Mentor United Methodist Church

Weekly Update

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February 20, 2022

Modern Worship at 9 AM and 11 AM

The Gathering - 10:15 in The Chapel

Traditional Worship at 9 AM and 11 AM

Worship with us online every Sunday at 9 and 11 AM Mentorumc.org, Facebook, and Youtube

"You came forth to save your people, to save your anointed."

Habakkuk 3:13 (NRSV)

Greetings Beloved of God,

This past week we celebrated Valentine's Day or the Feast Day of St. Valentine. Whether it is a day that you love or one that you cannot wait to pass by, it reminds us of the importance of showing love to others and receiving it in return. As I was reflecting this week on love, I began to think about God's for us, a love that seeks us out, pursues us, transforms us, and never fails us.

In worship this weekend, we will continue our sermon series on the prophet Habakkuk, *Choosing A Shape*. We will consider what it means to be a people shaped by salvation and not by judgment. This can be a hard concept to understand and an even harder one to accept for ourselves. It is not every day that we are told that we are loved beyond all measure and in spite of our wrongdoings. Yet, that is God's good news to us. We are God's beloved. God, in Christ Jesus, has come forth to save us, the ones called beloved.

Friends, it is God's love for us (and even in spite of us) through which we find and are shaped by salvation. When we are shaped by salvation, we are freed from our sin, guilt, shame, and wrongdoing. Salvation sets us free to receive love and to offer love in return to both God and our neighbor. May you be shaped by salvation, trusting that God loves you beyond all measure and offering love in return to God and neighbor.

Pastor Mikayla

Additions to our Staff

We are pleased to welcome Kenna Tanner as our new Communication Specialist! Kenna begins on Monday, February 21. Be sure to stop by and welcome Kenna to our staff and church!





You Version

The You Version link for this week is https://bible.com/events/48845308

Mission Opportunities

Pastors' BUS PASS Challenge Bus Passes Will Support Refuges Respose, Project Hope, & MUMC

Pastors' Bus Pass Challenge

Pastors Sondra and Mikayla are challenging our congregation to buy bus passes. These will support the ministries of The Refugee Response in Cleveland, Project Hope for the Homeless in Lake County, and Mentor UMC. You can help someone with transportation by "buying a bus pass" in The Gallery before or after worship or by marking your giving "Pastors' Bus Pass Challenge." We can love our neighbors during these cold months by providing warm transportation.

School Supply Collection for School Partnership Program

Did you know that MUMC has a partnership with Chestnut Elementary School? We do and it is the time of year when supplies need replenished. We invite you to partner with us in providing the following supplies:

- Pocket Folders with Prongs
- Dry Erase Markers
- Supply Boxes
- Ziplock Bags (both gallon & quart size)
- Pink Pearl Erasers
- Highlighters (various colors)
- Fiskars Blunt Tip Scissors
- Post-It Notes
- Composition Notebooks
- 24 Pack Crayola Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Clear Page Protectors
- Earbuds

School Supply donations will be collected through mid-March and may be placed in the bin located at the Community Center, off the Gallery toward the Education Wing. Thank you for being a vital part of our School Partnership Program.



Congregational Care

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

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradrich

The Enclave - Kay Disbro, Jeanne Babcock, Jim and Mary Lou Haines, Delores Tackett

Vista Springs - Audrey Arslanian ~ Salida Woods - Doris Sturm Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob and Sandy Linsell, Opal Pinasky

Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua, Hugh Samson

Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin ~ Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose

 ${\it Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely \sim Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom}$

Breckinridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Jim Haines
Menorah Park - Dee Smith

Menoran Park - Dee Sinith

Members who are home or homebound:

Ruth Johnson, Noel Barber, Dale Snyder, Kathy Rippin, Karen Mancini, Doris Aplis, Mary Jane Scott, Glenn McKinney, Kelly Kuczynski

Love and Sympathy to Mary Jane Cayne in the passing of her son, John, this week in California.

Charles (Chuck) Tice's Memorial Service is Monday, February 21 @ Mentor UMC Fellowship from 1-2 with service at 2 p.m., followed by fellowship in the Gallery after the service.

Spring Flowers

It is a tradition at Mentor United Methodist Church to place spring flowers on the altar for Easter services in the memory or appreciation of a loved one(s) or for the glory of God. Plants are \$8.00 each.

The Link to fill out the information form as to the type of flowers and relative information <u>click here</u>
Once the form has been completed you can send them to Kathy Fellows at: <u>kathy.fellows79@gmail.com</u>

To make your payment online, choose "Easter Flowers" as the fund at this link http://mentorumc.org/onlinegiving. or make checks payable to Mentor United Methodist Church, c/o Altar Guild Easter Flowers, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 or drop of at the church.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

www.mentorumc.org/children

MUMC Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 am at MUMC

- 0-2 year old & Damp; 3-4-Year-old sign-in at the Early Childhood Area prior to service
- Kindergarten through 6th grade begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.
- Leaders are needed for <u>Spring</u>. Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.

FAMILIES are encouraged to be ACTIVE participants in Family Worship on the first Sunday of each month. Please sign up for March 6.

Pre-Registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year for MUM Preschool. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool next fall, please share the <u>mentorumc.org/preschool</u> website.

Do you have a 3 and/or 4-year-old who is potty trained? Would they benefit from a preschool experience? Consider enrolling in the Young 3s class at Mentor UM Preschool.

Contact Tammy for more details at tpalermo@mentorumc.org

MOPS & MOMS next meets Friday, February 25 from 9:30 am to noon at MUMC.

Youth Group News

http://mentorumc.org/youth Youth 7-12 Sunday Nights 6-8 PM Youth 56 2nd and 4th Sunday Nights 6-8 PM



YOUTH 5-12 Goes Tobogganing

Youth 5-12 is headed to the winter wonderland of Chalet Toboggan Chutes in Strongsville, OH on February 27, 2022.

- We will gather for lunch at Noon and then leave for our snowy destination.
- We anticipate tobogganing from 2-4 PM. (Please note the times may be subject to change.)
- Tickets are \$13 each and need to be purchased by February 20, 2022. (If the sign up fills up, we will secure more tickets.
- Please review the rules. (There is a height requirement of 42".)
- If you would like to attend as a family, please purchase your own tickets for the same time period (2-4 PM).

If your youth needs a ride, please indicate that when you sign up; you will also need to make sure you have signed the waiver form. Please forward your order confirmation to Tammy Palermo (tpalermo@mentorumc.org). Please note that people who are not in the same "bubble" may be asked to wear a mask while in the car. Sign up here: Sign Up Here To Toboggan

We can't wait for this CHILLY ADVENTURE!



Journey Group Ministries

As followers of Jesus, we are all on a journey, and our journey includes a desire to strengthen our life of faith. Journey Groups are our version of small groups. Journey Groups meet regularly and discuss a variety of topics, studies, and materials. Each Journey Group, with the help of a leader, seeks to cultivate community, strengthen one another in faith and life, and encourage all on a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

If you are interested in joining a Journey Group click here: <u>Join A Journey Group</u>. If you would like more information or have questions email Pastor Mikayla Doepker by clicking here: <u>Email Pastor Mikayla</u>.



