Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, March 28, 2021

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Dear Friends,

The unexpected has happened to all of us – a flat tire or a clogged drain; a lost job or sick child; a detoured route or a pandemic. Our day can be altered at any moment. How do we react or respond? Finding our way in the wilderness has been our focus throughout the Lenten Journey. And, as Jesus approaches and enters Jerusalem we are reminded that our Savior will go to extraordinary lengths to assure us that we can find our way through anything.

As you join us for Palm Sunday worship, I pray it will begin a week of reflection. "Holy" means set apart ... reverent or sacred. How will this be a set apart and sacred week for you?



I encourage you to join us for worship:

Thursday – Worship with Holy Communion, in-person and livestreamed at 7 PM

Friday – The Service of Shadows online at 7 PM

In-person Drive-in at 7:30 PM in the church parking lots

The Service of Shadows in a whole new way!

Sunday – 8 AM Drive-in

If you aren't ready to be inside the church, you can still come to church and join in the Easter Proclamation

9 AM Modern (also livestreamed) and Traditional 11 AM Modern and Traditional (also livestreamed)

Jesus saves in unexpected ways. I pray that Holy Week draws you close to the One who offers his life for you. May you believe in the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus the Christ!

Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning Services
The YouVersion link for this week is https://bible.com/events/48540344

Join us for online worship!
9 AM Modern and 11 AM Traditional
Facebook, YouTube and
our website www.mentorumc.org

For Holy Week Services, click below to sign up to attend in-person, see our website and app, or call the Church Office at 440.255.3496.

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 PM

Easter Sunday 9 AM Traditional Worship Easter Sunday 9 AM Modern Worship

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Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:

UH - Spike Sudekum • TriPoint - Sally Carr • Cleveland Clinic - Dale Snyder

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

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 McFeely

Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher • Heartland of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Karen Mancini, John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Sarah Wade

Carl Snyder, Jeff Gray, Jeanne Babcock, Barb Zimmerman, Noel Barber,

Joyce Ragan, Bob Williams, Mary Lou Haines

Our sympathy to Annie and Doug Rohde in the passing of Annie's brother, Bill James, on March 8.

Our sympathy to Margaret, Mark, Matthew and Megan Warner in the passing of Margaret's father Jim Boyd.

Our sympathy to John Sydow, Lynn, Mark, Samantha and Graydon Lehto, and friends in the passing of Art Sydow on March 20.

Our sympathy to Norm Melchreit, Lois and James Parkinson, Ronald, Barb, Allyson and Aaron Melchreit in the passing of Phyllis Melchreit on March 21.

Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is Holy Week. If there is a video for Mentor Mondays, it will be posted on Monday on our website, social media, and app.

Esther Study

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore

The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's overloaded and stressed woman. Esther, while a queen, lived as an outsider in a hostile environment. Women will learn strong lessons of faith, providence, and hope to equip them to live courageously "for such a time as this."

Join us online Tuesdays starting at 7:30 PM April 6 through June 8. Contact Tammy Palermo at tpalermo@mentorumc.org to sign up.

Conversations on Race and Racial Justice Journey Group

This is a Journey Group continuing conversations and learning on race and racial justice in the United States and within the church.

Meets Mondays online April 12-June 14 from 6:30-8 PM

Contact James Cherian at ipc13@mac.com.

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

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 at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow 2nd, 3rd, 4th gr 5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

THANK YOU for the donation of candy. 2000 eggs have been filled, so no more is needed.

YOUTH 56 meets at Squire's Castle today from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Friday, April 8 at 9:00 AM and Thursday, April 22 at 8:00 PM. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is <u>Decide to Rise</u> and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at <u>mops@mentorumc.org</u> for more information.

For those who like to plan ahead, here are the dates for Summer 2021:

June 28-July 2 Vacation Bible School & Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp July 12-16 & 19-23 Theatre Arts Camp MORE DETAILS TO COME!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Youth Group In-Person at Squire's Castle

Join us at Squire's Castle today for Youth Group 5-12th. Please note that there has been a time change made from the typical Youth Group. We will meet from 1:00-3:00 PM

You can <u>SIGN UP HERE</u> and read our safety guidelines that will be in place.

Virtual Youth Wednesdays

We loved playing games online so much that we want it to continue! We will be meeting at 7 PM on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month via zoom. Email lnash@mentorumc.org to join us.

Virtual Game Nights
1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays at 7pm

Not-So-Big-Event Thank You!

Thank you so much for your support at our Not-So-Big-Event this past week. We raised over \$2,000, which will all go to supporting the mission and ministry of YSP and Camp Asbury. You can still view the show on our Facebook Page if you missed it and want to learn about our upcoming service project to Camp Asbury. Thank you to everyone for your contributions, donations, and prayers!

-The YSP Team

Community Service Opportunities

The Mission Committee invites the congregation to be a part of outreach into our community by getting involved in Community Service Volunteer Opportunities. There is no better way to be the hands and feet of Jesus! We will be highlighting community opportunities for service monthly. We welcome your participation and suggestions. Contact Bill Mueller at muellerhomeoffice@oh.rr.com.

See our website for details. On our homepage click on Welcome, Community Resources, and Community Service Opportunities You can also use the app and select Community Service Opportunities under Events on the Welcome screen.

Heifer Project Due April 3

This year we will work toward purchasing a flock of chicks for families in need. For every \$20 donated, Heifer International will provide a family with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks, along with the training that will empower them to turn this one-time donation into a lifetime of opportunity. Our church goal is to raise enough money to purchase 50 FLOCKS (\$1,000 total) by April 3.

How you can participate: Have your child(ren) earn money for Heifer International by doing any of the suggested chores listed on the Chore Calendar which can be found at www.mentorumc.org/heifer-project. Bring any money earned to church on Saturday, April 3, 2021, between 10:00 AM and Noon, during the Easter Egg Hunt. You will receive a special reward for all your hard work. Plus, other Easter treats will be distributed at that same time.



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The special Easter offering will be divided to benefit the Cleveland Food Bank, Nehemiah Mission, Flat Rock, and UMCOR.

Modern Worship Usher Needed

The Modern Worship Service needs one usher. Please contact the Church Office or head usher Kurt Hinkley at kcaptains03@gmail.com or phone 216-854-0149 if you are interested.

EASTER EGG HUNT

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Saturday April 3, 2021, 10 AM to 12 PM

participate in a story walk,
have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny,
and get candy-filled plastic eggs for
your own egg hunt at home!



See our website at mentorumc.org for the clues and all the information!

Beginning Sunday, March 28, families will have one week to go on an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt throughout the city of Mentor.

Following the clues provided on our website, families will drive to 12 different locations to find 12 large decorated egg signs.

Copy the letter found on each giant egg and then unscramble all 12 letters to find the secret word.

On Saturday, April 3 between 10 AM to 12 PM, come to Mentor UMC and claim your prize for unscrambling the letters correctly.

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