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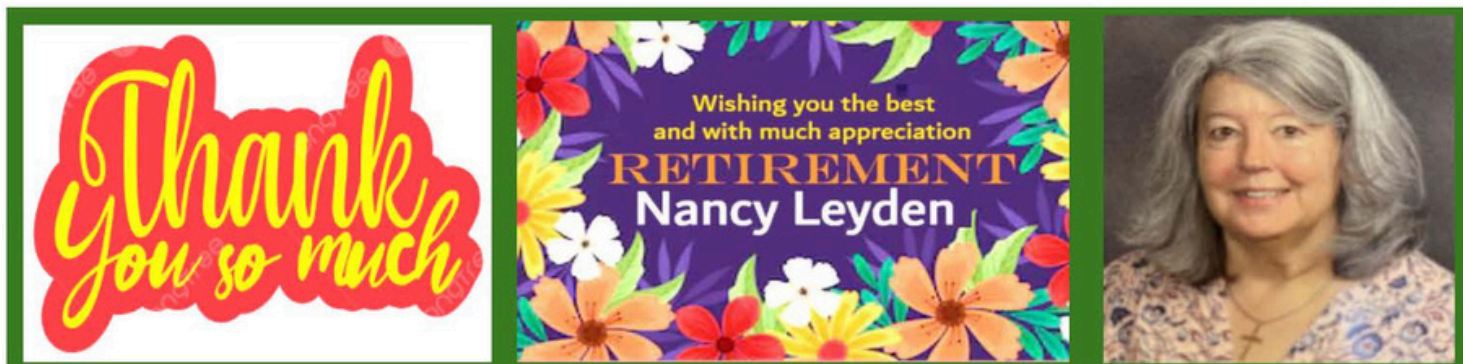
Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter



As I sat and talked with our very own Nancy Leyden, in these past few weeks, about her ministry with our Food Mission, I was so moved. As she shared and expressed all the ins and outs of each ministry, her mastery, simply, glowed. Nancy is retiring from three areas of the Food Ministry here at MUMC as of July 31: The Food Pantry, Meal Blessing and Project Hope Meals. She began Food Ministry in October 2002 and has worked with many committees and individual supporters.

The Bible verse that has fueled her drive to serve this church and others is Psalm 3:3-4:

"But you are a shield around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.

To the Lord I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill."

With it, she has proven to be the best and most respected of our hospitality and mission members. Dan McKinney has cooked with her for years with Meal Blessing and Project Hope says she is "The most dedicated, the most detailed, the most reliable and most caring person I've worked with. When you want a job done right, Nancy is the one for the job. She loves to be in Cook for the Youth Service Project (YSP) and More-Than-A-Meal ministry says "She always puts others before herself."

If you do not see Nancy around the church for a few months, she is with us in spirit, as she plans to take it easy for a while.

Some will recall, way back in 1974, singer/songwriter Joe Cocker had a number one hit with the song entitled "You Are So Beautiful." You will notice that I changed the phrasing just a tad bit for Nancy, but just look at her (*photo L*) connecting with Project Hope up to the last minute....

*Nancy, you are so beautiful to us,
You are so beautiful to us, Can't you see?
Everything we hoped for, You're everything we need,
Nancy, You are so beautiful to us!*

Nancy, just know that we appreciate your devotion, commitment and loyalty to the many folks who are served at this church by your work. Whether it is a dessert, a full meal, beverages, breakfast, lunch or dinner, sit-down or to-go style, bulk, bagged or boxed, pickup or delivery, Nancy, your planning and administration of the Food Ministry of Mentor UMC has been stellar and worthy of recognition. Our church has been so blessed by your involvement because you have set a gold standard for Food Ministry at Mentor UMC. Go with God and you are in our prayers! – Pastor Ivy

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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
Brookdale - Bill Wolfgang
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, Anderson Davis, Rosemary Bergen

**Love & Sympathy to the friends and family of Ray Pribula,
who passed on Monday, July 28, 2025**

**Love & Sympathy to the friends and family of Margaret Sharpe,
who passed on Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

**Love & Sympathy to the friends and family of Bill Wolfgang,
who passed on Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

STORM PROOF

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

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!

Summer Sermon Series

Join us in August for "Storm Proof" to think about questions like *Who Is in Control?*, *What Is Guiding Us?*, and *How Do We Proceed?*

Yoga Night

All are welcome to join us for a Mentor United Methodist Church x Sunshine Yoga Night on Monday, August 11th @ 6:30 PM. Join us to experience how yoga, meditation, and breath prayers can support your emotional and physical well-being! Chairs will be available for those who need them. This is a FREE evening of yoga. [RSVP online here.](#)

Service Times Group

A proposal for an additional 9 AM Traditional Worship service on Sunday mornings was recently given to the Administrative Council. A group has been put together to discern our current and possible future service times at Mentor United Methodist Church. Keep this team, our worship teams, and the pastoral staff in your prayers as we evaluate our Sunday morning schedule.

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.

Need to Know

Baptism

Congratulations to
Hope and Paul Brodnan
baptized on August 3, 2025
Children of Bob & Sara Brodnan

Communion Bread Baking

Do you enjoy baking? Are you looking for a way to serve God with your special gift? Baking communion bread can be a spiritual exercise. The meditative nature of baking offers an opportunity for active contemplation and prayer. 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 or sign up by clicking here.

The Great Commission: Informational Meeting

Join Chris Fletcher on Sunday, August 17th after the 9:00 and 11:00 services in the 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

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? Do you want to help plan a Pet Blessing? Contact Chris Fletcher 740-739-2155 or Chrisfletcher67@aol.com.

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." Today, we call this evangelism. In the Wesleyan tradition, evangelism is RELATIONAL at its core: loving God and loving our neighbor. Evangelism is less about words and more of a lifestyle reflecting God's love. It's a daily witness through love and action - not a one-time testimonial. Let your life actions be the testimony that draws others to Jesus.

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.](#)

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive at MUMC is on Tuesday, August 5th from 9-3 PM. [Sign up](#) now to reserve your spot to donate. Your gift saves lives!

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

Back to School Bash Note from Salvation Army:

THANK YOU for your donations!! Your church did amazing this year. Please tell everyone how thankful we all are for the donations! I saw everything you sent and would say your church donated at least \$800 worth of supplies. The cost of the socks, underwear and backpacks is a lot. Thank you again for taking time to collect the items."



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

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 Decaf, 16oz bottled water, 33-gallon trash bags, paper towels, paper plates, Lysol spray. 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.

Back to School Volunteers

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

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. More dates to come!

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.

Mashups

Youth are invited to get involved with "Mashups", a youth experience that joins with other youth groups in the community:

- Sunday, August 10th @ Camp Hi (Canoeing day). Cost is \$10. [Register online here](#).

If you want to help with the mashups, get in touch with Mackalyn:

mfiggins@mentorumc.org

Youth Group Kickoff

Students are invited on Sunday, September 7th at 6 PM for a kickoff including a potluck, games, and an orientation for 6th graders.

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](#).