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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, September 20, 2020

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I have sought to embrace this week with fresh eyes, a renewed spirit, and an attitude of "this is the beginning of a new season." Pastor Quincy's departure has affected us in many ways; me included. I give thanks for his faithful witness and friendship. And, along with you, mourn his departure even as I celebrate his new opportunity.

We will continue to work with our district superintendent, who represents us to Bishop Tracy Malone and her Cabinet. We do not have a timeline for the appointment of a new associate. But we will keep you informed. In the meantime ....

Ministry at Mentor UMC must continue. Our faithful witness of God's love and power revealed in Jesus is more important than ever.

We enter a fall season that swirls with uneasiness and uncertainty. Yet we are those who trust Jesus to guide us! I challenge you ... and encourage you ... to connect with us in worship (on-line or in-house) to connect with a Journey Group or small group study (most are on-line with a couple offered in-house) to engage in our mission outreach (donate food, help prepare a meal, send a card, pray for our outreach) and to connect with one another. Do not delay! Find ways to deepen your relationship with Jesus!

This morning, I sat in the drive-thru line ... backed up and circling the building ... to get a cup of coffee. I was willing to wait. I think I was very patient because I was determined. As I sat there inching forward ... I thought about how we seek the things that are important. Even in a pandemic!

Let us commit to seeking our Lord together! With determination! With patience! With hearts that yearn to know God and serve God ... and share Christ! Let us embrace the importance – not just for our own sake, for the sake of our neighbors and community and world.

Jesus loves you!  
So do I!  
Let us seek and serve Christ together!

Pastor Sondra

### **10 AM Service September 27**

On Sunday, September 27, we will only have one service online at 10 AM. We will be sharing the East Ohio Conference live stream of worship for Annual Conference. You can also go directly to the link at 10 AM on the conference website at <https://bit.ly/3khgPEi>. Our Modern Worship band will lead worship for this event! We will not be on Facebook or YouTube, so please go to our website for service next week.

We will also hold our in-person worship in the building at 9 AM and 11 AM. See the links below to sign up or register through our website or Church App, or by calling the church office at 440-255-3496.

[Modern Worship at 9 AM](#)

[Traditional Worship at 11 AM](#)

## Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: UH - Don Ference

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Lantern - Jim Reed • Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich  
The Enclave - Kay Disbro • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik  
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer • Parker Place - Opal Pinasky  
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua  
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose  
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely  
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Linda Leach, Sylvia Bisbee, Carl Snyder, Karen Mancini, John Hurley, Sandy Linsell,  
Kimi Schmidt, Gina Cartagena, Julie Helmick, Ken Ireland, Erica Wilmot, Leland Kranz,  
Marilyn Clark (at her son's home), Art Sydow, Karen Preston, Dale Snyder, Wilfred Sudekum

### Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is  
<https://bible.com/events/38184347>

Join us in worship!

9 AM and 11 AM

[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [website home page](#)

Altar flowers are presented by Debi, Dale, and Mallory Lewis; Jason, Tiffany, Colin and Teagan Hughes in loving memory of Tyrel Lewis, son, brother, and uncle.

### Virtual Fellowship Time This Morning

Fellowship and Evangelism Committee will host virtual fellowship today, September 20, from 10:15 AM to 10:45 AM.

Sign up at this link <https://bit.ly/3k4aU5b>.

### Bible Study: Names of God

Rev. Jennifer Lam will lead a 6-week, in-person Bible Study beginning October 2. The group will meet Fridays, from 11 AM to 12:15 PM, in the Asbury Room. Contact Rev. Lam to sign up at [jenniferlam06@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferlam06@yahoo.com).

The names of God reveal to us God's essential nature and character. Names like *El-Shaddai*, "God Almighty," and *Yahweh-Yireh*, "The Lord Will Provide", spread comfort, hope, and awe. The name Jesus in Hebrew is Yeshua which links to the most sacred name of God in the Old Testament. This 6-session Bible Study will dive into studying the essential names of God, El, Elohim, Yahweh, and Jesus. We will journey together to know more about God and grow in our relationship with Him.

