# Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Happy Easter!

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Christ is Risen!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 3: 16 & 17

Perhaps like never before, we need the Good News of Easter. The past year has been full of challenges, and we grieve what we have lost. Adam Hamilton writes in John, The Gospel of Light and Life, "We can't appreciate the light until we recognize the darkness." We have experienced darkness. Yet, Jesus is light! Jesus' victory over death is the power we need for living, not just dying. Jesus offers forgiveness and love and peace and hope. The life Jesus offers springs forth within us and among us! Alleluia!

We once again hear Easter's proclamation – The Lord is Risen! – and invite Jesus to transform every aspect of our life, and our ministry. It is not simply a once-a-year story to gather us. It is the foundation, core, and essence of our faith.

Jesus is alive!

Our earnest prayer, and our hope is that you know Jesus' love and victory!

Pastor Sondra and Pastor Mikayla

Sunday Morning Services
The YouVersion link for this week is <a href="https://bible.com/events/48540345">https://bible.com/events/48540345</a>

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

Join us in person for Easter Worship!

Click below to sign up to attend in-person or see our website and app.

Easter Sunday 9 AM Traditional Worship

**Easter Sunday 9 AM Modern Worship** 

Easter Sunday 11 AM Traditional Worship

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

April 11 9 AM Modern Worship

**April 11 11 AM Traditional Worship** 

#### **Congregational Care**

Members admitted to the Hospital:

TriPoint - Sally Carr

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 • Mapleview - Nancy Gosline

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, Dale Snyder, David Wilson, Carl Snyder, Jeff Gray, Jeanne Babcock, Barb Zimmerman, Noel Barber, Glenn Beaver, Joyce Ragan, Bob Williams, Mary Lou Haines, Spike Sudekum, Joe Samuele,

Rogers Robinson (hospice)

#### **Mentor Mondays**

Our prayer focus this week is our Food Ministry.

#### **Esther Study Journey Group**

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 <a href="mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org">tpalermo@mentorumc.org</a> to sign up.

Conversations on Race and Racial Justice Journey Group

You are invited to join Mentor UMC as we engage in important, dynamic, and transforming conversations on race and racial justice. You will want to be a part of this new Journey Group that meets Monday evenings online from 6:30-8:00 PM. The group will gather on Mondays beginning April 12 through June 14, with the exception of Memorial Day. Using a book by Latasha Morrison entitled, <u>Be the Bridge</u>, participants will grow in their faith, be challenged to think in new and different ways, and find ways to work together for reconciliation. Books can be purchased through the Church Office or by the individual. For more information or to join the group please contact James Cherian (jpc13@mac.com) or Daley Moy (daleymoy@gmail.com).

#### **Blood Drive April 20**

MUMC will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 20, from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Asbury and Wesley rooms. You can schedule an appointment at <a href="https://www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a>.

#### **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.

## **Children & Family Ministries**

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**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 <a href="mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org">tpalermo@mentorumc.org</a>.

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

YOUTH 56 meets April 11. Stay tuned for details.

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

#### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

### No Youth Group Today

There is no Youth Group today in celebration of Easter. Enjoy time with your family and friends!

#### **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 <a href="mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org">lnash@mentorumc.org</a> to join us.

#### **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 each month. 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 then Community Service Opportunities You can also use the app and select Community Service Opportunities under Events on the Welcome screen.

The PCLS Family Resource Center is looking for Drive-Thru School Market volunteers for April 23.

#### Easter Flowers 2021

Georgeanna Allen In Memory of Cephas Allen, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather;

George and Ruth Rose, and Thomas and Ida Allen, parents In Appreciation of Tom, Nina, Doris and Inez, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren

In Memory of Durley Imbler
In Appreciation of all our ministries

Dick and Carol Anderson In Appreciation of Rev. Sondra Snode and MUMC
Gary and Donna Bly In Memory of Rex and Elizabeth Bly and Peggy David

Sally Carr and R. Douglas Kepp

In Memory of Cecil and Margaret Sprague, Ralph and Dorothy Kepp

Diane and Andy Champa In Memory of our son Christopher Dinger

Craig and Laurie Eppler In Memory of loved ones, Ron & Marna Eppler, Alan & Doreen Moorman

Rich and Katie Elwell In Appreciation of Rich, Heather & Michael, Carole and Patsy

To the Glory of God

Marye Etta Fairchild-Reed In Loving Memory of James C. Reed

In Appreciation of my church family

In Momerty of parents and grandparent

Bruce and Kay Feiten In Memory of parents and grandparents

Mike and Kathy Fellows

In Memory of loved ones
In Appreciation of our family

Bob and Liz Grusendorf To the Glory of God

Anonymous

Judith Hagara In Memory of Robert J. Hagara Kurt Hinkley In Memory of Linda Hinkley

Patricia & Donald Humphrey In Memory of Eleanor & R. Quentin Hinamon, Florence, David,

and Edgar Humphrey

Julie and John Koschik
Geri Kranz
In Memory of Janet Koschik
In Memory of Dave Kranz

Bob and Bev Lee In Memory of Doris Lee, Robert and Portia Wince

In Appreciation of Robert E. Lee

Tom Patterson In Memory of Paula and Paul & Avonelle Orvos

Hilary and Ken Pleska In Memory of Diane Johnson & Damaris Vanderground

Janice Robinson In Appreciation of church staff

To the Glory of God

The Rhoads Family To the Glory of God

Kitty Schirm In Memory of Jay Schirm, husband and father, William F. and Anita Romig,

parents and grandparents, Jack and Sheila Schirm, In-laws and Grandparents

Glenn and Pam Schwaller In Memory of loved ones

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Smith In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Krahl and Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Smith

Jan Sudekum In Memory of David Sudekum, son and Steve &

Eunice Krausz and Wilfred & Audrey Sudekum, parents In Memory of Kaitlyn Eileen Temple, granddaughter,

Barbara Temple In Memory of Kaitlyn Eileen Temple, granddaughter,

Frank and Margaret Temple, in-laws, Russell L. and Ruth Pletcher, parents

Russell C. Pletcher, brother

Tracey Webber, Wendy Webber

& George Hollingsworth

In Memory of Ed Webber & Betty Hollingsworth

In Appreciation of MUMC Music Ministry

Paul Welschinger To the Glory of God

Bill Wolfgang In Memory of my wife, Judy, and my parents