

The liturgical color is purple for the 3rd Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” J. S. Bach
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of Hope, you call us together to worship you!
We are here, finding hope in God who is vulnerable enough to truly be with us.
God of Peace, you call us together to worship you!
We are here, finding peace embodied in sacred music, holy symbols, natural beauty, meaningful ritual and in blessed community
God of Joy, you call us together to worship you!
We are here, finding joy grounded in a sense of identity that comes from God who created us in God’s own image, from Jesus who saves us from false identities and from the Holy Spirit that gives us breath and new life.
God of Love, you call us together to worship you!
We are here, being filled anew with the love of God revealed in the Word of God who became one of us as a child born in a stall for animals.
All: We are here! Let us worship with heart, mind, soul, hands, feet and voice the God of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

***OPENING HYMN** “Hail to the Lord's Anointed” UMH 203

OPENING PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH 211 vs. 2

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Tom & Sharon Erbaugh
Reading: On this third Sunday of Advent, we remember that Jesus’s birth was announced to the shepherds, those who were mainly ignored. We recognize that God yearns for us to explore who we are and be transformed through God’s plan for each of our lives. As we prepare our hearts for Jesus’ birth this season, may we experience great joy when we live into our identity of the Divine.
Response: Jubilant God, help us to experience your joy through the ways you transform us to live into the identity of who we are.
Reading: As the candle of Joy is lit, may we rejoice as we recognize that God has identified each of us as one of God’s children.

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

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.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “What Child Is This?” arr. Van Der Beek, Nelson, Schmidt
McKinley Glasser, cello

***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 “Blessed Be the God of Israel” UMH 209

Christmas Cantata

Arranged by Dan Forrest
Narration written by Pat Claudio

Presented by the choirs of Mentor & Painesville United Methodist Churches
Amy Bender and Fritz Streiff, Directors
Liese and Ken Vito, narrators

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Angels From the Realms of Glory
Angels We Have Heard On High
See Amid the Winter's Snow
The First Noel
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

The Orchestra

Flute	Judy Elias, Hannah Kish	Violin I	Maria Vinas
Oboe	Jeff Kish, Hannah Kish	Violin II	Matt Gittins
Clarinet	Tracy Paroubek, Debbie Deal	Viola	Virginia Ashley
Bassoon	Carol Chenoweth	Cello	McKinley Glasser
French Horn	Harlan Meinwald	Double Bass	Matt Yoke
Trumpet	Amanda Alafi, Alex Alafi	Percussion	Darin Petrowski
Trombone	Mackalyn Figgins, Pat Humphrey		Vincent Piotrkowski
Tuba	Ephrem King	Piano	Bonnie Budziak
			Bob Brown

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Allegro" from Concerto in a minor
Antonio Vivaldi/arr. Thompson

*Call to Worship, Opening Prayer and Prayer of Dedication
written by Rev. Steve Stultz Costello*

Advent Candle Lighting liturgy written by Rev. Tammy Palermo

**Altar Flowers are presented by Sara Weaver
In Loving Memory of husband, Harry**

**Yellow Rose presented by the Post Family
In Loving Memory of daughter, Charlene Clayton**

For flowers, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

MENTOR

United Methodist Church

8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060
440.255.3496 - infoementorumc.org

