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WEEKLY UPDATE

METHODIST

CHURCH

MARCH 19TH, 2023



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

Pastor's Letter

Years ago, our young niece lost her beloved doll, Rose, and it was terrible. I mean TERRIBLE! For our niece, as well as her parents, and everyone who was a part of our niece's life. She couldn't sleep ... she couldn't stop looking for her ... she was not open to any sort of substitution or imitation or anything that resembled comfort. Who could blame her. She loved Rose!

As we continue our Lenten Journey, Jesus tells several stories that highlight the value of lost items ... a sheep, a coin, a child (Luke 15). Jesus was facing scrutiny from the religious leaders of his day. They could not understand why Jesus was hanging out and eating with sinners—tax collectors, and society's outcasts and misfits. Jesus' behavior was almost scandalous, choosing to be with a mixed crowd instead of the righteous, religious folks.

Jesus' stories served as a reminder to all that Jesus' mission was to search for and find the lost, as well as the great joy of God's grace and mercy. That's the invitation Lent extends to us ... to be a part of Jesus' mission to extend grace and mercy to all. What joy is known when the lost are found by our beloved Savior!

Because we're all the lost one.

Because to question, to murmur, to withhold, to give up, to sit back ... is to miss the true joy of God's Kingdom.

Several days after Rose's disappearance, someone from their church appeared with Rose in tow. They had been on the same camping trip with my sister and found Rose! Although dirty and smudged with a tear under one arm, Rose became the source of great rejoicing!

"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over 1 ... than over 99 ..."

Pastor Sondra

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/49046717>

Easter Flowers - LAST CHANCE

Forms are available in the Info Hub, Narthex, & online to order Easter Flowers. **Deadline is March 20!** [Order here.](#)

Lenten Offerings

Join us this Lenten season:

- New sermon series: *Painting with Ashes*
- *Lenten Cantata* on March 26th during 9 & 11 AM Traditional services
- New prayer bookmarks every week (available online and in-person)
- *Egg Hunt* on April 8th.
- *Holy Week* starting April 2

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

Egg My Yard

[Click here](#) for the Order Form to have your yard "egged" for a donation on April 8 (the eggs have candy in them). Check the next page for Mission Opportunities.

CWC Luncheon

CWC of Lake Co. has their St. Patrick's Day luncheon on March 21st from 11:15 AM to 1:30 PM at Pine Ridge Country Club. To RSVP, please call 440.255.7120 or email: cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com.

Rummage Sale

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.



Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee, wanted to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for your ongoing support. Your commitment to our church is incredible. We are truly blessed to be part of such a tremendous congregation.



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.*

NOW HIRING

There are three roles currently available at MUMC. Modern Worship Director, Youth Director, and Treasurer. If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who might be, check out our [website](#) to learn about details and how to apply.

	February	Year to Date*
Receipts	\$70,872	\$178,998
Operating Expenses	\$78,906	\$155,293
Overage (Deficit)	(\$8,034)	\$23,705

*Year To Date Receipts included \$27,000 in 2023 Pledges received in December 2022 and \$25,000 in future year (2024) pledges received in December 2022. Also included is from inherited oil lease proceeds from a generous donor.

Woodlawn Homes Easter

Catalyst Ministry & members of MUMC are planning an Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 1st at Woodlawn Homes (553 Sanders Ave, Painesville @ 12:00 PM. Event includes the reading of the true Easter Story, crafts, prizes, books, food, and more! Set up is at 10:30 AM. If you'd like to help or get more information please contact Carol Ryan at 440-974-8014 or email: Caszidkryan@gmail.com
*Please use *Woodlawn Homes Volunteer* as your subject.

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](#).

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 Painesville 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

Fellowship Hour Volunteer

FH is in need of a Volunteer to serve on Sunday, March 26th. Please contact Kathy Fellows (440-477-4485) or the church office for more.

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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 31st 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 8th at Garfield Park, [click here](#).

2023 Scholarships

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

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 April 19th at 7:30 PM at the Rollhouse in Mentor.