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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 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



YSP BAKE SALE
🥨 **TODAY** 🥨
AFTER SERVICES

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

Could it be me?

While they were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?"
Matthew 26:21-22

This Sunday, February 11, is our last Sunday in our 5-week series "Justice or Just Us?" I have appreciated the feedback from so many of you. It has been a journey into a part of our discipleship that is often least comfortable. I hope you have found it to be a worthwhile journey. Just because the series is ending, doesn't mean our work of Justice is over. Of course not. What happens on Sunday morning in worship is always intended to help us grow on a path of Christ-centered discipleship and that is a life-long path. We are always being shaped and formed for the long haul! It also doesn't mean the conversation is over. One of the things I value most about being a pastor is getting to engage in conversations that have significance. It is often through conversations, sharing openly and honestly with one another, as we also strive to be good listeners, that we learn new things and grow. I look forward to our continued conversation.

Today, the text and sermon title invite us to ask ourselves, as the disciples asked themselves, "Could it be me?" Can you remember a time when you have asked that question? Perhaps you can remember a time when you did not ask that question because it never occurred to you. And then, to your astonishment, you discovered the painful truth that it was indeed you! I remember once when that happened to me—when it never occurred to me that I was the one—and then was humbled to learn that indeed it was me! I will share that story with you in Modern Worship this Sunday.

I wonder how many times I am the one who has betrayed Jesus, denied Jesus, pretended to not know Jesus, acted like I don't need anyone—Jesus included, hurt someone, dismissed someone, put someone down, acted entitled...the list goes on—how many times am I the one who contributes to injustice by my actions, inactions, words, or silence and I don't even realize it, don't even see it?

NOTE: If you decide to help me out by telling me some of the ways I am the one who has betrayed Jesus with my actions or words, please do so with as much love and grace as possible so that my natural defenses will be softened, and I may be able to humbly and prayerfully hear you, repent, grow and change.

In the Matthew text, the disciples are perplexed by Jesus' statement, "One of you will betray me." You can see their anxiety rise as they look around wondering who is the one. Their spoken response is more likely intended as a statement for their own reassurance than it is a question for Jesus, "Surely not I, Lord?"

Someone once said, "If you want to change the world, start by changing yourself." I think there's a lot of truth in this statement, though it might help to couple it with the statement, "changing one's self is hard!" It may be so hard, in fact, that we are likely to say, "Surely not I, Lord?" May we humbly ask ourselves, "Could it be me?"

Committed to doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with God together,



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 - Kay Disbro, 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

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,
David Fell, Norma Ickes, Ruthie Hobart,
Mike Cosmo, Mary Lou Haines,
David Smith, Jon & Rev. Beth Wilterdink
Nora Kieser, Moy Family, Georgeanna Allen

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Elisabeth "Betty" Celizic,
who passed on Monday, January 29, 2024.**

Wednesday Nights in Lent

February 14

Ash Wednesday: "Tune my heart"

7:30-8:00 AM worship in the Chapel
12:00-12:45 PM worship in the Chapel
7:00-8:00 PM worship in the Sanctuary

February 21 - March 20

Family, Feast, and Fellowship

A time to Connect & Grow

Dinner at 5:45-6:30 PM in the Gallery
will include a 20-minute "camp style" worship.
Let us know if you have particular dietary parameters,
we will do our best to accommodate.
No charge, though donations are accepted

Wandering Heart

Figuring out Faith with Peter Class, 6:30-7:45 PM
Go deeper in the texts about Jesus and Peter
each week as we engage questions for reflection,
conversation, and spiritual formation exercises.

Mentor UMC 101, 6:30-7:45 PM

A Class to learn more about the Christian faith,
the United Methodist Church, and
Mentor United Methodist Church

Heart Reflections to Resurrection, 6:30-7:45 PM
Youth Ministry NexGen - more on last page

Finding Our Faith, 6:30-7:45 PM

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade
Childcare provided for babies through preschool

Palm Sunday, March 24
Lenten Cantata, March 24
Maundy Thursday Worship, March 28
Good Friday Worship, March 29
Easter Sunrise, March 31
Easter, March 31

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49195715>

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

A Journey to Puerto Rico!

In January, Katelynn Gurbach traveled to Puerto Rico with young adults from East & West Ohio Conferences on a Discover Mission Journey. Please join her on Sunday, February 18th, after service for a "Lunch and Learn". A free will offering will be taken and will benefit the churches and camps that hosted the group. Bring the family and get ready to experience Puerto Rico! Please RSVP using this [link](#)!

Stewardship Update

Thank you! Since our January update, we have recorded close to another \$50,000 in pledges making this year's campaign an example of how MUMC continues to be on a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

Yours in Christ,
Rich Elwell
Jack Oliver



Need to Know

Easter Flowers

Forms are available in the Narthex and Information Hub or [online here](#). Orders are due by MARCH 10!

Wellness Wednesdays

Painesville UMC is offering Wellness Classes—free and open to the public!

