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# Pastor's Letter

Nathanael said to him,  
“Can anything good  
come out of Nazareth?”  
– John 1:46



"Come & See" by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman |  
A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)  
*Inspired by John 1:35-51*

I love this digital painting by Rev. Pittman, Founding Creative Partner of A Sanctified Art—the worship resource for our September series, “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask”. In this painting, from left to right, we see John the Baptist, the unnamed disciple from the text, Andrew, Simon Peter, Philip, Nathanael, and Jesus—actually, we only see half of Jesus. Each person in the image is wearing clothing with symbols that represent something about them. Those symbols are also seen in Jesus’ halo. I invite you to read John 1:35-51 and see if you can connect each person in the text with the symbols on their clothing.

The painting reminds us that we are each unique and as a result, we each bring a unique perspective of who Jesus is. We need each other to see Jesus more fully. Yet, even with all our perspectives shared, we cannot know Jesus completely. Perhaps most poignant in this passage is when Philip tells Nathanael about Jesus whom he had just met and Nathanael responds, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathanael made a judgement about Jesus before he even meets Jesus. It’s a judgement based solely on Jesus being from Nazareth which was considered to be a forgotten and uncelebrated, small-population town. Philip says, “Come and see.” When Nathanael meets and talks with Jesus, his perspective changes so radically he says to Jesus, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” (verse 49).

Lord, help us be more aware of our pre-judgements and assumptions so that we may ask your forgiveness, receive your grace, and be ready to go and see, to listen and be changed. Amen.

Seeking to know God more fully together,

*Pastor Steve*

# 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

*CareCore* - 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, Dick Anderson,

Luke Sanvido, Star Bruno, David Fell, Norma Ickes







# Need to Know

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49130250>

## Now Hiring

There are three open positions at Mentor United Methodist Church; Part-time Treasurer, Modern Worship Director, and Youth Director. 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](#).

## Summer Worship Schedule Survey

Share your thoughts on this past summer by filling out [this form here](#) or visiting the Information Hub.

## Worship Schedule

### Sept 10:

9 & 11 AM Modern  
9 & 11 AM Traditional

## September 10

Join us on September 10th as we welcome back 4 services (see above) and begin a new sermon series. We will also take a Congregational photo after services AND enjoy sweet treats and a Ministry Fair together. See you there!

### New Sermon Series

"I've Been Meaning to Ask..." is a four week series beginning Sept 10. Each week 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 the video and learn more [here](#) or by visiting our website.

## CWC Luncheon

Join us Tuesday, September 19th for the next Christian Women's Connection Luncheon at 11:15 at Pine Ridge. Cost is \$20. Donna Miller will be the speaker! RSVP to 440.487.0661 or email: [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com).

## Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Please join us for another BBBB. September's menu is chicken soup, rolls, salad and "Knock You Naked" brownies. Come meet Pastor Steve and Pastor Ivy as we continue to welcome them and get to know each other. We hope to see you on September 13th at noon here at MUMC. RSVP to [uwf@mentorumc.org](mailto:uwf@mentorumc.org), register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

## Church Directory Survey

Share your thoughts on the upcoming directory by filling out [this form here](#) or visiting the Information Hub.



# Mission Moment

## Walk to End Alzheimer's

Register online today for the 2023 Lake/Geauga Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 23, 2023. For questions, contact team leader Karen Martin: 440-796-2179. [Click here](#) or visit our website to register.

Donuts ordered in August will be delivered after both services fresh from Krispy Kreme on Sept 10th.

Our Team will also be creating a display of paper flowers to show support in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. For a monetary donation, you can write your name or the name of a loved one you wish to honor or memorialize on the flower. Flowers are available in the Gallery. The flowers will be taken to the Walk on Sept. 23rd.

## Royal Family Kids

Royal Family Kids Club gathers on the 3rd Saturday of each month Sept-May from 9 AM to 1 PM at Willoughby Hills UMC on Eddy Road. Adult & teen volunteers are needed to interact with kids from ages 6-11. We feed the kids, sing songs, have a Bible lesson, complete a craft project. If you are interested, please contact Johanna Martin: [johannamartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johannamartin@sbcglobal.net)

What's  
Your

# M.?

## Mission Opportunities



## Food Ministry

- Canned Fruit
- Ravioli/Spaghetios
- Canned Chicken
- Au Gratin, Scalloped, Mashed Potatoes

Items can be dropped off in the community center.

For an extended list of items, please visit the Info Hub or our [website](#).

## More Than A Meal

You can sign up for September and later dates by checking [online](#). The next MTAM is on Saturday the 30th. 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](#).

## Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of toothpaste and children's winter coats. Fall and winter is approaching and they are low on boys & girls coats, so please consider donating! 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. There are also still opportunities to donate prepackaged food such as chips, crackers, and cookies. To get involved or know more, please contact Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485.

## Disaster Relief

Our congregation gave \$5,700 towards UMCOR designated to Maui. On top of that, Missions matched \$1000.00. Thank you! You can designate your giving online, in-person, or in the mail. You can also visit UMCOR's [website](#) to learn more.

## Lake Co Disaster Relief

Thank you to all who volunteered their efforts and time on the Lake Co cleanup crew. There were 7 team members on Friday and 9 on Saturday who put in over 60 combined hours of work.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS.

# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

**Children & Family Ministries**  
[www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)

## Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC

- [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.

## MOPS & MOMS

We will meet on Monday, September 4, at the Chagrin River Park Playground. We will also meet on September 7 at Squire's Castle. For more dates and locations, [check our website](#). updated dates

## Confirmation 2023

Students grades 8-12 who would like to confirm their faith are welcome to register for Confirmation, which begins October 1st. There are costs involved so please [check our website](#) for details and dates. Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

## 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.

## CCYM Application

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

## Youth Feedback

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

## Youth Outings

[September 17](#) - Cleveland Chalk Festival. Leave MUMC at 12:30. Be sure to either eat lunch or pack one to eat immediately after the service. Return to MUMC by 4:00 pm. We will purchase a chalk block, a square of pavement, for our group to create art. Bring money for a snack from the food trucks.

[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!](#)

