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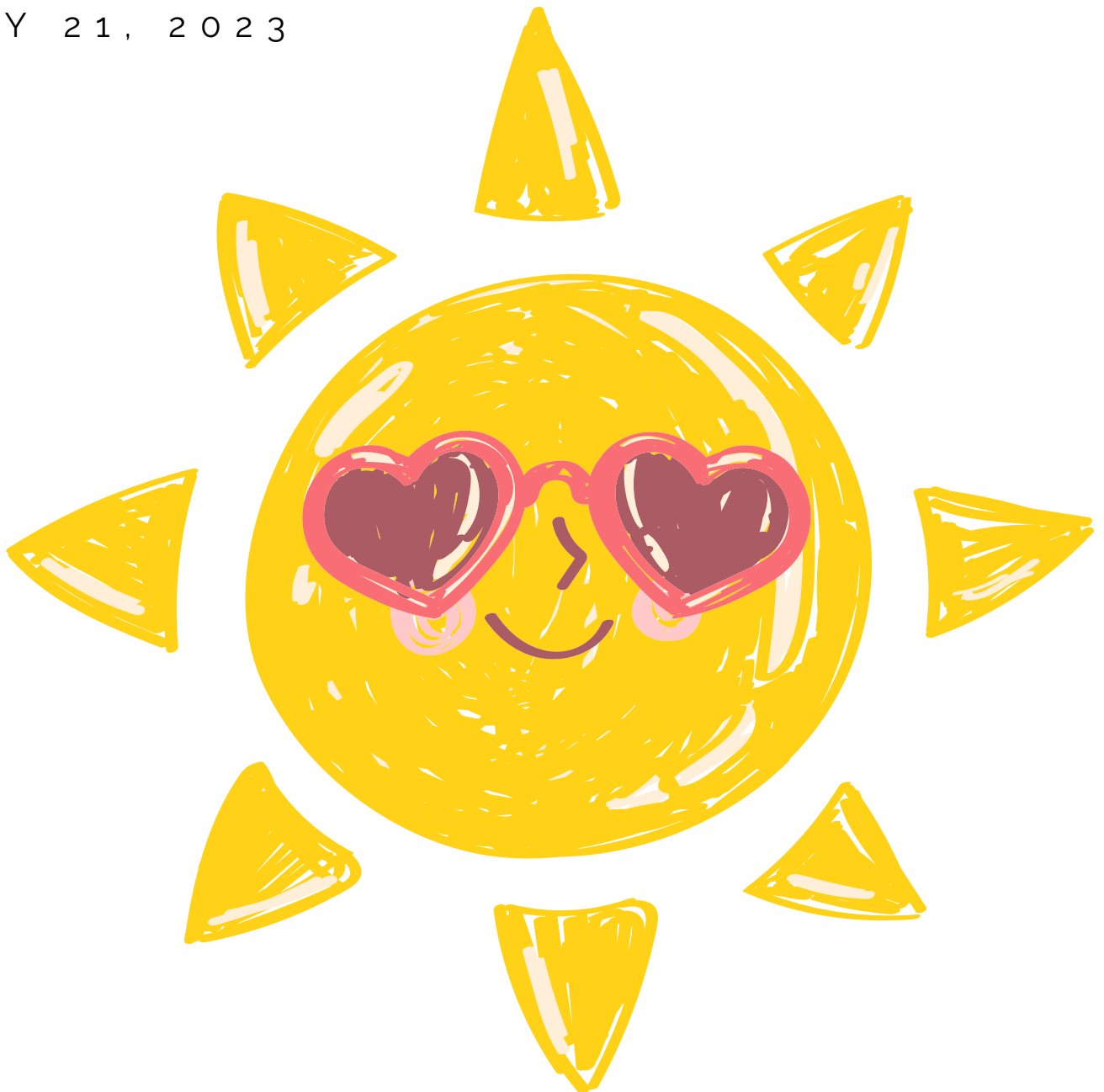
# UNITED

WEEKLY UPDATE

# METHODIST

# CHURCH

MAY 21, 2023



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

# Pastor's Letter

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42

What would happen if we were a FULLY DEVOTED, Acts 2:42, church? I'm not just referring to this congregation, but to the CHURCH, the body of Christ. What if we were fully devoted to learning from those first-hand witnesses to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, devoted to gathering for mutual encouragement and upbuilding one another in our discipleship, devoted to the breaking of bread where there's a seat at every table to experience Jesus' presence, and devoted to praying for the church, the world, and all those in need? I believe that we would experience a profound transformation—not just individually, not just within the church, but throughout the world.

This is what it means to be an Easter people. Consider the devotion of those first followers who took up the mantle of Jesus following the resurrection. It was because of their devotion (aka commitment) to these spiritual practices that led to the spread of the gospel. This is one of the most magnificent "acts of the apostles" following Jesus' resurrection. It was that devotion that turned the world upside down.

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit called a new community into existence—a community characterized by fellowship, worship, unity, and generosity. Community—a collection of ordinary people going about everyday life but with an extraordinary commitment to one another—is what the story of the early church is all about. What if this were to be OUR story—the story told about Mentor United Methodist Church, the story of us as Caring Servants, the story of the church's witness to the world?

Throughout the book of Acts, when people respond to the good news, there is always a corresponding mention of a larger fellowship or an occasion to show hospitality to others. The apostles spent the majority of their time maintaining close connections with communities of faith—teaching, breaking bread, praying, and lifting up the fellowship of believers. Salvation in this context was never individualistic...but involved, belonging to and participating in a larger, much more expansive community. More often than not we don't question biblical stories of people hearing God in a vision or being healed in the presence of the apostles. Could it be that it's easier to accept miraculous stories than those about Jesus' followers taking care of one another in self-giving and harmonious ways? After all, that's so ordinary.