Scan to
Give, Connect,
Get Updates, and more

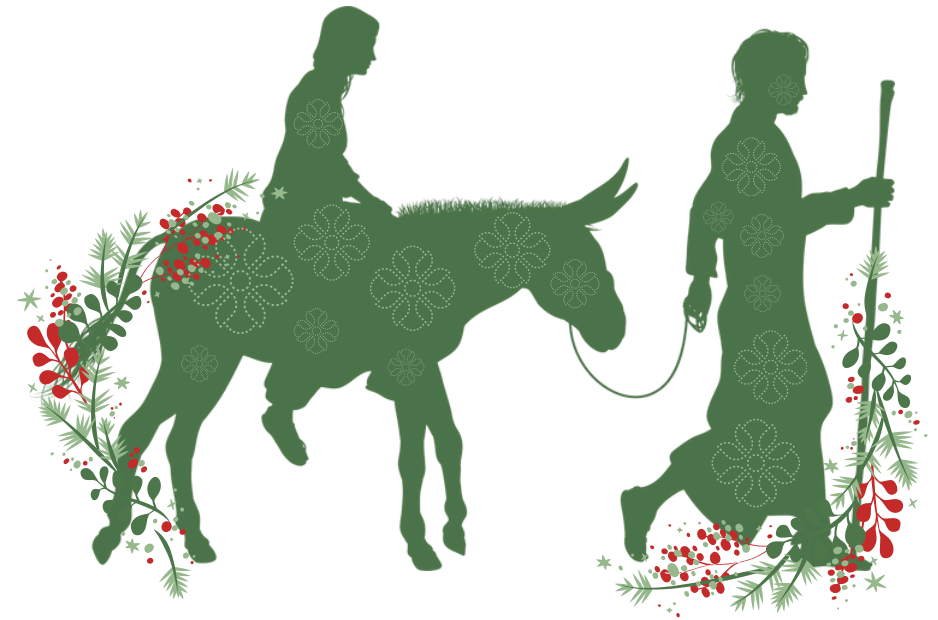
WIFI password: GodLovesYou



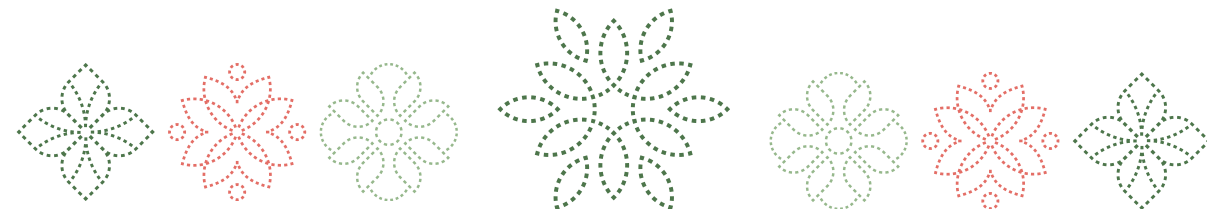
Traditional Worship

December 15, 2024

Christmas Cantata



God With Us





YOUTH! What are you into? What do you want to see? What do you want to do?

 **NO!**  **Maybe...**  **Yesssss**

React to the messages below
by circling an emoji
& leave your contact info
so Mackalyn can get in touch!

Tea Time on Sundays @ 10



Coffee Shop Meet ups pls



Middle School Sunday School



Parks, Museums, Hikes, Skating,
Game nights, Lock-ins, etc.



Pls leave ur contact info!!

Outreach & Missions



Meals like group dinners, ice
cream outings, breakfasts



Retreats & UMC Events



Name & number or email:

Drop off this sheet in the office, offering
box, or hand to Mackalyn!

MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

Scan to
Get Updates
and More



Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, Lois Dyckman, Pam
Crawley, Bob Linsell, Dick & Nancy Smith, Andy Champa,
Georgeanna Allen, Noralee Starr, Ida Reynolds

**Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living,
or Nursing Home Facility:**

The Enclave - Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Carol Anderson, Doug Kepp
Governors Point - Doris Sturm
Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons,
Mary Ann Haycox
Mentor Ridge - Russ Lancaster
Tapestry - Gloria McFeely
Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher
Village of St. Edward - Dale Porter
Holly Hill - Floyd Richards
Concord Ridge - Jack Brown

Upcoming *This Week*

Monday, December 16

- Carr Journey Group

Tuesday, December 17

- Ring Journey Group
- Modern Worship Team

Wednesday, December 18

- Child & Caregiver Class
- Knitting Group
- Blue Christmas, 7 PM

Thursday, December 19

- Bell Choir
- Charter Member Men's Choir
- Chancel Choir

Friday, December 20

- Prelude to Christmas, 7:30 PM

Advent Season

Advent Devotional

MORE Devotionals will be available at the church or read the digital version on our website. This devotional was created through the collected efforts of members & friends of MUMC. Check out the beautiful devotions and art!

Advent Candle Lighting

Sign up online or talk to Pastor Tammy to light candles this Advent season in service. Invite friends or family!

Giving Trees

Give gifts to children & organizations in need this Advent season. Check out the tags on the trees around the church or the online signup which can be found on our website. All gifts must be into the church by **Sunday, December 15th** at noon. More details on our site.

Blue Christmas

Blue Christmas is a service for those dealing with grief and loss this Advent season. Join us for a meaningful service in the Chapel at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 18th.

Prelude to Christmas

Join us on Friday, December 20th at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary for this special service presented by the Charter Members Men's Choir & guests from Painesville & Chardon UMC Choirs.

Youth Lock-In

We will have a Holiday Lock-in on December 29th-30th. We will meet in the Youth Room from 7 PM to 8 AM. This will be a time for us to gather together, celebrate the holidays, and have some Holy Shenanigans. To RSVP or volunteer to help with this event, [sign up online](#).

December 15th
Christmas Cantata in Traditional Worship, 11 AM

December 18th
Blue Christmas Service, 7 PM
in the Chapel at MUMC

December 20th
Prelude to Christmas, Charter Members Men's Choir
& Guests, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

December 24th
Christmas Eve Services
Communion, 3 PM
Family, 5 PM
Modern, 7 PM
Traditional, 9 PM

December 29th, 30th
Youth Holiday Lock-In, 7 PM-8 AM,
gather, celebrate, and have some Holy Shenanigans

Ongoing through the season:
Join us in the Gallery for Fellowship:
hear live music & have refreshments

Join us for Communion in the Chapel
between services every Sunday