

Welcome to Mentor United Methodist Church!

We are so glad that you joined us in worship. Every year, Easter gives us the opportunity to come together in joy to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. This church’s prayer is that you truly feel that joy and that when you leave this place, you share it with others. For over two hundred years, Mentor UMC’s mission has been to offer this good news every Sunday, in every ministry, and in every conversation that takes place in these walls. Our goal is to live out Christ-like qualities and help transform communities. Whether through childcare and children’s ministry, youth and young adult discipleship, missions and service opportunities, this church is a community of grace and love that welcomes all.

Join us every Sunday for worship at 9 AM, 9:15 AM, or 11:00 AM as we continue to celebrate the Easter Season. If you are new to Mentor United Methodist Church, we invite you to the You, Me, and Mentor UMC “Coffee & Conversations” on Sunday, April 26th at 10 AM OR the luncheon at 12:30 PM. Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin or call the church to RSVP and learn more.

Let’s live into the spirit of the season every day, together.

The liturgical color is white for Easter & Communion Sunday



PRELUDE “Thine Is the Glory” arr. Dallas Blair
Ben McMurtrie, trumpet; Amy Bender, organ

WELCOME Chris Fournier, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.
On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.
On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.
But today, we know the good news is alive and well.
The good news is dancing!
The good news is on the loose!
The good news is out in the world, calling your name!
Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.
Let us worship our good-news Christ.

***OPENING HYMN** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH 302

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid,” but we are afraid. And we don’t know where to look. And we are worried we’ll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias.” We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS
Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God’s love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:
Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM “This Is the Time to Sing” Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS
“BIRDSONG” Rev. Sarah Are Speed

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass on.

OFFERTORY “Resurrection Hymn (See What A Morning)” arr. Steven Strite

***DOXOLOGY #94**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** “Up from the Grave” UMH 322
Hymn History: The words and music to this hymn were written by Robert Lowry. Lowry was born in 1826 in Philadelphia to a Presbyterian family. At seventeen, he experienced a religious conversion and joined the Baptist Church. He graduated from the University at Lewisburg (Pennsylvania), which became Bucknell University. He became a Baptist minister and pastored at churches in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. He later became a professor and finally the Chancellor of Bucknell. A self-taught musician, he wrote over 500 hymns. He collaborated with famous hymn writers such as Fanny Crosby, Isaac Watts, and William Howard Doane. One of his hymns (How Can I Keep from Singing?) was even recorded by Bruce Springsteen in 2006. Lowry died in Plainfield, New Jersey in 1899.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-10, p. 706

MESSAGE

"Tell Me Something Good:
The Good News is...Alive in the World."
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion

UMH 17 Musical Setting A

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***HYMN OF MISSION**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

UMH 327

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE**

"Hallelujah Chorus" from The Messiah

G. F. Handel

POSTLUDE

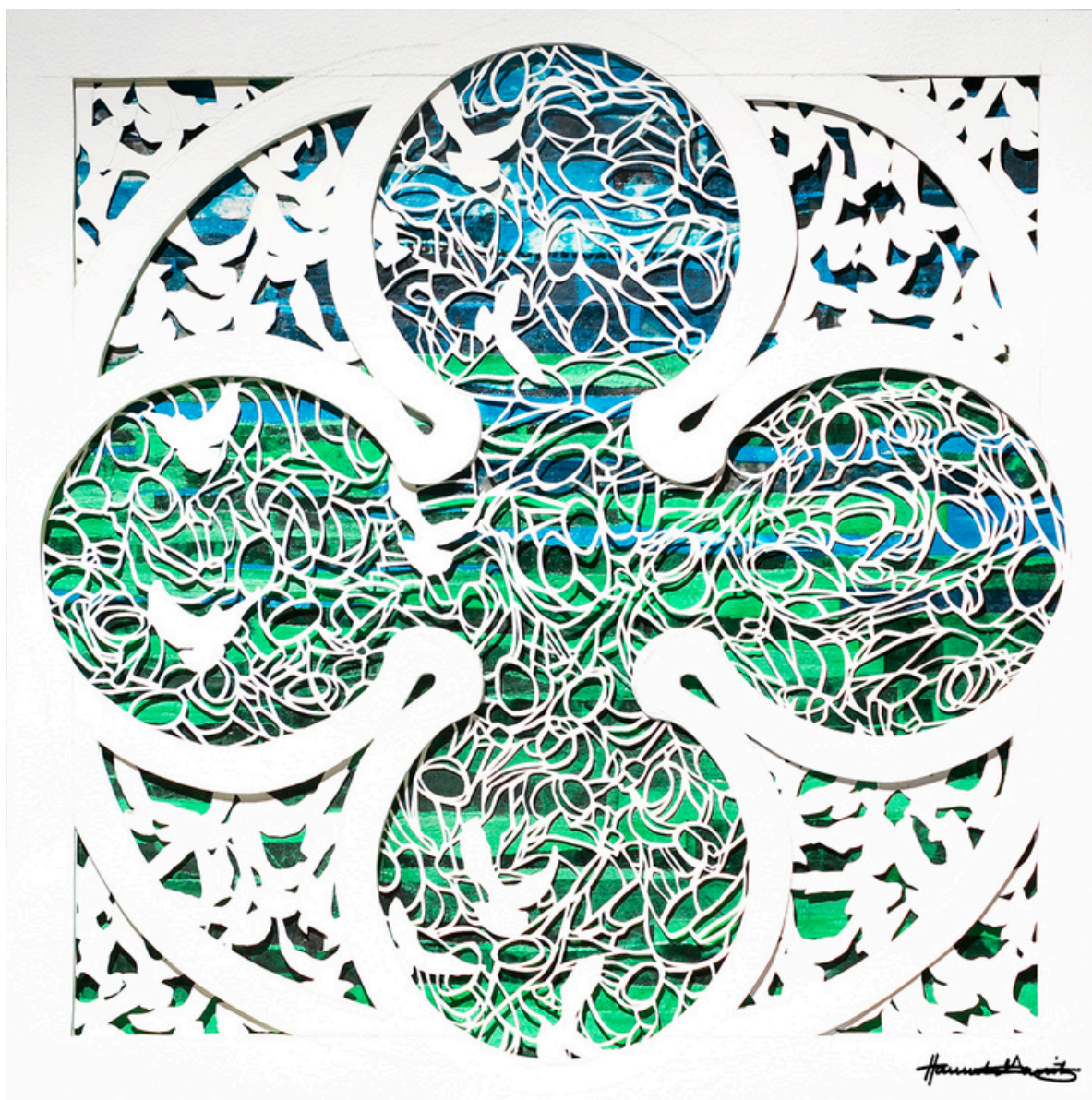
Altar Flowers are presented Katy, David, Alex, and Adam Romo
In Loving Memory of Paula Patterson, mom & grammie

