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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



There are significant women throughout the Bible, and God has lifted this particular story to a height that deserves a place in the Bible index. Naomi, Ruth and Orpah are the main characters of the beginning story of the book of Ruth. The story goes that Ruth comes to a crossroads point, a decision time in where she must answer the question: **Where Do We Go from Here?**

All of us are forced to use our skill, ability, experience, background, etc., to make decisions in life. Each day we are faced with choices, sometimes life-changing choices. In verse 6 of



chapter one, Naomi, the mother-in-law, hears that the famine of her hometown, Judah, is over: *"the Lord has visited his people and given them food."* She tries to influence her two daughters-in-law to leave her and go back to their former lives. Orpah does decide to return to her home, but Ruth decides not to leave Naomi. In fact, Ruth decides to go with Naomi and adopt the faith that she has seen in Naomi. She says

"For wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you live, I will live; your people will be my people, and your God will be my God"

(1:16). Ruth has to review her past life: -her husband has died, -father-in-law died, she is a different race than her mother-in-law, she's young, lots of variables in her choices before her.

I think that if every time we had to make a decision, big or small, we would reflect on "where do I go from here?" that questioning would provide an opportunity to choose the right and not the wrong, the good and not the bad, the wider not the narrower. And like Ruth, we all have extensive backgrounds and former life experiences that play into our vision of our future. So God is showing us through Ruth that we must do all we can to stay in connection with the body of Christ. Ruth could have left her mother-in-law and the life she built with her, but **she decided to look forward to the future, the possibilities of going forward and not backwards** (as we know returning to our past habits is so easy but not always beneficial). Where do we go from here? We should go, with discernment, where God is present, active, and alive in the people around us. **We should go and also take people with us** on this journey with Christ. They and we are the better for the connection we would have! —Pastor Ivy

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, 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

**Congratulations to
Gabby Young and Dontez Redrick
who were married at
Mentor United Methodist Church on
Saturday, September 23, 2023**



Need to Know

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE:

On Friday, October 6, the church office hours are 9-2. No staff will be available. To get in touch with the office, leave a message at 440.255.3496 or email info@mentorumc.org

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49144253>

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](#).

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New Sermon Series

"I've Been Meaning to Ask..." is a four week series where each Sunday we will explore a new question together:

Week 1:

Where Are You From?

Week 2:

Where Does It Hurt?

Week 3:

What Do You Need?

Week 4:

Where Do We Go From Here?

Watch a video to learn more [here](#) or by visiting our YouTube channel.

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. 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!!



MENTOR UMC

Thanksgiving LEADER NEEDED

There is a need for Kitchen oversight for this year's Thanksgiving meal. A leader in the kitchen will need to oversee and be involved in the cooking and planning of food. Please reach out to the church office or Missions to get involved.

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.

Thank you

A big thank you to all who registered and came for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, Sept 23. It was a beautiful day!

What's Your M. ?

Hope Chest - NEW

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

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.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who submitted a prayer note for the Lahaina Methodist Church in Maui. We look forward to sending them this coming week.

Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is looking for boxes of Kleenex and Laundry Detergent. Items can be dropped off at their office. Drop off hours are 9-2:30, Monday through Friday.

Covenant Relationships

Learn more about the missionaries we are dedicating to this year by [visiting our website](#). Read about and watch video introductions of Janice Lee and Blaire Moses Kamango and how they serve Methodist Missions.



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 13, 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 Trunk-or-Treat will be on Saturday, October 21 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. 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). You can sign up to be a trunker NOW by [clicking this link](#) or visiting our website. You can also sign up to be a helper [here](#).

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](#).

Youth Outing

[October 8](#) - Fall Festival at Hornyak Farms, Chardon, OH from 5-7 PM; meet at MUMC at 4:15 PM and return at 7:30(ish) PM. Cost is \$10 per person. This is a UMC area youth event!

[Find more on our site!](#)

CCYM Application

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

