 6th for Staff Retreat.

Shirts Available

For those that ordered a MUMC shirt, they will be available to pickup this week in the church office.

CPR/AED Training

AHA-certified CPR/AED training is being arranged this fall in the church for those who are willing & able to assist in emergency situations. Preference is being given to ushers, tech team, church staff & others able to assist, but may also be open to congregants if additional training slots are available. Please contact Chris Meldrum at (440) 220-0824 or crmeldrum11@sbcglobal.net if interested.

New Member Classes

Mentor 101 (New Member Exploration) will be offered in two 2-hour opportunities on Saturday, September 14th, 9:30-11:30 and Tuesday, September 17th, 6:00-8:00 PM. New Member Sunday is on September 22nd all four Services. Let us know by Thursday, September 19th.

Choir Season

September means the beginning of Choir Season! Please reach out to Amy Bender if you would like to get involved in Chancel Choir, Men's Choir, or Bell Choir. All skill levels welcome!

Sunday Journey Group Moves to Monday

The Sunday 5 PM Journey Group with the facilitator, Sally Carr, will be moving to Monday from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. If this time looks like something you would like to pursue, please, let Stephanie in the office know or email Sally: slscarr@roadrunner.com. An Intro meeting will be held on September 9th.

CWC Luncheon

The next CWC Luncheon is on Tuesday, September 17th from 11:15 to 1:30 PM. This luncheon will feature a fall fashion show and speaker Shirley Davidson. Cost is \$22. RSVP by September 12th: cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or 440.487.4351.

Getting Involved

If you are feeling God calling you to a committee or group at MUMC, please contact the church office. You can also talk with one of the members. Michael Fournier, Connie Irvin, Jill Kilpeck, or Bev Lee.

What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of bottled water-16oz, Sunscreen, and disposable coffee cups. Donations can be dropped off directly at the shelter, Monday through Friday 9-2. Volunteers are also needed, particularly those serving IN the shelter with our staff and guests. Learn more by visiting Project Hope's [website](#).

Tickets on Sale Now!

Join Us for the Birthright Lake New Fundraiser Bundles of Joy Brunch on September 22nd at the Mentor Harbor Yachting Club (5330 Coronada Dr., Mentor, OH 44060) from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Discover how you can make a meaningful impact on the women and children in your community. Enjoy a delightful brunch, participate in our baskets raffle, and contribute through a free will offering. Can't attend? We will have raffle baskets online beginning two weeks before the event and football squares online too. Ticket purchase and raffle information can be found on our website birthrightlake.org and their social media. Get your tickets now at birthrightlake.org and be part of this wonderful cause!

Community Assistance

A Community assistance ministry would expand on the ways we are currently helping people with needs in our community. Reach out to Pastor Steve if you:

- have passion for helping people in need
- have flexible schedule that permits you to respond to requests during weekdays
- have some knowledge about community resources or willingness & interest in learning about community resources.

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](#).

Food Ministry

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

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.



WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

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 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: [Registration Link](#). If you have any questions, please contact our State Manager, Brittany Jones at bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room. Join us as we explore the Re:form curriculum.

Chalk fest

Youth are invited to the Cleveland Museum of Art for their Chalk Festival on September 15th after church. We'll have lunch then head out. It is \$10 small square, \$20 large square. We have chalk available to use (but bring your own if you would like)!

Football Outings

Join us on September 6th for a Mentor Football game and on September 13th for a Riverside game to support our students and students of the community. Arrival time to the field is 6:30 PM (game starts at 7). We will make signs to have at the game and hand out goody bags to the kids. TICKETS FOR SALE ONLINE ONLY: [Learn more on our website](#).

Confirmation Registration

Confirmation Registration is open for the 2024-2025 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.

MOMCo

MOMCo is back on September 13th & 27th! Moms join us in the Gallery from 9 - 12. Check our [website](#) for more dates.

Parents Morning Out

PMO dates are now up on the [website](#). Join us in the preschool on Mondays starting September 9, 16, 23, 30.

Bible Study

Pastor Tammy will be leading a Bible study based on the musical, Godspell. It will be on Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. It will be hybrid for those who would like to be a part of it but are not able to come to Mentor UMC. Please reach out to Pastor Tammy if you are interested.

Tea Time

Beginning Sunday September 22, 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!

