

The liturgical color is green for  
Second Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** "I Lift My Eyes to the Hills" Gerald Peterson

**WELCOME** Paula Langdon, liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Come, all who seek to follow Christ’s call to serve!  
**We come, inspired by the hands and hearts of our youth.**  
Come, all who long to build, to repair, and to restore.  
**We come, shaped by a mission that transforms both homes and hearts.**  
Come, all who believe faith is not just spoken, but lived.  
**We come to worship a God who meets us in sweat, song, and service.**  
Let us worship with joy, with gratitude, and with open hearts—  
**For God is building something beautiful in us all.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "The Summons" TFWS #2130

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time*

**SCRIPTURE** Ezekiel 12:3b  
*Therefore, mortal, prepare for yourself an exile’s baggage, and go into exile by day  
in their sight; you shall go like an exile from your place to another place in their sight.  
Perhaps they will understand*

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC** "Devine Unexplained" written by Mackalyn Figgins  
Mackalyn Figgins, soloist; Pastor Steve, guitar

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

*\*Congregation invited to stand if able*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**MENTOR IN MINISTRY**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Mark Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY #94**  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN OF CENTERING** "Bind Us Together" TFWS #2226

**SCRIPTURES** Ruth 1:16, Isaiah 43:19, Psalm 143:5, Esther 4:14, Philippians 1:6 NRSV  
Ruth 1:16  
*But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where  
you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and  
your God my God.*

Isaiah 43:19  
*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a  
way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

Psalm 143:5  
*I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of  
your hands.*

Esther 4:14  
*For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the  
Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows?  
Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.*

Philippians 1:6  
*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to  
completion by the day of Jesus Christ*

**MESSAGE** "Road Trip: On the Go with God - YSP Journey to God’s Country"  
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

**HYMN OF MISSION** "We Are The Church" UMH 558  
*Hymn History:* This hymn was written by Richard Avery and Donald Marsh. The two collaborated on over 150 songs. They worked together at the First Presbyterian Church in Port Jervis, New York. Richard was the Senior Minister and Donald the Choirmaster and Creative Arts Director. They spent thirty summers at Ghost Ranch, a Presbyterian Education and Retreat Center in New Mexico. Richard was born in California in 1934 and died in 2020 in New Mexico. Donald was born in Akron, Ohio in 1923 and died in New Mexico in 2010. Donald founded the Presby Players (theater group), a joint venture of the church and the community of Port Jervis. Donald wrote a new musical each year for the annual Thanksgiving weekend Holiday Fair.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"  
**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.**  
**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.**  
**Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.**  
**God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**  
Words & Music: Don Besig and Nancy Price, © 1988 Harold Flammer Music; All rights reserved.  
Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #734977-A

