

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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# CHURCH

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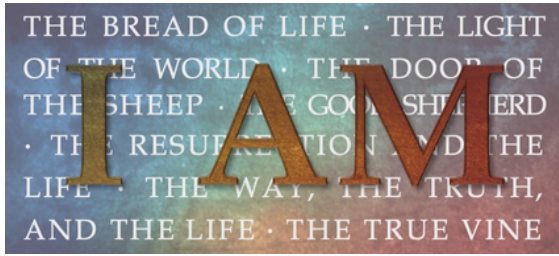
I am...a friend, christian, loved

We are...BLESSED

We are...

# PASTOR'S LETTER

I AM / WE ARE: The Bread of Life



God has a sincere desire for us to know Him. And so, Jesus takes seven opportunities to impress upon the crowd of that day and to us, that Jesus is all that we need.

The phrase, "**I am the bread of life**," is one of several "I Am" statements that Jesus spoke in the Gospel of John. **I am the Bread of Life** is a title Jesus used to describe himself in John 6:35:

*"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty".*

I believe that **we are** in a time, like the people of that day, when people are needing a sign of the validity of God.

Like the people in that day, there are many who are more interested in a performance than the person. They were interested, and naturally so, in Jesus' ability to heal, to cure, and for this moment in John 6, to feed the masses. They were interested and followed Jesus because he was giving out free food, in fact, all you can eat! When Jesus feed the crowd of 5,000 men, same number of women and double the number of children everyone walked away with full bellies. So, they loved the performances, acts, miracles of Jesus, but the part about knowing, trusting and believing in Jesus, was slow and met with resistance.

**I am** like the people in this passage. **We are** like the people in this passage. **I am** and **we are** often lacking the will, the nerve to rely on God in every situation. When Jesus says "**I am the Bread of Life**" he assures us that all we need, beyond the physical, temporary needs of life, Jesus provides. May we ever renew our commitment to our faith, believing and trusting that we can be filled and fulfilled with the Bread of Life which is Christ Jesus.

*Pastor Ivy*

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

**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

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

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Dick Anderson,

Luke Sanvido, Star Bruno, David Fell

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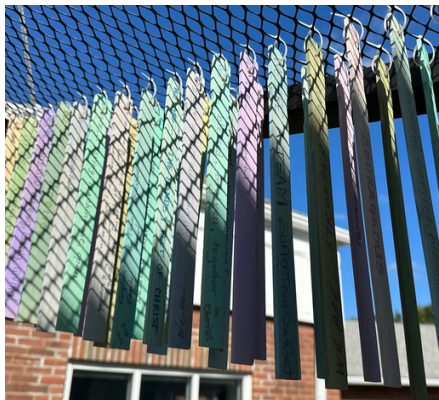
# Need to Know

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49115970>

## 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 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



## 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](#).

## 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](#).

## CWC Luncheon

Join us on Tuesday, August 15th for the Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co Luncheon. It will be 11:15 to 1:30. Cost is \$20 at Pine Ridge CC. Carol Yanico will be the guest speaker. Please RSVP by noon on August 10th. Email: [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com) or call Dee: 440.487.0661

## Admin Council

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

**Aiden Murphey Ring  
was born on July 4, 2023,  
Son of  
Andrew & Sarah Ring**



## MUMC Softball Schedule

*Tue. Aug 8*

*#1 vs. #4/5 winner on field #2  
(#2/3 winner gets a bye)*

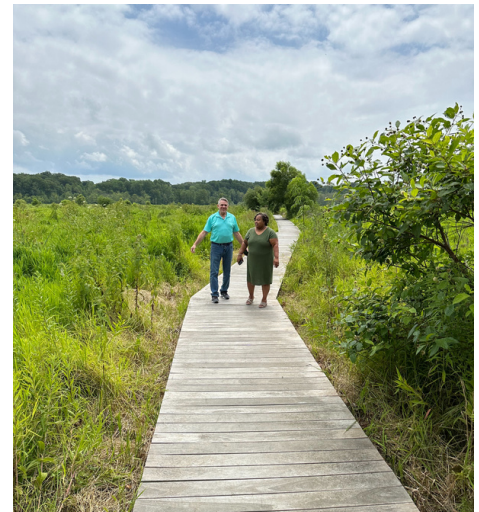
*Tue. Aug 15*

*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.



## Pastor Tour

Pastor Steve & Pastor Ivy enjoyed a tour with Craig Eppler & Rich Elwell of Mentor and surrounding areas including a walk through the wetlands!

## Walk to End Alzheimer's

JOIN OUR TEAM to help with fundraising and organizing for this event. 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.

## 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.

## Hope Chest

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

## Voting

Reminder that we are a polling location! Volunteers will be there to guide and assist voters this Tuesday, August 8.

## Blood Drive

Next Blood Drive is THIS Tuesday, August 8th from 9-3. We encourage you to sign up -- your gift of blood is important! Sign up [here](#) or on our site.

## 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 [online](#). The August MTAM is on Saturday the 26th.

Pastor Steve and Pastor Ivy experience their first More than a Meal on July 29. What a Blessing!

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## Mission Opportunities

## 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](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com) or 440.487.0661 for details and how to donate.





# 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!"



### Name tags

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

## MOPS & MOMS

We will meet August 7th at Squire's Castle in Willoughby Hills. 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](mailto:fisher.preschool@mentorumc.org).

### EO Camps

[Visit East Ohio Camps' site](#) to see what camps there are this summer/their deadlines. You can also visit our [site](#).

### 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](#).

### 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!

## Youth

NO MEETING ON AUG 6!

We will return to our usual schedule on the 13th.

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 13 2-4pm Mayfield UMC, 7747 Mayfield Rd.
- Aug 20 1:30-3pm Willoughby UMC, 15 E. Spaulding St.

(these are open to student going into 6th grade +)

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#).

### 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.