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WEEKLY UPDATE

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CHURCH

MARCH 12TH, 2023



9 AM & 11 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
MODERN WORSHIP 9 AM & 11 AM

Pastor's Letter

Lenten Greetings,

We find ourselves on the third Sunday in Lent this weekend and we will consider what it means to live a fruitful life. The world is pretty good at telling us what a fruitful life looks like, a good job, a happy family, a nice vacation every now and then, a comfortable car, a perfect home, and the list goes on. We are so accustomed to thinking this is the life we were meant to live that we forget the life we have been created and called to live by God. This weekend in worship we will hear Jesus' words to a crowd where he invited them to repent so that they could bear fruit.

To be the people that God has created and called us to be, we must abide in Jesus. This means we must stay connected to Jesus through prayer, meditation, Scripture reading, participating in worship, being a part of a Journey Group, offering our time and talents in service to others, and so on. We must also repent. We must turn from the places and the things that distract us or pull us away from God. And finally, as a result of our abiding and our repentance, we must bear fruit. Our fruit will look differently based on our gifts and talents, but according to the Apostle Paul, all fruit will be shaped by the "fruit of the Spirit," that is love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This is the fruit that the world needs.

In Detroit, Michigan the Rev. Faith Fowler and Cass Community United Methodist Church are offering their community and the world the fruit of their faith. Seeking to fight poverty, the homeless crisis, and to provide safe shelter the church conceived and captained a project to build a village of 25 very small houses that those experiencing homelessness or classified as the working poor could rent and after seven years have an opportunity to own the home. If you'd like to learn more about this ministry follow this link: <https://casscommunity.org/tinyhomes/>. This is just one way that individuals and the local church are abiding in Christ, repenting of their brokenness, and living a fruitful life for the sake of others.

I challenge you and encourage you to abide in Christ, to repent of your brokenness, and to bear fruit. Live a fruitful life so that others may know of God's goodness and love.

In Christ,

Pastor Mikayla



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 at Mentor - Virginia Gilman

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

Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua

Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose, Bob Chamberlin

Montefiore Rehab - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Kirtland Rehab Center - Bonnie Rini

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Bud Weaver, Lois Dyckman, Marilyn Oliver,
Elizabeth Pitorak, Carl Snyder, Dick Anderson,
Jim Lodge, Luke Sanvido, Tom Erbaugh



Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49043193>

Lenten Offerings

Join us this Lenten season:

- A new sermon series: *Painting with Ashes*
- *Lenten Cantata* on March 26th during the 9 & 11 AM Traditional services
- New prayer bookmarks every week (available online and in-person)
- A special family activity using *Faithful Families for Lent, Easter, & Resurrection* by Traci Smith
- *Egg My Yard* on April 8th.
- *Holy Week* services starting April 2nd

For more details about these offerings and MORE, please [visit our website](#).

Egg My Yard

Egg My Yard will be on April 8. Click here for the Order form to have your yard "egged" for a donation (the eggs have candy in them). Check the next page for Mission Opportunities.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Tammy Palermo, who was approved by the East Ohio Conference Board of Ministry for Commissioning as a Provisional Deacon. This will occur during the Annual Conference in June. We celebrate Tammy!



Companions in Grief

Join Pastor Barb Holzhauser for a grief group March through April on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 PM. Visit the Information Hub or contact Pastor Barb to learn more:

bholzhauser@mentorumc.org

Easter Flowers

The deadline is approaching! Forms are available in the Information Hub, Narthex, and online to order Easter Flowers. Deadline is **March 20!** [Order here](#).

2023 Scholarships

Apply today for a MUMC Scholarship. The deadline to submit is Friday, April 21, 2023. [Visit our website](#) or the Information Hub to view requirements and fill out an application.

Rummage Sale

This year's Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. REMINDER that we do NOT accept items outside of the allotted times which are Monday, April 24th to Thursday, April 27th from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM (noon on Thursday). [Visit our site](#) for a list of items we do and don't accept and check the next page for volunteer opportunities. View our Rummage Sale video on our [Youtube](#).

The Big Event

On Sunday, April 23rd we will have the Youth Service Project's big fundraising event! There will be dinner, auctions, and entertainment. The event is from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Doors will open at 4:30 PM and it is \$15 per adult. Free for youth 16 and younger (must be accompanied by an adult). Tickets will be on sale on Sundays in April at MUMC. *See mission opportunities for this event on the next page.*

Fellowship Hall Renovations

You can view the proposed plans for Fellowship Hall renovations in the Gallery and on our [website](#). Both in-person and online, you will have a chance to voice your opinion, questions, and concerns.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Marian Ruckert, who has announced her retirement as Mentor UMC's treasurer, effective June 30, 2023. THANK YOU, Marian, for faithfully serving our congregation since November 1997. You are a blessing to our congregation.

