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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



WRESTLING WITH
DOUBT
FINDING FAITH

NEW SERIES & CLASSES OFFERED NOW!

Pastor's Letter

WRESTLING WITH DOUBT FINDING FAITH

I am so enthralled by this first chapter, "Is There A God?", of WWDF. Enthralled because this question, Is there a God?, haunts us and yet confirms us all along life. We are constantly weighing the scale: Does God or God does not exist? It's a never ending

struggle that with the passage of each day, we have to recommit our minds, body and spirit in the midst of our doubts, fear and pressures. Lord, have mercy!

This is a question for the ages huh?

_Pastor Ivy

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? Often, we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God. In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them.



I believe

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son

I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One,

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again, For I believe in the Name of Jesus

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED! Pictured is the farewell card and bouquet that I presented to outgoing Bishop Tracy S. Malone at the Farewell Ceremony in her honor on August 3 at North Canton Faith UMC. On behalf of our church and the Mentor Pastors, this card and flowers went among many expressions of gratitude to the Bishop and her family. FYI, she was elevated to serve as the President of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church and will serve as well as the Bishop of the Indiana Conference. Our conference is East Ohio and our new Bishop is the Rev. Hee-Soo Jung, coming to us from the Wisconsin Conference and former Director of United Methodist Global Ministries. Bishop Jung will serve over East Ohio and West Ohio at the same time. His term with East Ohio began on September 1. *(The Bishop of West Ohio has retired).*



COMMENTOR

A Newsletter from Mentor Public Schools | Summer 2024



NICE! KUDOS TO MUMC! Most likely you've received the newly distributed copy of the COMMENTOR, a newsletter from Mentor Public Schools. Well, two of our Mentor UMC Youth are on the cover as they are entering the United States Military. Pictured are eight graduates including our own Lydia Smith (daughter of Pastor Ivy Smith) and Lorelai Megery (front row center). This cover photo was taken during the Mentor High Military Signing Ceremony for the 2024 High School Graduates. Not only that, but our own Doug Koman was a featured speaker for the program that day, as he is one of three organizers of this significant ceremony.

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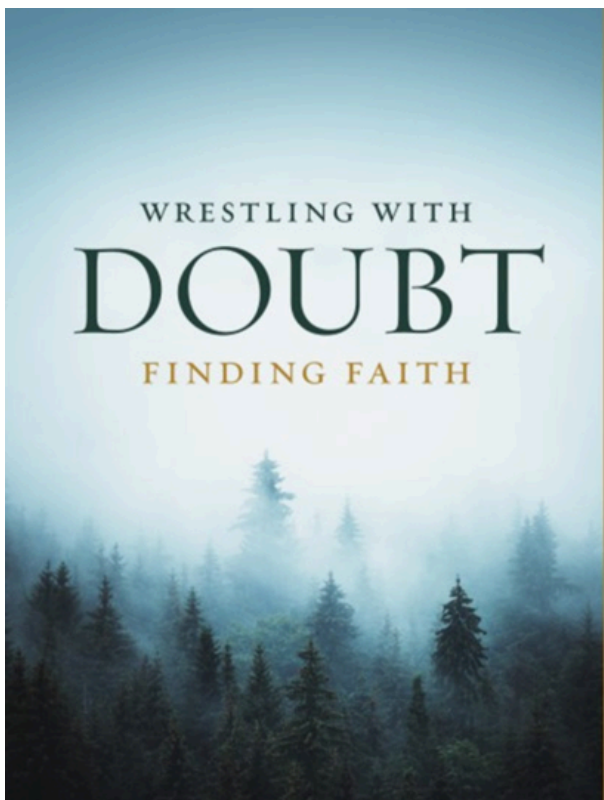
In our prayers today & in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

**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



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/49312854>

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 dinner rolls, 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.

CPR/AED Training

CPR/AED training is being arranged this fall in the church for those who are willing & able to assist in emergency situations. Please contact Chris Meldrum at (440) 220-0824 or crmeldrum11@sbcglobal.net if interested.

New Member Classes

Mentor 101 will be offered in two 2-hour opportunities on Sat, Sept 14th, 9:30-11:30 and Tues, Sept 17th, 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.

Choir Season

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

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.

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 12, 19 and 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 Sat, Nov 9, 9-4 PM at Mayfield UMC. Open to anyone! This is in place of our annual Shepherding Summit. Look for more info soon.

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. from 11 AM - 3 PM. Enjoy a delightful brunch, participate in our baskets raffle, and contribute through a free will offering. We will have raffle baskets online beginning two weeks before the event and football squares online too. Ticket purchase and raffle info can be found on their website birthrightlake.org and social media. Get your tickets: birthrightlake.org and be part of this wonderful cause!

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.](#)



What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

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.

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.](#)

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.

MOMCo

MOMCo is back on September 13th & 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. 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!)

Bible Study

Pastor Tammy will be leading a Bible study based on the musical, *Godspell*. It will be on Mondays, Sept: 9, 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

Beginning Sunday, September 22nd, 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 13th for a Riverside game to support our students and students of the community. Arrival time to the field is 6:30 PM (game at 7). We will make signs and hand out goody bags to the kids. 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.

