

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

# METHODIST

# CHURCH

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Worship with us in-person or online:  
Mentorumc.org, Facebook, and Youtube

## Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

...TO ONE HE GAVE FIVE TALENTS,  
TO ANOTHER TWO, TO ANOTHER ONE  
- MATTHEW 25:15

Are you ready for this? Ok, here we go. What would you do if your boss stopped by your office and handed you \$3,948,000 (Three million, nine hundred and forty-eight Dollars!) and said, "Here, take care of this. I'm going away for a while."? Would your answer be any different if the amount was \$1,579,200? How about \$789,600? What if you knew that your boss stole from others, that your boss "reaped where he or she did not sow"? Would it matter if your boss was a harsh man?

This Sunday, Pastor Ivy and I will be preaching on the second parable in Matthew 25—often called "The Parable of the Talents". The parable begins with a man who before going on a journey calls in three of his slaves and gives them each a large sum of money: five talents to the first slave, two talents to the second slave, and one talent to the third slave. A talent was a unit of money in the first century equal to 6,000 denarii. One denarius equaled an average day's pay for a laborer. The average base pay for a laborer in Ohio, from Indeed.com, is \$16.45/hour. Assuming an 8-hour workday, that's \$131.60/day. Therefore, in today's currency, in Ohio, one denarius equals about \$131.60. One Talent equals 6,000 denarii, so one talent equals \$789,600. Two talents equal \$1,579,200 and five talents equal \$3,948,000.

Here's something to think about, what kind of master leaves that kind of money with his slaves while she or he is away? I'm thinking this is either an extremely trusting master, and/or a very generous master, or a very foolish master. Or, maybe he's just the kind of master who needs to get out of town quickly and he has no other option but to leave his great wealth in the hands of these three slaves.

Unfortunately, the parable doesn't answer these questions for us. Jesus just puts this parable out there for people to chew on and talk over and pray about – and people have...for centuries! What is the message Jesus wants us to get from this parable? How will this parable inspire us to help Jesus make the world look a little more like God's kingdom (or kin-dom)? It's something worth praying about.

Lord, inspire us with this parable about your kingdom. Motivate us to use the gifts you provide in ways that multiply your love and grace in a world that is hurting. Amen? Amen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Steve". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello, Sr. Pastor

# 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:

*The Enclave* - Kay Disbro, Delores Tackett,

Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler

*Salida Woods* - Doris Sturm

*University Manor* - Virginia Gilman

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

*Danbury Senior Living* - Kathryn Bevacqua

*Tapestry* - Gloria McFeely

*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom

*Breckenridge/Fairmount* - Patricia Laubscher

*Mentor Ridge* - Patricia Bonner

## Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,

David Fell, Norma Ickes, Ruthie Hobart,

Mike Cosmo, Bob Williams, Mary Lou Haines

## Upcoming seasonal offerings



### **Blue Christmas**

Join us in the Chapel for our Blue Christmas service at 7 PM on December 20th. This service is for those who are grieving or struggling this Advent and Christmas season.

### **Sunday Morning Services**

Our Sunday morning worship services continue to be 9 & 11 AM Modern and 9 & 11 AM Traditional. 9 AM Modern is streamed online as well as 11 AM Traditional. For the fourth Sunday of Advent (Christmas Eve morning) we will have 9 AM Modern & 11 AM Traditional, both livestreamed.

### **Christmas Eve Services**

*All our Christmas Eve services are candlelight.*

3 PM - Communion

5 PM - Family Service

7 PM - Modern (streamed as well)

9 PM - Traditional (streamed as well)







## Meet and Greet

Pastor Ivy and Pastor Steve will continue to attend meet and greets with groups of 8 to 15 people hosted at someone's home or at the church through November 16. Call Stephanie in the church office if you would like to host a gathering.

## Church Directory Sign Ups

*NEW DATE ADDED!*

Photography dates are:

Nov. 24-25 (FULL)

**Dec. 13 (NEW DATE)**

Dec 14-16 (FULL)

Sign up online TODAY for your picture to be taken for the church directory (or just for you!). **Our church code is oh2729 and the password you will use is: photos (case sensitive).** To sign up in person, please visit the Info Hub after services. You can visit our website to learn more about times & details. There will also be a YELLOW information sheet for people to fill out in order for us to update our records (find in the office or Info Hub). Even if you do not get in the directory, this form is important for our records. CLICK HERE for the online form.

## Christmas Cantata:

### *O Holy Light*

Come see our annual Christmas Cantata during the 9 & 11 AM Traditional services in the Sanctuary on December 3rd. Our 11 AM service is streamed on Facebook and YouTube. We look forward to the excellent efforts of our choir and orchestral members. No cost or registration is required.



## Prelude to Christmas

We'll meet in the Sanctuary on December 15th at 7:30 PM for the "Prelude to Christmas", a wonderful performance led by our Charter Members Men's Choir and some members of the men's choirs from Painesville & Chardon UMC. No cost or registration is required.