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Joyce Ragan
Honoring the Memory of Dave Ragan, husband, father, and grandfather

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | April 5, 2026



Meet Me in Galilee
Hannah Garrity
Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10
18x18" Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay
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EASTER OFFERING

**This year's Easter Offering is designated for UMCOR,
Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Missions.**

April's Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon

Don't miss the next 4B luncheon! We hope you come on Wednesday, April 8th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! All are welcome. Please RSVP to uwf@mentor.umd.org or sign up in the Info Hub.

Open Table

Join us on April 9th for the next Open Table at 5:30 PM in the Gallery. This month's theme will be a preview for this 2026 Vacation Bible School hosted by the Children & Family Ministry team! RSVP online, in the Info Hub, or just show up.

Scholarship 2026

Students are invited to fill out the MUMC Scholarship form by Wednesday, April 8th, 2 PM. This opportunity is for any high school or higher education student who has been a member here for at least ONE year. We'll celebrate our recipients and grads on Sunday, May 24th (please fill out the grad form to help us celebrate you)!

Young Adult Group

This Spring, Young Adults will 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.

The BIG Event TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets are on sale now for this year's Youth Service Project fundraiser dinner, The BIG Event on Sunday, April 12th. Visit the Info Hub after service to get your ticket. Each year, the YSP students host an exciting night with auctions and entertainment. Get a head start on supporting this ministry by purchasing a "stock" or grabbing a basket donation form. Learn more about both in the Info Hub or online.

Chair Yoga

Join us from 1-2 PM on Friday, April 10th, for a special session of Chair Yoga. Cost is \$10. No materials or training necessary. This is meant to be a meditative time that ALL can participate in. [Register online](#) or in the Info Hub.

StrengthsFinder

A NEW session of StrengthsFinder will be April 19th through May 17th from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. Chuck Tackett will be facilitating. Sign up [online](#) or get in touch with the church office.

Change the World Day

Join us for Change the World Day on Saturday, April 25th, from 9 AM to 2 PM as we partner with [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) to build beds for children in our community. [Sign up online](#) or in the Info Hub to help.

Rummage Sale

Save the date for this year's Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 18th. We will collect donations the week leading up to the sale ONLY. The volunteer signup and donation list are [available online](#) and in the Info Hub.

Pentecost Picture Submission

Each year, we take a group picture after worship on Pentecost Sunday. If you are an online participant or will be out of town on Sunday, May 24th, then please submit a picture of you or your family so that we can include you! Send submissions to ktanner@mentor.umd.org.

