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WEEKLY UPDATE

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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

Hello to my siblings in Christ,

Can you even believe we are on the second Sunday of Advent?

This week we are focusing on God with Us: Peace through Embodiment. This may sound strange to you, but give me a few moments to share what I mean. Let us think of Jesus as the embodiment of God and what this may mean for each of us. Embodiment means a physical expression of something. So, as we think about Jesus as a physical expression, let us consider how our breath may be just that. Breathing is how we are able to live as humans. Without breathing, we are unable to function. As we take in a breath this day, let us breathe in our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer.

As we continue our preparation for the coming of Jesus, our Redeemer, my prayer is that you are seeking His presence in your life through the lens of peace. Peace is something that each of us seek and need in our lives regardless of anything we may be holding on to at this moment. My prayer is that you are in conversation with God, our Creator, every day. I also pray that you are in relationship with Jesus, our Redeemer every day. And, finally, my prayer is that you are seeking guidance and wisdom from our Sustainer every day.

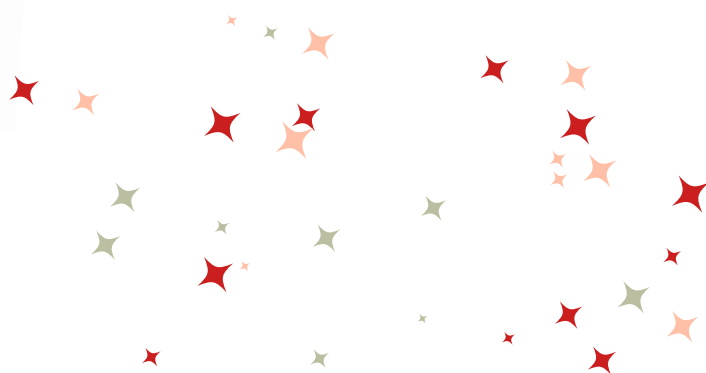
Siblings, this is not an easy time for any of us. While I want to be celebrating with you all as we are in this time of advent, I know that is not always the case for everyone. Some are celebrating, some are grieving, and some are just getting by. Please know that I am praying for you all in whatever season you are experiencing. While we are always hoping that Advent is a time for rejoicing, the reality is that not all are in that place. Please know we are praying for you...in whatever place you are today and always.

Let us continue to worship regardless of where we are,



Pastor Tammy

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December 14th
Christmas Play:
 'A Charlie Brown Christmas', 4 PM

December 15th
Christmas Cantata
 in Traditional Worship, 11 AM

December 18th
Blue Christmas Service,
 7 PM in the Chapel

December 20th
Prelude to Christmas,
 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

December 29th, 30th
 Youth Holiday Lock-In, 7 PM-8 AM

Advent Season

December 24th
Christmas Eve Services

Communion, 3 PM

Family, 5 PM

Modern, 7 PM

Traditional, 9 PM

all services are candlelight

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, Doug Kepp

Governors Point - Doris Sturm

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,

Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

Tapestry - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Village of St. Edward: Dale Porter

Holly Hill - Floyd Richards

Brookdale - Bill Wolfgang

Mentor Ridge - Russ Lancaster

Concord Ridge - Jack Brown

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, David Fell, Carol Anderson, Pam Crawley, Bob Linsell, Dick & Nancy Smith, Andy Champa, Georgeanna Allen, Suzanne Dubeansky, Ida Reynolds

Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49357359>

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

Communion & Fellowship

Join us for Communion at 10:30 AM in the Chapel on Sundays in December. You can also listen to Christmas songs being performed in the Gallery during Fellowship Hour.

Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias TODAY! [View the online order form](#) or grab a paper one in the Info Hub. Plants are \$7 each.

Advent Devotional

You can pick up a Devotional at the church or read the digital version [found here](#) or on our website. If the browser version doesn't work for you, try the PDF version. [More info here](#). To celebrate the art shared in this devotional and our Stewardship craft, we will have an art display in the Gallery through December.

Christmas Play: A Charlie Brown Christmas

Join us in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 14th at 4 PM for A Charlie Brown Christmas presented by the MUMC Truth & Light Players. Tickets are on sale now! [Click here](#) or visit our website.

Christmas Cantata

Each year we prepare for Christmas with an incredible performance by members & friends of Mentor UMC. Join us in Traditional Worship at 11 AM on Sunday, December 15th in-person or online.

Blue Christmas

Blue Christmas is a service for those dealing with grief and loss this Advent season. Join us for a meaningful service in the Chapel at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 18th.

Prelude to Christmas

Join us on Friday, December 20th at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary for this special service presented by the Charter Members Men's Choir & guests from Painesville & Chardon UMC Choirs.

CWC Luncheon

Christian Women's Connection of Lake County presents "It's a Merry Christmas Party!" on Tuesday, December 10th from 11 AM to 1:30 PM at Pine Ridge CC. Join us for an afternoon of music, a mini Christmas bazaar, an inspirational message, and an ensemble of the Snowbelt Symphony Orchestra. Cost is \$25, please RSVP by December 4th. Call Dee at 440.488.435 or cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com.

