

# MENTOR

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# UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE METHODIST

## Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

# CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2026



# Letter from the Editor



At my old church, St. Anne's in the Fields, there was a crabapple tree outside the sanctuary. When I was young, I would trace my eyes over the roughened branches through the small, unwashed window, counting the sour fruit that dotted the knotty ground. The children were instructed not to eat the little apples. When you held one in your hand, you could see the browning spots and holes where insects and fungus had eaten away at a sweet thing. We still ate them, eagerly, when we were out of the adults' sight, nibbling around the rot for some of that tart earthiness.

In a dream I had recently, I was in that sanctuary. The ceiling was pitched higher than in reality, losing definition in the darkness of the beams. I could feel the coarse carpet under my bare feet and smell the death coming off the immobile flies and Asian beetles peppered on the sills of clouded windows. The room swelled like a child's drawing of a haunted house. Corners were not quite right, and details were lost to a lack of light. This dream comes to me all the time. I see it this way so often that in the waking hours when I try to pull on my memories, I can only picture my Sanctuary in darkness.

Our next sermon series, "From Harm to Hope," is based on Dr. Kate Common's *Undoing Conquests*. This book, along with the liturgical season created from it, looks at how the Bible and theology have been used in harmful ways across time. Sometimes that harm is as small as interpersonal bickering, other times, it is as large as a governing body using religion to justify violent means. In each case, there are no easy answers to why we do this, century to century. Generation to generation. There is no easy answer to what the dream means.

The first time I walked into the sanctuary here at Mentor, I was drawn to the tall windows that let soft light in. Pockets of sun warmed the wood of the pews in a way I had not felt before. I didn't know it could be like that.

The goal of this series is not to talk down on our histories or the way we may have used the Bible for imperfect reasons, but to reveal something about the past in a way that moves us forward. There is great light in honesty.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenna Tanner', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kenna Tanner  
*Communications Specialist / Editor*

# Care CONGREGATIONAL

In our prayers today & in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

**Admitted to Rehab,**

**Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:**

*The Enclave* - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,  
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak  
*Parker Place* - Bob & Sandy Linsell,  
Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox  
*Symphony of Mentor* - Lorraine Ahlstrom  
*Governor's Pointe* - Bob Williams  
*Salida Woods* - June Van Ostrand

**In need of prayer:**

Hilary Pleska, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Noralee Starr,  
Sandy Williams, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney,  
Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Norma Ickes, Jo Brown, Lois Dyckman

*From Harm to*  
**HOPE**

April 12: Invite      April 26: Repair  
April 19: Name      May 3: Imagine

Join us in-person or online

9AM - Modern | 9:15AM - Chapel | 11AM - Traditional

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Bonnie Diczhazy  
Zoe Diczhazy  
Peggy Danley



Kloie Reed  
Emily Catherine Strunk



Jennifer  
Plummer

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49591809>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures & worship by visiting this link.

### **Pentecost Photo Submission**

Each year, we take a group picture after worship on Pentecost Sunday. If you are an online participant or will be out of town on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, then please submit a picture of you or your family so that we can include you! Send submissions to [ktanner@mentorumc.org](mailto:ktanner@mentorumc.org).

### **Hiking Group**

The next session of the Hiking Journey Group will start on Saturday, May 2nd, at 10 AM at North Chagrin Reservation with the study book, *I Have Loved You: On Love for the Poor* by Pope Leo. This book is available at [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com).

### **Fair Play Project**

Theatre Enthusiasts in high school or college are encouraged to participate in this year's Fair Play project. Rehearsals will be 3-4:30 PM at MUMC on May 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, and 21. The performance will be on Tuesday, May 26th at 7 PM. To get involved, reach out to Pastor Tammy or [register online here](#).

### **YSP Plant Sale**

Save the date for the Plant Sale on Mother's Day weekend. Presale forms are available in the Info Hub, or you can join us on the days of the sale, May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go towards YSP.

