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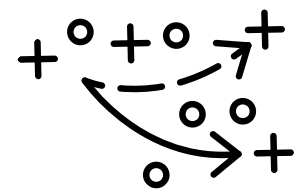
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Worship Schedule

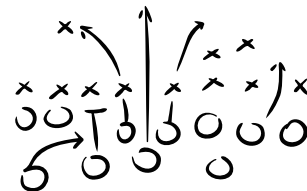
9 AM Modern

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Pastor's Letter



Get in the Game!

Then Jesus said to someone else, "Follow me." – Luke 9:59, CEB

Greetings Church!

My spiritual renewal leave this summer went very well. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. I have many stories to share about my experiences and how God showed up in unexpected ways. I'm sure many of my stories will make their way into sermons over the next several months. In the meantime, you can read a summary of my time away with select pictures by clicking here: [Pastor Steve's Spiritual Renewal Leave](#).

I am excited to be back! There is so much I am looking forward to this fall and even next year. I've missed worshipping with you and preaching. This Sunday, we begin a new, very short, 2-week series called, "Get in the Game!" It is a way for us to make some connections between our life as followers of Jesus the Christ and NFL football. For anyone who is not a fan of football or even specifically the NFL, no worries. I rarely watch football games. Full transparency, I have never been into sports as much as I am into music, theater, and the arts. So, for those of you who are true NFL fans, I NEED YOUR HELP! Please send me any thoughts you may have about the connection between our life as followers of Jesus and the NFL. I'd love to hear stories about inspiring players and key moments in NFL history. For those of you who are not NFL fans, I NEED YOUR HELP TOO! Please come to worship to help me and others who don't keep up with football feel welcome and in good company. Let's learn about this together.

The passage I will be focusing on for my sermon this Sunday is Luke 9:57-10:4. This is a passage where Jesus doesn't hold back about the level of commitment he is looking for in those who choose to follow him. When you read it, you will likely be surprised by Jesus' response to those who want to follow him, but who ask Jesus for a few reasonable exceptions. One says, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus replies, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God's kingdom." *Dang Jesus!* Another would-be-follower says, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house." *Pretty reasonable request, wouldn't you say?* Jesus' response is, "No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom." *Does that sound like the loving, welcoming, full-of-grace-and-forgiveness Jesus we all know and love?* There's a lot to unpack in this text.

In short, I hear Jesus calling people to *Get in the game!* If so, what does that mean for Jesus-followers, and what *game* is Jesus referring to? I'd love to hear your thoughts.

If you are going to be away this weekend, please join us for worship online and leave a comment. Let us know you are in the game!

In ministry together,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Steve". The signature is stylized and fluid.

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, 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:

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

Get in the game

8/31 & 9/7

Join us in person or online

9 AM Modern Worship | 11 AM Traditional Worship



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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!

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures & worship by visiting this link.

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! *Picklefest in Cle*

- Saturday, September 20th, 1 PM (meet at church at noon)
- \$10, bring money for food
- Please [register](#) ASAP

Regal Vineyard

- Saturday, October 18th, 6 PM
- 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)

Sermon Series Planning

Share your thoughts and ideas about next year's sermons! [Click here to fill out a form](#).

Need to Know

OFFICE CLOSED
*on Monday,
September 1st for
Labor Day*

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon

Let's celebrate as Mentor United Women in Faith kicks off another season of luncheons! The menu includes tomato tortellini soup, cheesy garlic bread, salad, and chocolate chip brownies.

We hope to see you on Wednesday, September 10th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the sign-up sheet in the Info Hub.

Book Club

ALL are invited to join the first Book Club meeting at MUMC on Friday, September 26th at 4 PM. We'll meet to discuss scheduling and, of course, books. This group is discussion based and will feature books or readings from all persuasions. For now, we're sharing individual reads but may do a group read in the future. Feel free to reach out to Kenna to join the Slack channel in the meantime.

Museum Day Trip

Join us 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.

Pickleball Group

Join us on Mondays at 5 PM in the south parking lot for Pickleball at MUMC beginning September 22nd. All skill levels welcome.

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.

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Evangelism is about helping people enter into a relationship with Jesus and grow within a church family. Walk with others, be a part of the body of Christ, and discover the full life God offers in community.

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>

More Than a Meal

On the last Saturday of each month, we provide a free community meal at MUMC. You can help cook, clean up, or hand out meals while interacting with guests. The time commitment is about four hours. [Please signup online](#) or call the church office for details.

What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

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.

Caring Servants Picnic

The annual picnic is on Wednesday, September 17th at noon at the Seaholm's residence.

Caring Servants is an extension of the pastoral visitation ministry to the homebound or chronically ill members church. They provide regular contact through cards, calls, visits, or "special deliveries" on a monthly basis. If you are interested in getting involved, get in touch with Pastor Ivy.

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

GBGM Luncheon

The Missions Commission is hosting a Luncheon for GBGM Missionary [Guillermo "Willie" Berman](#) who is visiting us from Mexico on Sunday, September 21st at 12:30 PM in the Gallery. All are invited

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.

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.

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

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC 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.

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!"

MOMCo Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the Gallery at MUMC. [Register and learn more online here](#). Upcoming dates:

- September 12 & 26
- October 10 & 24

Parents Morning Out

On Monday mornings from 9:15-11:15 AM, parents are invited to bring their children, who are walking through kindergarten, for a morning of play, music, snacks, a Bible story and a craft. **WE ARE CURRENTLY AT CAPACITY.** REGISTER FOR WAITING LIST ONLY. Upcoming dates:

- September 8, 15, 22, 29
- October 6, 13, 20, 27

Youth Sunday School

Grades 6-12 are invited to Sunday School during the 9 AM worship service each Sunday. We'll meet in the Youth room for fellowship & fun.

Youth Group

Youth are invited to meet in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for Youth Group. If there is a special event on one of those Sundays, then the event replaces YG. Check the website for updates.

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](#).

Brookdale Harvest Fest

Youth are invited to St. Matthews UMC for their Harvest Festival at Brookdale Orchard on **September 27th!** 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 asap if you are interested in attending as a student OR adult volunteer!

Mini Golf & Ice Cream

Youth are invited for an afternoon of Mini Golf & Ice Cream at the Dairy Queen Mini Golf in Mentor-on-the-Lake on September 14th at 2 PM. Cost is \$8 per player.

Hornyak Farms Fall Fest

Youth are invited to enjoy all the Fall Fest activities at Hornyak Farms on Sunday, September 28th at 3 PM (Meet at church at 2:30). It is \$8 a person.

Young Adult Group

Small group meets in-person (Youth Room) and online on Tuesdays from 5-6 PM (EXCEPT SEPT 2ND). Contact Mackalyn for details.