

Pastor's Letter

Friends in Christ,

We leap into June with anticipation! School is winding down or finished. Vacation plans and camp outings and fun activities are already finding their places on calendars. Patios are cleaned up, and pools are opened. There is a shift in our lives, and we look forward to wondering what will unfold.

In the Beginning...God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." (Genesis 1:1 – 2)

Our faith calls us to believe that not only was God present and at work, creating and forming and moving to bring about life. God still is! Our lives are shaped by God – who transforms and creates and molds and makes. Choosing to believe that God is present, desiring the best, and empowering creation to discover and be the best does shape your perspective and attitude.

When change or transition occurs...

When a diagnosis comes...

When a new season begins...

When a new day dawns...

Wherever you are on your journey may you remember that God is at work. Even as a church fellowship journeying through transition, may we celebrate God's presence and power. May today be a new beginning full of joyous anticipation.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for God." (Lamentations 3: 22 – 24)

Pastor Sondra



WEEKLY UPDATE MENTOR UMC

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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 Brookdale Wickliffe - Bob Chamberlin Tapestry - Gloria McFeely Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher Legacy in Willoughby - David Fell

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Dick Anderson, Luke Sanvido, Barb Holzhauser, Star Bruno

Thank you, Marian Ruckert, for your dedicated service of 26 years as our church treasurer. We are grateful for all of your hardwork and expertise managing our church funds. You have been a blessing to this church community. We wish you all the best as you retire, and we are glad you will stay connected here at MUMC.

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Need to Know



Youversion

https://bible.com/events/490 72350

Graduation Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, June 11th to recognize our seniors scholarship winners and during our Modern Traditional services. PLEASE Grads: email a current photo Kenna Tanner to ktanner@mentorumc.org to be included in the video!!

Weekly Update Contest

As we near the start of a super fun summer full of great programs and events, we invite children & youth to create and submit a cover design for the Weekly Update by Sunday, June 11. Drop off at the church office, email, or mail one in to be considered! The winner will be featured on the June 25th edition. Runners-up will be featured on the inside of the Update.

CWC Luncheon

Join us Tuesday, June 20th from 11:15-1:30 at Pine Ridge CC for the next Christian Women of Lake Co. Luncheon. RSVP by June 15th: Call 440.487.0661 or email cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com

SPRC take-aways from the pastoral leadership transition workshop that we attended:

The congregation should say goodbye really well!
This is a time to tell our pastors how they have impacted you. Express gratitude & show appreciation to them for their leadership here at MUMC. Consider writing pastors a note & making a love offering to be presented on June 4th. Plan to attend our June 4th celebrations honoring Marian Ruckert (retirement), Pastor Sondra (new church appointment), Pastor Mikayla (new church appointment), & Tammy Palermo (June commissioning as a deacon).

Come Celebrate & Honor

Sunday, June 4 10 AM & 12 PM 🔀

Marian Ruckert on her Retirement as Church Treasurer for the past 26 years

Pastor Sondra Snode on her years leading & ministering at MUMC

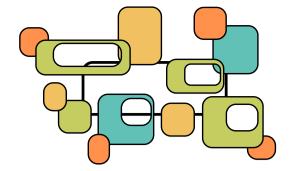
Pastor Mikayla Doepker on her years leading & ministering at MUMC

Tammy Palermo on her Commissioning as a Provisional Deacon

Thank you, in advance, for being a part of this special celebration and helping to show love and appreciation. "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."
Thessalonians 1:3

Effective June 1, 2023 we welcome William "Bill" Patrick to our church staff as MUMC Treasurer. Bill is a retired CPA, and has served in many accounting capacities throughout his career. For a period of time Bill will be working with our current treasurer who is retiring, to assure a smooth transition. WELCOME BILL!





What's M.O.? Mission Opportunities

Hannah's Home Bottle Fundraiser

Hannah's Home is a non-profit, faith-based maternity home for 18 and over located in Mentor. They assist moms with important tasks, life skills, and life-changing support. Hannah's Home runs strictly on donations allowing them to remain a faith-based organization.

The baby bottle coin collection is their largest fundraiser, bringing approximately 1/3 of their yearly budget. MUMC has partnered with them this year to assist with this fundraiser. Now through Father's day, bottles with be available at the church. Please consider taking one and placing your extra change, paper money or a check made out to Hannah's Home in the bottle. Missions Committee will match donations up to \$1,000.

Flyers & additional info are available at the church. Please contact Betsy Iskra at 440-283-6524 with any questions.

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.

UH Needs Volunteers

UH Lake West & TriPoint are seeking volunteers 16+. For more info, call TriPoint Medical Center in Concord 440-354-1665 or Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby 440-953-6049

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of pots and baking pans. Items can be dropped off in the Community Center

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.



Walk to End Alzheimers

Register online today for the 2023 Lake/Geauga Walk to End Alzheimers on Saturday, September 23, 2023. <u>Click</u> here or visit our website.

Stream Team Invitation

Our Stream Team is always on the lookout for new individuals to add to our team for Sunday morning streams. There are many different things you can do (and you don't need prior experience). Contact Andrew Ring or the church office to get involved.

More Than A Meal

We hope that you can help us out this month on Sat, June 24th. You can sign up online.

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WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Children & Family Ministries www.mentorumc.org/children

Sunday Morning Kids

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.

Sunday Morning Signup

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:)

MUMP Registration Open

"Worship one, serve one!"

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

MOPS & MOMS

The next meeting will be on June 9th from 9:30 to noon.

Summer Programs 2023

There are SUPER <u>programs</u> coming up this summer at MUMC. Register or sign up to help out!

VBS: Hero Hotline

June 26-30 daily from 9 AM to noon.

G.O.D. Camp

Follow the Way
June 26-30
9:30 am to 4:00 pm

MSMW (Middle School Mission Week)

July 10-14, 2023 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

TAC (Theatre Arts Camp)

MATILDA THE MUSICAL JR
Ensemble Openings Only for
actors who completed grades 1-8
June 12-16 and 19-23
TICKETS HERE

REGISTER HERE

Summer Volunteers

Volunteer for this summer's programs by <u>clicking here</u> or visiting our <u>website</u>.

EO Camps

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

Youth - Sunday Mornings

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.

Journey Groups

www.mentorumc.org/disciple ship. As we know, grow, and show Christ's love for the world, Mentor UMC offers you the chance to go deeper in your walk with Christ and connect with others on the journey. Visit the link above to see how you can get involved!

Bowling & Bibles

Meet us on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month for B&B. Next meeting is on June 21st at 7:30 PM at the Rollhouse in Mentor.

Welcome!

New Members
Pete Otterman,
John & Kathryn Fisher

Baptized June 4, 2023
Jolie, Cullen, Ronan,
Bellamy, and Rennick
Children of
John & Kathryn
&
Mira Christine

Mira Christine
daugther of Mallory
and Mark Melocik