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

Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
9 AM TO 3 PM
8600 MENTOR AVE

P A S T O R ' S L E T T E R

*He showed himself in this way... they saw a charcoal fire there...
Do you love me? Feed my lambs... tend my sheep... feed my sheep*
- Key excerpts from John 21:1, 9, 15-17

This Sunday we conclude our series *Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith with Peter*. In John 21, we find ourselves out on the sea of Tiberius with Peter and six other disciples. We've been up all night fishing but have caught nothing. Just a week ago, in the morning, we heard the women tell us about the empty tomb and that they had seen the Lord. We all thought they were speaking nonsense. Then Peter went to the tomb to check it out for himself. John did too. They came back proclaiming Jesus was indeed alive, that he had risen. Did you believe it? As I picture the scene, I find myself wanting to believe, but also wanting to have my own experience, wanting my belief to be confirmed, made real!

That night we locked ourselves in the house where we liked to meet. We locked the doors, pulled down the blinds and extinguished our lanterns afraid that the Jewish authorities might find us and haul us away like they did Jesus. Instead, the risen Lord appeared among us and spoke to us, "Peace be with you." It was amazing! Our fear dissipated and we were filled with power. Unfortunately, Thomas wasn't there and when we told him about it, he didn't believe. He said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." Who can fault him? Clearly, we have all struggled to believe, each of us needing to have our own encounter of some kind.

Just a week later, on Sunday, as we all gathered in the same house, Jesus appeared among us again. This time Thomas was there! Jesus invited him to put his hand in his side and check out the nail holes in his hands. The invitation alone was enough to overcome Thomas' doubt. "My Lord and my God!" Thomas professed and believed.

That was just yesterday. It is morning now. We have fished all night and caught nothing, zilch! It's almost like we have totally forgotten the good news that Jesus is risen! Maybe after we had our experience with the risen Lord, we did the only thing we could think to do - get back to life as we knew it before we met Jesus - get back to fishing. For three years with Jesus, we practiced what he called "fishing for people" and now, it seems we no longer know how to fish for fish! And then... Jesus showed himself to us again.

Calling from the shore, we heard him say, "Cast your nets on the right side of the boat!" It was just like when we met him the first time, when he called us to follow him. We cast our nets on the right side of the boat and caught too many fish to haul in!

When we got to shore, Jesus had a charcoal fire burning with fish and bread ready. He fed us! Then, he asked Peter - Do you love me? Three times Peter tells him "Yes, Lord, I love you." Jesus responds, "Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep."

Church, do you love Jesus? Have you had your own encounter with the risen Lord? My prayer for today is that as we gather at the table, as we eat the bread and drink the juice, we will see Jesus in the faces of one another, we will feel his love manifested in community, we will remember the other times in our lives when we least expected it and Jesus came. Then, let us reaffirm our love for him by caring for the least of these who are members of Jesus' family.

Amen,



Pastor Steve

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 - Delores Tackett, 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

Parker Place - Marianne Haycox

Grand River - Beverly Hill

Members who are in need of prayer:

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

RUMMAGE SALE

BIG SALE
Saturday, April 20, 2024
9 AM to 3 PM

Volunteer by [clicking here](#) or
visiting the Info Hub on Sunday

Visit [our website](#) for a full list of
what items we are and are NOT
accepting this year

Drop-off Donations:
Mon, April 15 - Thurs, April 18
9 AM to 7 PM Mon-Wed,
9 AM to 12 PM Thurs

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**CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED
ON MONDAY,
APRIL 8, 2024
FOR ECLIPSE**

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<https://bible.com/events/49238927>

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

Family, Feast, Fellowship... and Feedback!

Click here to share your thoughts on our Lenten dinners/classes.

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



Need to Know

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Join Mentor United Women in Faith for a bread, broth, and brownies luncheon. April's menu includes broccoli cheddar soup, Red Lobster Cheddar Bay Biscuits, salad, and blonde brownies. And don't miss "Let's Make a Deal for Mission," a wacky game show mash-up where all the prizes are zonks, but learning about mission makes everyone a winner! We hope to see you on Wednesday, April 10th at noon in the MUMC Gallery. Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

CWC Luncheon

Join us on April 16 at Pine Ridge Country Club for the Christian Women's Connection luncheon beginning at 11:15 AM. Cost is \$22. Please RSVP by April 11 to: cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or call Dee 440.487.0661

Save the Date

New Member Sunday is April 14, 2024. To get involved for that day, contact a Pastor or the church office! We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Ad Council

Administration Council meets on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 PM in Asbury room.

New Sermon Series

Join us for our next sermon series "This Is Us: Being United Methodist". There will also be a class on Tuesday nights, check back for details soon!

YSP's BIG Event

"Heroes for Humanity"

**Sunday, April 14th,
5PM-8PM**

Fellowship Hall

\$15 adults

17 and under are FREE

Ticket information to come

Just one week until our annual YSP fundraiser that includes a dinner, auctions, and entertainment.

Come hungry as we will once again hold a Dessert Auction where you or your table can bid on amazing cakes and cupcakes. Along with that "sweet" auction, you can bid on a variety of donated items and baskets. You can check out what items are up for auction by visiting our website, Info Hub, and social media.

Don't forget to dress up for our superhero costume contest!



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 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

YSP BIG Event Auctions

YSP students are looking for items to fill the Silent and Live Auction tables for our fundraiser, Heroes for Humanity, on April 14th. Ideas of sought after items in the past: restaurant gift cards, rounds of golf, tickets to an event, themed baskets such as Movie Night, Coffee-Lovers, Game-Night, Gardening, etc. (no lottery tickets or alcohol please) Donation forms are located in the church office. For more information please contact Karen Martin at karen@martin4.net

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.

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)!

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!"

Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 on Weds from 9:15-10:45 AM. Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). The winter session has started. Please check out our website for more details.

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](#)

Seedlings Class

Registration is open for children who are 3 as of Jan 1, 2024 and potty trained. Children who are 2 1/2 AND potty trained are also welcomed. If you have any questions, please contact State Manager, Brittany Jones bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

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.



Middle School

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

Youth Mornings

Every Sunday between services from 10am-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 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16. [RSVP here](#).

Youth & Family Night

Join us on April 10th for Y&FN at a Cleveland Cavaliers game! Please arrive by 6:30 PM for the Early Entrance Experience. Our group will enter Rocket Mortgage Field House 30-minutes prior to the Cavaliers vs. Grizzlies game. Upon entry, we will be escorted to the lower bowl to watch pre-game warmups, which is a super exclusive and cool environment, which isn't available to the general public, and allows us to experience the sights and sounds of what goes into preparation for an NBA game. [You can RSVP here](#).

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.