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WEEKLY UPDATE

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CHURCH

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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional

Pastor's Letter

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" – John 20:22

This Sunday is All Saints Sunday and it begins a new 4-week series called "Inspired". We will be using the scriptures provided in the Lectionary—a source used by many churches and pastors from various denominations that leads the church through about 80% of the Bible over a three-year period.

When we think of "saints" we might think of marble statues of incredible historical figures throughout the history of Christianity. Figures like St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Mary and Mother Theresa. While most protestant churches—United Methodist Churches included—affirm these prominent persons as saints, they/we also affirm the radical claim that all of God's people are saints! How can that be? Grace.

By God's grace, revealed to us most profoundly by Jesus' death and resurrection, every person bears a unique resemblance to Christ. Astonishingly, this is true even alongside all the ways each of us misrepresents Christ every day through our actions and inactions that are inconsistent with who we are as children created in God's image.

The invitation of All Saints and this series is to trust this promise from God that each of us and indeed all people are claimed by God, children of God, made in God's image, called good by God, loved by God, forgiven and redeemed by God through Christ and at the same time not yet fully who God has created us/them to be. Imagine going through each day looking for Christ to be revealed in a unique way in each person you meet! When we see Christ in others, when we recognize Christ in others, we are blessed and inspired.

To help us get a better sense of how incredible this prospect is, consider the meaning of "inspired". It comes from the Latin *inspirare* which means "to breathe or blow into". To be inspired then, is to receive anew God's own breath, God's Spirit being breathed into you. When this happens, as it did to the disciples in John 20:22 and again in Acts 2, and over and over again too many times to be recorded, the world tilts toward God's kingdom—or as we like to say at Mentor UMC—God's kin-dom.

May we each be inspired today and every day by the risen Christ who is present in each of us and beckons to be seen!

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

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,
David Fell, Norma Ickes, Patricia Bonner, Ruthie Hobart,
Mike Cosmo, Bob Williams, Mary Lou Haines



UM Women of Faith sponsored
GINGERBREAD HOUSE CRAFT FAIR 2023
Friday, November 11th - 4 pm to 8:30 pm
Saturday November 12th - 10 am to 3 pm

Volunteers & Donations needed!

All proceeds benefit local, national & international UMWF mission projects

ATTIC TREASURES

Now's your chance to do some cleaning out before the holidays. We are looking for donations of small appliances, pots & pans, bakeware, kitchen items, knick-knacks, crystal, dishes, jewelry, etc. (It's like a mini-rummage sale). Bring your items to the church the week of November 6th.

COUNTRY CUPBOARD

Keep us in mind as you gather in your fall harvest and prepare home pickles, jellies, applesauce, etc. Also, donations of homemade baked goods, snacks, candies or any of your homemade specialties are needed. Items can be left in the church kitchen beginning Wednesday, November 8th.

UM Women of Faith

CRAFT ROOM

Your donations of handmade arts & crafts – ornaments, wreaths, knitted/crocheted items, potholders, table runners, etc. Whatever your talent is. Donations can be brought to the church the week of November 6th.

Need to Know

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 5 will be All Saints Day during all services. For members that have passed this year we will read their names and display a carnation in their honor. Family are welcome to take this carnation with them at the end of the service.

Meet and Greets

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. The one-on-one Meet-and-Greets that Pastor Ivy and Pastor Steve have provided weekly in the community since August will now shift to scheduled one-on-one meetings.

Church Directory Sign Ups

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). Photography dates are Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 14-16. To sign up in person, please visit the Information Hub. You can visit our website to learn more about times and details.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Please join us for another 4B luncheon & program. November's menu includes loaded baked potato soup with hearty bread, salad, and pumpkin brownies. Our own Kate Colbow, East Ohio Conference secretary to UMC Global Ministries, will share about UM missionaries and how we can support and partner in the ministry of our missionaries. We hope to see you on Monday, Nov 13 at noon in the MUMC Gallery. Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the sign up sheet in the Info Hub.

Black Theologian Day

All clergy and laity of the East Ohio Conference are invited to participate in Black Theologian Day, a Perspectives event that highlights another perspective by centering voices we do not often hear. Black Theologian Day is Saturday, November 18 from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM at Cory UMC in Cleveland. Check-in begins at 9 AM. The event is free but pre-registration is required because lunch will be provided by Church of the Saviour UMC.

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49161693>

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.

Shepherding Summit

Join us on the evening of Sunday, November 19th for our "Shepherding Summit - Leadership Strengthening" from 4-7 PM. We hope to see you for this engaging gathering & dinner. RSVP here.

Poverty Simulation

Thursday, Nov 9, 2023 from 9:00 AM – 12:00PM. Hosted by the Nordonia Hills Community Connection and facilitated by The EOC of The UMC Connectional Ministries.

Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families. But unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand. The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. It sensitizes community participants to the realities of poverty. This is a simulation, not a game. Details and registration at: <https://povertysimulationmaqedonia.eventbrite.com>

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship hour is looking for individuals, families, Journey Groups or Teams to host on Sunday mornings. To get involved or know more, please contact Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485.

Gingerbread Volunteers

Sign up to be a volunteer for the Gingerbread Arts & Crafts Show Friday-Saturday November 10-11. [Visit this link](#) or the Information Hub to sign up and learn more about this amazing annual event.

Meet our new Mission Project!

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



What's M. ?

East Ohio Conference Early Response Team (ERT) Training

WHERE: Chardon United Methodist Church

WHEN: Sat, Nov 11, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

(Sign-in from 8:30-9:00 AM)

Missions will cover the cost of individuals who would like to sign up: [HTTPS://ERT_chardon.eventbrite.com](https://ert.chardon.eventbrite.com)

An Early Response Team fills a specific need in the early days after a disaster. It is not a first response group of emergency workers; rather it a team of volunteers who fill an important need in the early days after a natural disaster, including debris removal and clean-up.

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. Volunteers will help people check in and direct them to the correct area.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of gloves and coats ALL sizes. The cold season is here! You may drop off items in the Community Center.

Food Ministry

We are getting ready for our next Holiday Food Distribution on November 13-14th. We will be helping 75 families. 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 Volunteers

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

Food Donations: sign up in the Gallery or online to donate specific food items. We are not in need of turkeys this year. We will be getting prepared turkey breast from GFS.



WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Children & Family Ministries

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 the link for Sunday morning [FALL sign up](#) (or visit our site). [Click here for WINTER leader sign up](#). 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, October 27, 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.

Youth Feedback

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

Christmas Play - Believe!

Join us on Saturday, December 9th at 4:00 PM for our annual Christmas Play in Fellowship Hall. Keep an eye out in coming weeks for information about tickets.



Youth MORNINGS

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

[Upcoming Dates:](#)

November 19

December 3 & 17

Youth EVENINGS

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

[Upcoming Dates:](#)

November 12 & 26

December 10 (offsite)

[Signup for any dates here.](#)

Youth Service Project Kickoff Meeting

Join us on Sunday, November 12th at 12:00 PM in Wesley Room for a kickoff meeting for high school students, parents, and other interested adults to provide information about possible plans for a Summer 2024 mission trip. If you have any thoughts toward going on a mission trip next year with other youth and adults and / or would like to learn more, please plan on attending this meeting.