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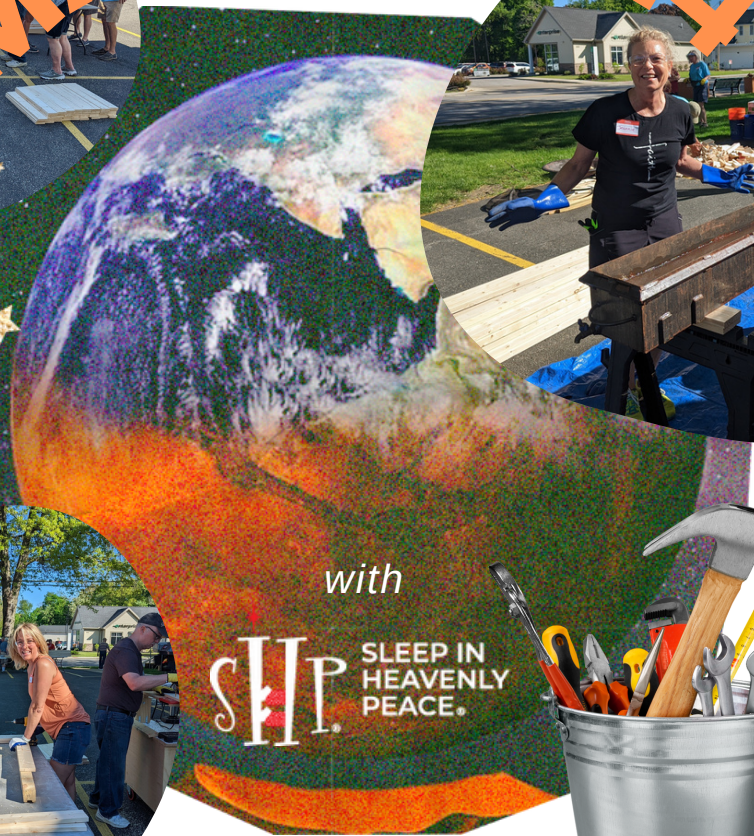
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Mentorumc.org, [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#)

Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional

MAY 4, 2024



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S.I.P. SLEEP IN
HEAVENLY
PEACE.



This is Us: Being United Methodists - We Are Bible Based

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

We begin our second week in our new series with these concise yet powerful two verses from 2 Timothy. It's like one of those little granola bars that pack 20 grams of protein! It's like a single little apple seed that if planted and cared for will produce 25,000-75,000 apples in its lifetime¹. We won't even try to estimate how many seeds, well...why not? The average apple has 5 seeds, so that would be 125,000- 375,000 seeds produced from just one original seed! It's hard to comprehend the power of something seemingly so insignificant.



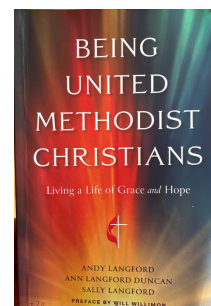
So it is with the wisdom contained in these two verses! It tells us that scripture is inspired by God. The definition of "inspired" that I like best is God-breathed. When we read the Bible, we are feasting on the very God-breathed words that have inspired countless women and men around the world for over four thousand years! In Paul's words to Timothy, scripture has the power to teach, reproof, correct, train, and equip for righteousness and every good work!

The founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley (1703-1791), is just one example. According to Wikipedia, there are 80 million people around the world today who belong to a church that has its roots in John Wesley. Of those, 12 million are United Methodists. It is impossible to measure the impact John Wesley has had—and is still having—on the world. More important, and back to 2 Timothy, John Wesley did all he did because of reading the Bible and being inspired.

How has reading the Bible inspired you? When was the last time you read a section of the Bible on your own or in a group for study? Is that something you would like to do?

The United Methodist Church is a church that believes in the inspired word of God contained in the scriptures of the old and new testaments. We also believe that when we read the Bible, we are better able to discern God's truth when we also consider Christian tradition, experience, and reason. *All the beliefs of the United Methodist Church are grounded in Scripture, informed by Christian tradition, enlivened by multiple human experiences, and tested by informed reason.*²

This past week on Tuesday night, 20 people came out for the first week of a 7 week class I am leading on the book "Being United Methodist Christians". Five to ten others told me they plan on participating as well but had to miss the first week. It's not too late! You are welcome to join the class. We will meet every Tuesday evening 6:30-8:00 at the church through May 28. There are books in the church office that you can buy for \$13.00. Or, you can order your own here: <https://a.co/d/1QWTCsX> Everyone in the class seems excited to learn or re-learn what it means to be a United Methodist Christian. I am excited.



