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WEEKLY UPDATE

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CHURCH

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Mentorumc.org, Facebook, and Youtube



Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional

Pastor's Letter

When We Get It RIGHT

DEFYING GRAVITY – WHEN WE GET IT RIGHT

There is a lot to say about how we manage and view the purpose of money. Over the past four weeks, the church's worship theme has been Defying Gravity. Our lead pastor, Rev. Steve Stultz Costello, developed our focus to climax with the October 29th '2024 Pledge Commitment' day. Each year at MUMC, we make a

concerted effort to align our faith commitment with our tithes and offerings. In order to project for the coming year, we are seeking to defy, resist, guard against. We are a strong giving church and it has been cultivated from a posture of blessed people bless people. The great poet, the late Maya Angelou was quoted saying "When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."

"When We Get It Right" such peace abounds. God is interested in the development of our faith. So, **when you get 'the giving thing' settled in your life**, you don't squirm and shirk at the blatant needs of others. In fact, you feel secure that you have rightfully shared of your blessings. Awww, plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is, **when we get it right!**

Our scripture passage for this week zeros in on the way we view treasures, the things we value and how God values us. We see, in **Luke 12:13-21**, that all the things we want to hoard and keep for ourselves can be taken from us in the blink of an eye. The man in Jesus' parable built more and more garages, storage units, barns to encase all of his 'stuff'. And he locked it all up to retreat to a life of leisure. Yet, God questioned him about his will, his plans for the afterlife, saying "*who will get all that you have stored up?*" As to say, don't withhold and hoard your possessions, but share, and share from the heart.

I worked with a lady who would bring desserts to work. She would withhold/hide the good stuff, like the lemon meringue or the sweet potato pie, for the people she liked (which I was uneasily one of them). While she would offer others the store-bought cakes and stale, day-old pastries, she stored up her 'treasures' and gave discriminately. Church, God loves when we give cheerfully, *God loves the cheerful, willing giver*. Our focus, on Defying Financial Gravity, at this time of committed giving, is how good and satisfied we feel, **WHEN WE GET IT RIGHT!**

It's an old song but Grammy award singer, Patti LaBelle, belts out a song that says: ***When You've Been Blessed, It Feels Like Heaven***. And when we understand that God provides all things for us and gives indiscriminately, we can give without reserve, without restriction. And when we do, it feels like how heaven is described—a sense of comfort, assurance, peace and security. Ah church, when **we get 'the giving thing' right**, everyone is blessed! To each and every contributor to Mentor United Methodist Church, **I THANK YOU!** I thank you, in advance, knowing that the love you have for Christ and the love you have for MUMC, is shown in your giving. Not only the giving of your time, skill, talent and ability, but particularly, for Oct. 29th, your monetary gifts to the church are soooooo very appreciated! God bless you! -Pastor Ivy Smith

COMMITMENT
SUNDAY
OCT 29

ON GUARD AGAINST
GREED Luke 12:13-21
The Parable of the Rich Fool

***"The more you give,
the more God gives to you!"***

Care CONGREGATIONAL

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

Members admitted to Rehab,

Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Enclave - Kay Disbro, Delores Tackett,
Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler

Salida Woods - Doris Sturm

University Manor - Virginia Gilman

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons

Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua

Tapestry - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,
Star Bruno, David Fell, Norma Ickes, Patricia Bonner,
Ruthie Hobart, Mike Cosmo, Bob Williams, Mary Lou Haines



Need to Know

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 5 will be All Saints Day during all services. For members that have passed this year we will read their names and display a carnation in their honor. Family are welcome to take this carnation with them at the end of the service.

Meet and Greets

Pastor Ivy and Pastor Steve will continue to attend meet and greets with groups of 8 to 15 people hosted at someone's home or at the church through November 16. Call Stephanie in the church office if you would like to host a gathering. The one-on-one Meet-and-Greets that Pastor Ivy and Pastor Steve have provided weekly in the community since August will now shift to scheduled one-on-one meetings.

Church Directory Sign Ups

[Sign up online](#) TODAY for your picture to be taken for the church directory (or just for you!). Our church code is oh2729 and the password you will use is: photos (case sensitive). Photography dates are Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 14-16. To sign up in person, please visit the Information Hub. You can [visit our website](#) to learn more about times and details.

Book Fair

The preschool book fair will be held in Wesley room on Sunday the 29th. Come check it out after services!

Gingerbread 2024

Join us for this year's Gingerbread House Arts & Crafts Show on Friday November 10 from 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM and Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This is a United Women in Faith event. If you are preparing or canning goods, begin thinking about the Show now. [Click here](#) to view the website for the Gingerbread House Show.

