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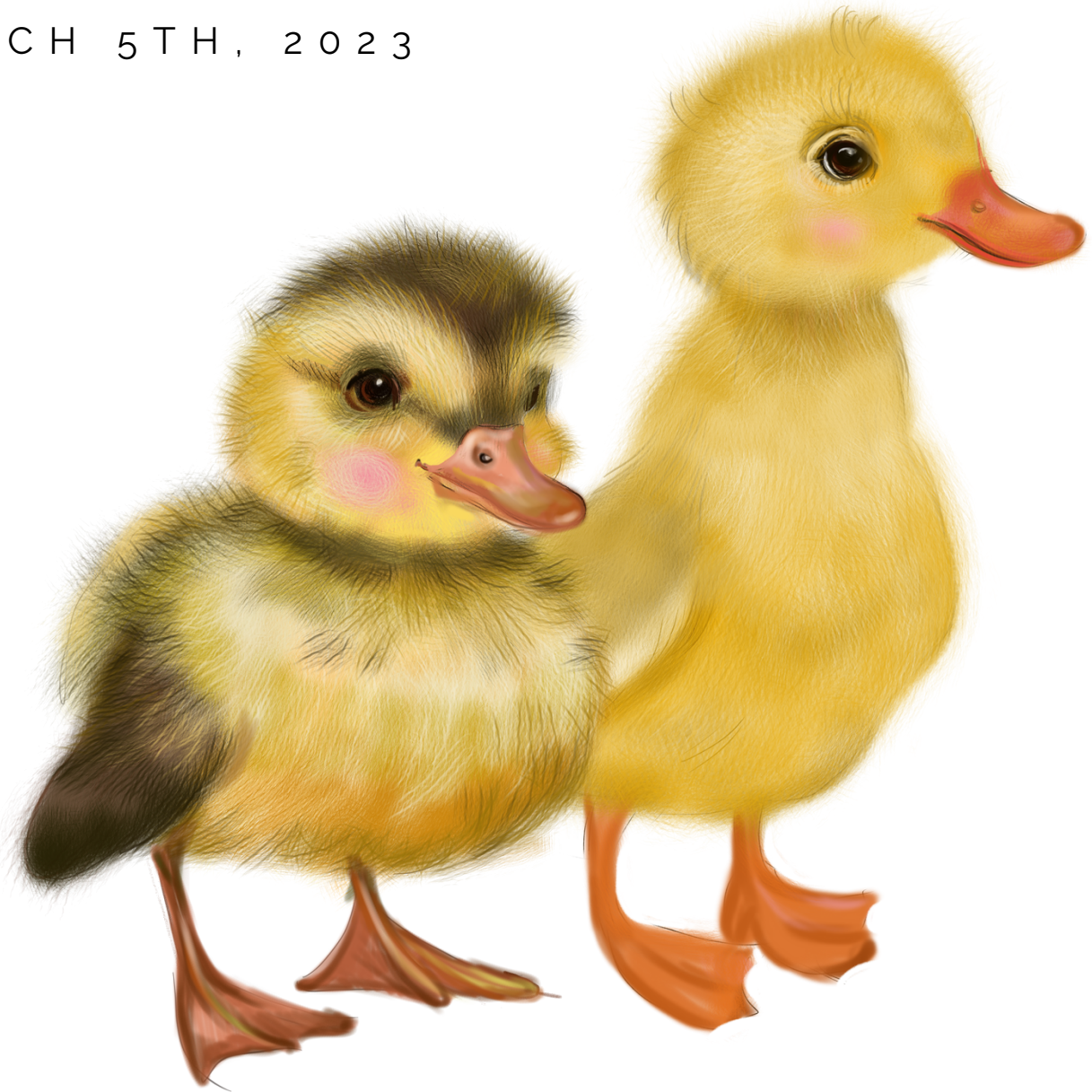
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WEEKLY UPDATE

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CHURCH

MARCH 5TH, 2023



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

Pastor's Letter

Years ago, when Tom and I were dating, a major snowstorm hit Cambridge. The storm shut down the city, but because I worked at the hospital I really needed to get to work. I only lived two miles away. However, my little car was no match for the snowfall or the treacherous hill I needed to travel on the way to work. Soon, Tom and his dad were trudging their way across town to my apartment to dig me out and take me to work. They were determined.

