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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

Hello Siblings in Christ,

It is now officially fall! My prayer is that you have been able to get into the groove of the school year and are doing well. This week is our fourth sermon in our series *Wrestling with Doubt Finding Faith* and the question is, "Is Heaven Real?" This is a better question than last week's "Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell?" If you missed that one, you can watch the services from September 22nd on our YouTube Channel.

When I think of heaven, I think of a peaceful place where I will be with all of my family and friends when I leave my earthly home. During our staff meeting on Tuesday, we all were asked to complete the sentence "Heaven is..." I resonated with "Heaven is 67 degrees and sunny and not humid."

John 14:1-3 says, "Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too." Here Jesus is telling his disciples that he is preparing a place for them...and for us.

While we do not know exactly what heaven is like, we do know that Jesus's resurrection reminds us that we will be with God when we leave this place. God loves us. God's love for us is stronger than death.

Looking forward to worshipping together,

Pastor Tammy

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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, 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, Paroubek Family, Ivy Smith, Patrick, Russ Lancaster, Dick & Nancy Smith



Need to Know

Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49323764>

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

Sermon Series Classes

Join us for the 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 every Sunday in person and by zoom 1:00-2:30. Will meet in the chapel

CWC Luncheon

Join us on Tuesday, October 15th from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Pine Ridge CC for a Basket Raffle Extravaganza & luncheon. RSVP to 440.488.4351 or email 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.](#)

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon

Join Mentor United Women in Faith for another bread, broth, and brownies luncheon! October's menu includes cornbread, vegetarian chili, salad, and brookies (brownie + cookie). Pastor Tammy will share some highlights from her recent cross-cultural tour experience. We hope to see you on Wednesday, October 9th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

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.

Breakfasts

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 sponsored by the East Ohio Conference and is open to anyone however 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 2024

Join us for this year's Gingerbread House Arts & Crafts Show on Friday, November 8th from 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm and Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you are willing to make crafts to donate, may have items for our Attic Treasures Room, snack and baked goods check out Current Events in the Weekly Update on our MUMC website and scroll down to 2024 Gingerbread House. Keep an eye out in weeks to come for info about volunteering and drop off times for your donations.

What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

Treat Street Signups

[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.

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.

Love Thy Neighbor

You are invited to be part of the Love Your Neighbor movement that began at Garfield Memorial Church. Join United Methodists in modeling the love of Christ and making a difference in your community during divisive times. [Click here to buy a yard sign online.](#)

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.

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 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 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](#).

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!

Bible Study

Pastor Tammy is leading a Bible study based on the musical, *Godspell*. It is on Mondays from 6 - 7:30 PM. 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 or 440.255.3496 ext 114.

Confirmation Kickoff

Confirmants are welcome to join us here at MUMC for a kickoff gathering Sunday, September 29 at 4 PM.