

# MENTOR

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# UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 10, 2026

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[Mentorumc.org](http://Mentorumc.org), [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#)

## Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



# Pastors Letter

Hello All,

We begin a new sermon series this week titled, Close Encounters. Over the next few weeks, we will hear stories of people encountering Jesus. I think this is a nice tie-in to the Resurrection stories we have been fortunate enough to hear from some of our Mentor UMC friends. If you haven't had a chance to watch any of these, please check them out on our [website](#).

This Sunday's scripture passage, Luke 5:17-26, is one of my favorite Jesus encounters to share with children. Sharing the imagery of the four friends carrying the paralyzed man to the house to meet Jesus is so fun for children to hear, especially when they lower him through the ceiling. As a theatre enthusiast, I think this story would be cool to see played out on a stage!

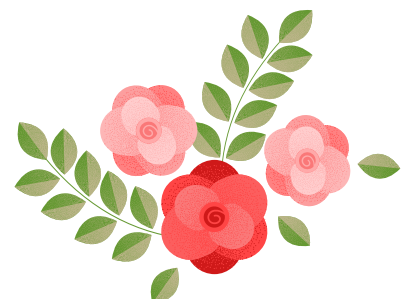
As we think about how we encounter Jesus, can you even imagine if you were the paralyzed man being lowered through a hole in the roof? I am not sure if any of my encounters with Jesus have been so dramatic. That is okay because not all of our encounters with Jesus will be exciting. I dare to say that most of our encounters with Jesus are in the quiet moments.

My prayer and hope is that we all have many encounters with Jesus and we will grow closer to God and with one another through each of those experiences. If you want to share a story of your encounter with Jesus, I would love to hear from you.

Blessings,

Pastor Tammy

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# Care CONGREGATIONAL

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

**Admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:**

*The Enclave* - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,  
 Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak  
*Ohman Family Living in Holly* - Bob & Sandy Linsell  
*Parker Place* - Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox  
*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom  
*Governor's Pointe* - Bob Williams  
*Salida Woods* - June Van Ostrand

**In need of prayer:**

Hilary Pleska, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Jo Brown, Norma Ickes, Lois Dyckman, Syndie Toth, Doug Fletcher, Ruthanne MacDonald, Nancy Smith

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Gum Yee Moy, who passed on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. Gum Yee Moy was the mother of church member & friend, Daley Moy.**

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Beth Fullers, who passed on Thursday, April 30, 2026. Beth was the sister of church member & friend, John Hardy.**

## Close Encounters

**MAY 10-24**

May 10 - Mother's Day  
 May 17 - Confirmation Sunday  
 May 24 - Pentecost and Grad & Scholarship Celebration Sunday

Join us in-person or online  
 Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM



### Stewardship Update

The table to the right shares the most recent financial stewardship update. You're pledged and general giving supports the whole Body of Christ at Mentor UMC. It is one indication of being on a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Together, we are sharing the Gospel and making a difference. Thank you.

For any questions, reach out to Stephanie Lee in the church office or a member of the Finance Committee. As always, a church budget is available on request.

March Giving	\$99,408.99
YTD Giving	\$251,033.39
YTD Expenses	\$242,365.07
YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$8,668.32

Percentage of Conference Apportionments paid for 2026=> 100%

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/496>

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Learn more about Sunday's scriptures & worship by visiting this link.

### **Pentecost Photo Submission**

Each year, we take a group picture after each worship service on Pentecost Sunday. All are invited to be in the picture (wear red)! You do not need to be a member or regular attender. If you are an online participant or will be out of town on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, then please submit a picture of you or your family so that we can include you! Send submissions to [ktanner@mentorumc.org](mailto:ktanner@mentorumc.org).

### **Summer Thursday Worship**

Join us in the Chapel on Thursday evenings all summer long. We'll meet at 7 PM for worship - with a couple of special evenings outside! All are welcome to this service, especially those who may find themselves busy on Summer Sundays.

