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WEEKLY UPDATE

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CHURCH

AUGUST 17, 2025

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Worship with us in-person or online:
Mentorumc.org, Facebook, and Youtube

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

STORM PROOF: HOW DO WE PROCEED?



**Who is in control? God is.
What is guiding us? God will.
How do we proceed? With God.**

Simple answers to complex questions. Fortunately, we can read in God's word that God controls, guides and provides process for us. In all of our doings, we must submit to God's authority over creation.

The **storms** in this series, and the **storms** in our individual lives, deal with the upheavals of life conditions. Those "**storms**" that overtake us and cause us to question 'how much or if any control that we have over our lives.'

When we live believing that we are the controllers of our very own fate, we delude ourselves. We delude ourselves into a false sense of security and a false sense of abilities.

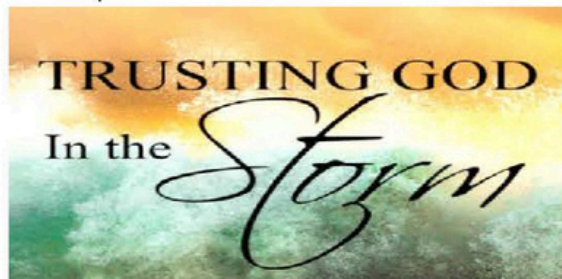
For three weeks, this series encouraged us to have a strengthened faith or "the Blessed Assurance" of God's provision. Being "**Storm Proof**" should be our goal as a Christian. We should grow so much in our faith that we can see **storms** coming, feel **storms** brewing and then be able to brace ourselves knowing that Jesus will be with us. **STORM PROOF, STORM PROOF, STORM PROOF!**

Like you, I feel so privileged to be surrounded by a body of believers who work at and try to perfect that "**STORM PROOF**" character in their spiritual lives. For me, I need the support, examples and experiences of others when I'm going through a **stormy** time. God orders how we should proceed!; no matter what natural devastation, mass shooting, criminal act, political influence, abuse or malfeasance that comes on the news or on our phones.

So, friends, be sure, be very sure that you work at being **STORM PROOF!** The goal is to be **storm resistant, storm retardant, impervious to storms, waterproof**, all of that!

My prayer and hope is that we all can claim the words Greg O'Quin n' Joyful Noyze as they belt out such a command over **storms**. Their song boasts that **storms** do not and cannot overtake us because we live knowing God is in control, guides and orders our steps in sunny, cold, hot or **stormy** weather. Be storm proof now and forevermore!

--Pastor Ivy



🎵 I TOLD THE STORM

by Greg O'Quin 'n Joyful Noyze

Alright, Hallelujah
Even though your winds blow,
I want you to know
You cause me no alarm,
'Cause I'm safe in His arms
Even though your rain falls,
I can still make this call
Let there be peace,
Now I can say, "Go away"
I command you to move today
Because of faith,
I have a brand new day
The sun will shine,
And I will be okay
That's what I told the storm
I told the storm (storm, storm,
storm, oh yes I did),
To pass (ohh, oh)
Storm you can't last
(you've got to go, yeah)
Go (go away) away
(I command)
I command you to move today
(you to move, ohh yeah)
Storm (oh storm yeah)
When God speaks
(when my God speaks)
Storm (you don't have a choice
in the matter)
You have to cease
(you have to cease, yes that's...)
That's what I told the storm
(what I told the storm)

🎵 "The Storm is Passing Over"
by the Detroit Mass Choir

🎵 "Praise You in This Storm"
by Casting Crowns

🎵 "Peace Be Still"
by Lauren Daigle

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, Carol Anderson
Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,
Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox
Prosper at Wickliffe - Gloria McFeely
Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Village of St. Edward: Dale Porter
Fairmont - Gretchen Tice
Governor's Point - Bob Williams

In need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Nora Kelley, Karen Mancini, Noralee Starr, Tom Martin,
Laurie Eppler, Connie Sterner, Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster,
Kay McKinney, Ruthie Hobart, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of
Marge Westman Cockerham's husband, Frank,
who passed on August 9, 2025 at the age of 99.
If you wish to send your condolences, their address is
173 Sun Circle East, Melbourne, FL 32935**

STORM PROOF

8/3 - WHO IS IN CONTROL?
8/10 - WHAT IS GUIDING US?
8/17 - HOW DO WE PROCEED?

