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WEEKLY UPDATE



MARCH 20TH, 2022

MODERN WORSHIP AT 9 AM AND 11 AM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP AT 9 AM AND 11 AM

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve God only."
(Matthew 4:10)

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

DEAR SOJOURNERS.

The birds' songs have once again returned. The flowers have begun to emerge from the semi-frozen ground. The clock has sprung forward, and days do seem longer. Spring has arrived!

I found myself quoting "Hymn of Promise" several times this week:

"In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."

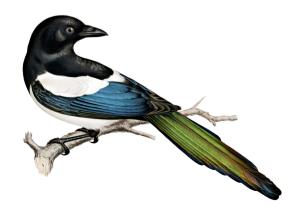
Our Lenten Journey calls us to align ourselves with God, even in the unrevealed seasons of our lives. Perhaps, especially in the unrevealed seasons of our lives. This week marked the two year anniversary of COVID-19 shut-downs...remember when we paused our lives, paused so many things, not knowing what would unfold? Yet we kept trusting God...kept looking for Jesus...kept believing that even in unrevealed places God was present. This is what we continue to do. Because God is faithful.

Jesus faced trials and temptations and stared straight at the temptor. Through it all, Jesus worshiped and trusted and served God. Thus, Jesus knew love and power beyond himself. Jesus overcame...triumphed...and lives to help you and me in our journeys. Because God is faithful.

Even in unrevealed moments and seasons, may you know God's steadfast faithfulness.

In every season...

Pastor Sondra





CONGREGATIONAL

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

Hospitalized this week:

Joan Evans

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

Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckinridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

The Embassy - Shirley Dessner

Members who are recovering at home or homebound:

Ruth Johnson, Noel Barber, Dale Snyder, Karen Mancini, Doris Aplis, Mary Jane Scott, Glenn McKinney, Dee Smith, Kathy Barton, Norm Melchreit, Jarod Mausolf

Love and Sympathy to the family of Paul Markell who passed on March 9, 2022.

Love and Sympathy to Deborah Shull and family in the passing of her sister, Karen Berry on March 10, 2022.

You Version

The You Version link for this week is:

https://bible.com/events/48860212

Scholarship

MUMC will award annual scholarships for the purpose of encouraging outstanding students to continue their education beyond high school.

Deadline is Friday, April 22, 2022 3:00 PM. You can find the application here: www.mentorumc.org

If you have questions or issues e-mail them to Scholarship@mentorumc.org

Rummage Sale Update: IT'S ON!

Due to recent enthusiasm and new leadership, the Rummage Sale is back on and set for April 30th! Next meeting to discuss details is on Tuesday, March 29th at 10:00 AM in the Gallery. If you are not available to be there please let Jo Ann or Larry know as to your willingness to work April 24th-30th, if you have not already done so.

Jo Ann Greiner: jag5.1@icloud.com Larry Hoon: larryhoon@yahoo.com

Companions In Grief

Starting April 21st is a 10-week support program using the book *A Grief Received: What to Do When Loss Leaves You Empty-Handed.* Meeting on Thursdays from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM with a retreat day on Saturday, June 4th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The cost is \$20 and includes the book. Register through Rev. Barb Holzhauser: 440-255-3496 ext. 106 or bholzhauser@mentorumc.org.

Spring Flowers

Don't forget to order your Easter Flowers! *Plants are \$8.00 each.* Click here for the link to the information form. Once it has been completed, you can send them to Kathy Fellows at:

kathy.fellows79@gmail.com 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. Checks may also be dropped off at the church.

Friday Night at The Movies

Join us Friday, March 25th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a viewing and discussion of *The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel*. To learn more:

https://www.peterertelfilm.com/

Postponement

The Commission on the United Methodist Church's General Conference announced on March 3, 2022 that the 2020 General Conference cannot be held in 2022 due to COVID-related and governmental policies/constraints. The General Conference has been postponed until 2024.

CWC of Lake Co. Luncheon

Tuesday, April 9th at Pine Ridge Country Club. 11:15-1:30 PM. \$20 inclusive. Please RSVP by April 14th at noon. Contact info > <u>cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com</u> or call (440) 255-720/(440) 339-9687

Soccer Team

Our Mission's Team has sponsored *Corner 65* through Refugee Response. Please come see the team in action through the months of March & April! Check out our social media pages for updates.

Upcoming:

March 25th @ 6:00 PM (Westlake Full Field) March 26th @ 6:00 PM (Westlake Full Field) March 26th @ 7:00 PM (Rocky River 3/4 Blue)



Finance Committee Update

We have started off the year in a positive position thanks to the continued support from our congregation! See table:

	February	Year to Date*
Receipts	\$75.207	\$204,526
Operating Expenses	\$69,343	\$146,241
Overage (Deficit)	\$5,864	\$58,285

*Year To Date Receipts included \$60,000 in 2022 Pledges received in December 2021 and \$21,000 in funds received from inherited oil lease proceeds from a generous donor.