*If interested in the MUMC treasurer position, please [click here](#) or email: jobs@mentorumc.org

Hospitality

There are many ways to get involved at MUMC on a Sunday morning. Consider signing up to be a Section Leader or Ambassador by [visiting this link](#). These positions provide welcome and inclusion as well as engagement with members and visitors to our church.

Fellowship Hour Volunteer

FH is in need of a Volunteer to serve on March 26th. Please contact Kathy Fellows or the church office for more.

Mission Moment: *Food Ministry*

Food Pantry

Current Needs:

- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Chunky Canned Soup
- Marinara
- Scalloped Potatoes

Visit the Information Hub to pick out a **mystery envelope** to see what items you can provide for Food Ministry this month (and get a special prize)!

*View an **expanded** list of items on our [site](#) or in the Information Hub.

More Than A Meal

We will continue to host in Fellowship Hall and hope that you can help us out next month, March 25th. You can sign up [online](#).

WEEKLY UPDATE

Hope Chest

Hope Chest needs bath towels and gently used pots & frying pans. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center.

Catalyst Ministry

MUMC & CM support Chestnut Elementary school in Painsville and this spring we have committed to supplying school supplies. We are seeking monetary donations to support this. Our goal is to raise \$250. Donations can be made through Online Giving or in person; please add Catalyst Ministries school supplies in the memo line. Thank you for your support! Please contact Betsy Iskra at 440-283-6524 with any questions.

Special Needs Egg Hunt

Heroes Helping Those with Special Needs & North Mentor Centenary UMC invite us to participate in their Special Needs Easter Event on April 1st, 10-11 AM or 11-12 PM. There will be candy, prizes, therapy animals, crafts, and more! Open to all! Please register by emailing Jenna at: heroeshelping@yahoo.com

Helping Hands for Seniors

Lifeline, Inc's new program for Seniors is in need of volunteers to help seniors with tasks like trash removal, technology, food pickup, and more. Those interested may contact Cristen Kane at 440.350.5360.

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Big Event

Donations of baskets are being accepted for this year's Big Event. There will be forms available in the church office, Info Hub, and [online](#). Learn more about YSP's evening of fundraising on the previous page.

Rummage Sale

[Click here](#) or visit our site to volunteer for this year's sale.

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.

Snack Signup

[Sign up here](#) to provide prepackaged snacks for Memorial & Riverside Theatre students as Tammy Palermo & Pastor Mikayla work with them this spring.

Candy Donations

Egg My Yard, our Easter Youth event, is in need of hard candy/chocolate donations by March 24th.

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is on Tuesday, March 21st. Sign up on our [website](#).

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 [SPRING sign up](#) (or visit our site). Positions needed:

- 9:00 AM Babies, Toddlers, and 2-Year-Olds
- 9:00 AM 3, 4, and 5-Year-Olds (Preschool)
- 9:00 AM Kindergarten through 4th Grade
- 9:00 AM 5th & 6th Grade
- 11:00 AM Babies, Toddlers, and 2-Year-Olds
- 11:00 AM 5th & 6th Grade

"Worship one, serve one!"

MUMC Reg Open

Mentor UM Preschool pre-reg for church members is available for the 2023-24 school year!

Contact Kat Fisher at fisher.preschool@mentorumc.org.

MOPS & MOMS

The next meeting will be on March 24th from 9:30 to noon.

Lenten Activity for Families

This Lenten season, we are using *Faithful Families for Lent, Easter, & Resurrection* by Traci Smith (we also used this book last year). If you do not have a copy, please contact Tammy (tpalermo@mentorumc.org). [Click here](#) or visit our site to view the schedule.

Youth Ministry

www.mentorumc.org/youth

Join us on Sundays from 10:10-10:50 AM in the Youth room. There may be donuts:)

YSP Meeting Dates

The upcoming Youth Service Project meeting dates are as follows:

- March 26
- April 16
- May 21

Meet with us at 12:45 in Wesley room. Any questions may be directed to Andrew Ring.

Youth Lock-In

A Lock-In is being planned for Friday, March 24th from 8:00 PM to Saturday, March 25th at 8:00 AM. Please talk to your student about attending and sign up [here](#).

Egg Hunt Volunteers

To volunteer to help with this year's Community Egg Hunt on April 8 at Garfield Park, [click here](#).

Journey Groups

www.mentorumc.org/discipleship. 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. The bowling is paid for, but you will need to pay \$5.00 for shoe rental. Our next meeting is on March 15th at 7:30 PM at the Rollhouse in Mentor.