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Communion

Communion is the first Sunday of the month in both services. On all other Sundays, Communion & Prayer is held in the Chapel at 10:30 AM.

Fellowship Hour

Join us after service every week in the Gallery for Fellowship Hour. First Sunday of the month is Pancakes Sunday!

Need to Know

Open Table

NEW! This monthly event is open to all and FREE! Join us in the Gallery at MUMC for food, fellowship, and fun from 5:30 to 7 PM every second Thursday of the month beginning September 11th. [RSVP online here.](#)

Young Adult Outings

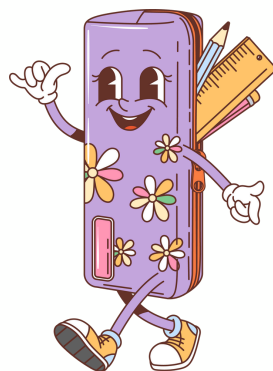
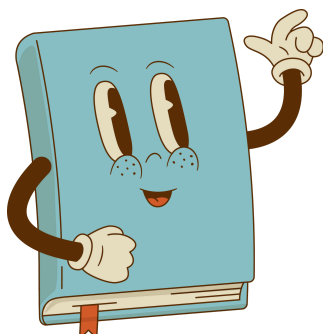
Young Adults are invited to monthly outings to build relationships and have fun! Join us for:

Picklefest in Cle

- Saturday, September 20th, 1 PM (meet at church at noon)
- Downtown Cleveland
- \$10, bring money for food
- Please [register](#) by the end of AUGUST

Regal Vineyard

- Saturday, October 18th, 6 PM
- Winery in Geneva (includes a haunted corn maze, haunted house, food, wine bar, and firepit.)
- Bring money for food & drink (adults may CHOOSE to drink but MUMC is not liable for individuals actions)



Communion Bread Baking

Do you enjoy baking? Please consider signing up for a month starting in September. Meditate on John 3:33-35 as you listen and, hopefully, receive God's call to bake for the church community this everlasting, transforming bread. Contact Chris Fletcher 740.739.2155 christfletcher67@aol.com for additional information.

The Great Commission: Informational Meeting

Join Chris Fletcher on Sunday, August 17th after the 9:00 and 11:00 services in Adams Parlor for an informational meeting on ways you can answer to the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Whether welcoming guests, praying over our community, or writing words of encouragement, your efforts shape lives and reflect God's love. No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact Chris Fletcher at christfletcher67@aol.com / 740.739.2155

Martin Journey Group

This journey group is taking the month of August off and will start class again on September 7th. Get in touch with the Martin's or Pastor Tammy for questions.

Museum Day Trip

Join Pastor Tammy and others on a day trip to the Charles Wright Museum in Detroit on Saturday, November 1st. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth and seniors. Please [RSVP online](#). Get in touch with Pastor Tammy with any questions.

Pet Blessing

Are you an animal lover? Bring your pets to Garfield Park on October 4th for a Pet Blessing.

Connection Corner

Relate. Love. Disciple

A part of MUMC's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ—echoing the Great Commission to “go and make disciples of all nations.”

John Wesley reframes the focus of evangelism—not as a one-time conversion decision to follow Jesus—but as the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith and spiritual growth. The R.E.L.A.T.I.O.N.A.L acronym helps explain the Wesleyan approach to Evangelism.