### **Open Table: GLOW PARTY**

Join us on Thursday, May 14th, for the next Open Table at 5:30 PM in the Gallery. This month will be hosted by the Young Adult group and will feature boneless wings, taquitos, sandwiches, chips, and a MOCKTAIL BAR! All ages are invited to stick around after dinner for dancing in Fellowship Hall. [RSVP online](#), in the Info Hub, or just show up.

# *Need to Know*

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

Mentor United Women in Faith's May 4B lunch is changing things up to celebrate our Wesleyan heritage! You are invited to join us for a luncheon in the style of 1700s England, followed by Pastor Tammy Palermo sharing her experience visiting some of the Wesley heritage sites in England. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, May 13th, at noon in the MUMC Asbury Room (please note location). This event is hosted by Mentor UW Faith, and all are welcome. Please RSVP to [uwf@mentorumc.org](mailto:uwf@mentorumc.org), register [online here](#), or find the sign up sheet in the Info Hub.

### **Yoga Afternoon**

Join Joy from Sunshine Yoga here at Mentor UMC on Friday, May 8th AND Friday, May 22nd from 1-2 PM. This is CHAIR YOGA and is accessible to all levels and abilities. The cost is \$10 per session. You may attend one or both afternoons. Sign up in the Info Hub or [register online here](#).

### **Fair Play Project**

ALL are invited to the Fair Play performance on Tuesday, May 26th at 7 PM here at the church. This is a FREE event.

### **Choir Last Day**

The last day to see the choirs in Traditional worship before summer break will be Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **MUMC Softball 2026**

Join one of Mentor UMC's softball teams! No rules on gender or church membership (friends are welcome)! Players must be 18+, but 16 & 17-year-olds are eligible if with a parent or guardian. The season begins the first week of May. Games are held at the Richmond Heights Community Park. Anyone interested contact Brian Bly: 440.463.7712 or email: [brianbly11@gmail.com](mailto:brianbly11@gmail.com)

### **Book Club**

Join us for Book Club on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (ahead of Memorial Day weekend) at 6 PM in the library at Mentor UMC. We will discuss books we've been reading in our own time. For questions, reach out to Kenna or the church office.

### **Connect With Us**

It's hard to remember every face in church, especially if someone has been missing. If you notice a member or friend we should reach out to, simply fill out the Connect Card then drop off to the office or an offering box.

### **We're Hiring!**

Mentor UMC is hiring a part-time Minister of Congregational Care. Our prayer is that this opening is shared with friends and neighbors until the position is filled! Learn more on [our website](#).

## Hannah's Home Baby Bottles

It is time for the annual Baby Bottle fundraiser for Hannah's Home. Take a bottle home (find in the Info Hub or Gallery) and fill it with cash or a check then return to the church by Father's Day. Hannah's Home is a local organization that helps mothers and babies.

## YSP Stock

Support the Youth Service Project in a unique way! Go online to purchase a "YSP Stock" and receive a certificate and fun benefits. Purchase [here](#).

## Pew Volunteers needed

Help us keep our pew pockets from going wild. I'm looking for volunteers to help straighten them once a week for one month. Quick, easy and appreciated. For more information contact Debbie Shull. 440-346-6721 or [dbbshull@gmail.com](mailto:dbbshull@gmail.com)

## Hope Chest

New or gently used items encouraged. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center:

- Women's underwear, sizes 6, 11/12, 13/14
- Men's boxers, size M and L
- Girls and Women ANKLE socks

# What's Your M. Mission Opportunities?



## Spring Sunday School Signup

MUMC's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Here is a great place to do just that! Get in touch with Pastor Tammy or [click here for the Sunday School leader signup](#) for Spring. There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you.

"Worship one, serve one!"

## More Than a Meal

Volunteer to prepare, cook, serve, or clean up for the next More Than a Meal on Saturday, May 30th. Doors open at 5 PM and the meal is served at 5:30 PM. This meal happens EVERY last Saturday of the month, so if you can't help this month, check out later dates. [Signup online here](#) or get in touch with the church office for help with signing up.