Young at Heart Luncheon 2024

This year's Young at Heart Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 11th at 12 PM at Mentor United Methodist Church. The MUMC Women of Faith are excited to host this wonderful Christmas Luncheon of chicken marsala, mashed potatoes, caprese salad, zucchini medley, and Andes mint chocolate brownies for dessert. A fun game of Christmas Jeopardy will follow lunch! Those 65 years and older are invited to join us for a meal and some Christmas fun! All you need to do is call the Church Office at (440) 255-3496, or [sign up online](#) by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th**.

Disciple Bible Study

Beginning in the new year, we will start Discipleship Bible studies. Pastor Steve will lead a Disciple 1 class on Thursdays, 4-6 PM starting January 16th. Syndie Toth will lead Disciple 1 on Mondays from 10-12 PM and Lucas & Wendy Rhoads will lead Disciple 2 on Thursdays from 7-9 PM. This will go all 2025, with a break in the summer. Pastor Tammy will facilitate the fast track version, which is 24 weeks. The prayer is to have 100 plus people involved to learn more about the Bible. [Register here](#).

Giving Trees

The trees are up and the names are ready. As in the past we have the signup genius available as well as GREEN TREE tags on the tree, We encourage you to look at the [signup genius](#) if you plan on taking more than one name. This way you can bless a family for Christmas. Families range from 2-8 children this year. The tags on the trees are mostly single child families and work well for people that are not able to access the signup genius.

YELLOW ANGELS tags are for members of the church that could use some extra prayers.

RED HEARTS represent charities that we are supporting this year. They include: Ohio Guidestone, Project Hope, Royal Family Kids Camp and Ronald McDonald House.

BLUE BELLS represent acts of kindness.

Please return your wrapped and well labeled gifts for the children to church ON or BEFORE Sunday December 15th at noon. We have a secure place to store all gifts. Please contact Betsy Iskra at 440-283-6524 or Iskra5@aol.com with any questions.

[View online signup here.](#)

What's ?

Your Mission Opportunities

Pastors Discretionary Need

As winter heightens and the holidays draw near, the Pastor's Discretionary fund is in need of financial support. The purpose of this fund is to help needy individuals in a confidential and timely manner at the discretion of either the Lead or Associate Pastor of the church. This fund has helped many families in need of emergency rent, utilities, medical needs prescriptions, etc. Often these families are living in a car, have fallen on hard times, are disabled, or working in low paying jobs and don't qualify for other assistance. Mentor UMC's Pastor's Discretionary fund has been a life saving vehicle. Because of the great need in our community, this fund is dangerously low, and contributions would be welcomed. Checks can be made out to Mentor UMC and designated to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your generosity!

Project Hope

In need of: We are in need of coffee stirrers and plastic spoons, knives & forks. If you can help you may drop it off at the shelter between 9 AM and 2 PM, Mon-Friday.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in the process of moving locations. During this process, we ask that donations be paused. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Advent Candle Lighting

All are invited to sign up to light candles this Advent season during service. [Visit this signup](#) to learn more.

Christmas Eve Ushers

[Sign up online](#) or in the Info Hub to be an Usher for one of the Christmas Eve services. For questions, contact Chris Meldrum.

Love Begins at Home: Stewardship 2025 Pledge Cards

Thank you to all who have turned in a 2025 Stewardship Pledge Card. Anyone who has not yet turned in a pledge card, please do so. There are cards in the church office or you can use the online pledge card [here](#). Pledges are confidential and can be changed at any time. May God use our pledges to deepen our discipleship and walk of faith.

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!"

2024-2025 Preschool Reg

There are still a few openings for 2024-2025 Preschool. If you have questions or wish to register, please contact State Manager, Brittany Jones at bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

Pre-Reg for 2025-2026

Pre-register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMC: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more: bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org

MOMCo

MOMCo meets Fridays, December 13th & 20th. Moms join us in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM.

Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½

9:15-10:45 AM in the Early Childhood Area

- WINTER: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5
- SPRING: March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). [Apply here!](#)

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room.

Tea Time

Youth are invited to meet at MUMC in the Library between Sunday services (around 10 AM). We'll enjoy drinks and snacks, talk, do devotions, and more. No need to RSVP, just pop in!

Youth Lock-In

We will have a Holiday Lock-in on December 29th-30th. We will meet in the Youth Room from 7pm to 8am. This will be a time for us to gather together, celebrate the holidays, and have some Holy Shenanigans. [RSVP here](#). To volunteer to help with this event, [sign up online](#).

Young Adult Small Group

Young Adults are encouraged to join a small group that will be meeting in-person and online December 10, 17, and 30th at 6 PM. We will be discussing the Honest Advent devotional and enjoying the Advent season together. [Sign up online](#) or get in touch with Mackalyn.

