

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

# METHODIST

# CHURCH

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## Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional

# Wandering Heart

Figuring out faith  
with Peter

# PASTOR'S LETTER

## JESUS SOUGHT ME

WANDERING HEART:  
FIGURING OUT FAITH WITH PETER

Our Lenten worship theme is: "Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter". The series theme started off on Ash Wednesday, with the theme "Tune My Heart". And this week, we focus on "**JESUS SOUGHT ME.**" **Jesus Sought Me** is found in the lyrics of verse two of the hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home,  
**Jesus sought me** when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,  
he to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

Directly from the authors of this series, through Sanctified Art, they agree that: Peter did not exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat (Luke 5:1-11). Peter questioned dropping his nets, as they had not caught any fish all night. Peter was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy. **And even still**, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend. Church family, hear and believe this good news: You can make a thousand bad impressions. You can make every mistake in the book, roll your eyes, and assume you know better. **And even still**, Christ will forgive you, claim you, and continue to seek your heart. That is the good news of the gospel. Rest, celebrate, and trust in that.

Oh, I recall, back in 2006, being drawn to the hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" like never before. After coming across the world-acclaimed Mormon Tabernacle Choir's video rendition, it alone became my morning devotion for months! Evenso, I taped the lyrics to my computer screen to aide me in memorizing them. **JESUS SOUGHT ME is the calling we see in Jesus' long walk to the cross during Lent.** Over and over, **Jesus' actions have a beckoning, echoing, pleading ring toward us.** The **never-ceasing plea** to come is the "**JESUS SOUGHT ME**" cry. Friends, throughout Lent, tell others that Jesus is ready, willing and able to meet us where we are and has the power to change our lives for the better from heretofore.—*Pastor Ivy*

**O VICTORY! HE SOUGHT ME AND HE BOUGHT ME WITH HIS REDEEMING BLOOD.**

Let the  
*God*  
who seeks you  
**FIND YOU!**



# 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, Jon & Rev. Beth Wilterdink  
Nora Kieser, Georgeanna Allen

## Wednesday Nights in Lent

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

**MENU:**

February 21: Turkey a la King

February 28: Lasagna

March 6: Chicken Tenders & Mac 'n Cheese

March 13: Ham & Bean Soup and Grilled Cheese

March 20: Mama Robertos (Chick Parm)

RSVP HERE

*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

**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.

**Scan to RSVP for  
Dinner and/or classes**





## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49214240>

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](#)!

## Tickets for Aladdin Jr.

You can buy tickets online for Memorial Middle School's production of Aladdin Jr. [Click here for the link.](#)

## Communion

Looking for people to serve as Communion Stewards the first Sunday of the month to help serve the elements. No need to clean up or set up. Just serve the elements. Index cards provided on what you need to do, it's very easy. Prayfully consider serving during this Lent Season on Sunday, March 3. Please contact Chris Fletcher. [Chrisfletcher67@aol.com](mailto:Chrisfletcher67@aol.com) or 740.739.2155.

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# Need to Know

## Easter Flowers

Forms are available in the Narthex/Info Hub or [online here](#). Orders due 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.

## 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. You can also sign up for our email list on the front page of [our site](#) (scroll until you see it).

## Tackle Hunger (Souper Bowl of Caring) Totals:

Tackle Hunger was a great success last Sunday!

Chiefs: \$284.50

Taylor Swift: \$222.60

49ers: \$212.01

That is a total of \$719.11 that will go to Project Hope!

## 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@mentorumpc.org](mailto:ktanner@mentorumpc.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](mailto: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!

MENTOR UMC

### **Pastor Steve Attending Dedication Service in Zimbabwe**

Pastor Steve will be one of twelve representatives from the East Ohio Conference, plus Bishop Malone, to travel to Zimbabwe February 23 - March 3. The main purpose of the trip is to be present for the service of dedication for the newly completed Women's Dormitory at Africa University. The dormitory is the result of the Teach, Reach, Bless vision cast by Bishop Malone in 2019 at Annual Conference.