**POSTLUDE** "Praise!" Gilbert M. Martin

*Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT*

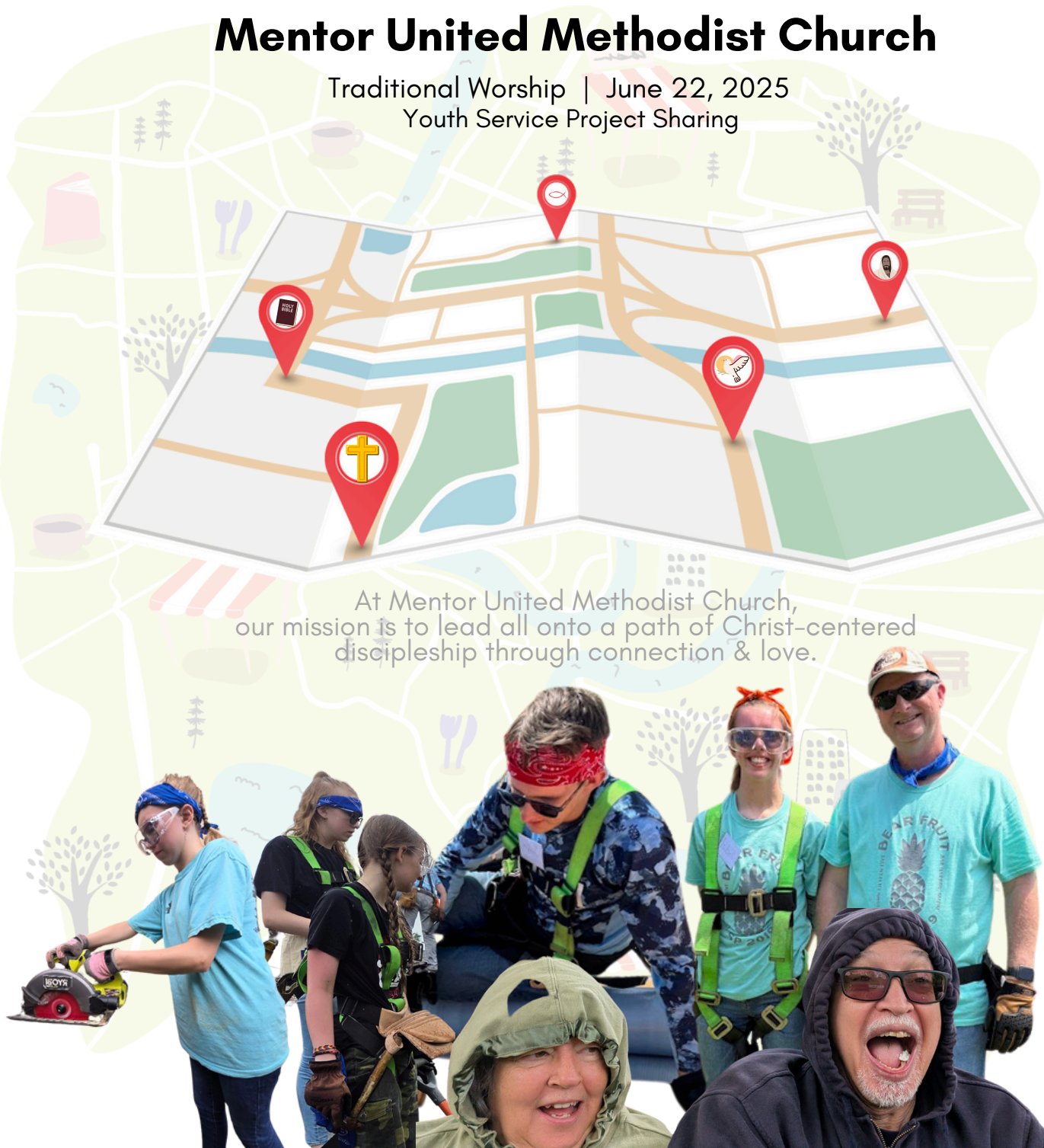
Altar Flowers are presented in  
Celebration & Honor of Pastor Bev Wrobel.  
*Congratulations on retirement!*  
  
*To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*



8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060  
440.255.3496 - info@mentorumc.org

Pastor Steve Stultz Costello, Lead Pastor  
Pastor Ivy Smith, Associate Pastor  
Pastor Tammy Palermo, Pastor of Children & Family Ministry

Scan to  
Give, Connect,  
Get Updates, and more  
  
WIFI password: GodLovesYou



# Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | June 22, 2025  
Youth Service Project Sharing

At Mentor United Methodist Church,  
our mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered  
discipleship through connection & love.

# Pastor Steve Renewal Leave

*First published & verbally announcement in worship on 4-27-25*

We hope this message finds you well and thriving in your faith journey. We are pleased to announce that Pastor Steve will be taking renewal leave from July 1 to August 26, 2025.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) unanimously approved Pastor Steve’s request at their March 25 meeting, and he has also received support from our District Superintendent, Rev. Angela Lewis. As outlined in the United Methodist Book of Discipline, renewal leave may include study, travel, spiritual retreat, or other restorative activities that enhance ministry effectiveness. This opportunity for rest, recharge, and spiritual refocus is encouraged for all clergy in the United Methodist Church every six years. Pastor Steve’s last renewal leave was in 2017, making this a timely and much-deserved break.

Pastor Steve plans to travel to Virginia to visit family and explore the Appalachian Trail, and to Canada, where he and his wife Cara share a cabin with her siblings. He will also spend time reading, studying, working on home projects, and enjoying special outings with his sons, Eli and Atticus.

During Pastor Steve’s leave, Pastor Ivy will serve as Senior Pastor, with Pastor Tammy assisting in pastoral responsibilities. Preaching and worship will be led by Pastor Ivy and Pastor Tammy, along with guest preachers for two or three Sundays. Rev. Barb Holzhauser will provide pastoral care assistance as needed.

Pastor Steve has expressed that he is not feeling burned out and feels blessed to serve as the Sr. Pastor at Mentor United Methodist Church. He remains energized and excited about our future together, attributing part of his vitality to proactive renewal leave.