My hope is that this worship series and class will give us all a better understanding and appreciation of the United Methodist Church so that we can be more eager and ready to grow as seekers and followers of Jesus Christ. I pray that we will all spend more time reading scripture and be inspired like John Wesley, and countless others, to do great things for God's kingdom.

On a path of Christ-centered discipleship together,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Pastor Steve'.

Pastor Steve

¹ From Robinettes.com/how-many-apples-grow-on-a-tree, a mature standard apple tree will yield roughly 1,500 apples per season and from ag.umass.edu/home-lawn-garden apple trees can live for 100 years and still produce apples! I based my range on a conservative estimate of 1000 apples per year for 25 years and then 1500 apples per year for 50 years.

² The United Methodist Book of Discipline, "Our Theological Task" Paragraph 105

Care CONGREGATIONAL

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

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, David Fell, Norma Ickes, Ruthie Hobart, Mike Cosmo, Lois Dyckman

NEW MEMBERS

This past Sunday we welcomed new members to our church. We are so excited to build relationships, worship, and fellowship together for years to come!



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Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49246307>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures and worship by visiting this link each week.

MUMC Softball

Softball season is coming soon! We are always looking to add players. 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. Anyone interested should contact Brian Bly for more: 440-463-7712 brianbly11@gmail.com

New Sermon Series & Classes

Join us for our sermon series "This Is Us: Being United Methodist". There are also classes on Tuesday nights where we will dive deeper into what this sermon series is all about.

Communion Coordinators

Consider serving as a Coordinator 2-3 times a year for Modern Worship. Arrive by 8:15 to prepare, set up the elements, and find 5 stewards to serve during communion. After the 9 service you'll refresh everything and prepare for the 11. After the 11 service properly disposed of elements and take care of dishes You do not need to take the tables down or wash the linens. Please contact Justin Mackey at JMackey@Mentorumc.org OR Laurie Eppler at Laerainbow427@aol.com

Need to Know

Summer Programs

Children, Youth, and Adult Volunteers JOIN US for a summer of fun! You can register for ALL [summer programs and more here](#) or by [visiting our website](#).



Vacation Bible School

June 17-21, 2024

Camp Firelight

\$15 per child

Servant Sign Up:

Adult Crew Leaders, Youth Jr. Crew Leaders, Music Assistants, Recreation/Craft Assistants,

Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp

June 17-21, 2024

9:30 AM to 4 PM

\$70 per kid

Middle School Mission Week

July 8-12, 2024

See the World...

on Earth as it is in Heaven

\$70 per kid

Theatre Arts Camp

July 15-19 AND 22-26, 2024

Seussical, the Musical, Jr.

SHOWS: July 26 and 27

\$90 per CAST MEMBER

\$60 per CREW MEMBER

Youth Annual Conference

June 8, 2024, 10 AM to 6 PM

at Kalahari in Sandusky

\$75 for registration

(+ Kalahari pass, and food)

Please register by April 21

CWC Luncheon

Join us for the next Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co, Luncheon, "Flower Power", on May 21st. It will be held at Pine Ridge Country Club at 11:15 AM. Terri Sevinsky will speak. Please RSVP to cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or call Dee at 440.487.0661 by May 16th. You can pay the \$22 cost at the door. See you there!



THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to all our volunteers who helped organize, clean, and support the effort of this year's Rummage Sale. It's such a blessing to fellowship with our church AND our community.

Easter Giving

Thank you to all who gave this past Easter! Over \$6,000 came in and will be split between Re:source Cleveland and UMCOR immigration initiative.

Prayers

As May approaches, prayers are being asked for Women's Kairos Outside weekend #6 May 17-19, 2024 where Stephanie Grantz is serving.

APRIL MISSION MOMENT:

Food Ministry

Help support our ongoing and various food missions. Consider donating or designating your giving to Food Ministry. There will be special Food Ministry envelopes available in the Information Hub, Fellowship Hall, and in the Narthex. Mail your giving, drop it off in the offering boxes/church office, or give online through our website or app.

More Than A Meal

MTAM is Saturday, April 27 in Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 5 and dinner is served at 5:30 PM. This free meal is open to all! To get involved with cooking, serving, or cleaning, [click here](#) or visit our website. Those volunteering must arrive at the church at 4:00 PM.