WEEKLY UPDATE

# Need to Know

### **CWC Luncheon**

Join us at Pine Ridge CC for the next Christian Women's Connection Luncheon on Tuesday, April 21st. The afternoon will feature Billy Herron from Bremec Garden Centers and Laura Loveberry with a talk. Cost is \$28 at the door. RSVP by Thursday, April 16th to 440.488.4351 or send an email to: [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com)

### **StrengthsFinder**

A NEW session of StrengthsFinder will begin on April 19th through May 17th from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. This study seeks to show us our individual strengths and how we can use them in our daily lives. Chuck Tackett will be facilitating. Sign up [online here](#).

### **Book Club**

Join us for Book Club on Monday, April 27th at 6 PM in the library at Mentor UMC. We will discuss books we've been reading in our own time. For questions, reach out to Kenna or the church office.



### **MUMC Softball 2026**

Join one of Mentor UMC's softball teams! No rules on gender or church membership (friends are welcome)! Players must be 18+, but 16 & 17-year-olds are eligible if with a parent or guardian. The season begins the first week of May. Games are held at the Richmond Heights Community Park. Anyone interested contact Brian Bly: 440.463.7712 or email: [brianbly11@gmail.com](mailto:brianbly11@gmail.com)

### **Open Table**

Join us on Thursday, May 14th, for the next Open Table at 5:30 PM in the Gallery. This month will be hosted by the Young Adult group and will feature food, music, and DANCING! [RSVP online](#), in the Info Hub, or just show up.

### **A Look Into MUMC History**

Check out [this page here](#) to learn a little bit more about Garrit Bass, one of our founding members that the city of Mentor recently celebrated.

### **Connect With Us**

It's hard to remember every face in church, especially if someone has been missing. That is why we wish to use the Connect Cards to help us stay in touch. If you notice a member or friend we should reach out to, simply fill out the Connect Card then drop off to the office or an offering box. You will find them in the back of the chair/pew, in the Info Hub, and in the Welcome Center located in the Gallery.

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## Rummage Sale

This year's Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner! We will collect donations the week leading up to the sale ONLY (April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>). More info and the volunteer signup are [available online here](#).

- **SILENT AUCTION:** Items and bidding forms will be set up in the Gallery on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12 PM to 7 PM, and Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 5 PM. To donate items for the auction, contact Jan: [janrobinsnest@gmail.com](mailto:janrobinsnest@gmail.com).

## The BIG Event: Tickets & Basket Donations

All are invited to the BIG Event on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM to support the Youth Service Project. This is an exciting evening featuring a pasta dinner, live entertainment, and auctions. All proceeds go toward the upcoming YSP trip in June. You can grab a ticket in the Info Hub after worship OR call the church office to reserve a ticket. You MUST have a physical ticket to participate.

Find a BASKET donation form in the Info Hub or [download here](#). Baskets must be dropped off WITH the form by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Pew Volunteers needed

Help us keep our pew pockets from going wild. I'm looking for volunteers to help straighten them once a week for one month. Quick, easy and appreciated. For more information contact Debbie Shull. 440-346-6721 or [dbbshull@gmail.com](mailto:dbbshull@gmail.com)

# What's Your **M**? **Mission Opportunities**

## Change the World Day

Join us for Change the World Day on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM as we partner with [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) to build beds for children in the community. We'll meet on the front lawn/Northwest parking lot weather permitting. Visit the display in the Gallery to learn more and sign up OR [sign up online](#) to help.

## Royal Family Kids Thank You & Need for Volunteers

Thank you to the congregation for welcoming, hosting, and generously supporting a very successful fundraising dinner last month. You make it possible to create life-changing moments for children who have experienced relational trauma. NOW, we are recruiting camp **volunteers!** Camp begins for full-time volunteers on Friday evening, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and runs until the afternoon of Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Part-time options available. The application for new volunteers is located on our website: <https://www.rfkwilloughbyhills.org> For questions, please contact Johanna Martin at [johannamartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johannamartin@sbcglobal.net)

## More Than a Meal

Volunteer to prepare, cook, serve, or clean up for the next More Than a Meal on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5 PM and the meal is served at 5:30 PM. This meal happens EVERY last Saturday of the month, so if you can't help this month, check out later dates. [Signup online here](#) or get in touch with the church office for help with signing up.