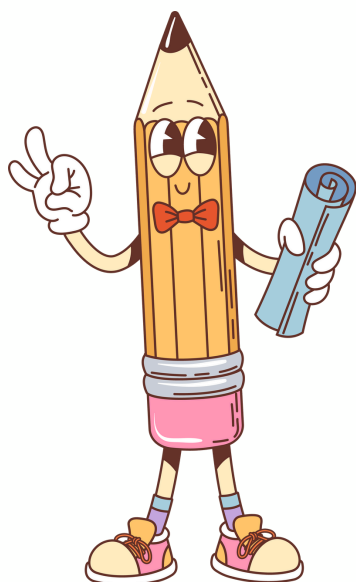


Alzheimer's Walk 2025

The Walk will be held at Lake Farm Park on September 27th. This year, our team goal is to raise \$2,000. All Journey groups & committees are encouraged to walk as part of Team MUMC. Get your team registered as soon as possible so we can meet our goal! [Click here.](#)

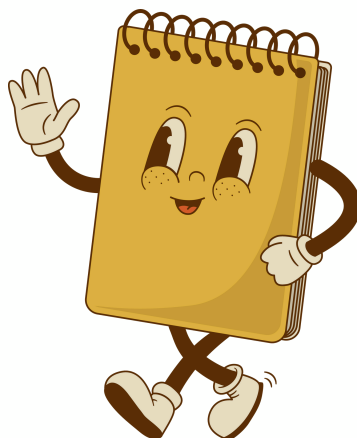
Prayer Sanctuary

Your support is needed! One of our students, Jack Cuff, is raising money for a project through the Eagle Scouts to build a Prayer Sanctuary at Mentor UMC. The money raised would go directly toward the purchases of material for the project, and any additional funds will go directly towards the needs of the church. LEARN MORE & DONATE HERE: <https://gofund.me/b84b2260>



What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities



UMCOR

UMCOR provides disaster relief through the United Methodist Church's Global Ministries. To learn more or donate, please visit their website:

umcmmission.org/umcor

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of new or gently used (clean) blankets of all sizes. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center at MUMC.



Rocks Cry Out

If you are feeling led to be part of *Rocks Cry Out*, a group of people who want to explore the United Methodist Church's Social Principles to take action, please email Pastor Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of 16oz Bottled Water, 33-Gallon Trash Bags, Sliced Cheese, Paper Towels, Decaf Coffee, Lunch Chips, Paper Plates, Sugar, Cereal, Deli Meat, Drink Mix. Drop off at the shelter during the week from 8-2:30 PM.

Back to School Volunteers

Volunteer for MUMC's annual community celebration on Saturday, August 23rd. Details on next page.

Helping with Youth

Want to help out or support the Youth & Young Adult Ministry at MUMC but you aren't sure how? [Click here](#) to fill out your info so that Mackalyn can get in touch with you.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services.

- ALL ages are encouraged to 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.

Sunday Morning Signup

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

"Worship one, serve one!"

Register for 2025-2026

Register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMC: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more:

bjones,preschool@mentorumc.org



Middle School

Middle Schoolers are invited to Sunday School during the 9 AM worship service each Sunday.

Youth Group

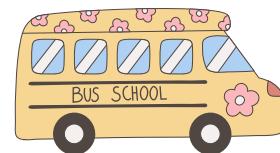
Youth are invited to meet in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM on August 24th for Youth Group. MORE dates coming soon.

Youth Fall Kickoff

Students are invited on Sunday, September 7th at 6 PM for a kickoff including a potluck, games, and an orientation for 6th graders & their families. Please RSVP [online here](#).

Harvest Fest

Youth are invited to St. Matthews UMC for their Harvest Festival at Brookdale Orchard on August 30th! Our Middle School Mission Week youth served there this summer, and so we are returning to visit again for the fall! We will meet at Mentor UMC to leave at 10:30 AM, and return around 2:30 PM. **Please sign-up by August 26th** if you are interested in attending as a student OR adult volunteer!



Back to School Bash

This free afternoon of fun will be on Saturday, August 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We will have Pelican Snow Cones along with an inflatable bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, and dunk tank.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Pastor Tammy has games for people to run, or you can just be present to show hospitality towards those attending. The idea is to share the love of Jesus with anyone who attends. **Sign up online** to help make sure we have enough people to show hospitality! Let us show the Mentor community love and grace!

Third Grade Bibles

Every August, all Third Graders are invited to receive their very own Bibles during service. This year, presentations will be on Sunday, August 24th during 9 & 11 AM worship. The BREAKFAST for Third Graders is on Saturday, August 23rd from 9 AM to 10:30 AM at MUMC. **Please RSVP online here**.