

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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# CHURCH

MARCH 30, 2025

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## Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



# Pastor's Letter

Hello to My Siblings in Christ,

The last Sunday of March has arrived. I feel as if 2025 is both moving at a snail's pace and flying by simultaneously, depending on what is happening in any given moment. We are at our fourth Sunday in Lent and our fourth sermon in our *Dinner with Jesus* series. This week's theme is 'Ministration', a rather odd word I had not yet encountered. Naturally, I googled the word and discovered from the [Britannica Dictionary](#) that it simply means "actions done to help someone."

As I dug a little deeper into what was happening in Jesus' life in Matthew 14:13-21, I made the connection of Jesus' actions helping others. This is a familiar passage where Jesus feeds the 5,000 men with five loaves of bread and two fish. Interestingly, that number did not include the women and children who were present, so there were more people than stated. Also interesting, is that there were leftovers!

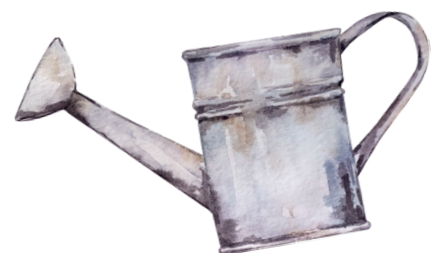
While this all tracks with what we know of the meaning of ministration, there is more to this story than meets the eye. If we read the verses at the beginning of the chapter, we learn that Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, was recently beheaded. Our passage begins with "When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew..."

As I think about Jesus grieving the loss of his cousin and yet still providing dinner for a crowd, I am reminded of what it is like to be a mother. There have been many afternoons where I have wanted to withdraw somewhere but knew that I had to make dinner for my family. Thank goodness it was only for four people and not 5,000 people! I appreciate knowing that Jesus may have felt the same as I do. He wanted some alone time but wasn't able to get it...and still had to make sure everyone was fed. Being reminded of Jesus' humanity is helpful for me when I am faced with challenges in my life. Having Jesus in my life is how I am able to overcome those challenges.

Looking forward to worshipping with you!

Pastor Tammy

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# 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* - 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

*Tapestry* - Gloria McFeely

*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom

*Breckenridge/Fairmount* - Patricia Laubscher

*Village of St. Edward*: Dale Porter

*Holly Hill* - Floyd Richards

*Brookdale* - Bill Wolfgang

### Members who are in need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Nora Kelley,

Noralee Starr, Laurie Eppler, Doug Koman



## **This Easter, Let's Make History!**

Does anyone remember there ever being an MUMC Easter Sunrise service at Fairport Harbor Beach Park? Or, has there ever been a sunrise service the week after Easter to re-enact the story in John 21 when the resurrected Jesus appears on the shore of the Sea of Galilee? The disciples have been fishing all night and have caught nothing. When they get to the shore, Jesus feeds them fish from a charcoal fire and then asks Peter three times "Peter, do you love me?" No? Ok, then, let's make history together!

Here's how you can help make these services even more effective and memorable...Let Pastor Steve know if you are interested in helping in any of the ways below.

### For April 20th, *Easter Sunrise Service*, 6:30 am at Fairport Harbor Beach Park:

- Be a greeter: get there by 6:10 AM & be ready to welcome people as they arrive
- Bring light refreshments (donuts, muffins, a container of coffee, etc.)
- Bring a folding table to set refreshments on

### For April 27th, *John 21 Reenactment Sunrise Service*, 6:30 am at Fairport Harbor Beach Park:

- All the above plus...
- One or two men to be disciples in the boat
- A fishing boat (one without a motor/one that can be rowed) that could be used. *Do you have such a boat? Do you know someone who does?*
- A casting net or something like it.

Painesville UMC is going to be collaborating with us for the Easter Sunrise on April 20th. It is rare for Easter to be this late in the year. So, I'm hopeful for a beautiful sunrise! See you there!

*Pastor Steve*

### **Lenten Dinners & Classes**

All are welcome to gather on Wednesday evenings to enjoy fellowship and a dinner followed by classes that are open to all. [Register online here.](#)

### **Scholarships 2025**

Students in high school and higher education may fill out the MUMC Scholarship form for 2025. Find it online [HERE](#). Deadline to submit is Friday, April 18th.

### **Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo**

Join Mentor United Women in Faith (UWF) for another bread, broth, brownies, and bingo luncheon! April's menu includes dinner rolls, cheddar broccoli soup, Easter brownies, and salad. We will reflect on Lent through poetry shared by Kenna Tanner, readings shared by Paula Langdon, and more. We will also have the opportunity to fill Easter eggs for our Woodlawn and community egg hunts. We hope to see you on Wednesday, April 2, at noon in the Mentor UMC Gallery! Please RSVP to [uwf@mentorumc.org](mailto:uwf@mentorumc.org), register [online here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

# *Need to Know*



### **Daily Prayers in Lent with Pastor Steve**

The vision and prayer for the congregation from the pastors in 2025 is threefold. It is that we would all:

- Immerse ourselves in scripture
- Devote ourselves to prayer
- Commit ourselves to spiritual practices

Lent is a dedicated season in the church to learn about the Christian faith and focus anew on spiritual practices such as prayer, communion, worship, serving, fellowship, fasting, and devotion.

