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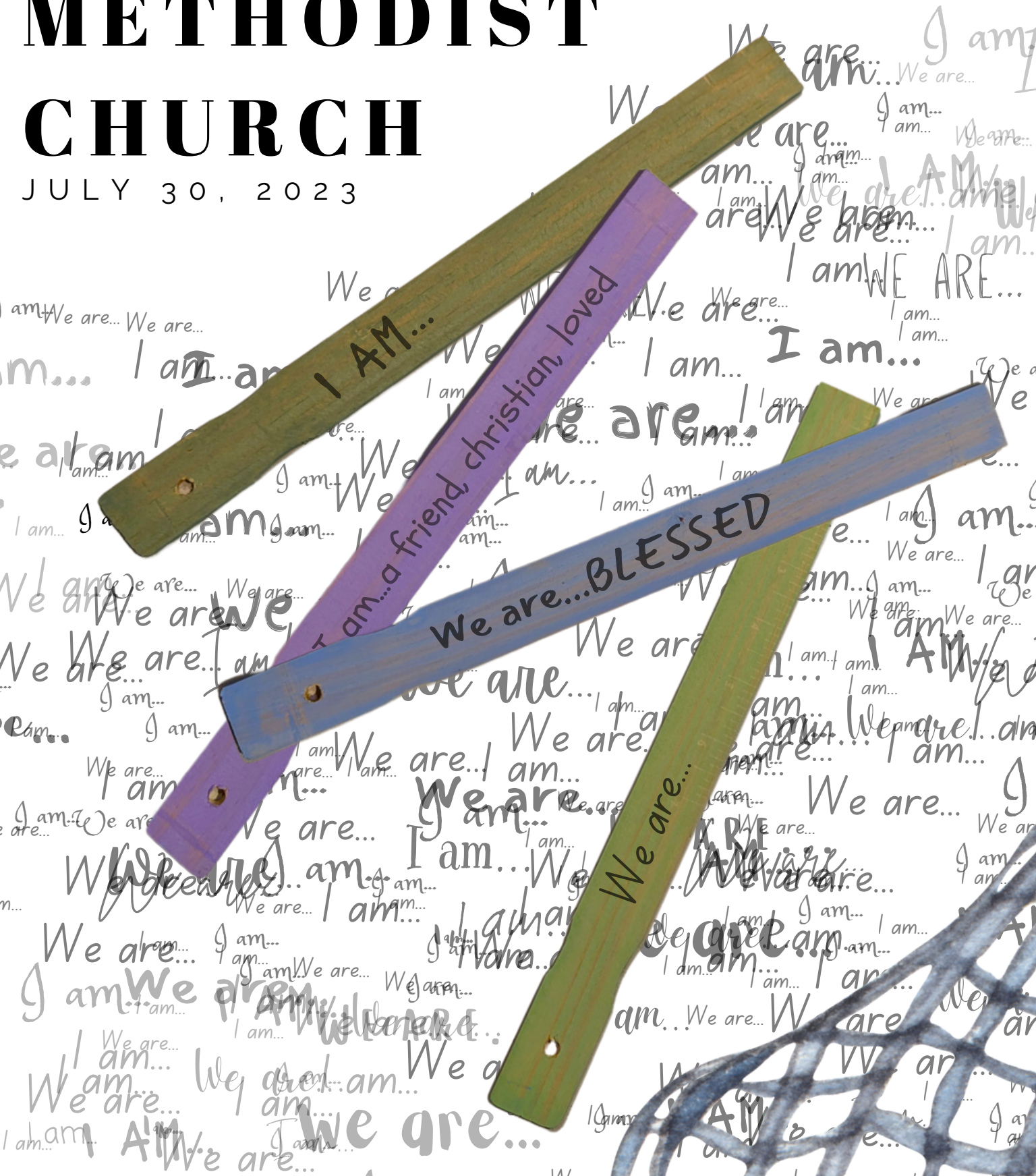
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PASTOR'S LETTER

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:3-5

When I read these verses from the beginning of John's gospel, I remember Christmas Eve candlelight services. I'm fifty-four years old, so I've probably been to fifty-four Christmas Eve Candlelight services in my life (or close to it)! It is one of a handful of things in my life that has been consistent. I don't remember any of the sermons at those services (even the ones where I was the preacher!). What I remember most is being in a sanctuary, full of people of all ages, each person holding a small candle, all of us singing Silent Night. The sanctuary lights are off, but the room is filled with light. Everyone's face is illuminated with the Light of Christ. It's not just the light from their candles, it's something deeper and even more beautiful. There is a feeling of peace and a settled joy, a hope and a promise that is embodied. It is the life and light of Christ that is "the light of all people" as John states.

Now at Mentor UMC, as I meet more and more of you, I am reminded of this text and my memories of Christmas eve services. It is beautiful to see the unique reflection of the light of Christ in each of you—and you don't even need to be holding a candle! What a gift! Praise God!

Today, July 30, we are invited to meditate on Jesus' saying in John 8:12, "I Am the light of the world." How do you see Christ's light in each person you meet—at Mentor UMC and in the greater Mentor community?

See you Sunday!

