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WEEKLY UPDATE

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CHURCH

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

Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



PRESALE FORMS DUE TODAY!

YSP Plant Sale Dates: Friday, May 10 & Saturday, May 11
here at Mentor United Methodist Church!

In March, our confirmation class and their mentors visited Aldersgate United Methodist Church (UMC) in Warrensville Heights. In preparation for our visit, the group reviewed what would be the similarities in our church/worship with the visiting church. Things like: “Yes or No”: will the church have a welcome? Ushers? a choir, a liturgist, acolytes, prayer time, sermon, call to worship, benediction, etc.? Afterward, we had lunch at Five Guys restaurant and the consensus was all positive on the experience. So many similarities existed in the visiting church with MUMC and we noted the differences as well.

The UMC is a worldwide connection of approximately 10 million members in Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States. We are the person next door, the church on the other side of the country, and the worshiping community across the globe. Together, we share a legacy of living as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing God’s love both in what we say and how we serve our neighbors.



Now, of course, we share commonality with other UMCs, yet the United Methodist Church shares a great deal (what we believe about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and more) with other denominations too. We also have a unique heritage and areas of emphasis. According to our foundational statement of beliefs found in The Book of Discipline, please know that we share the following basic affirmations in common with all Christian communities. Each of us should know or learn what we mean when we talk about grace, how we serve people around the world, ways we grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, what we say about God, human beings, the church, the Bible and more.

- You can find in our [Social Principles](#), how we, United Methodists, react to the world: the natural world, the nurturing, social, economic, political, etc. communities.
- In the Confession of Faith (16 confessions of faith) and the articles of Religion, (25 articles from almost A to Z (on the holy trinity, resurrection of Christ, Old and New Testament, justification, sin, baptism, the Lord’s supper, the church, speaking in tongues, free will, etc.).



We may try to classify people on the basis of color, family name, hair texture, education, and money but in God’s sight, we are all worthy of God’s grace from the wealthiest to the poorest. The Bible confirms that we look on the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart.

If this world needs anything, it is a wider acceptance, a more faithful practice of, and a deeper commitment to the ideas set forth by the marvelous preacher, teacher, and healer, whom we believe to be the Son of the living God. He not only taught spiritual/moral concepts, but he embodied them and lived them. Jesus stretched out His arms to the people of all nations and all backgrounds. Yes, in Christ, everybody is God’s somebody! And because of that, we share core beliefs because of Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

This week began the gathering of many, many United Methodists for the quadrennial event of General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and attendance is by elected persons from all over the world. Pastor Steve’s wife, Rev. Cara Stultz Costello and others from [East Ohio](#) are attending.

Most likely, you will see news reports about the gathering, for it is certainly newsworthy, I think. The date of the gathering (General Conference) is April 23 to May 3. I invite you to log onto the [UMC website](#) for live coverage of the daily happenings of General Conference. Our Book of Discipline is our denominational guide for committee and church formation in the UMC. The reason it is updated and reviewed is the same reasons you do not rely on an old newspaper from four years ago. Simply put, the United Methodist Women’s (UMW) group is now the United Women in Faith and that information must be updated in the area of committee and work of the church. Many concerns will be addressed: church safety (in light of church/school shootings), safe sanctuaries, refugee assistance, and food deserts in the US as well as whether to celebrate LGBTQI as part of God’s blessed diversity or maintain the belief that it is inconsistent with Christian teaching *and more!*

Remember that we share common beliefs with others because we share a common belief in God!

– 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:

The Enclave - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,

Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler

Salida Woods - Doris Sturm

Aristocrat Berea - 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

Danbury Mentor - Dale Porter

Mentor Ridge Rehab - Delores Tackett

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, Tammy Palermo, Georgeanna Allen

Change the World Day 2024

Join us for our annual
Change the World Day
on Saturday, May 4th from 9-2
in the Northwest parking lot
@ MUMC

We will be partnering with
Sleep In Heavenly Peace
to build 60 beds.

[Sign up online here](#) or on our website.

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](#)



Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49249412>

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

MUMC Softball

MUMC Softball team is 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

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 for Modern Worship. Arrive by 8:15 to prepare, set up, 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. Please contact Justin Mackey at JMackey@Mentorumc.org OR Laurie Eppler at Laerainbow427@aol.com

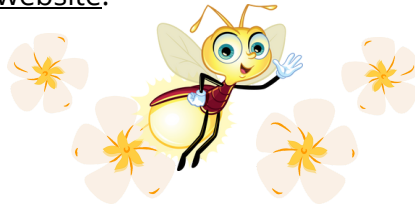
Liturgists

Get in touch with Amy Bender if you are interested in being a liturgist in Traditional Worship on a Sunday morning: abender@mentorumc.org

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

AUDITIONS MAY 11

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)

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 CC at 11:15 AM. 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!

Prayers

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

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Join Mentor United Women in Faith for another bread, broth, and brownies luncheon! May's menu includes vegetarian chili, Brazilian cheese bread, salad, and chocolate mint brownies. Paula Langdon will share about her recent mission trip to Guatemala. We hope to see you on Wednesday, May 8th at noon in the MUMC Gallery for lunch, learning, and fun! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Memorial Day Recognition

Call the church office or email ktanner@mentorumc.org with the name(s) of a loved one(s) you wish to remember this Memorial Day. Their name will be printed in an insert for Traditional worship and displayed on a slide for Modern.

Fair Play Performance

All are welcome to come see the Fair Play performance on May 9th at 7 PM in the Chapel.

APRIL MISSION MOMENT:

Food Ministry

Help support our ongoing and various food missions. Consider designating your giving to Food Ministry. There are 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.

Plant Sale

The YSP Plant sale will be Mother's Day weekend, May 10 & 11 here at the church. 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 other plants for sale that weekend. Stop by and check them out!



Rummage Sale Proceeds

Some of the funds from this year's Rummage Sale will go towards Change the World Day on May 4th. \$3,100 has been put towards lumber and building supplies for the 60 beds we plan to build. **You can still designate your Giving to help cover costs for mattresses and other bed accessories.**

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: 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! 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 cash 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.

Easter Giving Total

Thank you to all who gave for the special plate Giving. We raised \$7174.76 to be split between UMCOR and Re:Source Cleveland.

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 SUMMER 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, April 26 at Mentor UMC.

Middle School

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

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.



Youth Mornings

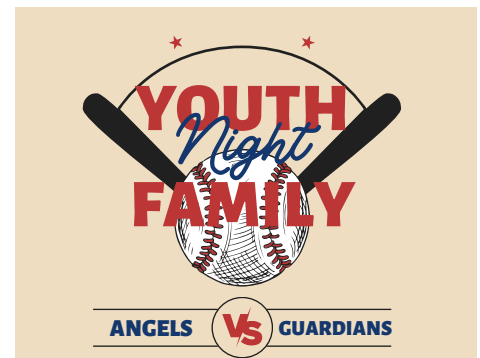
Every Sunday between services from 10 AM-11AM, youth are invited to come hangout in the MUMC Youth Room for fun, fellowship, and refreshments.

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.