Pastor Steve invites you to join him in praying daily beginning in Lent and continuing beyond. He will be praying the prayers in the book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brugesemann*. You can purchase the book [online here](#) or [used here](#).

Pastor Steve invites you to connect in the new group on [Slack](#) to share our journey of daily prayers together.

### **Fellowship Hour**

Join us the first Sunday of the month for Pancakes in the Gallery after services! To host Fellowship hour, get in touch with Kathy Fellows: 440.477.44851

### **CWC Luncheon**

Join the Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co for a luncheon on Tuesday, April 15th from 11:15 AM to 1:30 PM. We'll meet at Pine Ridge CC to hear from Lisa Basham about staging & organizing the home as well as Stonecroft speaker, Lisa Haley. Cost is \$30 and you must RSVP by April 10th: [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com) or call Lynn: 440.488.4351

### **Big Event Tickets**

Tickets for YSP's BIG Event on April 6th are on sale NOW! Visit the table after service or call the church office to reserve a ticket (you need a physical ticket for the auctions but feel free to pay online, if you prefer, through [Giving](#)). Tickets are \$15 for adults. Kids 17 and under are FREE



## Rummage Sale

The annual sale will be on Saturday, April 12th from 9-3 PM at Mentor UMC.

- **Donations** accepted Mon, April 7th (9-7 PM) through Thurs, April 10th (9-12 PM) at MUMC. NO donations accepted on Friday the 11th. View the full do's and don'ts list on [our website](#) or in the Info Hub.
- The Rummage Sale team is taking donations of newspaper in the Community Center for wrapping items for the sale.
- **Silent Auction Items Needed:** Each year the Rummage Sale has a Silent Auction that takes place just before the sale. This year bidding will take place in the Gallery on Wed, April 9th (12-7 PM) and Thurs, April 10th (9-7 PM) and END Fri, April 11th at 5 PM. Stop by the church to peruse the items. Winners can pick items up after 5 PM on Fri or BEFORE 10 AM on Sat the 12th.
  - **Items needed:** new or never been used items of **higher value** (like a sought-after collector's item, brand new electronic/new small kitchen appliance, etc.).
  - *Reach out to Jan Robinson for questions: 440.299.8261*

# What's Your Mission Opportunities

## UMCOR Sunday, Mar 30th

When hurricanes destroy homes, when wildfires consume entire communities, when earthquakes turn cities into rubble—UMCOR is there, offering shelter, food, clean water, and hope. Today's gifts cover UMCOR's operational costs, ensuring that 100% of other donations go directly to disaster relief efforts. Grab an envelope in worship or in the Info Hub or designate your giving online.

## BIG Event Baskets

Support YSP as they prepare for their trip to God's Country Community Mission in Newberry, MI by donating auction items or a basket. You can find information about baskets and forms by clicking [here](#).

## Project Hope

Mentor UMC has helped support Project Hope since 1993. Please prayerfully consider helping to continue this support by volunteering, providing a meal, or making a donation. For online donations, please select the Fund "Missions" or "Other" with "Project Hope" in the note.

## Poverty Simulation

Join us at MUMC in Fellowship Hall on April 26th from 11 AM to 1 PM for a Poverty Simulation. Please register by April 24th. We need at least 30 participants and 15 facilitators for this simulation. Ages 13 and up are welcome and a light lunch will be provided. Childcare for 12 and under available upon request. Contact Melanie Thomas at [mthomas@eocumc.com](mailto:mthomas@eocumc.com) with any questions.

The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. CAPS is an interactive, immersive experience. It sensitizes community participants to the realities of poverty. [Learn more and register here.](#)

## Alzheimer's Walk 2025

The Walk will be held at Lake Farm Park on September 27th. This year our team goal is to raise \$2,000. All Journey groups & committees are encouraged to walk as part of Team MUMC. Get your team registered as soon as possible so we can meet our goal! [Click here.](#)

# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services.

- ALL ages are encouraged to check in at the Early Childhood Center (or Gallery, if available).
- Grades K-5 begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

## Sunday Morning Signup

MUMC's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Here is a great place to do just that! [Click here for leader signup](#). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

## 2024-2025 Preschool Reg

There are still a few openings for 2024-2025 Preschool. If you have questions or wish to register, please contact State Manager, Brittany Jones at [bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org).

## Register for 2025-2026

Register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMC: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more:

[bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorunc.org)

## MOMCo

MOMCo meets Fridays in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM.

Upcoming dates:

April 11, 25

May 9, 23

## Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½

9:15-10:45 AM in the Early Childhood Area

- SPRING: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). [Apply here!](#)

## Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room during worship.

## Easter Basket Making

Youth are invited to create special Egg Baskets for Easter this year to give out on Saturday, April 19th to individuals of their choosing. Talk to Mackalyn for details.

## Summer Programs

Get an early look at this summer's lineup at MUMC and beyond by visiting our [website](#). Find dates and the registration link under the "Upcoming" section [here](#).

## Young Adult Small Group

Young Adults are encouraged to join a small group that meets in-person and online on Tuesday at 5 PM. This group is ongoing and accepting new friends at anytime. [Sign up online](#) or get in touch with Mackalyn.

## Youth Group

Youth are invited to meet on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM. Upcoming dates:

April 13 & 27

May 11 & 25

## Youth Service Project

This year YSP will be going to God's Country Community Mission in Newberry, MI. Learn more about events & fundraisers [here](#).

