

# MENTOR

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# UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE METHODIST

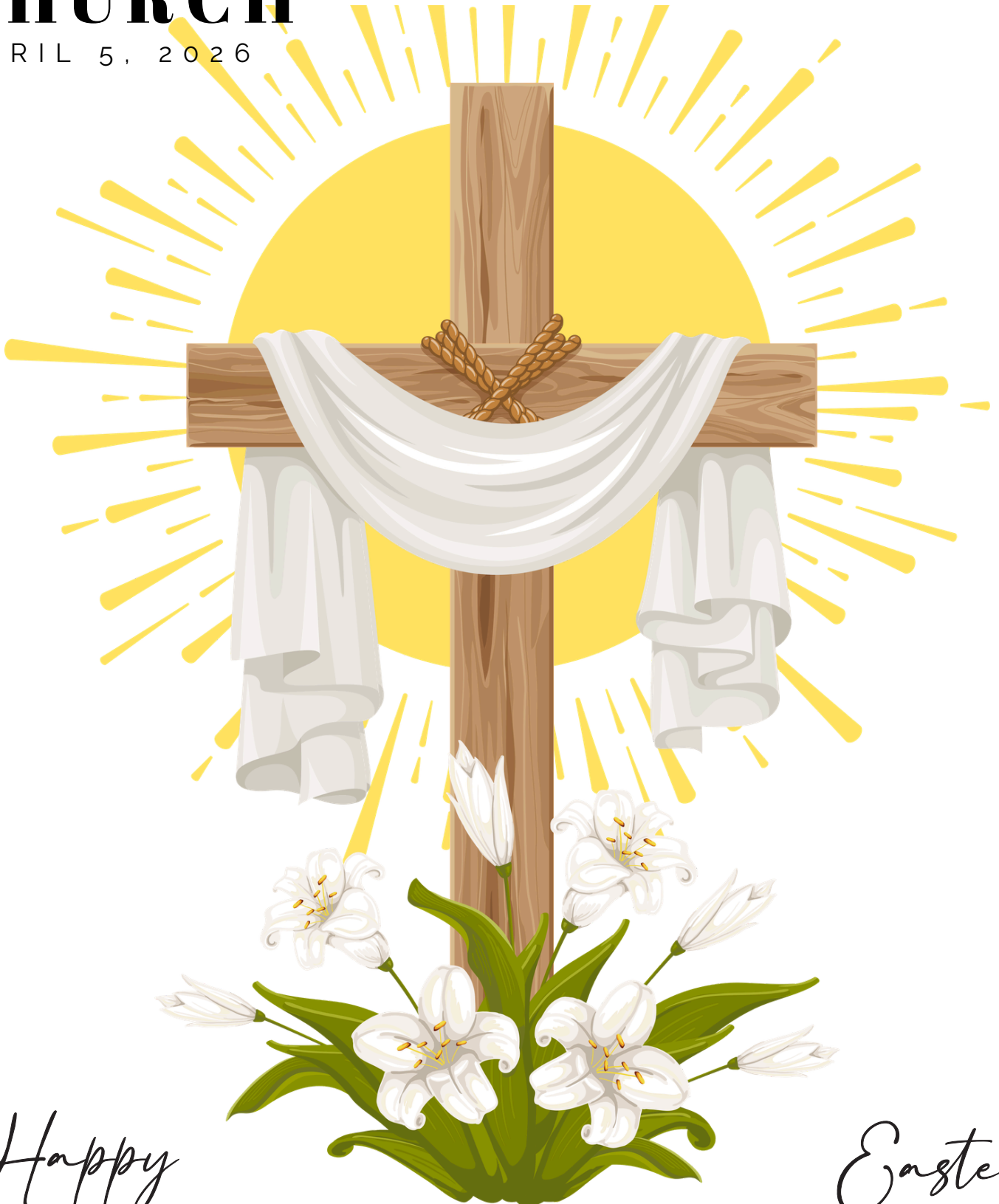
## Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

# CHURCH

APRIL 5, 2026



*Happy*

*Easter!*

# Pastor Letter

The Good News is... Alive in the World

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” – Matthew 28:10

Without Easter, there would be no church and no such thing as Christianity. That’s a bold statement, but think about it. After Jesus’ horrifying death by crucifixion, the disciples were paralyzed with grief and fear. For them, the whole movement was over. They were afraid the authorities would come after them next. John 20:19 makes this clear, telling how the disciples were all together with the doors locked “for fear of the Jewish Leaders”. It was only because Jesus, the risen Christ, came to them, met them where they were, in their paralysis, in their fear, and breathed on them, giving them life and hope and power again. No longer held back by their fears, they went on to tell others about their experience. They went on to meet regularly for prayer, worship, and action. Their courage and boldness in the face of all obstacles, persevering through persecution, inspired others who looked for themselves and became believers, joining the Christian community. It grew and grew!