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Please join us for another 4B luncheon & program. November's menu includes loaded baked potato soup with hearty bread, salad, and pumpkin brownies. Our own Kate Colbow, East Ohio Conference secretary to UMC Global Ministries, will share about UM missionaries and how we can support and partner in the ministry of our missionaries. We hope to see you on Monday, Nov 13 at noon in the MUMC Gallery. Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49154559>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures and worship by visiting this link each week.

Now Hiring

There are three open positions at Mentor United Methodist Church; Modern Worship Director, Youth Director, and Part-time Treasurer. Visit our website or [this link](#) to learn more and share!

Charge Conf Reports

Visit our website or [click here](#) to read this year's Pastor Report and Lay Leader Report.

Children & Youth Feedback

[Click here](#) or check our socials to offer some brief feedback about Children/Youth ministries. The code is 3382 9555.

Poinsettia Orders

Place your orders for poinsettias [online](#) or in the Information Hub. Orders must be in by the first weekend in December. Plants cost \$7 each.

Shepherding Summit

Join us on the evening of Sunday, November 19th for our "Shepherding Summit - Leadership Strengthening" from 4-7 PM. We hope to see you for this engaging gathering & dinner. [RSVP here](#).

Thanksgiving Volunteers

You can sign up to help for this year's Thanksgiving meal in the Gallery after services. Online sign ups can be found on our site or by [clicking here](#).

More Than A Meal

You can sign up to help for October and later dates by checking [online](#). The next MTAM is on Saturday the 28th. Doors open at 5:00 PM and food is served at 5:30 PM!

Gingerbread Volunteers

Sign up to be a volunteer for the Gingerbread Arts & Crafts Show Friday-Saturday November 10-11. [Visit this link](#) or the Information Hub to sign up and learn more about this amazing annual event.

Meet our new Mission Project!

MUMC will start hand weaving sleeping mats out of plarn (plastic yarn) to distribute to the homeless community in Lake County. Donations of plastic grocery bags will be an ongoing need. Please only donate **clean** and **dry** grocery bags for use. Volunteers to weave can step up any time at the loom & start weaving. This is a great activity for all ages. Come check it out in the gallery! If you have any questions please reach out to Katelynn Gurbach 440-223-9250

What's Your

East Ohio Conference Early Response Team (ERT) Training

WHERE: Chardon United Methodist Church

WHEN: Sat, Nov 11, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

(Sign-in from 8:30-9:00 AM)

Missions will cover the cost of individuals who would like to sign up:

[HTTPS://ERT_chardon.eventbrite.com](https://ERT_chardon.eventbrite.com)

WHAT: An Early Response Team fills a specific need in the early days after a disaster. It is not a first response group of emergency workers; rather it a team of volunteers who fill an important need in the early days after a natural disaster, including debris removal and clean-up. MOST IMPORTANTLY ERT PROVIDES A CARING CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF DISASTER!

Directory Volunteers

If you are interested in helping this coming fall/winter with the Church directory, visit our site or [click here](#). Volunteers are needed for photography days Nov 24-25 and Dec 14-16 in 2-3 hour shifts. Volunteers will help people check in and direct them to the correct area.



Fellowship Hour

Fellowship hour is looking for individuals, families, Journey Groups or Teams to host on Sunday mornings. To get involved or know more, please contact Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485.

Food Ministry

We are getting ready for our next Holiday Food Distribution on November 13-14th. We will be helping 75 families. Urgently needed items:

- Cake mix
- Stuffing
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Ketchup
- Vegetable Oil
- Ranch
- Marinara Sauce

Items can be dropped off in the Community Center. Monetary donations are also accepted through your designated giving.



WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services. Join us for our current curriculum, "Celebrate Wonder".

- [Check-In Instruction Video](#)
- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- Grades K-5 will begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

Sunday Morning Signup

Mentor United Methodist Church's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Here is a great place to do just that! Click the link for Sunday morning [FALL sign up](#) (or visit our site). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½ on Weds from 9:15-10:45 AM. Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). Please check out [our website](#) for more details and important dates.

MOMCo.

MOMco (The Mom Community) will meet on Friday, October 27, at Mentor UMC. For more dates and locations, [check our website](#). updated dates

2024-2025 Preschool Reg

While it seems to be an odd thing to share at this time of year, Pre-Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open to YOU, our church families. Click here for the: [Pre-Registration Link](#). If you have any questions, please contact our State Manager, Brittany Jones at bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

Youth Feedback

Want to give feedback on MUMC Youth? [Click here](#).

CCYM Application

Youth, want to get involved at a conference level? Apply [here](#) or on our website.

Christmas Play - *Believe!*

Join us on Saturday, December 9th at 4:00 PM for our annual Christmas Play in Fellowship Hall. Keep an eye out in coming weeks for information about tickets.



Youth

Grades 6-12 join us on Sunday mornings! We meet from 10:10-10:50 to be in community and have discussion. We are following the sermon series for our discussions.

