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WEEKLY UPDATE

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# PASTOR'S LETTER

I am the way, the truth and the life – John 14:6a

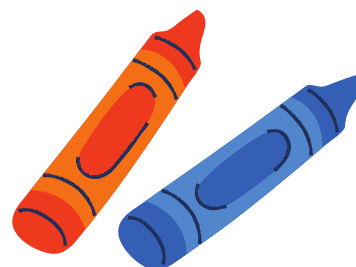
Ever since last Sunday, I have been thinking about Jesus as the vine and all of us as the branches and what it means to abide! I'm picturing God in the form of Pastor Ivy's 98-year-old grandmother bent over pulling weeds so that vegetables can grow and bear fruit. Thank you, Pastor Ivy, for your message!

I've also been meditating on Jesus as the way, the truth and the life—especially as the way. How are you with directions and finding your way? I do pretty well as long as my cell phone has a good connection, and my GPS app is working! A couple of weeks ago someone asked me what roads I take to get to the church from my home in Shaker Heights. I said, "I just go where the GPS tells me to go!" Since then, I'm starting to take note of the names of the streets. Somebody ask me the same question this Sunday, I should be able to tell you!

Knowing which way to go is comforting and empowering. Even if the journey is long, if you know the way, you can embrace it and get on the road. But, what is the way that Jesus is talking about? What does he mean that he is the way? What is the Jesus way? What we do know is that when Jesus says "I am the way...", he is on his way to the cross. I confess that if I think of Jesus as my GPS, and the way points to a cross on a dark hillside, I'm likely to pull over and reboot in hopes of finding another way. How about you? Let's wrestle with this together.

In ministry together,

*Pastor Steve*





# 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:**

*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, Norma Ickes

**Love & Sympathy to the friends & family of Doris Diemert,  
who passed on August 20, 2023. A funeral was held at  
Babcock/Davis on Saturday, August 26, 2023.**

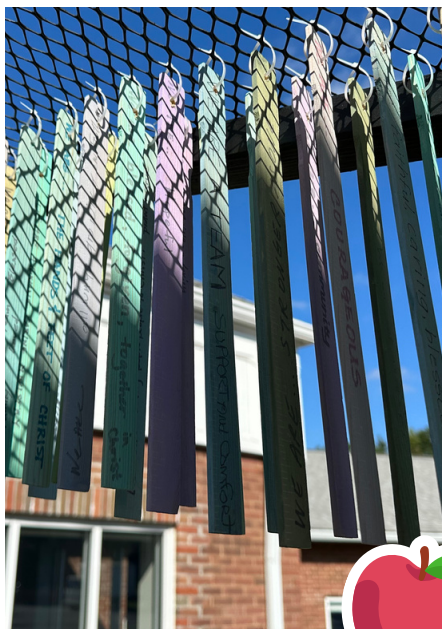
# Need to Know

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49126810>

## Sermon Series Activity

Come to the main entrance to the Gallery and walk under the collection of paint sticks—each reflecting aspects of who each of us is and who we are together as the Body of Christ! Come complete your own stick. Watch the 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.

## 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 of 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! Come pick up a special sticker to commemorate the day:)

## CWC Luncheon

Join us Tuesday, September 19th for the next Christian Women's Connection Luncheon at 11:15 at Pine Ridge. Cost is \$20. Donna Miller will be the speaker! RSVP to 440.487.0661 or email: [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com).

## Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Please join us for another BBBB. September's menu is chicken soup, rolls, salad and "Knock You Naked" brownies. Come meet Pastor Steve and Pastor Ivy as we continue to welcome them and get to know each other. We hope to see you on September 13th at noon here at MUMC. RSVP to [uwf@mentorumc.org](mailto:uwf@mentorumc.org), register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

## Finance Update

We continue to be in a favorable position thanks to the continued support from our congregation. Thank you all!

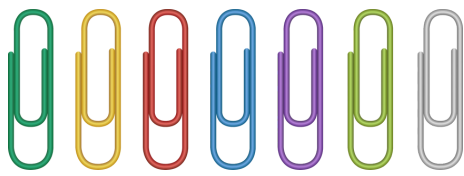
## July Year To Date\*

Receipts \$521,980

Operating Expenses \$519,263

Overage (Deficit) \$2,717

\*Year To Date Receipts included \$27,015 in 2023 Pledges received in December 2022 and \$9,060 in funds received from inherited oil lease proceeds from a generous donor.



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## Mission Opportunities

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Walk to End Alzheimer's**

Register online today for the 2023 Lake/Geauga Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, 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 Team will also 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. The flowers will be taken to the Walk on Sept. 23rd.

#### **Food Ministry**

- Canned Fruit
- Ravioli/Spaghetios
- 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**

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

#### **Blood Drive**

The blood drive on August 8 had 26 donors register and collected 24 units of blood towards our 28-unit goal! Thank you to all who signed up! To sign up for our next drive on November 14th, visit our website or [click here](#).

#### **Fellowship Hour**

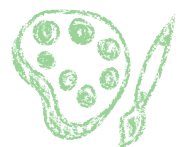
Fellowship hour is looking for individuals, families, Journey Groups or Teams to host on Sunday mornings. There are also still opportunities to donate prepackaged food such as chips, crackers, and cookies. To get involved or know more, please contact Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485.

#### **Disaster Relief**

Thank you to all who have designated their giving to UMCOR/Disaster Relief in response to the devastation in Maui. You can designate your giving online, in-person, or in the mail. You can also visit UMCOR's [website](#) to learn more.

#### **Hope Chest**

Hope Chest is in need of toothpaste and children's winter coats. Fall and winter is approaching and they are low on boys & girls coats, so please consider donating! Items can be dropped off in the Community Center.





# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Children & Family Ministries

[www.mentorumc.org/children](http://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 [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!"

## MOPS & MOMS

We will meet on Friday, September 4, at the Chagrin River Park Playground. We will also meet on September 7 at Squire's Castle. For more dates and locations, [check our website](#).

### Confirmation 2023

Students grades 8-12 who would like to confirm their faith are welcome to register for Confirmation, which begins October 1st. There are costs involved so please [check our website](#) for details and dates. Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

## 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.

### 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 Outing

Join us on September 17th for an outing to Ramseyer Farms. Details to come!



## Welcome Preschoolers!

This week our Preschoolers begin their fall semester at Mentor United Methodist Preschool. Blessings to our students and teachers as they start off the year!