Pastor Steve

Care CONGREGATIONAL

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

Members admitted to Rehab,

Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradrich

The Enclave - Kay Disbro, Delores Tackett,
Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines

Salida Woods - Doris Sturm

CareCore - Virginia Gilman

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,
Opal Pinasky, Deloris Parsons

Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua

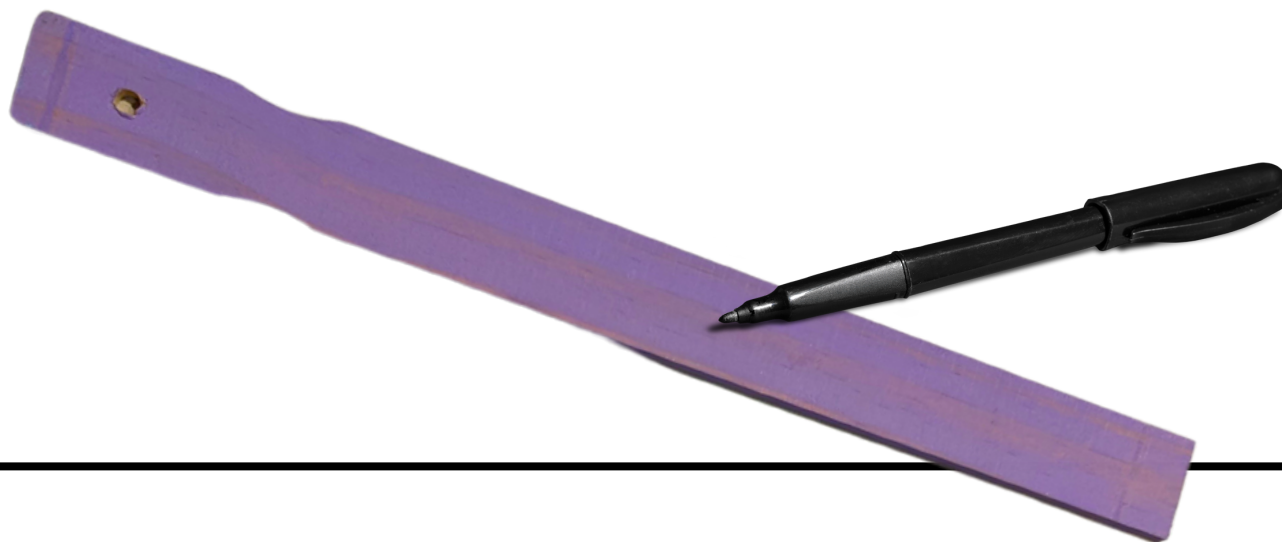
Tapestry - Gloria McFeely

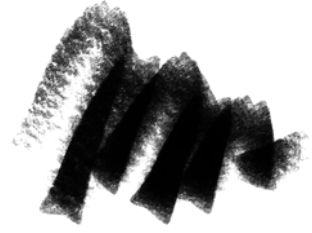
Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Dick Anderson,
Luke Sanvido, Star Bruno, David Fell





Need to Know

Join us July 16 - Sept 3 in the Gallery after Sunday morning services for an exciting activity! Take a paint stick and write an "I am..." and "We are..." statement on it...it will be hung up outside the Gallery all summer long!

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49113113>

Now Hiring

There are two open positions at Mentor United Methodist Church; Modern Worship Director and Youth Director. Visit our website or [this link](#) to learn more and share!

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.

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 or call Dee: 440.487.0661

UWF Retreat

Methodist women are invited to the UWF Retreat, sponsored by United Women in Faith of Painesville UMC. The retreat will be held at Lake County Historical Society (lots of parking, so don't worry) on August 5, 2023. Registration begins at 9:30 AM that morning and the program begins at 10 AM. Lunch will come after and costs \$15 per person. Please RSVP to dalene51@gmail.com

MUMC Softball Schedule

Tue. Aug 1

2nd seed vs. 3rd seed on field #2 and 4th seed vs. 5th seed on field #1 (#1 has bye)

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.

Name tags

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

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.

Walk to End Alzheimers

JOIN OUR TEAM to help with fundraising and organizing for this event. Register online today for the 2023 Lake/Geauga Walk to End Alzheimers 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.

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.

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Mission Opportunities

Blood Drive

Next Blood Drive is Tuesday, August 8th from 9-3. Sign up [here](#) or on our site.

Food Ministry

- Cereal
- Marinara
- Canned Fruit

Items can be dropped off in the community center.

For an extended list of items, please visit the Info Hub or our [website](#).

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 or 440.487.0661 for details and how to donate.

DEADLINE JULY 30

Back to School Drive

Donations of supplies and money are appreciated now through July 30th. Visit the display in the Gallery to view details & to donate.

- 3 Ring Binders
- Backpacks
- Blue/Black Pens
- Bottle Glue
- 12 Pack Colored Pencils
- 24 Pack Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Large Pink Erasers
- Pencil Pouches
- Pencils
- Pocket Folders w/prongs
- Red Pens
- Children's Pointed Scissors
- Supply Box
- Washable Markers
- Wide Rule Loose Leaf Paper
- Wide Rule Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Post-It Notes
- New children's underwear & packaged socks

We will meet at 9 AM on Mon, July 31, to load & take all the donated supplies to Salvation Army in Painesville. They need help that work to fill book bags for the school children. Questions? Contact Carol at cjh44236@gmail.com or 440-289-7716. You are welcome to come any day that week. The book bags will be taken to Harvey High School for the special day to be given out along with clothes, haircuts, fun and health checks.

[Give online here.](#)

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

www.mentorunc.org/children

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.

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 [SUMMER sign up](#) (or visit our site). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

Would your child be interested in being an Acolyte in TRADITIONAL service any Sunday, or consider reading on Family Sunday (1st Sun)? If so, please contact amypszaborn@gmail.com or 440-477-1902.

We will meet August 4th at Chagrin River Park. For future dates, [check our website](#).

Mentor UM Preschool registration for church members is still open for the 2023-24 school year! Contact Kat Fisher at fisher.preschool@mentorumc.org.

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

Youth, want to get involved at a conference level? Apply [here](#) or on our website.

Want to give feedback on MUMC Youth? [Click here.](#)

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.

- July 30 1-3pm Perry UMC, 3875 Main St.
- 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 +)

