

# MENTOR

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# UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE METHODIST

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# CHURCH

**Worship Schedule**  
9 AM Modern  
11 AM Traditional

APRIL 19, 2026



# Pastors Letter

Hello Friends,

This past week has been a wild time at Mentor UMC with the Annual Rummage Sale. I try not to walk through looking at all the things that are for sale because I need to purge my stuff and not gather more. While this is true for me personally, it is also true for me with children's ministry items. I have said on more than one occasion that there is a fine line between children's ministry leader and hoarder (this is also true for theatre people—and since I am both, I am totally doomed). You never know when something you have saved is going to come in handy!

Thank you to ALL who donated items, who sorted and priced items, and who worked during the sale! I appreciate the Rummage Sale as it is a great way to keep things out of landfills and offers inexpensive items to the community. Then, there is the added bonus of the funds raised for ministry. Kudos to EVERYONE involved!!!

This Sunday is the second theme in our series, *From Harm to Hope*, and is titled "Name." Thinking about harm is not a pleasant task but is necessary when we are trying to grow and learn from previous mistakes. It is important for us all to remember that we are broken people who may cause harm to one another, to the land, to animals, to whatever. While it is difficult and challenging to name those things that cause harm, I want to remind you (and myself) that we are unconditionally loved by a God who offers us HOPE.

My prayer for us this week is to be open to hearing about these harms through the lens of the hope of Jesus the Christ, who died on a cross for each and every one of us.

With hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Tammy". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Pastor" and "Tammy" being capitalized and prominent.

Pastor Tammy

# 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  
*Ohman Family Living in Holly* - Bob & Sandy Linsell  
*Parker Place* - 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, Syndie Toth



**Finance Update**

The table to the right shares the most recent finance update.

For any questions, reach out to Stephanie Lee in the church office or a member of the Finance Committee. As always, a church budget is available on request.

March Giving	\$99,408.99
YTD Giving	\$251,033.39
YTD Expenses	\$242,365.07
YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$8,668.32

Percentage of Conference Apportionments paid for 2026=> 100%

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49595758>

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Need to Know

### **Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon**

Mentor United Women in Faith's May 4B lunch is changing things up to celebrate our Wesleyan heritage! You are invited to join us for a luncheon in the style of 1700s England, followed by Pastor Tammy Palermo sharing her experience visiting some of the Wesley heritage sites in England. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the MUMC Asbury Room (please note location). This event is hosted by Mentor UW Faith, and all are welcome. Please RSVP to [uwf@mentorumc.org](mailto:uwf@mentorumc.org), [register online here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

### **StrengthsFinder**

A NEW session of StrengthsFinder will begin on April 19<sup>th</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Yoga Afternoon**

Join Sunshine Yoga here at Mentor UMC on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 PM. Register online here.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Change the World Day

Join us for Change the World Day on Saturday, April 25th 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.

## Woodlawn Homes Ministry

On Saturday, April 11th, The Mentor UWF sponsored a post-Easter party for the children of Woodlawn Homes. The children received free gift bags and had a lot of fun with a real Easter egg hunt! They and their parents also received a free lunch, crafts to do, coloring, and games with prizes. Over 50 people attended, plus 10 volunteers from MUMC to coordinate the event. Thanks to everyone who prepared for this event and donated their time to make this day of happiness possible!

## 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.

## 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

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

## 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 5th, and runs until the afternoon of Wednesday, June 10th. 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 25th. 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.

## 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)

## Rummage Sale THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the Rummage Sale volunteers that helped with planning, organizing, pricing, cleaning, and so much more! The sale was a successful afternoon of fundraising and opening the church to the community.



# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES. 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 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.

## Gaming Group

Join us on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM for the next Dungeons & Dragons group in Youth Room.

## 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 22nd - 26th 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 22nd to 26th. 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 30th: sign up here](#) Students (grades 1 - 8) are welcome to participate on the weeks of July 6th-10th AND 13th-17th. 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 20th to 24th. 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](#).