## Hope Chest

New or gently used items encouraged. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center:

- Women's underwear, sizes 6, 11/12, 13/14
- Men's boxers, size M and L
- Girls and Women ANKLE socks

## Woodlawn Easter Party

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, the UWF will be sponsoring an "In the Spirit of Easter Party" at the Woodlawn Homes Community Center in Painesville. Children's party from 12:30 to 2:30 PM includes crafts, games, prizes, and food. Volunteers are needed! Call Carol Ryan at 440.488.0541 or email her at [workingwithwoodlawncarol70@gmail.com](mailto:workingwithwoodlawncarol70@gmail.com)

## YSP Stock

Support the Youth Service Project in a unique way! Go online to purchase a "YSP Stock" and receive a certificate and fun benefits. Purchase [here](#).

# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Children's Min Meetings

Children's Ministry Team Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month on zoom at 7 PM. Contact Pastor Tammy for the link or questions.

## Sunday Morning Kids

9 & 11 AM for all services.

- ALL ages check in at the Early Childhood Center (or Gallery, if available).
- Grades K-5 begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

## Child & Caregiver Class

This class is open to ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ on Wednesdays from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM. The cost is \$65 per 8-week session (prepaid, non-refundable). The SPRING: March 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13. [Fill out the form online here.](#)

## Seedlings Class

MUM Preschool's Seedlings class is for children who are 3 years old as of January 1, 2026 and are toilet trained. Older children are welcome. It meets from 9-11:15 AM Mondays & Fridays. Please contact Brittany Jones: [bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org) to register.

## Spring Sunday School Signup

MUMC's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Here is a great place to do just that! Get in touch with Pastor Tammy or [click here for the Sunday School leader signup](#) for Spring. There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you.

"Worship one, serve one!"

## MOMCo Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to 12 PM in the Gallery. [Register and learn more online.](#)

## Grad & Scholarship Celebration Sunday

We'll celebrate our Graduates and Scholarship Recipients on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Students are invited to a special breakfast with their families at 10 AM. Please fill out the [grad form](#) to help us celebrate you EVEN if you are NOT able to join us on that Sunday. [Sign up online](#) here to provide food for the breakfast.

## Young Adult Group

This Spring, Young Adults will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM, April 14<sup>th</sup>-May 26<sup>th</sup>, to read and discuss Toni Morrison's *Sula* as part of the [Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison](#) year-long event. This novel can be found at your local library or for sale online. Readers are encouraged to support our local Black-owned bookstores by picking up a copy from [ThirdSpace Reading Room](#) or [Elizabeth's](#).

## Summer Internships

Young people are encouraged to reach out to Kenna Tanner or the church office for a summer internship this year! Explore your area of interest with a schedule that fits your life. Share or fill out the [online form](#) here to get started.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### • Vacation Bible School

Children age 4 (as of 1/1/26) through completed Grade 6, are welcome to join us the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 PM here at the church. The cost is \$20 per child. [Register online here.](#)

### • G.O.D. Camp

Completed grades 5 & 6 are welcome to join in a week of adventure from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at local parks for activities, devotions, and building lasting relationships. The cost is \$75 per student. [Register online here.](#)

### • Theatre Arts Camp

[Auditions May 30<sup>th</sup>: sign up here](#) Students (grades 1 - 8) are welcome to participate on the weeks of July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> AND 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$100 per CAST MEMBER (grades 1 - 8) and \$70 per CREW MEMBER (grades 6 - 8). [Register online here.](#)

### • MSMW

Middle school-aged students are invited to join us for Middle School Mission Week from July 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at MUMC in the morning then venture to a local organization or location for missions. [Register online here.](#)

### • East Ohio Camps

EOC are a great summer opportunity for youth participants and young adult volunteers. Learn more and register on their [website](#).