The amazing thing isn't that all those fabulous things happened, but that the fledgling church survived at all! These early believers struggled to stay centered on the presence of Jesus after he had disappeared from their midst. The world in which they persisted in teaching, breaking bread, praying, and strengthening their bonds of fellowship was hostile to their message. To maintain their small, growing community they had to SHARE—share their faith, share their table, share their resources (including money), and share their very selves. It was the only way forward. Behind all that activity was a group of people so convinced that God was doing something NEW, that they commit themselves to a whole new way of living...TOGETHER!

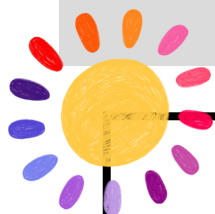
It seems to me that we are living in a liminal time where the culture we live in is hostile to the good news, where those vying for power distort the gospel for the sake of their own agenda, and where we struggle to stay focused on what really matters. Simply put, the way forward for any church awash in a cultural mess is to DEVOTE ourselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and pray. It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit and those faith practices that the church will not only survive...but thrive!

Together may we be fully devoted followers of Jesus!

*Pastor Barbara Holzhauser*

*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 and show appreciation to them for their leadership here at MUMC. Consider writing pastors a note and 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), and Tammy Palermo (June commissioning as a deacon).



# 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

*Brookdale Wickliffe* - Fran Rose, Bob Chamberlin

*Tapestry* - 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, Marilyn Oliver, Dick Anderson,  
Luke Sanvido, Tom Erbaugh, Michelle Paul

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Fran Rose  
who passed on May 15, 2023.**

# Need to Know

## NOW HIRING

There are 3 openings at MUMC. If you are interested in any of these positions or know someone who might be, check out our [website](#) for details and how to apply.

## MUMC Softball

All games @ Richmond Heights Community Park with 1-2 games per week (Mon-Thurs evenings). Come see us play!

## Graduation Sunday

If you (or your child) is graduating this spring, please complete [this form](#) and join us on Sunday, June 11 for recognition and breakfast (high school grads) at 10:05 AM. Seniors will be recognized in the 11 AM service. Also, email a current photo to Kenna Tanner at [ktanner@mentorumc.org](mailto:ktanner@mentorumc.org).

**FORM DUE BY MAY 21ST!!!!**

## Preschool Grads & Gratitude


Congrats to our Preschool Grads who graduated this past Thursday! And a very big thank you to our wonderful Preschool teachers! We love & appreciate them so much :)

Kristen Dietrich  
Kat Fisher  
Kelly Jankowski  
Colleen Judson  
Heather Lippert  
Dana O'Neill  
Tiffany Zimmerman  
Melissa Levstik



## Finance Committee

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

|  | April    | *Year to Date |
|---|----------|---------------|
| Receipts  | \$68,538 | \$330,031     |
| Operating Expenses  | \$80,953 | \$302,293     |
| Overage (Deficit)   | \$12,415 | \$27,738      |

\*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 in receipts is \$6,402 from inherited oil lease proceeds from a generous donor.

## Come Celebrate & Honor Sunday, June 4 Gallery - 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 Doecker on her years  
leading & ministering at MUMC*

*Tammy Palermo on her Commissioning  
as a Provisional Deacon*

*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*

We will present a love offering to Marian, Sondra, and Mikayla as they leave their roles at MUMC . You can be a part of that gift by sending either cash or a check payable to MUMC, memo: Love Offering, to our church office by May 22nd. PLEASE be sure to note who the love offering is to go to.

Thank you, in advance, for being a part of this special celebration and helping to show love and appreciation.



## **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 in approximately 1/3 of their yearly budget. MUMC has partnered with them this year to assist with this fundraiser. Beginning on Mother's Day and running through Father's day, bottles will 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 will be available on Mother's Day. Please contact Betsy Iskra at 440-283-6524 with any questions.

## **Birthright Wishlist**

Birthright is celebrating the joy of motherhood this month. Help us to give a special gift to the mothers in our community. Simply purchase an item from our Mother's Day Amazon Wish List. Help us make a mom feel special. You may also donate on our website [Birthrightlake.org](https://a.co/aO7YT4U) or mail to us at 7237 Industrial Park Blvd., Mentor OH 44060. Birthright is a nonprofit 501c3. Donations are tax deductible. Wishlist here: <https://a.co/aO7YT4U>

## **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.

## **More Than A Meal**

We hope that you can help us out this month on Sat, May 27th. You can sign up [online](#).

## **Food Ministry**

- Cereal
- Marinara
- Canned Fruit

Items can be dropped off in the community center.

## **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.



# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Children & Family Ministries

[www.mentorumc.org/children](http://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). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

### MUMP Registration Open

Mentor UM Preschool pre-registration for church members is available for the 2023-24 school year! Contact Kat Fisher at [fisher.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:fisher.preschool@mentorumc.org).

### MOPS & MOMS

The next meeting will be on May 26th from 9:30 to noon. Steering Committee meets on May 19th.

## Summer Programs 2023

There are SUPER [programs](#) 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

## [REGISTER HERE](#)

### Summer Volunteers

Volunteer for this summer's programs by [clicking here](#) or visiting our [website](#).

### EO Camps

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

## Youth Ministry

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:

#### • May 21

Meet with us at 12:15 in Wesley room. Any questions may be directed to Andrew Ring.

### Journey Groups

[www.mentorumc.org/discipleship](http://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 June 21st at 7:30 PM at the Rollhouse in Mentor.

