

# 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

## WRESTLING WITH DOUBT FINDING FAITH: THE GOOD BOOK? The Bible

### II Timothy 3:16-17

(the message)

There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

Only  
believe

I refuse to believe that people don't come to an spiritual intersecting point, if not once, but often or every now and then. Yes, we have doubts about all kinds and types of things, even so, the Bible, God, Heaven, Hell, Prayer and Suffering. In the Timothy reading, it assures us that we will certainly have doubts about the Bible—particularly all its violence, cruelty, slavery, sexism, racism, all attributed to God somehow.

Well, rest assured that there will not be a time when you do not have to wrestle, grapple, struggle with doubts. The resolve is that we don't have to feel guilt or shame about wrestling with doubt.

In this second chapter of WWDF, the Bible and its purpose and truthfulness is held up and the question is "IS THE BIBLE GOOD?"

The Bible is considered to be the most important book ever written. The Bible is a library, a collection of books, sixty-six books to be exact. It holds stories and historical accounts of people, locations, men, women children, and the life story of Jesus on earth.

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.

The basic questions of life: 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?

Beloved, I can give you argument after argument that God exists, heaven is real, hell exists, the Bible is good, and the reason for suffering, 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 and God's truth known to you. —Pastor Ivy

**Theodore Roosevelt**

"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."

**Ronald Reagan**

"Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face."

**Hebrews 4:12**

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

**Charles H. Spurgeon**

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."

**John Barth**

"The Bible is not man's word about God, but God's word about man."

There is a difference between unbelief and doubt.

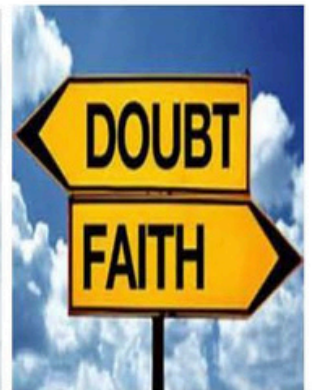
**Doubt** is simply questioning what you believe.

**Unbelief** is a refusal or rejection of what you see and hear.

**FAITH :**  
GOD CAN. GOD WILL.

**DOUBT :**  
MAYBE GOD CAN. MAYBE GOD WILL.

**UNBELIEF :**  
GOD CAN'T. GOD WON'T.



# 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!

Dan Gallagher, Lay Leader, Administrative Council Chairperson

## *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, Bob & Bev Lee, Youth & Youth Ministry,  
Paroubek Family, Ivy Smith

# Need to Know

## **Youversion**

<http://bible.com/events/49320253>

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.

Young Adults age 18-30 are invited to participate in a Wrestling with Doubt Finding Faith class just for young adults that starts today and will meet every Sunday in person and by zoom 1:00-2:30. Will meet in the chapel

## **CWC Luncheon**

Join us on Tues, October 15th from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM for a Basket Raffle Extravaganza & luncheon. RSVP to 440.488.4351 or email [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com)

## **Worship 2025**

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. [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.](#)

## **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.

## **Rummage Sale Heads Up**

Never too early to save the date: The Sale will be on Saturday April 12 with set-up the week before Sunday, April 6 - Friday, April 11.

## **Music @ 7: Snacks & Songs**

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

## **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.

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.

## **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](#)

## **Pancake Breakfast**

Join us for an all church pancake breakfast on October 6 from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Gallery!!!

## 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.

## Gingerbread House

Join us on Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th here at MUMC for the Annual Gingerbread House Craft Show. Look for details about volunteering soon. For questions about getting involved, email [gingerbread@mentorumc.org](mailto:gingerbread@mentorumc.org)

## Trafficking Series

Women United is hosting a communitywide Speaker Series focusing on Human Trafficking in Northeast Ohio on Thursday, October 10, 2024 from 5:30 - 8:30 PM at the Paradigm at Mentor High School. A light Meal and beverages are provided for those in person. Learn more and [register here](#).

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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](#) and [find the registration 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 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.](#)

## 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](mailto:mfiggins@mentorumc.org) or 440.255.3496 ext 114.