### Table Talk

Pastors Tom and Sondra Snode invite you to join them around their table for Bible Study. Beginning on Monday, September 21, and running for 6 weeks, join in the conversation as we look at John 17, Jesus' Priestly Prayer. Jesus prayed for you!

This study is open to anyone who wants to join in. We're calling it, "Table Talk" ... and we hope you will join us from 6:45 – 8 PM each week. Please call the church office at 440-255-3496 or email Carolyn at [cnagy@mentorunc.org](mailto:cnagy@mentorunc.org) to register.

A Zoom link will be sent to you prior to the start of the study. Remember, you can phone in to Zoom also ... so you don't have to have a computer to join in the study.

### Journey Groups

To join a Journey Group, contact Jim Nagle, our Chair of Adult Discipleship, at [jnagle7941@hotmail.com](mailto:jnagle7941@hotmail.com) to be connected to one of these groups.

**Spiritual Parenting** by Michelle Anthony will begin September 21. It is a virtual meeting. Contact Tammy at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org) if you are interested.

**MOPS & MOMSnext** meets Thursday, September 24 for those moms who couldn't make the Friday morning meeting. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is [Decide to Rise](#) and is very appropriate and timely.

**MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups** are every Sunday morning at 10:10-10:50 AM. Check your email for login details or contact Tammy.

PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow

2nd, 3rd, 4th gr led by Cristen Neibecker & Laurie Babcock

5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

**YOUTH 56** meets Sunday, September 27 at MUMC from 6:00-8:00 PM. Use the link to sign up.

**Positive Parenting Book Club's** next book is Jen Hatmaker's new book [Fierce, Free, and Full of Fire: The Guide to Being Glorious You](#).

October 1 - How I Connect (chapters 11-12 and Final Thoughts)

We will meet VIRTUALLY online! Once you register, you will receive the link to the meeting. Do you have a suggestion for a book? Let Tammy know!

**Annual Christmas Play** auditions will be via a submitted video. More information will be coming. Deadline to audition is Sunday, October 4.

**Treat Street** is our fall celebration and will be held on Saturday, October 17. Pre-wrapped candy is needed. Please place donations in the bin in the Community Center. If you would like to sign up as a "Trunker" and decorate your car, please contact Tammy at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org).



If you are interested in having your first through sixth grader join **Children's Choir**, please contact Tammy at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org). She would like to have children participate via video recordings but first needs to see if there is any interest.

### **School Supply Collection**

Missions Committee is collecting school supplies for Catalyst Ministries School Partnership Program with Painesville. Items can be dropped in the Community Center bin by the Gallery entrance. On Sunday mornings we will also have a basket in the Narthex.

Please use the list below and donate your items by October 31.

Recess equipment: Sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, basketballs, soccer balls, and frisbees.  
Classroom items: plug in headphones(dollar store), crayons, dry erase markers, coloring books, tissues.

## Youth Ministry

[lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org)

Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at [MUMCYouth712](#)

### **NEW Youth Group Times**

We will meet every Sunday

6:00-8:00 PM     Jr. High (7-9th)  
7:00-9:00 PM     Sr. High (9th-12th)

Students will overlap for one hour for worship and snack time. 9th graders are welcome to choose which group (or both) to participate in. This will allow our students to grow as a whole group and with students their age.

### **Safety Guidelines**

All students must wear a mask.

Our plan is to have our Youth Group outside as much as possible to ensure safe practices and distance.

Students will typically be in groups of 8 with 2 adults.

### **In Search of Volunteers!**

Do you love creating disciples of Christ? Do you enjoy working with youth, being active and creative? Please consider becoming a Youth Group volunteer. We can't do this ministry without you.

Email Leah if you are interested at [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org).

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation Classes will begin October 11 for students in grades 7, 8, and 9. Please email Leah Nash at [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org) for questions or if you intend to participate. There will be a parent information meeting on October 4 at 12:30 PM at Mentor UMC.

Please complete your registration form by Monday, September 28, using this link <https://forms.gle/AF5HgHvoMk7i5UuU9>.