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".... not on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth

of God."

Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

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

DEAR SOJOURNERS,

Our Lenten Journey continues...walking with Jesus and slowing down to consider who he is and who he calls us to be. This week we find Jesus in the wilderness being tempted. Scripture declares that after 40 days and 40 nights of fasting, "he was hungry." That's when the tempter reminded Jesus he could change stones to bread and satisfy his cravings.

As if Jesus didn't know.

Jesus also knew, and based his life and ministry upon, God's promises and truth. A lonesome valley in the wilderness only drew Jesus closer to trusting in God's provision. Jesus chose not to succumb to a temporary fix, however flavorful it might seem. Jesus chose to trust in God's steadfast faithfulness for lasting nourishment.

At times, we all face lonesome valleys. We are tempted...we feel lonely...we are challenged...we get knocked down...we hunger for fixes—even temporary ones. Yet Jesus invites us to feast on the love of God...the provision of God...the steadfastness of God...the faithfulness of God...and discover true satisfaction. This is only possible as we feast on God's Word; as we seek to be nourished by every promise coming from God.

Praying you know the Bread of Life! But more importantly, you are feasting upon Him.

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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
- 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 Glenn Beaver, who passed on March 2, 2022. We uphold Marlene and their family in our prayers.

Love and Sympathy to the family of Do Gair, who passed on March 5, 2022. We pray for Do's family and many friends. Her Memorial Service was held on March 12, 2022.

Need to Know

You Version The You Version link for this week is: https://bible.com/events/488 56481

Charge Conference

Join us Sunday, March 20th at 10:15 in Wesley room to recommend Tammy Palermo as candidate for deacon.

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: <u>www.mentorumc.org</u> If you have questions or issues e-mail them to Scholarship@mentorumc.org

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: <u>https://www.peterertelfilm.com</u> <u>/</u>

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. *\$8.00 each.* Click <u>here</u> 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/online giving.

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.



WE WON'T LET YOU MISS A THING.

Jewelry Sale

The Christian Women's Connection of Lake County is holding their Jewelry Sale on May 17th. Check out the M.O. page to learn how to donate.

Rummage Sale Update

Join Jo Ann Greiner and Larry Hoon in the gallery at 10 am, Tuesday, March 15 to discuss the future of the rummage sale and ways to offset the loss of money that went to support our church's missions and other worthy projects, short and long term.

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 18th @ 6:00 PM (Westlake Full Field)

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General Church News: 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. One primary factor was the massive backlog of visa applications, with wait time for visas stretching to over two years in some countries. Because The United Methodist Church is a global denomination, participation by delegates from around the world is necessary and essential for the General Conference to occur.

The international gathering of nearly 1,000 delegates, half clergy and half lay, who are elected by the members of their respective Annual Conferences—is the only body of The United Methodist Church that can set official policy and speak for the denomination.

The General Conference has been postponed until 2024.

In the meantime, local congregations continue to do the work of Christ. *Mentor UMC* will continue to focus on transforming our community and expanding our witness of God's amazing grace revealed in Jesus. Making disciples and loving our neighbors continues to guide all we do. That will never change or be postponed.

Families

As we enter 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 during this season. For the second week of Lent, our activity can be found on page 36, "Head Outside".

Lenten Study

Join Pastor Mikayla and some special guests for a Lenten Journey where we realize that we can't do and be everything. Using Kate Bowler's new book *Good Enough*, we will recognize that though we are finite, the life we live can and is beautiful with God.

We will gather each day of Lent (excluding Sundays) at 8:00 PM for approximately ten minutes. Meetings take place on Zoom. It will be recorded for those who cannot participate live to watch later. **Join anytime throughout Lent!**

Sign Up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904 054cada92ea2fe3-good

Buy Book: https://www.cokesbury.com/9780593 193686-Good-Enoughrefq=good%20enough

Devotionals

The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread devotionals are available in the Narthex (rear of the sanctuary) or church office. Pick yours up or take one to a friend. You can also donate \$1. Too many are going unread so come get one this week!

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 <u>RedCrossBlood.org</u> and enter sponsor code: Mentorunited or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

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 bin in the Community Center.

Ukraine

You can donate to the aid of Ukraine through United Methodist Church's Disaster Relief webpage. Link here: https://umcmission.org/adva nce-project/982450/ or donate through our online giving designating it to "UMCOR - Ukraine". <u>Click</u> <u>here.</u>

Jewelry Donation

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

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.

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 16, 2022. All proceeds will benefit Middle School Mission Week & Youth Service Project. Check out this form to sign up: Click Here.

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

School Supply Collection for Partnership Program

It's that time of year when supplies need to be 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. Thank you for being a vital part of our School Partnership Program.

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.

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

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-Registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year. And if you know of anyone looking for a preschool next fall, please share the <u>mentorumc.org/preschool</u> website. Contact Tammy for more details at tpalermo@mentorumc.org



MOPS & MOMS

Thursday, March 17 at 8:30 pm on Zoom and Friday, March 25 from 9:30 AM to noon at MUMC. Email mops@mentorumc.org for more information and/or the Zoom link.

AN UPDATE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES, YOUTH GROUP, AND JOURNEY GROUP MINISTRIES UP TO?

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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/10c0d4cabab2 9a2fa7-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.