We ask for your prayers that Pastor Steve’s renewal leave will be a true time of Sabbath and renewal. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to anyone on SPRC or speak directly with Pastor Steve.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Blessings,

SPRC

# MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

## Members who are in need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Nora Kelley, Karen Mancini, Noralee Starr, Tom Martin, Laurie Eppler, Connie Sterner, Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Kay McKinney, Ruthie Hobart

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

*The Enclave* – Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Carol Anderson  
*Parker Place* – Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox  
*Prosper at Wickliffe* – Gloria McFeely  
*Symphony of Mentor* – Lorraine Ahlstrom  
*Village of St. Edward* – Dale Porter  
*Fairmont* – Gretchen Tice  
*Governor’s Point* – Bob Williams

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Floyd Richards, who passed on Monday, June 16, 2025. His service will be Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at MUMC.**

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Nancy Hoon Wolff, who passed on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.**

## UPCOMING AT MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Sunday, June 22

- Sunday School
- Pastor Bev Celebration
- Martin Journey Group

### Monday, June 23

- VBS & GOD Camp
- Evangelism Meeting

### Tuesday, June 24

- VBS & GOD Camp
- Disciple 1 Fast Track

### Wednesday, June 25

- VBS & GOD Camp
- Knitting Group
- SPRC Meeting

### Thursday, June 26

- VBS & GOD Camp
- New Member Orientation
- Disciple 2
- Charter Member’s Rehearsal

### Friday, June 27

- VBS & GOD Camp

### Saturday, June 28

- Modern Worship Practice
- Richards Funeral
- More Than a Meal



Scan to Read the Weekly Update



### June Sermon Series

Join us every Sunday in June to be *On The Go With God*. We'll explore scriptures that tie in with this year's Vacation Bible School theme: *Road Trip* (which you can still register a child for OR you can sign up to volunteer as a leader ONLINE).

### Pastor Bev Celebration

Join us on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to enjoy cake in the Gallery after services to honor Bev Wrobel. Pastor Bev will be retiring as a deacon in the conference. She was a previous associate pastor here at MUMC and has been serving as a Deacon in extension ministry but has remained affiliated with MUMC.

### Volunteers needed

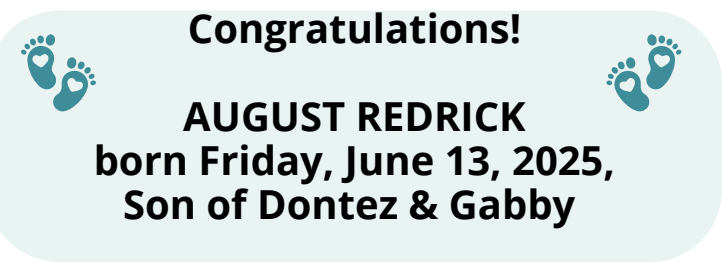
Volunteers needed to help serve a meal at Re:Source Cleveland on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. This meal is part of a summer outreach program for approximately 125 youth from the refugee population in the Cleveland area. We are carpooling and plan to leave the church at 3:30. We should be back around 8:00 PM. Please contact Becky Suran at 440-668-1753 if you would like to help.

### UW Back to School Bash

United Way's Back to School Bash begins on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please help local children start the school year with confidence! They are collecting the following items for students in grades K - 12:

- New underwear children's size 4 - adult XL: Boys and Girls
- New socks children's size small - adult XL: Boys and Girls

You can bring items to the church.



## Sunday, June 29th

### Baptism Opportunity

There will be a sunrise immersive baptism on June 29<sup>th</sup> around 7 AM at Headlands. Anyone who wishes to be baptized can contact the office.

### New Member Tea

New members from the past year are invited to an afternoon "tea" at MUMC. We'll meet in the Gallery around 2:30 PM and check in with one another while enjoying light refreshments. RSVP online or call the church office.

### Young Adult Brunch

Young Adults are invited to brunch on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Yours Truly at 10:30 AM. RSVP online or call the church office. If you are thinking about carpooling, get in touch with Mackalyn Figgins: mfiggins@mentorumc.org



### Communion

Communion is the first Sunday of the month in both services. On all other Sundays, Communion & Prayer is held in the Chapel at 10:30 AM.

### Fellowship Hour

Join us after service every week in the Gallery for Fellowship Hour. First Sunday of the month is Pancakes Sunday!