I ended up spending several days at the hospital because others could not make it in. I was present to help the sick and dying, as well as assist co-workers. I was able to love because someone had loved me enough to get me to work.

We continue our Lenten Journey with an invitation to respond to God's love.

This may seem obvious.

Yet our sermon series, *Painting with Ashes*, is a journey to help us recognize God's power and love breaking through in us. This journey calls us to name the places and spaces of our lives that aren't so loveable; to realize that God pursues us even when we aren't living our best life or we're trying to hide our mistakes and failures. To realize just how determined God is for us to know God's love!

Christ's story is that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God. This is what God has done to be in relationship with creation. This is what God has done to be in relationship with you! God will not give up on you.

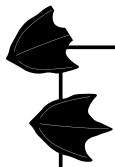
May you take time to reflect on God's love so that you truly...honestly...wholeheartedly or with a tiny bit of faith...receive the love God has to offer.

Then...may you love because God first loved you.

This is how they (the world) will know that you are Christ's disciple.

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

Tapestry Senior Living - 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

**We extend our Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Gloria
Novak, who we learned entered eternal rest on January 1, 2023.**

Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49039290>

Lenten Offerings

This season of Lent begins a time of activities, events, services, and more. Join us in the month of March for:

- A new sermon series: *Painting with Ashes*
- Lenten Cantata on March 26th during the 9 and 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

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

Mission Moment Thank you

Thank you to all who supported and donated to our recent mission focus on Project Hope for the Homeless. Our congregation made a great impact through these events:

Prelude to Christmas:

500.00

Souper Bowl of Caring:

1416.88

Night Stay Donations:

1101.00

Direct Donations:

547.00

Totaling in \$3564.88!!!

THANK YOU!

Companions in Grief

Join Pastor Barb Holzhauser for a grief group March through April 27th on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 PM. Contact Pastor Barb to learn more:

bholzhauser@mentorumc.org

Easter Flowers

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 AM to 7 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.

The Big Event

On Sunday evening, April 23rd we will have the Youth Service Project's big fundraising event! There will be dinner, silent auction, live auction, and entertainment. The event is from 5:00 PM 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). Basket donations are also being accepted (deadline April 16). There will be a form available in the church office for donations and tickets will be on sale soon (so stay tuned).

See mission opportunities for this event on the next page.

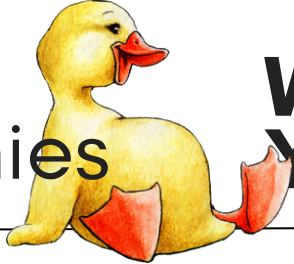
Fellowship Hall Renovations

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.

The MUMC Treasurer position will be posted next week.



Mission Moment: *Food Ministry*

Food Ministry

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

A special thank you to all who helped out at this past Saturday's More Than a Meal. We were so excited to finally welcome the community back inside! 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](#).

Fellowship Hour Volunteer

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

Hope Chest - Volunteers

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

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.

Seniors who are looking for assistance through this program may contact Andrea Johnson: 440.354.2148 ext. 207 or andreaaj@lclifeline.org

Candy Donations

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

Big Event

Donations of baskets are being accepted for this year's Big Event. There will be forms available in the church office and Information Hub. 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.

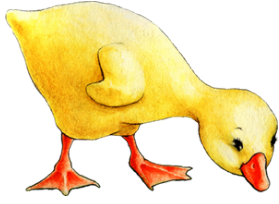
Snack Signup

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

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
- Kindergarten through 6th grade will remain in worship with their families.

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 10th 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 Outing & Service

Youth grades 7-12 are welcome to join us on Saturday, March 11 for an outing to Nehemiah Mission to share our time and serve there. We will also stop at Gordon Square for donuts and pinball before arriving back at MUMC at 3:00 PM. [RSVP here](#).

Youth Parent Discussion

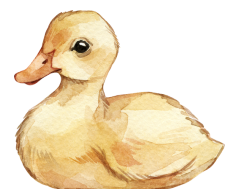
This Sunday, March 5, will be the Parent Discussion for Youth at 10:10 AM in room 103. See you there!

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. Our next meeting is on March 15th at 7:30 PM at the Rollhouse in Mentor. See you there!



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