Wednesday, February 28th:

*10 Warning Signs of
Alzheimer's*

Wednesday, March 6th:

*Understanding & Responding
to Dementia-Related Behavior*

Sunday, March 10th:

Basic Car Maintenance

Wednesday, March 20th:

Intro to Estate Planning

Wednesday, April 17th:

Basic Computer Health

Contact 440-354-3642 to get involved or visit our Info Hub for more details.

Church Records Update

Help us update our records! There are yellow forms in the Info Hub & Church office for you or your family to fill out in order to provide the most up to date info about you. You can also [fill out online](#).

Lenten Devotional

Copies of our Lenten Devotional *Wandering Heart* will be available in the Info Hub AND online through our email blasts. Contact the church office to get on our email list if you are not already!

Church Directory

If you did not get your picture taken for this year's Church Directory, you can still send a picture to the church office or email to ktanner@mentorumc.org.

Let us know what info you would like listed in the directory as well (address, email, phone, etc.). If you do **NOT** want your picture in the directory but still wish to be listed in the roster, please contact the church office. **Please submit your picture/info AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We will accept submissions until Feb 18th.**

YSP's BIG Event

"Heroes for Humanity". This annual fundraiser helps raise money for Youth Service Project. It's a great evening that includes dinner, auctions, and entertainment: Sunday, April 14th, 5PM-8PM
\$15 adults

17 and under are FREE

[Ticket information to come](#)

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale is coming Saturday, April 20! If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, contact Chris Fletcher chrisfletcher67@aol.com or call 740-739-2155. If you wish to donate items please keep an eye out for specific drop off dates in APRIL!

Food Ministry

The next Distribution is March 18-19 to Broadmoor & Mentor Schools. We will be putting together 22 more food baskets that value around \$75 *in addition* to our current contributions. Consider donating or designating your giving to Food Ministry to support the cost of the baskets!

More Than A Meal

Volunteer for Saturday, February 24th for MTAM. [Click here!](#) Volunteers need to arrive at 4 PM. Doors open at 5 and food is served at 5:30.

Youth Ministry Leaders NEEDED

If you can volunteer your services for youth events, please email Briyant (bhines@mentorumc.org). There will be an interest meeting via Zoom for those interested in working with the youth. Details are forthcoming.



YSP Bake Sale

Meet us in the Info Hub on Sunday, February 11th for the Youth Service Project bake sale!!! Grab some delicious treats while supporting their trip to Reelfoot Rural Missions in Obion, TN in June.

What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

Meals for Pastor Ivy

You can sign up to make or buy meals and deliver them to Pastor Ivy's house by visiting [this link](#) (call the church office if you need help signing up). We continue to pray for and support her during her husband's recovery of his stroke.

Caring Servants

We are seeking people to add to our visitation list. Caring Servants help provide connectivity to our church to those no longer physically able to be present in church. Visits, calls, cards, deliveries, and other support are provided. If you know of any member who can benefit from this interaction, please call the church office at 440-255-3496.

Snack Donations for Kids

You can sign up [online](#) to donate snacks for the theatre kids at Memorial Middle School.

Tackle Hunger

We will be doing our annual Tackle Hunger (previously: Souper Bowl of Caring) on Sun, Feb 11th! Pick who you want to win the Super Bowl by donating money to their designated container. All donations go to Project Hope for the Homeless.

Blood Drive

Sign up for the next one on March 19th on [our site](#).

NextGen Tutoring Program

For those interested in starting a tutoring program for the youth at Mentor UMC, please email Briyant (bhines@mentorumc.org).

There will also be an interest meeting later on for those interested in tutoring subjects and building a tutoring program for spiritual and educational enrichment. Stay tuned!

Sunday Morning Greeters

You can sign up online or in the Info Hub to be a greeter on Sunday morning. You can choose which service and location. If viewing the online signup, you can plan and look at availability throughout 2024. [Sign up today!](#)

Buy a YSP Stock!

Support the YSP Mission trip in a new way in 2024. We are offering "YSP Mission Trip Stock" for 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!

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.

MOMCo.

MOMCo (The Mom Community) will meet on Friday, February 9th at Mentor UMC. For more dates and locations, [check our website](#)

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.

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.

Heart Reflections to Resurrection: Youth Lenten Series

Starting on Wed, Feb 21, after dinner in the Gallery, youth will gather in the MUMC Youth Room for reflections and activities as we prepare our hearts for the season of Lent. [RSVP here](#).

YSP Meetings

Youth Service Project is for grades 9-12: Trip Dates are June 21-29 to Reelfoot Rural Missions in Obion, TN.

Meetings are on the following Sundays at 12 PM in the Wesley Room. [Meeting Dates](#): Feb 11, March 10, April 14, May 5, June 9. Email ysp@mentorumc.org for more info or [click here](#).

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9-10 AM. Meet new people and gain a deeper and more relevant understanding of God's word to help apply scriptural truth to everyday living.

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: February 18, March 3, March 17, April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16. [RSVP here](#).

Youth & Family Night

Join us on Saturday, February 17 from 5-7 PM for Cosmic Bowling at Rollhouse. [RSVP here](#) or on our site.