Plant Sale

The YSP Plant sale will be Mother's Day weekend, May 10 & 11. Pick up a presale form in the Info Hub or church office! If you do not fill out a presale form for pots or flats, there will be hanging plants for sale that weekend. Stop by and check them out!

Change the World Day 2024

Join us for our annual Change the World Day on May 4th where we will be partnering with *Sleep In Heavenly Peace* to build 60 beds. [Sign up online here](#). You can also help support the cost of supplies for this mission by designating your giving to Change the World Day. To learn more about SIHP, visit their site, <https://shpbeds.org/>

What's Your M.O.? Mission Opportunities

Royal Family Kids

It's that time of year when Royal Family Kids is gearing up for another year of camp. The number of kids that can have a potentially life-changing experience this summer depends on the number of teens (age 16+) & adults who volunteer their time to create positive memories for children who have experienced neglect and abuse. Camp is scheduled to begin for staff on Friday, June 7. Children ages 6-11 arrive on Saturday, June 8 and stay through the afternoon of Wednesday, June 12. At camp children receive positive attention and encouragement as they engage in many activities. Volunteers are needed both full and part time to have fun and make moments matter in a child's life. Volunteers are interviewed and receive a background check for the safety of the children. Also, all volunteers receive training before the start of camp. Learn more on their site by [clicking here](#). For more info speak with Johanna Martin johannamartin@sbcglobal.net or [visit our website](#) for more.

Renewed Covenant

We have renewed our covenant relationship with missionary, Janice Lee. You can learn more about her work and our international [missions on our website](#).

Buy a YSP Stock!

Buy a "YSP Mission Trip Stock" to support our trip to Reelfoot Rural Mission in Obion, TN. Purchase one of three classes of stock: Class C \$35, Class B \$75, and Class A \$125. [Click here](#) or visit our website to learn more about what you receive for your stock!

Shoe Drive

Visit the bin in the Gallery to drop off sneakers in any condition to raise money for The Sub Zero Mission! The drive is hosted through gotsneakers.org, an organization whose mission is to partner with the sneaker community to recycle and reuse sneakers. Sneakers donated help to purchase gloves, winter hats, and boots for the homeless population in northeast Ohio and beyond.

VBS helpers needed

[Click here](#) to see when and where you can help out with VBS this June (or visit our website)!

Hannah's Home Bottles

Beginning on Mother's Day, you can pick up a bottle to fill with money or a check to go towards Hannah's Home. Bottles can be dropped off in the main office. Deadline to drop off bottles is Father's day.

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 here for SPRING leader signup](#). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

2024-2025 Preschool Reg

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.

MOMCo.

MOMCo (The Mom Community) will meet on Friday, March 22 at Mentor UMC. For more details, [check our website](#)

YSP Meetings

Youth Service Project meetings are on the following Sundays at 12 PM in the Wesley Room: April 14, May 5, June 9. Email ysp@mentorumc.org for more info or [click here](#).

Lake County Youth Lock-In

Lake Co UMC Youth Directors will hold grand events for the youth monthly in Greater Cleveland. We at MUMC will be hosting the FIRST event on Friday, May 17, from 7 PM to 7 AM for a massive lock-in. This event will allow our youth to not only fellowship with one another, but give them the opportunity to meet with youth outside of Lake Co. Contact Briyant Hines to learn more or get registered.



Thank you!

Thanks to all who participated, contributed, and had great fun with us at this year's BIG Event. All in all, we raised over \$8,000 to go towards the YSP trip this summer.

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room.

Youth Mornings

Every Sunday between services from 10 AM-11AM, youth are invited to come hangout in the MUMC Youth Room for fun, fellowship, and refreshments.

Youth Evenings

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 6pm-7:30pm. Dates are as follows: April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16. [RSVP here](#).

Youth & Family Night

Please join us for our monthly Youth & Family Night at Progressive Field on Saturday, May 4th at 6 PM when the Guardians take on the Los Angeles Angels. Tickets are free and each ticket holder will receive a voucher for food and beverages. It is also Star Wars night and fans will receive an Obi-Kwan Kenobi bobblehead. Tickets are limited, so please [sign-up](#) as soon as you can.

Confirmation Sunday

Join us on May 19th for Confirmation Sunday. This is also a great time to become a new member if you miss our New Member Sunday on April 14th.

Scholarship & Grad Recognition

Thank you to all who turned in their scholarship applications. Recognition for recipients and graduating seniors will be held on June 9th with a special brunch.