Easter Flower Dedications

Flowers are presented by Karlene Bonnay
In Memory of Carter Nedley, grandson, Elizabeth & Edward Stastny

Flowers are presented by Norm & Marye Etta Brobst
In Memory of Natalie Brobst & James Reed,
In Appreciation of Kurt Hinkley and His Donuts

Flowers are presented by Colleen Campbell
To the Glory of God

Flowers are presented by Sally S. Carr
In Memory of R. Douglas Kepp, Dorothy Kepp, and Margaret & Cecil Sprague

Flowers are presented by Andy and Diane Champa
In memory of our son, Christopher Dinger's heavenly birthday
In Appreciation of our grandchildren, Erika, Dylan, and Parker

Flowers are presented by Patty Cravens
In Memory of John Cravens, beloved Husband, and McKenzie Montgomery, beloved granddaughter

Flowers are presented by Rich & Katie Elwell
In Memory of Pat West Hendricks,
In Appreciation of Carole & Patsy, Rich, Heather & Michael

Flowers are presented by Kay Feiten
In Appreciation of husband Bruce Feiten, daughters Jennifer Parkinson & Lindsay Feiten

Flowers are presented by Mike & Kathy Fellows
In Appreciation of All the Volunteers, Our Grandsons

Flowers are presented by Michael & Christina Fournier
In Memory of parents, Roland & Patricia Fournier, Howard & Ruby Ruby Irish, Hugh & Grace Allee

Flowers are presented by Judy Garris
In Loving Memory of Family & Friends

Flowers are presented by JoAnn Greiner
In Memory of Husband & Parents

Flowers are presented by The Haines Family
In Memory of Jacque & Jim Haines, loving husbands, fathers, and grandfathers

Flowers are presented by Jane Hieronymus
In Memory of Ted Hieronymus, Paul, Joan, and David Hoernemann, T.W. & Harriet Hieronymus

Flowers are presented by Pat & Don Humphrey
In Memory of Eleanor & R. Quention Hinamon, Florence, David & Edgar Humphrey

Flowers are presented by The Iacofano Family
In Memory of Robert & Shirley Gockel, Art & Mary Iacofano,
Loving parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents

Flowers are presented by Kenneth Ireland
In Memory of Jane Ireland, Roland & Irene Ireland

Flowers are presented by Connie Irvin
To the Glory of God

Flowers are presented by Paul Kramer
In Memory of Robert, Parents, & Siblings

Flowers are presented by Geri Kranz
In Memory of Dave Kranz, Loving husband, dad, & poppa
In Appreciation of My Family

Flowers presented by Stephanie, Steven, and Abigail Lee
In Memory of Pamela Harman, Torrie Harman, and Kathy Lee

Flowers are presented by Paul & Loren Montgomery
In Memory of Lcpl Brian Montgomery, USMC
In Appreciation of Major Eric Montgomery, USMC

Flowers are presented by The Scott Palmer Family
In Loving memory of Frank Toki, husband, father, and grandfather

Flowers are presented by Susan Parsons
In Memory of Helen & Gustave Parsons, grandparents

Flowers are presented by The Tom Patterson Family
In Memory of Paul & Avonelle Orvos, Paula Paterson

Flowers are presented by Jan Robinson
To the Glory of God

Flowers are presented by HAS & Robyn Sadler
In Memory of Joan Sadler

Flowers are presented by Kitty Schirm
In Loving Memory of Jay Schirm, husband, father, & grandfather,
William F. & Anifa Romig, parents & grandparents,
Jack & Sheila Schirm, in-laws & grandparents, Cecelia Hirschberg, sister & aunt

Flowers are presented by Arnold & Jacqui Smith
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest R. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred F. Krahl

Flowers are presented by Joyce Snyder
In Memory of Carl Snyder

Flowers are presented by Jan Sudekum
In Memory of husband Wilfred & son David

Flowers are presented by Susan E. Swain
In Memory of Judge Richard A. Swain

Flowers are presented by Terry & Amy Szabo
In Memory of Dorothy Metcalf

Flowers are presented by Sara Weaver
In Memory of Harry Weaver,
In Appreciation of Amy Bender, Bonnie Budziak, and the Chancel Choir

NEW Sermon Series: April 12th to May 3rd

Join us in worship from April 12th to May 3rd for a series inspired by Dr. Kate Common's, *Seasons of Origins*, a new liturgical season designed to faithfully approach scripture and "live into reparative justice as a core expression of discipleship." All are welcome at 9 AM, 9:15 AM, and 11 AM for worship.

MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH



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Weekly Update

Admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

Enclave: Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak

Parker Place: Bob & Sandy Linsell, 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, Norma Ickes, Jo Brown

UPCOMING AT MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monday, April 6

- Carr Journey Group (2)

Thursday, April 9

- Preschool Farmpark Visit
- PEO Meeting
- Open Table, 5:30 PM
- Canticle Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 7

- Ring Journey Group
- Disciple III
- Young Adult Group

Friday, April 10

- MOMCo
- Chair Yoga

Sunday, April 5

- 7, 9, 9:15, & 11 AM Worship (Lent Cantata at 11)
- 10 & 12 Fellowship Hour
- Martin Journey Group
- Children's Sunday School

Wednesday, April 8

- 4B Luncheon
- Knitting Group
- Children's Min Meeting
- Missions Meeting
- Finance Meeting

Saturday, April 11

- Modern Worship Practice