\$42 for 42 Families

Starting on Sunday, March 20th and ending Sunday April 3rd, you can purchase the sponsorship of a food basket to go to a family of Broadmoor School. Visit the Information Hub before & after 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. View flyer for additional info! If you have questions about this program please call or text:

Nancy Leyden @ 440-364-2635 or Carol Ryan @440-488-0541

Food Collection

The Food Ministry is currently in need of these specific items for the upcoming Easter distribution:

- 28-oz. Minute Rice
- 2 lbs. Spaghetti
- 24-oz. Spaghetti Sauce
- 15-oz Canned Beef Stew
- 12.5-oz. Canned Chunk Chicken
- 18.6-oz Chunky Soup (Poultry or Beef)

Donations can be placed in the Community Center.

Camp Volunteers Needed

Royal Family KIDS Camp is a 1 week summer opportunity for local children ages 6-11 who are in foster care and have experienced neglect and abuse. Needed are teen and adult volunteers. Prior to camp, volunteers go through training and are fingerprinted for the kids' safety. This year camp is scheduled for June 5th-10th. For more info and an application contact Johanna Martin: johannamartin@sbcglobal.net

Jewelry Donation

The Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co. would like donations of jewelry to be brought to their March/April luncheons. Email cwstonecroft@yahoo.com for more.

Youth Group Fundraiser

The Youth Group is doing a fundraiser called, "Egg My Yard". People can purchase eggs to be hidden or dropped off at their home on April 16th, 2022. All proceeds will benefit Middle School Mission Week & Youth Service Project. Check out this form to sign up: Click Here.

Candy Donation

The Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt and our Youth Mission Fundraiser "Egg My Yard" are both in need of individually wrapped candy donations. Please drop off donations at Community Center.

Volunteers Needed

Painesville City Local Schools is in need of volunteers to help assemble their new collection of interactive books. Please contact Neal Nelson to learn more: neal@catalystministry.net

Change the World Day

The Mission Team is hosting their annual *Change the World Day* Project. Partnering with *Sleep In Heavenly Peace*, their goal is to build 50 beds for children in our area. Join us on May 14th, 2022 from 9:00 AM-Noon to change the world and the lives of children in our area. No prior skills are required and all materials and tools will be provided. For more information on *Sleep In Heavenly Peace*, click here.

Ukraine

You can donate to the aid of Ukraine through United Methodist Church's Disaster Relief webpage. Link here: https://umcmission.org/advance-project/982450/

Or donate through our online giving designating it to "UMCOR - Ukraine". Click here.

Mission Opportunities



Blood Drive

On March 22nd the Blood Drive will take place in Asbury & Wesley, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Schedule an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Mentorunited or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

School Supply Collection for Partnership Program

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.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

AN UPDATE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES, YOUTH GROUP, GROUP MINISTRIES



MUMC Sunday Morning Kids 9:00 AM at MUMC

- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign-in at the Early Childhood Area prior to service
- Kindergarten through 6th grade begins in worship with their families and are then dismissed to the Education Wing.
- <u>Spring Sign Up</u> is open. Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.
 - Babies, Toddlers, and 2 Year olds needs 2 people
 - 5 & 6th Grade needs 1 person

Family Worship

Families are encouraged to be *active* participants in Family Worship on the first Sunday of each month. Please sign up for <u>April 3rd</u>.



Lent - Families

As we continue through the season of Lent, all families are encouraged to pick up a copy of *Faithful Families for Lent, Easter, & Resurrection* from Tammy. There are activities that have been selected for families to do together. For this week, our activity can be found on page 49, "Giving to Nature".

Pre-Registration

Do you have a three and/or four year old who is potty trained? Would they benefit from a preschool experience? Consider enrolling in the Young 3s class at Mentor UM Preschool. Pre-Reg is open for the 2022-2023 school year. And if you know of anyone looking for a preschool next fall, please share the mentorumc.org/preschool website. Contact Tammy for more details at tpalermo@mentorumc.org

MOPS & MOMS

Friday, March 25 from 9:30 AM to noon at MUMC. Email mops@mentorumc.org for more information and/or the Zoom link.

Youth Group

Youth Group (Grades 7-12) meets Sunday evenings at 6:00-8:00 PM and Youth 56 meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 PM. Learn more at http://mentorumc.org/youth

Pottery Painting

The Youth Group will go to Busy Bees Pottery on Sunday, March 27th from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c 0d4cabab29a2fa7-youth5

Journey Group Ministries

Meeting regularly and discussing a variety of topics, studies, and materials. Each Journey Group 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 click here: Join A Journey Group. If you would like more information or have questions email Pastor Mikayla Doepker by clicking here: Email Pastor Mikayla.

