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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional

Pastor's Letter

*The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
on finding one pearl of great value, he went
and sold all that he had and bought it. – Matthew 13:45-46*

We continue this week in our series “Defying Gravity.” Pastor Ivy and I are grateful for our esteemed guest preachers for this Sunday, October 22. Rev. Dr. Allan R. Bevere will be preaching at the 9:00 and 11:00 Traditional Services and Rev. Dr. Jim Skinner will be preaching at the 9:00 and 11:00 Modern Services. Read about them below and welcome them on Sunday.



Rev. Steve Stultz Costello, Sr. Pastor

In addition to serving as the Associate Pastor at Mentor UMC 1989-1998, Allan R. Bevere is a Professional Fellow in Theology at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio. He recently retired from full-time pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church where he served for thirty-eight years. He is the owner of the social media portal, Faith Seeking Understanding (allanrbevere.org) with links to his YouTube Channel, podcast, blog, and daily reflections. He is the author of six books. His most recent is entitled, Holiness of Heart and Life: Loving God and Neighbor.



Dr. Bevere received his Ph.D in Theology from the University of Durham U.K., a Th.M in Theological Ethics from Duke Divinity School, an M.Div. in Pastoral Ministry and an M.A. in Religious Studies from Ashland Theological Seminary, and a B.A. in Christian Ministries from Malone University.

Dr. Bevere has served the larger church in various capacities over the years including mission, education, and leadership. He brings his passion for teaching to pastors in Cuba at the Methodist Seminary in Havana, Zimbabwe at Africa University, and Cameroon at the local Methodist churches. He has also engaged in mission work in Haiti and Puerto Rico.

Dr. Bevere is married to Carol. They have four adult children and four granddaughters. His hobbies include reading, gardening, cooking, playing guitar, and hiking.



Dr. Skinner was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. He graduated from Akron University in 1962 with his undergraduate degree and in 1978 he earned the Doctor of Ministry degree, all while serving three churches.

Dr. Skinner was appointed as District Superintendent of the former Steubenville District, serving six years before returning to the pulpit at Rocky River UMC. In 1995 he was appointed as administrative assistant to Bishop Bolton. He continued in that position under two more Bishops until his retirement in 2006. Though retired, Dr. Skinner continues to serve the East Ohio Conference in several areas.

Always having an interest in leadership training, he has shared his expertise in the area of lay and clergy training at Faith UMC where he and his wife, Karen, are active members. Together they have 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren making retirement even more fun.

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



Thank You!

Pastor Ivy, Pastor Tammy and I thank you for all the wonderful expressions of love and appreciation for Pastor Appreciation month. The cookies, cards, hugs and more have all been received with joy and gratitude!

Pastor Steve

Need to Know



Book Fair

The preschool book fair will be held in Asbury on Sunday the 29th. Come check it out after services!

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.

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. If you are preparing or canning goods, begin thinking about the Show now. Click here to view the website for the Gingerbread House Show.

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 signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49154559>

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!

Charge Conf Reports

Visit our website or click here to read this year's Pastor Report and Lay Leader Report.

Children & Youth Feedback

Click here or check our socials to offer some brief feedback about Children/Youth ministries.

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 Training". We hope to see you for this engaging gathering & dinner.

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](#).

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](#). We have a goal to collect 28 units of blood for hospital patients in need. 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 this link](#) 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.



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 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.

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.



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.

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.

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

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.

Parents of Children & Youth Meet & Greet

Pastor Ivy, Pastor Tammy and Pastor Steve would to meet with you! Please come to the church at 5:45 on Thursday, October 26th for pizza, salad, dessert, and conversation with the pastors (childcare will be available as needed). We are making plans for the new year and want to know how the church can best serve the needs of our families with children and youth. Your RSVP will help us with our pizza order! [RSVP online here](#).