## Food Ministry

The MUMC Food Pantry holds regular food distributions, serving families in our community. The next distribution is Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Donate nonperishable items to the Pantry by dropping them off in the Community Center bin. If you wish to volunteer for the distribution, please reach out to Alan Vick: [realcat26@proton.me](mailto:realcat26@proton.me)

## Royal Family Kids Thank You & Need for Volunteers

Thank you to the congregation for welcoming, hosting, and generously supporting a very successful fundraising dinner last month. You make it possible to create life-changing moments for children who have experienced relational trauma. NOW, we are recruiting camp **volunteers!** Camp begins for full-time volunteers on Friday evening, June 5th, and runs until the afternoon of Wednesday, June 10th. Part-time options available. The application for new volunteers is located on our website: <https://www.rfkwilloughbyhills.org> For questions, please contact Johanna Martin at [johannamartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johannamartin@sbcglobal.net)



# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES. WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Children's Min Meetings

Children's Ministry Team Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month on zoom at 7 PM. Contact Pastor Tammy for the link or questions.

## Sunday Morning Kids

9 & 11 AM for all services.

- ALL ages 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.

## Child & Caregiver Class

This class is open to ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ on Wednesdays from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM. The cost is \$65 per 8-week session (prepaid, non-refundable). The SPRING: March 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13. [Fill out the form online here.](#)

## Seedlings Class

MUM Preschool's Seedlings class is for children who are 3 years old as of January 1, 2026 and are toilet trained. Older children are welcome. It meets from 9-11:15 AM Mondays & Fridays. Please contact Brittany Jones: [bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org) to register.

## MOMCo Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to 12 PM in the Gallery. [Register and learn more online.](#)

## Grad & Scholarship Sunday

We'll celebrate our Graduates and Scholarship Recipients on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Students are invited to a special breakfast with their families at 10 AM. Please fill out the [grad form](#) to help us celebrate you EVEN if you are NOT able to join us on that Sunday. [Sign up online here](#) to provide food for the breakfast.

## Young Adult Group

Young Adults meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM, April 14th-May 26th, to read and discuss Toni Morrison's *Sula* as part of the [Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison](#) year-long event. All Young Adults welcome even if you aren't reading the book.

## Summer Internships

Young people are encouraged to reach out to Kenna Tanner or the church office for a summer internship this year! Explore your area of interest with a schedule that fits your life. Share or fill out the [online form](#) here to get started.

## Gaming Group

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM for Dungeons & Dragons in Youth Room. No experience needed! If there are other games you wish to play, get in touch with Mackalyn.

## Captains Outing

Youth AND Young Adults are invited to an exciting night of baseball, fellowship, & fun on Friday, May 22nd. Carpool from the church or meet us there. [Sign up online here.](#)

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### • Vacation Bible School

Children age 4 (as of 1/1/26) through completed Grade 6, are welcome to join us the week of June 22nd - 26th from 9 AM to 12 PM here at the church. The cost is \$20 per child. [Register online here.](#)

### • G.O.D. Camp

Completed grades 5 & 6 are welcome to join in a week of adventure from June 22nd to 26th. We'll meet at local parks for activities, devotions, and building lasting relationships. The cost is \$75 per student. [Register online here.](#)

### • Theatre Arts Camp

[Auditions May 30th: sign up here](#) Students (grades 1 - 8) are welcome to participate on the weeks of July 6th-10th AND 13th-17th. The cost is \$100 per CAST MEMBER (grades 1 - 8) and \$70 per CREW MEMBER (grades 6 - 8). [Register online here.](#)

### • MSMW

Middle school-aged students are invited to join us for Middle School Mission Week from July 20th to 24th. We'll meet at MUMC in the morning then venture to a local organization or location for missions. [Register online here.](#)

### • East Ohio Camps

EOC are a great summer opportunity for youth participants and young adult volunteers. Learn more and register on their [website.](#)