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UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE

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PASTOR'S LETTER

I am the Good Shepherd - John 10:11 & 14

This week I've been thinking and praying a lot about John chapter 10 where Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd". I invite you to read all 42 verses of John chapter 10. What parts of the passage draw you in? What questions come to mind? What images do you picture? In the New Revised Standard Version, by my count, the word "shepherd" appears six times. Though I have never seen one in real life, I picture a shepherd standing alone on a hillside. He's got a long beard and long hair. He's wearing a tunic and has a crook in his hand. "Sheep" appears fourteen times! I am reminded of country drives in Holmes County, seeing sheep in the pasture. What do you see or recall?

More than these images, however, I am drawn to the sound of a familiar voice lovingly calling my name. Jesus says the Good Shepherd calls the sheep by name. They know his voice and follow him. Who's voice do you know really well? Is there a loved one, living or passed, who's voice you can still hear calling your name? For me, I think of my sister Shelly who died eight years ago from colon cancer. She was seven years older than me and in many ways was like a second mom. We'd talk on the phone every week. When I think of her, I can still hear her voice call my name. It always makes me smile and feel encouraged.



May each of us smile and feel encouraged this week as we hear and picture the Good Shepherd calling us by name.

In ministry together,

Pastor Steve

CONGREGATIONAL In our prayers today & 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, Delores Tackett,
Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler
Salida Woods - Doris Sturm
CareCore - Virginia Gilman
Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,
Opal Pinasky, 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, Dick Anderson, Luke Sanvido, Star Bruno, David Fell

Love & Sympathy to the family of Bill Champa, who passed on August 7, 2023.

A funeral was held on August 12, 2023 at Monreal in Painesville.



Need to Know

Youversion

https://bible.com/events/491 15970

Sermon Series Activity

Our "I Am / We Are" project is now installed. Come to the main entrance to the Gallery and walk under the collection paint sticks each reflecting aspects of who each of us is and who we are together as the Body of Christ! Come complete your Watch stick. own collection grow each week! Invite a friend to participate any time.



Learn more about the art and artist that inspired our display by clicking here.

Summer Worship Schedule

Through Sept 3:
9 AM Modern
11 AM Traditional
These two services will still
be live streamed. Watch
Video to learn more.

Admin Council

Next Admin Council meeting is August 30th at 6:30 PM here at MUMC.

Name tags

Would you like to have a name tag ordered? Please contact the church office or Stephanie Lee if so: 440.255.3496

Pastor Meet & Greets

Pastors Steve and Ivy would like to meet with groups of 8-15 people once a week through the end November. If you would like to plan a meet & greet, call Stephanie at the church to schedule a time. Steve and Ivy have set aside several 1.5 hour slots each week at various times. Learn about dates, times, and locations on our website or by clicking HERE.

Backpack Blessing

The back-to-school backpack blessing will be on Sunday, August 27th!

MUMC Softball Schedule

Tue. Aug 15 Championship game on field #2

First pitch is at 6:30 PM! All games are at Richmond Heights Community Park: 27285 Highland Road.

Celebrate & Honor

Please join us as we celebrate and honor Carol Anderson Haines and her 75 years of Music Ministry on Sunday, August 13 at 11:00 AM here at MUMC. Carol will play a piano selection during the 11:00 AM Traditional service in the Sanctuary. Following the service, a reception will be held in the Gallery.

3rd Grade Bibles 2023

For children going into Third Grade, MUMC would like to give the gift of a Bible. The Bible will be presented on August 27 during the service of your family's choice. We would like to invite 3rd graders & parents to attend a breakfast & practice on Sat., August 26 from 9:00-10:30 AM. Following the meal, we will run through the worship service so that you will know how the Bible presentations will go. Please SIGN UP HERE or visit our website to sign up online.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

IOIN OUR TEAM to help with fundraising and organizing for this event. Register online today for the 2023 Lake/Geauga Walk to End Alzheimer's Saturday, on September 23, 2023. For questions, contact team leader Karen Martin: 440-796-2179. Click here or visit our website to register.

Our MUMC Alzheimer Walk Team will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts on Aug 20th and 27th in the Gallery. A dozen original glazed doughnuts ~ \$14.50. They will be delivered after both services fresh from Krispy Kreme on Sept 10th. If you are not available that day, gift certificates are available for \$16.00. All funds raised go to The Alzheimer's Association.

Our MUMC Alzheimer Walk Team will be creating a display of paper flowers to show support in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. For a monetary donation, you can write your name or the name of a loved one you wish to honor or memorialize on the flower. Flowers are available on August 20th and 27th in the Gallery. flowers will be taken to the Walk on Sept. 23rd.



Food Ministry

- Canned Fruit
- Ravioli/Spaghettios
- Canned Chicken
- Au Gratin, Scalloped, Mashed Potatoes

Items can be dropped off in the community center.

For an extended list of items, please visit the Info Hub or our website.

More Than A Meal

Thank you to all who volunteered for the July MTAM! You can sign up for August and later dates by checking <u>online</u>. The August MTAM is on Saturday the 26th.

Tech Team Invitation

Our Sunday morning Tech Team is always on the lookout for new individuals to add for sound, streaming, and computer. There are many different things you can do (and you don't need prior experience). There is a great need for new individuals, so please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry. Contact Andrew Ring or the church office to get involved.

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship hour is looking for individuals, families, Journey Groups or Teams to host on Sunday mornings. There are also still opportunities to donate prepackaged food such as chips, crackers, and cookies. To get involved or know more, please contact Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485.

CWC Donations

The Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co. is accepting certain donations: paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, laundry detergent. Please contact: cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or 440.487.0661 for details and how to donate.

Hope Chest

In need of toothpaste and men's ball caps. Items can be dropped off in the Community Center.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Children & Family Ministries www.mentorumc.org/children

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC

- Check-In Instruction Video
- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- Grades K-6 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 <u>FALL sign up</u> (or visit our site). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

MOPS & MOMS

We will meet August 21st at Helen Hazen Wyman Creek & Playground and on the 24th at Veteran's Memorial Park. For future dates, check our website.

MUMP Registration Open

MUM Preschool has a few more openings for the 2023-24 school year! Registration is open for the Child & Caregiver class and for Young 3s. Contact Kat Fisher at fisher.preschool@mentorumc.org.

CCYM Application

Youth, want to get involved at a conference level? Apply here or on our website.

Youth Feedback

Want to give feedback on MUMC Youth? Click here.

Youth

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.

Summer Mashup Schedule:

Aug 20 1:30-3pm
 Willoughby UMC, 15 E.
 Spaulding St.

(these are open to student going into 6th grade +)
CLICK HERE TO RSVP.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Our Back to School Bash will be on Saturday, August 26th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM here at MUMC! Join us for this free community event where there will be custard, music, photo booth, bounce houses, dunk tank, and games! Bring your friends for all the fun!

