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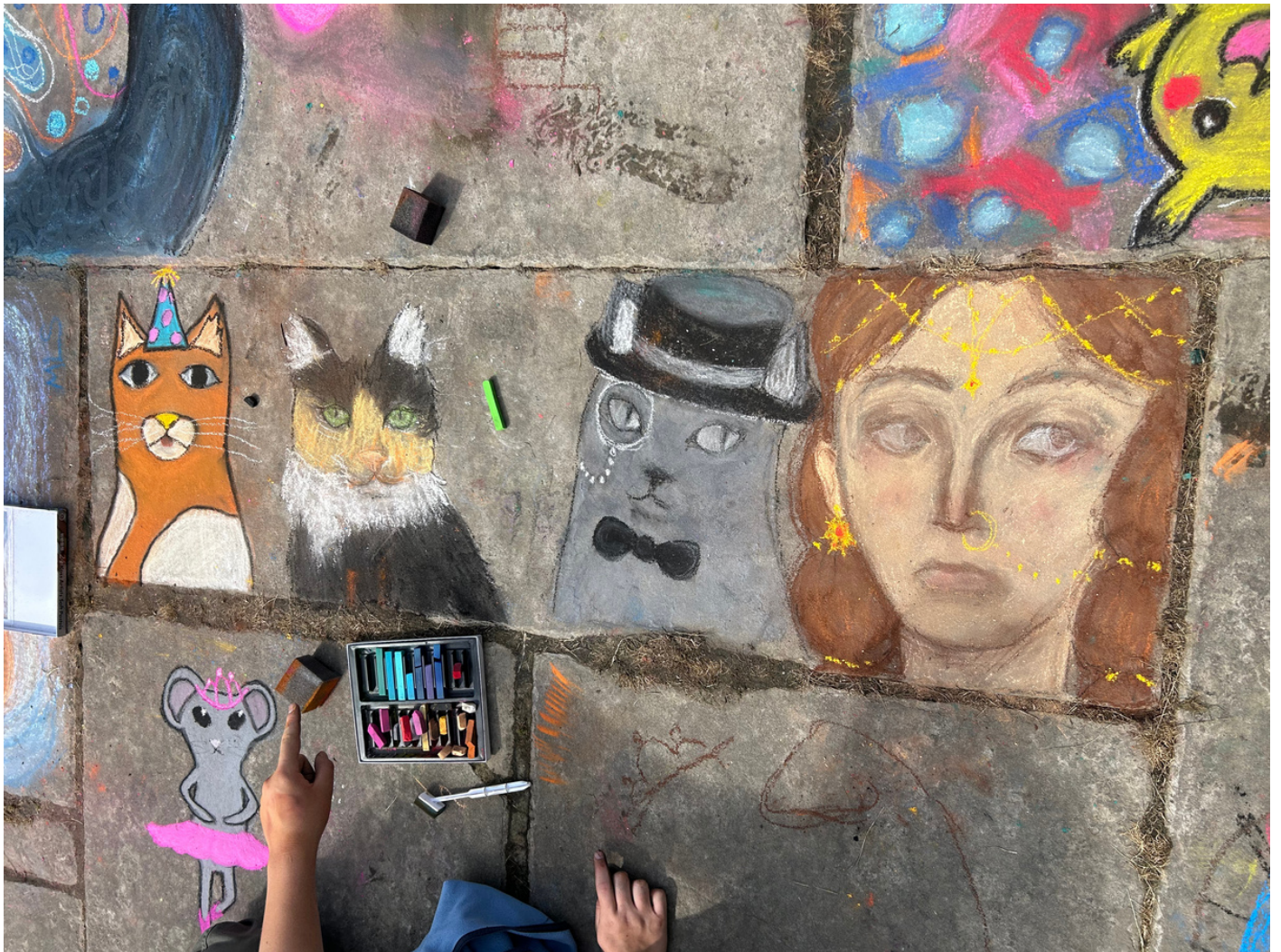
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THIS WEEK'S THEME FEATURES THE ART OF OUR MUMC YOUTH FROM THEIR OUTING AT THE CLEVELAND SIDEWALK CHALK FESTIVAL.

Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional

Pastor's Letter

...they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.
– Job 2:13

...no one came to my support, but all deserted me. – 2 Timothy 4:16



Break Open
by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
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Inspired by Job 2:11-13
Digital painting with mixed media collage



Paul in Prison
by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
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Inspired by 2 Timothy 4:9-18
Hand-carved blocks
printed with oil-based
ink on paper

This week's question in our series, "I've Been Meaning to Ask..." is "What do you need?" We are invited to ponder the wisdom from Job 2 and Paul's reflections from 2 Timothy 4. Inspired by the Job passage, Rev. Garrity's writes about her painting, "Break Open":

In this image, I wanted to evoke the emotional impact of rending one's clothing in solidarity with someone who is hurting. While this ancient cultural practice might feel curious to us now, I love that it's an embodied way to tear away the armor that guards our own hearts so we can truly show up—tenderly—to join another in their pain.

I admire people who have the ability to be a non-anxious presence with those who are in pain. I think it is both a gift and a skill. Job's friends are able to provide this kind of empathetic presence with Job for three days. Incredible! However, chapters 4-37, those same friends are relentless with their advice and judgements, certain they know the root of Job's plight. It's so hard to just be present!

Rev. Pittman's art "Paul in Prison" inspired by 2 Timothy is also worth pondering. The artist writes:

In this block print, I carved Paul writing this letter to Timothy. The lines on his skin echo the twists and turns of his life while the lines on the page give him release. The cell bars obscure the view, however, the light of his halo and the power of his letter cannot be contained. His hand reaches just beyond one of the bars because in receiving forgiveness, reaching out for companionship, and letting go of guilt and resentment, he is free.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to care for one another and when we are in need, to allow others to care for us. How is God calling you to be with someone in need? How are you at communicating to others what you need?

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

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

**Love & Sympathy to the friends & family of
Shirley Coffin who passed on Friday, September 15
Jean Schodde who passed on Sunday, September 17**



Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49140754>

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 the video and 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.

Flowers in Traditional

October 27 is open for Flower dedications in the Sanctuary for Traditional Worship. Please call Kathy Fellows: 440-477-4485

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).



What's Your M...?



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 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 - 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.

Letter from Missions

Because of the continued generosity of our congregation, the Missions Committee has been able to direct funds that will make a difference in the lives of many, both locally and far away.

Project Hope for the Homeless of Painesville is building a "Welcome Home Center" which will be used to provide (free of charge) small appliances, start-up household goods and supplies for the new homes of their residents that transition to their own homes. 86% of Project Hope residents leave the program ready to find and live in their own residence or to obtain treatment.

Mentor UMC is giving \$5,000 towards their \$100,000 goal to build the Welcome Home Center.

In August, this congregation gave generously to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to help meet the disaster relief efforts in Maui. Mentor UMC generously supports UMCOR efforts annually both for disaster relief in the United States and around the world.

While the needs are great for all people and organizations in Maui, the Missions Committee also chose to give an additional \$5000 directly to our sister congregation, The Lahaina United Methodist Church, to help them rebuild their church facility. Their church building was leveled to the ground by the fires that struck the island in early August.

Our members always respond generously in the service of God's children wherever the needs may be. If your heart is so moved concerning these two important needs, you are always welcome to add to these funds by writing a check made out to Mentor UMC with "Welcome Home Center" or "Lahaina UMC" written on the note line or through our church website.

In Your Service,

The Missions Commission

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.

CCYM Application

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

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!](#)