



"God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"  
Amy Bender, organist

Carolyn Hamlin

**PRELUGE**

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

When Jesus was asked which commandment is greatest, he answered with simplicity and clarity:  
**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.**

And he added another, inseparable from the first:

**Love your neighbor as yourself.**

In these words, all of God's hopes for humanity are gathered.

**Love shapes our worship, our relationships, and our lives.**

Come, then, with hearts open to God's presence.

**We come to love the Lord our God and to love one another.**

Let us worship God in love and gratitude.

**All: Let us worship God in love and gratitude.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

UMH 549

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Loving God, you call us to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. As we gather in worship, center our hearts in your love, shape our thoughts by your grace, and move us to live that love in the world. Receive our praise, renew our spirits, and teach us again what it means to love as you love. Amen.**

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

**ANTHEM**

"I Love You, Lord"  
arr. Jack Schrader  
Charter Members Men's Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**BAPTISMS**

Olivia Mary Van Der Horst  
daughter of Cameron & Bethany Van Der Horst  
Granddaughter of Mary Ann & Larry Van Der Horst

Elleanor Merrick Zelenkofski  
daughter of Catherine & Mike Zelenkofski,  
Granddaughter of Kitty Schirm

**BAPTISM HYMN**

"Child of Promise"

UMH 611

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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**

*As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.*

**OFFERTORY**

"By Our Love"

arr. Mary McDonald

**\*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**

"Gift of Love"

UMH 408

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 22:34-40 NIV, p. 699

**MESSAGE**

"Love the Lord"  
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

**\*HYMN OF MISSION**

**"More Love to Thee, O Christ"** UMH 453  
*Hymn History:* The music to this hymn was written by William H. Doane. He was born in 1832 in Connecticut. Musically gifted, he was playing the flute, violin, and double bass as a teenager. Dr. Doane was a successful business man, music composer and philanthropist. He composed over 2,000 hymns. He was the choir director of the Mt. Auburn Baptist Church in Cincinnati. He donated generously to many Baptist institutions, particularly Denison University in Granville, Ohio who awarded him an honorary doctorate of music. The Doane Administration Building and Doane Library are named in his honor. He died in 1915 in New Jersey.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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**POSTLUDE**

"Toccata"

Gordon Young

*Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT*

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Altar Flowers are presented by Tim & Sue Kincaid  
In Loving Memory of Our Parents

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*To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

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# Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | February 15, 2026



LOVE  
the  
LORD



with all your  
Heart



**the good news is...**  
all are invited

## Ash Wednesday

Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at Mentor UMC for one of our services. The evening service will include the choir.

**7:30 AM in the Chapel  
12 PM in the Chapel  
7:30 PM in the Sanctuary**

### 9:15 AM Chapel Service

Join us in the Chapel at 9:15 AM beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup> for a NEW service. This is a great option for those that enjoy the Traditional style worship in a more intimate setting.

### Healing Service

Join us at Mentor UMC on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM in the Chapel for a Healing Service. This is open to ALL and will take place following that evening's Lent dinner. You are not required to eat with us to attend the service.

### Order Easter Flowers

Grab a form in the Info Hub or order online for Easter flowers! Daffodils, Tulips, and Hyacinths are \$8 and the Hydrangeas are \$15. The deadline to order is March 16th. If you need any assistance in ordering, contact the church office.

### Royal Family Kids Dinner

Join us for the Royal Family Kids #271 fundraising dinner at Mentor UMC on March 5th, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Come learn about and support this wonderful mission. There are **FREE** seats available at sponsored tables. Please contact Johanna Martin to secure your spot: [johannamartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johannamartin@sbcglobal.net) We look forward to celebrating 15 years of RFK and get ready for the next 15 years. See you there!

### POP UP Food Pantry

The next POP UP Food Pantry will be on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Mentor-on-the-Lake Public Library. To volunteer or donate, please reach out to Mackalyn Figgins.

### Wesleyan Presentation

Join Pastor Tammy on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> after service for a special presentation about her Wesley Heritage Tour that she attended this past fall. Open to ALL.

# MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

### Admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

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

Parker Place: Bill Owen, 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, Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Doug & Kathy Koman, Sandy Mazelis, Jack Donahue, The Lippert Family

## UPCOMING AT MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Monday, February 16

- Carr Journey Group (2)
- Parents Morning Out

### Thursday, February 19

- Promise of Heaven Study
- Bell Choir
- Charter Members Men's Choir
- Chancel Choir

### Friday, February 20

- Confirmation Retreat

### Saturday, February 21

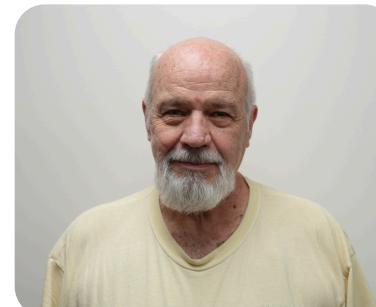
- Modern Worship Practice
- Confirmation Retreat

### Sunday, February 15

- 9 & 11 AM Worship
- 10 & 12 Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 AM Communion
- Martin Journey Group
- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School
- StrengthsFinder Study

### Wednesday, February 18

- Knitting Group
- Ash Wednesday Services



## WELCOME DAN BROOKS!

Welcome to Dan Brooks, Mentor UMC's new Part-time Assistant Facility & Custodial Specialist. Dan is married with four children. He previously served in the military and is retired from a company where he spent forty years. We are so excited to be part of this chapter in his life and so blessed that he is here at MUMC.



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Weekly Update

# Lent Dinners

❖ FREE Dinner every Wednesday evening of Lent!

Join us at 5:45 PM on Wednesday evenings in Lent for **weekly dinners** with new and old friends. We'll meet in the Gallery and enjoy a meal and dessert together. Dinners include conversation and camp-style worship.

If you are interested in **volunteering** to help with the meal, there are many different areas that you can assist such as meal prep, Gallery set up, greeting visitors, serving food, and cleaning up. Check our website or scan the QR code below to find out more.

## Dinner Schedule & Menu:

For dietary restrictions, get in touch with the church office.

Wednesday, February 25th

Orange Chicken with steamed jasmine rice, stir-fry vegetables, egg rolls, and fortune cookies.

Wednesday, March 4th

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas & carrots, coleslaw, rolls

Wednesday, March 11th

Betsy's Unlasagna, garlic bread, Italian medley, and salad

Wednesday, March 18th

Grilled chicken Alfredo, steamed broccoli & cauliflower, fruit cup, rolls

Wednesday, March 25th

Rhonda's Salsa chicken with black beans & rice, corn salsa with tortilla chips, refried beans, and salad.

Join us on Wednesday evenings around 6:45 PM at Mentor UMC for three exciting group opportunities. Each of these is open to anyone who would like to participate. There is NO cost and NO additional materials to purchase.

## "Tell Me Something Good" In Depth

Join pastor Steve Stultz Costello and pastor Ivy Smith for this group that will go further into the themes of the prior Sunday's sermon & scriptures. No materials needed but you are encouraged to take a look at the digital Lenten Devotional, which you can find a link to on our website.

## The Social Principles

Join Youth & Young Adult Director, Mackalyn Figgins, in learning more about the UMC Social Principles. This group is good for those who want to have a deeper understanding of how to engage with contemporary issues in a biblical and theological way.

## #BeUMC

Join Chris Fletcher for "#BeUMC," an introductory, relaxed look into what being a Methodist means. We'll meet in Gallery as the meal ends, so you don't even need to leave your seat! No materials needed.

*Learn more about these offerings by scanning the QR code.*



❖ Go deeper in your discipleship.  

# Lent Groups