This Sunday, as we come together to worship the risen Christ, singing Alleluia, we will be joining an estimated 1.5 billion or more around the world celebrating Easter in worship! Wow! But what actually happened? What do we believe about Jesus’ resurrection from the dead?

This Sunday, we will hear the Easter story from Matthew’s Gospel. However, I invite you to read the resurrection account from each of the four gospels. You will see that each gospel tells the experience differently. For generations, many Christians and Bible scholars have struggled with these differences, taking them on as a problem to be solved, differences that must be reconciled. Diana Butler Bass, the author of the book, *A Beautiful Year*, (a book recommended by Pastor Tammy) gives us a new and freeing perspective. She asks, “What if the diversity of these accounts is a gift?” Butler Bass shares that in her 70+ years of life, she finds herself in each of these gospel accounts. She testifies that her life of faith has included fear, joy, confusion, sadness, conviction, doubt, worship, and more! Her conclusion is that, “only such diversity can hold a lifetime of faith and doubt, hope and fear, logic and mysticism, awe and skepticism, spirit and body. The resurrection is a prismatic mystery. An experience of the beyond breaking in—no matter the power of death.

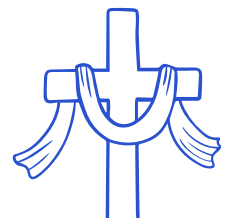
How is it that you have experienced the power, hope, and promise of Jesus’ resurrection? My guess is that no two experiences are the same. It’s as if each experience is custom-tailored just for each of us! Praise God for meeting us where we are!

I pray that the Easter story this year will renew our faith in the one who dwells among us, giving us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts open to receive anew his power, strength, hope, and love.

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!



Pastor Steve



# 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

*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

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**Finance Update**

At the end of February the church Operating Fund stood at \$164,473.11, which is a decrease of \$9,035 from last month. This is mostly due to our restart of paying our full monthly apportionment to the Conference in February, as well as catching up on the January portion. We are now 100% up to date for 2026.

<b>Church Operating Summary</b>	
<b>February Giving</b>	\$73,525
<b>YTD Giving</b>	\$151,624
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	\$160,441
<b>YTD Overage (Deficit)</b>	(-\$8,817)

Percentage of Conference apportionments paid this year => 100%

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49588237>

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).

### **Open Table**

Join us on Thursday, April 9th, for the next Open Table at 5:30 PM in the Gallery. This month's theme will be a preview for 2026 Vacation Bible School hosted by the Children & Family Ministry team! [RSVP online](#), in the Info Hub, or just show up.

### **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](#).

# Need to Know

### **April's Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon**

Don't miss the next 4B luncheon! Mentor United Women in Faith invites you to join us for chicken tortilla soup, cornbread, salad, and dulce de leche brownies. Guest speaker Becky O'Donnell, President of Guatemala Family Development, will share with us some ways they are involved in the health, well-being, and education of Mayan children and families in rural Guatemalan communities, including the upcoming medical mission trip which the Langdons will be a part of. We hope you will join us Wednesday, April 8th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! 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.

### **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 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. Chuck Tackett will be facilitating. Sign up [online here](#).

### **Chair Yoga**

Join us from 1-2 PM (arrive at 12:45 PM) on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> for a special session of Chair Yoga. Cost is \$10. No materials or training necessary. This is meant to be a meditative time that ALL can participate in. [Register online here](#).

### **Hope Ridge Info Talk**

Join members and friends at Hope Ridge UMC for their next Info Talk, "ESTATE PLANNING, TRUSTS, AND WILLS." We'll meet on Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM in the Hope Ridge Chapel. No RSVP necessary.

### **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.

### **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.

## EASTER OFFERING

This year's Easter Offering is designated for UMCOR, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Missions.

## 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>.

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

## 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](#).

## YSP Plant Sale

Save the date for the Plant Sale on Mother's Day weekend. Presale forms will be available this spring, 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.

## 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.

## 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!"

## 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

## Project Hope Golf Outing

Join Project Hope for a Golf Outing on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Little Mountain Country Club. Learn more and [register online here](#).

## 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 [workingwithwoodlawncarol170@gmail.com](mailto:workingwithwoodlawncarol170@gmail.com)

# 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 for 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 WINTER session is January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4. The SPRING: March 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13. [Fill out the form online here.](#)

## Seedlings Class

Mentor UM Preschool's Seedlings class still has a few openings. This 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 9:00-11:15 on Mondays and Fridays. Please contact Brittany Jones at [bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org) to register.

## 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.](#)

## Scholarship 2026

Students are invited to [fill out the MUMC Scholarship form](#) by Wednesday, April 8th, 2 PM. This opportunity is for any high school or higher education student who has been a member here for at least ONE year. We'll celebrate our recipients and grads on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (please fill out the [grad form](#) to help us celebrate you)! [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 14th-May 26th, 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 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 begin our days (9:30 AM) at the church then head out to 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.](#)