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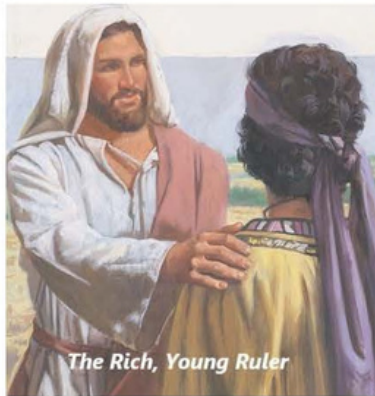
Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

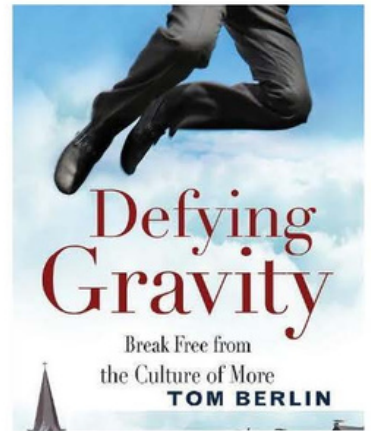
9 & 11 AM Traditional

Pastor's Letter

DEFYING GRAVITY – DISCOVERING GRAVITY



The word of God in Ecclesiastes 5:7-20 and Matthew 19:16-26 set a framework around the message of our new worship series theme. The revelations found in the book **"Defying Gravity"** by United Methodist clergy, Rev. Tom Berlin, will guide us for four weeks on principles of stewardship and giving. He presents "gravity" as an emotional, psychological



and sociological force that compels us in ways to spend our money. The gravity-type pull on our use of money should align with our giving to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

My first thought when church/God/money are intertwined always defaults to a gospel song I heard often growing up titled: "You Can't Beat God Giving".

You can't beat God giving, no matter how you try.

For just as sure as you are living and the Lord is in heaven on high.

The more you give, the more He gives to you,

but keep on giving because it's really true

that you can't beat God giving, no matter how you try.

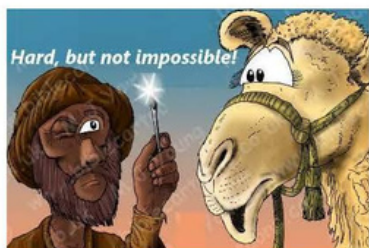
The song harmoniously reminds us of how much God gives us and how we should in immolation, respond. It may be a cliché, yet it rings true that you can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. God wants our giving to be solely in response to His giving. **So, why give?** We give because we love God. We give because giving glorifies God. We give because we trust God. We give because we are blessed, privileged and favored!

The word of God reminds us in:

• **John 3:16** ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

• **Psalms 84:11** ¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

• **James 1:17** ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.



We cannot give to God without planning, without budgeting or without prioritization. And God blesses us as we have our finances in an hierarchical place that does not supersede God.

Together, in these four weeks as we approach our own stewardship campaign for 2024, we will confront, challenge, rebel against, oppose,

defy the gravitational struggle on our giving to the Lord. Prayerfully, we will be stronger and even more secure in our commitment to giving. – *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



Need to Know



Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49146121>

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](#).



New Sermon Series

Join us now through October 29th for our new 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 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.



What's Your M...?



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.

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](#).

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.



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.

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 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](#).

YOUTH Mission Friday

Mission Friday is on Friday, October 13th: meet at MUMC at 10:30 AM and return by 3:00 PM (this time will be altered to meet the needs of the Mentor Marching Band students). [Sign up DEADLINE](#) is FRIDAY, October 6 by noon! [Find more on our site!](#)

CCYM Application

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