Together, East Ohio churches - including Mentor United Methodist Church - raised over 1.5 million dollars for the dormitory in just two years. The new dormitory will provide a safe, secure environment and a community of support on campus for 92 female students. Please keep Pastor Steve and the delegation in your prayers for safe travels and for seeing God at work through our inter-continental partnership. To learn more about the Teach Reach Bless vision and Africa University, visit <https://www.eocumc.com/teachreachbless/>

From this site, you may also be able to watch the dedication service live streamed on Monday, February 26 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time.

### **Guest Preachers for February 25 and March 3**

Let us welcome our guest preachers for the two Sundays Pastor Steve will be in Zimbabwe. On February 25, at the modern worship services, for the first time at Mentor United Methodist Church, Pastor Adefemi (Femi) Adepitan will be our guest preacher. Femi is a native of Nigeria, Africa. He graduated with a degree in accounting. After college, Femi went on to pursue his career in the field of banking and finance. Femi later passed the equivalent of the United State's CPA exam and became a member of the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

God transitioned Femi out of his secular career as an Accountant into the five-fold ministry where he operates as a Pastor/Teacher. Femi has served as a Pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), All Nations Deliverance Ministries, and Vital Faith Assemblies (VFA). He currently teaches the Word of God to various church congregations. Femi is happily married to Alexis and they are blessed with children.



On March 3, at the traditional services, we will be blessed to have our previous district superintendent, Rev. Edgar Brady be our guest preacher. On January 1, 2024, Rev. Brady began his new appointment to serve with Rev. Cara Stultz Costello as one of the district superintendents of the Central Valley District in the East Ohio Conference. Rev Brady has been in pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church since 1985 serving in Tennessee, Kentucky and East Ohio. Rev. Brady is known for his dynamic and uplifting preaching as well as for his warm and engaging personality. He love God, loves God's people and has a special love for the people of Mentor United Methodist Church!

### **Mark your Calendars for a Special Lunch on March 17**

#### **The United Methodist Church and the 2024 General Conference - Historic Times**

On March 17, after the 11:00 service, we will have a lunch that will feature Rev. Cara Stultz Costello who will talk about the United Methodist Church and General Conference. Pastor Cara has been an adjunct professor of United Methodist Polity at Methodist Theological School of Ohio (MTSO) since 2019. She has been a North Central Jurisdictional delegate since 2019. Rev. Stultz Costello attended the 2019 Special General Conference with her Polity students. She will be attending the 2020 General Conference as a member of the East Ohio delegation scheduled for April 23 - May 3, 2024. Currently, Cara is serving with Rev. Edgar Brady as one of the District Superintendents of the Central Valley District in the East Ohio Conference. This will be an opportunity for us to learn about the United Methodist Church in these historic times. If you have questions that you would like for Pastor Cara to consider, please use this link (<https://forms.gle/5CPJWX66ZPR8mmadA>) or submit them on paper to the church office by March 14th. Please include your name, phone number and email address. If you plan on attending the lunch, [please register here.](#)



## 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](mailto:bhines@mentorumc.org)).

## Catalyst Tutors

Would you like to become a child's reading tutor in a Painesville city school? Catalyst Ministry is conducting another "Read to Succeed" tutor training session on Wed, Feb 28th at Elm Elementary School at 10 AM. The training session will be conducted by Neal Nelson, Administrative Director of Catalyst Ministry. To register for training or to get more info please contact: Neal Nelson at [neal@catalystministry.net](mailto:neal@catalystministry.net)

# 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.

### Caring Servants

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.

### YSP BIG Event Auctions

YSP students are looking for items to fill the Silent and Live Auction tables for our fundraiser, Heroes for Humanity, on April 14th. Ideas of sought after items in the past: restaurant gift cards, rounds of golf, tickets to an event, themed baskets such as Movie Night, Coffee-Lovers, Game-Night, Gardening, etc. (no lottery tickets or alcohol please) Donation forms are located in the church office. For more information please contact Karen Martin at [karen@martin4.net](mailto:karen@martin4.net)

### 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](mailto: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](http://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 23rd 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#): March 10, April 14, May 5, June 9. Email [ysp@mentorumc.org](mailto: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](#).