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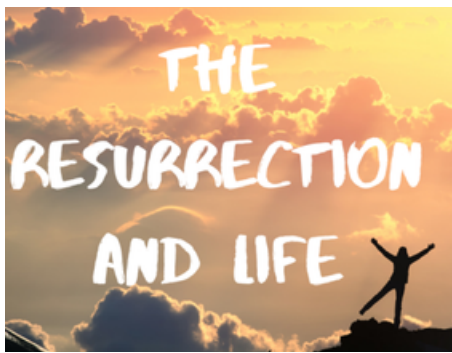
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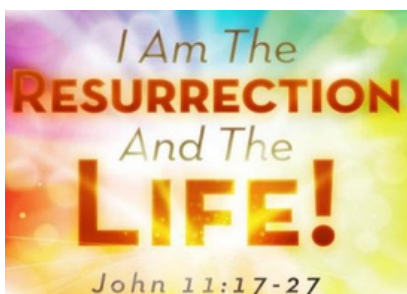


I AM / WE ARE: I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

We are at THE CLOSE of our I AM / WE ARE series. These statements of Jesus in the book of John pinpoint how strong Jesus' concern was for us, as he was sure his time on earth was ending. It is our hope that these passages have been a source of inspiration and learning for us all. This final word of the series is from John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

All of these passages are so full, so overflowing, so packed with tributaries, the applications can go on and on and on and on. Unlike the parable stories Jesus told, these I AM Statements reveal an image, a metaphor, and a life application. Jesus made these resounding statements throughout the Gospel of John:

1. **"I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12).
2. **"I am the bread of life.** He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). Jesus also reiterated this statement in John 6:41, 48, and 51.
3. **"I am the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep...I am the good shepherd; and I know my sheep, and am known by My own." (John 10:11, 14).
4. **"I am the true vine** and My Father is the vinedresser... I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:1-5).
5. **" I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).
6. **"I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25).



What Is the Significance of Each "I Am" Statement in the Bible?

Well, these statements are made to help us as believers understand that God's power through Jesus Christ and the Holy spirit remain with us always. In our times of distress, anxiety, worry or crisis, for sure, when we need God most, we are reminded that by Jesus saying "I Am", it means that "We Are" powerful

likewise. We are stronger, better, fortified, encouraged, forgiven, restored every time we think, simply think, of God's goodness to us. We are because Jesus is!

—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

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

**Love & Sympathy to the friends & family of Opal Pinasky,
who passed on August 28, 2023.**

A funeral was held at New Promise Church on September 1st.

Need to Know



Youversion

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

Sermon Series Activity

Come to the main entrance to the Gallery and walk under the collection of paint sticks—each reflecting aspects of who each of us is and who we are together as the Body of Christ! Come complete your own stick. Watch the collection grow each week! Invite a friend to participate any time.



Learn more about the art and artist that inspired our display by [clicking here](#).

Worship Schedule

Sept 3:

9 AM Modern
11 AM Traditional

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!

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](#).

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.

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, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Choir Season Begins

The first choir rehearsals of the new season begin Thursday, September 7th. The Charter Members Men's Choir rehearse at 6:45 PM and the Chancel Choir at 7:45 PM. New members are always welcome!!



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

What's Your M. ?

Mission Opportunities

Food Ministry

- Canned Fruit
- Ravioli/Spaghettios
- 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

The recent blood drive on August 8th had 26 donors register and collected 24 units of blood towards our 28-unit goal! Thank you to all who signed up! To sign up for our next drive on November 14th, visit our website or [click here](#).

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.

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.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumpc.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 Outing

Join us on September 17th for an outing to Ramseyer Farms. Details to come!

