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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

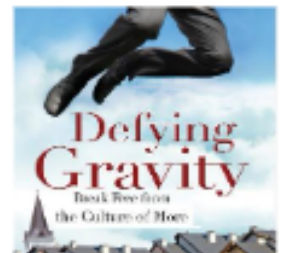


DEFYING GRAVITY : BREAKING FREE

Author and United Methodist Bishop, Rev. Tom Berlin, explains that just as gravity has a force of hold, pull and restraint on objects and masses, financial gravity exists in the economy that we live in every day. The financial gravity in our society is an orchestrated and calculated to make it easy for us spend, spend and spend. We live in a culture of attaining more and more often without regard to prioritization. **It takes a power of**

"Breaking Free" to get us to a more sound and respectful balance with money.

In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus tells the story of a young man who totally lacks sound money control. His story, one of the most familiar stories in scripture, is so captivating. (You should read or re-read it) We can see the young man's logic and we understand, although so thoughtless, his desire to exercise such financial freedom.



Our second week explores how we can **BREAK FREE** from the tendencies to ignore God's provision over our lives. The Prodigal Son story shows us not just a spoiled bratty son, but the story reveals **a father to emulate**. The young son and the older brother, both, are total ingrates! They are controlled by money and their lives are pitiful description because of it. In the church, talking about finances and monies is often taboo. But know that **Jesus tells this story to help us prioritize God's care over the fluidity of money**. The generosity that the father shows to both sons, regardless of their selfish bratness, yes bratness, is the real point of the story. Like the father, **God's generosity encompasses our trivial demands, our insatiable desires, and our plain ole foolish exploits. Regardless of our age!** We must remember to take steps to Defy Gravity, and work toward a consistent, ever-evaluating plan that shows how important God is in our lives. The words of Civilla Martin's hymn, written in 1904, is one of the most reassuring songs in our hymnal. It rings out the comforting message, **"God Will Take Care of You"**, that Defies Financial Gravity and set us on or keeps us on a path of generosity.

-Pastor Ivy

*All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, Through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.
No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you.*



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,
Star Bruno, David Fell, Norma Ickes, Patricia Bonner,
Ruthie Hobart, Mike Cosmo, Bob Williams, Mary Lou Haines



**Love & Sympathy to the family of Barbara Bradarich
who passed on October 5, 2023.**

**A Celebration of life will be held here at Mentor United
Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.**



Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49151455>

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

Now Hiring

There are three open positions at Mentor United Methodist Church; Modern Worship Director, Youth Director, and Part-time Treasurer. Visit our website or [this link](#) to learn more and share!

Pastor Meet & Greets

Pastors Steve and Ivy would like to meet with groups of 8-15 people once a week through the end of November. If you would like to plan a meet & greet, call Stephanie at the church to schedule a time. Steve and Ivy have set aside several 1.5 hour slots each week at various times. Learn about dates, times, and locations on our website or by clicking [HERE](#).

Charge Conference

This Saturday, October 14th at 4:00 PM in the Gallery.



October Sermon Series

Join us now through October 29th for our sermon series "Defying Gravity".



Gingerbread 2024

Join us for this year's Gingerbread House Arts & Crafts Show on Friday November 10 from 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM and Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. This is a United Women in Faith event. Keep an eye out in weeks to come for information about volunteering and drop off times. If you are preparing or canning goods, begin thinking about the Show now. [Click here](#) to view the website for the Gingerbread House Show.

Cornerstone

For well over 25 years, Cornerstone (formally the Asbury Fellowship) has helped support worthy church missions, individuals, and materials by the proceeds of our annual rummage sale. This year's profits of \$8,775.00 have assisted YSP, Middle School Missions, MOPS, UMCOR--Maui Relief, and Hope Chest. To receive funds, fill out a request form that can be found in the church office, or see JoAnn Greiner (jag5.1@icloud.com) or Larry Hoon (larryhoon@yahoo.com).

CWC Luncheon

Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co. meets on Tuesday, October 17th 10:30-1:30 for their Basket Raffle Extravaganza. Please RSVP by noon on Oct 12: 440.487.0661 or cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com. Cost is \$25!!

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 starting October 15. You can [visit our website](#) to learn more about times and details.

Thanksgiving Volunteers

You can sign up to help for this year's Thanksgiving meal in the Gallery after services. Online sign ups will be available this coming week.

More Than A Meal

You can sign up to help for October and later dates by checking [online](#). Help cook, prepare, and serve food to members of our community. The next MTAM is on Saturday the 28th. Doors open at 5:00 PM and food is served at 5:30 PM!

Blood Drive

To sign up for our next drive on November 14th, visit our website or [click here](#). It will be on a Tuesday from 9-4.

Gingerbread Volunteers

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

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of winter gloves and children's winter coats. Items can be dropped off in the Community Center.



What's Your 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)

WHAT: 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 is a team of volunteers who fill an important need in the early days after a natural disaster, including debris removal and clean-up. MOST IMPORTANTLY ERT PROVIDES A CARING CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF DISASTER!

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.

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.

Treat Street Volunteers

Sign up to be a trunker or a helper for this year's Treat Street. Our annual trunk-or-treat will be from 3-6 PM. Trunkers will decorate their cars, hand out candy, and dress up! Helpers will oversee and help with different areas of fun (this is a good opportunity for teens to get service hours). Volunteers will decorate yourselves and your cars AND PROVIDE CANDY. Please arrive between 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM for setup in parking lot (MUST BE SET UP AND READY BY 2:50). [Sign up here](#).



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS.

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). 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.

Treat Street

Our awesome annual Trunk-or-Treat will be on Saturday, October 21st from 3:00 to 6:00 PM in the west parking lot (by the Sanctuary). Join us for candy, games, custard, inflatables, and fun! We hope to see you there!

Youth

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.

Youth Feedback

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

CCYM Application

Youth, want to get involved at a conference level? Apply [here](#) or on our website.

