



ANTHEM

“Joy In the Morning”
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

Natalie Sleeth

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

“Mercy”

Craig Courtney

***DOXOLOGY #95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING**

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” UMH 357
Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Charlotte Elliott. She was born in Brighton, England in 1789. She was an accomplished poet, hymn writer and editor. One day in 1821, she met Rev. Cesar Malan who asked her if she was at peace with God. She pondered that question for days and said to Rev. Malan that she needed to cleanse her life before she became a Christian. Rev. Malan said to Charlotte, “come, just as you are”. Years later when she was struggling spiritually, she sat down and wrote the lyrics to the hymn we sing today. William Bradbury put her words to music. This hymn was used near the end of Rev. Billy Graham’s Crusades when he asked people to come forward to accept Christ. Charlotte Elliott died in Brighton in 1871.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30-44 NIV, p. 712

MESSAGE

“Tell Me Something Good:
The good news is...Together, the Impossible is Possible”
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION**

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH 261

PRELUDE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Amy Bender, organist

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

WELCOME

Jan Robinson, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

If you need good news,

Settle into this space. We have good news to share.

If you need a word of hope,

Then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.

If you need a glimmer of joy,

Then you’re in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

If you need to feel God’s presence in your midst,

Then know that this is God’s house.

This is the good news of the gospel.

God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!

***OPENING HYMN**

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH 98

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. 5,000 can be fed. The blind can see.

The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to

forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done.

We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are

always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change

could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With

hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved. The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:

Today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God. We are forgiven. We are called.

We are not alone. What good, good news. Amen!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:20-21, p. 828

Mentor United Methodist Church

Traditional Worship | March 8, 2026



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**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

"Prelude in d minor"

J. S. Bach

Altar Flowers are presented by Connie Irvin
In Loving Memory of Robert Irvin, Husband, Father, Grandfather, & Great-grandfather

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Geri Kranz & Family
In Loving Memory of Dave, husband, Dad, & Poppa

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Lent inspired
artworks on the
"Gallery walls" in the
Info Hub.

Cover Art Artist Statement

I read this Ephesians text alongside the feeding of the five thousand. I placed Jesus at the center of the image, but he did not feed the crowds alone. He asked his disciples to offer what they had. They responded with meager resources, yet those small gifts were enough...

We don't need a miracle of multiplication. We simply need to use what we've been given....

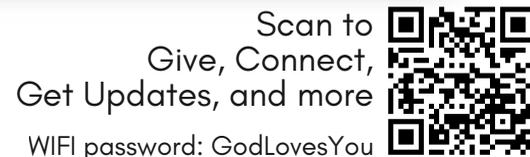
In a world convinced of scarcity, this is astonishingly good news. We already have enough. And as my mentor used to say, "Enough is abundance." What will we do with this abundance? Is it too lofty to dream of a world that sustains all of life? Perhaps. Yet I believe it is God's own desire that all may have life, and have it abundantly. This is the work before us, accomplished through the power at work within us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman



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MENTOR UNITED HIGHLIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

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, Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Doug & Kathy Koman, Jack Donahue, The Lippert Family, Norma Ickes

UPCOMING AT MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monday, March 9

- Carr Journey Group (2)
- Parents Morning Out
- Young Adult Group

Thursday, March 12

- Garden Club
- PEO Meeting
- Bell Choir
- Charter Members Men's Choir
- Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 8

- 9, 9:15, & 11 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Communion
- 10 & 12 Fellowship Hour
- Martin Journey Group
- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School
- Youth Group

Tuesday, March 10

- Ring Journey Group
- Disciple III
- Trustees Meeting

Friday, March 13

- MOMCo

Wednesday, March 11

- Knitting Group
- 4B Luncheon
- Lent Dinner, 5:45 PM
- Healing Service, 6:45 PM

Saturday, March 14

- Modern Worship Practice

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.

9:15 AM Chapel Service

Join us in the Chapel at 9:15 AM from February 22nd to May 31st for a NEW Sunday service. This is a great option for those who enjoy the Traditional style of worship in a more intimate, early morning setting.

Healing Service

Join us at Mentor UMC on Wednesday, March 11th 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.

Youth Ice Skating

Youth are invited on Sunday, March 15th to go Ice Skating together after church. Carpool or meet us at Mentor Civic center. The cost is \$7 per student. Reach out to Mackalyn Figgins for more info.

March Madness Watch Party

Join us for a March Madness watch party that **ALL** are invited to on Saturday, March 21st. We will meet in the gallery to enjoy games and snacks.

Eggstravaganza

Join us on Saturday, April 4th at 10 AM here at Mentor UMC for the community egg hunt. Enjoy a morning of free fun including candy, games, and fellowship. This event is free and open to all. Contact Pastor Tammy to volunteer.

The BIG Event

Save the date for this year's Youth Service Project fundraiser dinner, The BIG Event on Sunday April 12th. 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 raffle basket donation form. Learn more about both in the Info Hub or online.

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.

Lent Dinners

 **Check the boxes and turn in to the office/offering box to RSVP** 

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 by scanning the QR code or visit the Info Hub to find out more.

Dinner Schedule & Menu:

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

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.

NAME: _____
CONTACT INFO: _____

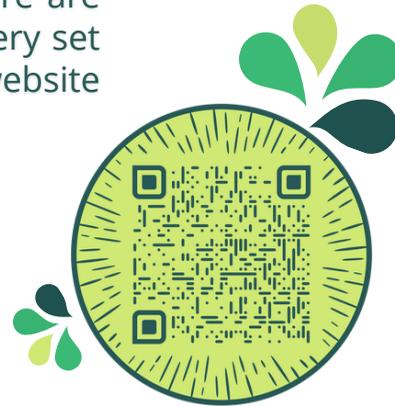
Join us on Wednesday evenings around 6:45 PM at Mentor UMC for three exciting group opportunities. Each of these is open to anyone who would like to participate. There is NO cost and NO additional materials to purchase.

"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.

Check the box of the group you'd like to join and turn in to the office or the offering box.



 Go deeper in your discipleship.
Lent Groups