## Charge Conference

Join us for Charge Conference on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM.

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49168508>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures and worship by visiting this link each week.

## Poinsettia Orders

Place your orders for poinsettias online or in the Information Hub. Orders must be in by the first weekend in December. Plants cost \$7 each.

## Nov 19 Special Service

Join us for a special service "Inspired"; a morning of scripture, music, witness, and praise. All are invited to join us as we celebrate those that have left footprints for us to follow on our own faith journey and renew our commitment to inspire others! Children are encouraged to worship with their families during this special celebration on November 19th in 9 & 11 Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall.

## Advent Wreath Lighting Sign Up: Now Open!

Sign yourself, family, or friends up for our wreath lighting this year! Click here to see what days and services are available. Pastor Tammy will contact you after you sign up with the information and liturgy.

## Giving Trees

Our Giving Trees ministry is an annual mission where we provide gifts and support for those in need. To get involved, visit the trees displayed throughout the church or [this page](#). Deadline to drop off gifts is December 10th.

## Plarn Mats

MUMC will start hand weaving sleeping mats out of plarn (plastic yarn) to distribute to the homeless community in Lake County. Donations of plastic grocery bags will be an ongoing need. Please only donate **clean** and **dry** grocery bags for use. Volunteers to weave can step up any time at the loom & start weaving. This is a great activity for all ages. Come check it out in the gallery! If you have any questions please reach out to Katelynn Gurbach 440-223-9250

## Fieldtrip to Washington D.C.

You are invited to join Pastor Steve, his wife Rev. Cara, Pastor Ivy & Pastor Tammy along with others from Mentor UMC on a field trip to Washington DC from Dec 3-5th. We will leave together in vans. You will be responsible for the cost of lodging and food. Register by [clicking here](#). [LEARN MORE HERE](#) or on our website. Flyers are also available in the Info Hub.

# What's Your M. ?

## HELP NEEDED!

### Directory Volunteers

If you are interested in helping this coming fall/winter with the Church directory, visit our site or [click here](#). Volunteers are needed for photography days Nov 24-25 and Dec 14-16 in 2-3 hour shifts.

### Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of gloves and coats ALL sizes. You may drop off items in the Community Center during office hours or on Sunday mornings.

### More Than A Meal

Volunteer for Saturday, November 25th for MTAM. [Click here](#)! December's will be the 30th (you can sign up now for that date too!)

### Food Ministry

We continue to prepare for our ongoing Food Distributions.

*Urgently needed items:*

- Cake mix
- Stuffing
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Ketchup
- Vegetable Oil
- Ranch
- Marinara Sauce

Items can be dropped off in the Community Center. Monetary donations are also accepted through your designated giving.



## Thanksgiving Day Dinner 2023

**Delivery & Pickup from 11 AM to 1 PM**  
**Call 440.255.3496 or email [info@mentorumc.org](mailto:info@mentorumc.org)**  
**to request FREE meals**

### Thanksgiving Volunteers

You can sign up to help for this year's meal in the Gallery after services. Online sign ups can be found on our site or by [clicking here](#).

Volunteers are needed for Wed, Nov 22nd and Thurs, Nov 23rd. Find a time and area that works for you!

### Thanksgiving Donations

You can sign up to donate specific food items for this year's meal in the Gallery after services. Online sign ups can be found on our site or by [clicking here](#).

**Donations due: No 19**

**Pie donations due: Nov 22**

# 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 for all services. Join us for our current curriculum, "Celebrate Wonder".

- [Check-In Instruction Video](#)
- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- Grades K-5 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 here for WINTER leader signup](#). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

### Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½ on Weds from 9:15-10:45 AM. Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). Please check out [our website](#) for more details and important dates.

## MOMCo.

MOMco (The Mom Community) will meet on Friday, December 8th, at Mentor UMC. For more dates and locations, [check our website](#). updated dates.

### 2024-2025 Preschool Reg

While it seems to be an odd thing to share at this time of year, Pre-Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open to YOU, our church families. Click here for the: **[Pre-Registration Link](#)**. If you have any questions, please contact our State Manager, Brittany Jones at [bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org).

### Youth Feedback

Want to give feedback on MUMC Youth? [Click here](#).



## Youth MORNINGS

Grades 6-12 are welcome to join us every Sunday morning from 10:10-10:50 to be in community and have discussion. We are following the sermon series for our discussions.

## Youth EVENINGS

Youth are invited to join us from 6:00 to 7:30 Pm here at MUMC.

[Upcoming Dates:](#)

November 26

December 10 (offsite)

[Signup for any dates here.](#)

### Christmas Play - Believe!

Join us on Saturday, December 9th at 4:00 PM for our annual Christmas Play in Fellowship Hall. Get your tickets [here](#) or on our site.

### Gift of Time

We will have 'Gift of Time', an afternoon of Childcare, on **Saturday, December 2nd** 1:00-4:00 here at MUMC. Childcare is offered by Children's Ministry Team. Sign up or volunteer by [clicking here](#).