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Worship with us in-person or online:

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Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

Glory Revealed – Glory Shapes Us

*And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*
Micah 6:8

Have you ever thought about how much the questions that we ask and the answers we accept shape our lives? *Should I go to college? Should I enlist in the military? What kind of job should I pursue? Is this the person I want to spend the rest of my life with? Do I want to have children? Is this a church where I will be accepted, where I can grow in my faith?* All of these questions and the decisions we make shape us.

This week, we are invited to consider how glory revealed shapes us. In the text for this Sunday, Micah 6:8, the people of Israel ask a series of heartfelt questions: *What does God really want from us? Should we bring bigger sacrifices? More offerings? More impressive acts of worship?* They are searching for the right answer—the kind of answer that will set them right with God.

God's response is both simpler and more challenging than they expect: *"Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God."* This answer was meant to shape them as a people of God. To the extent they accepted God's answer, it influenced how they treated one another, how they understood success, faithfulness, and how they walked through everyday life.

That's true for us as well. The questions we ask, and the answers we live by, shape us more than we often realize.

- *What does it mean to be successful?*

Is it about achievement, recognition, and security, or about faithfulness, integrity, and using our gifts for others?

- *What does it mean to be strong?*

Is it never needing help, or having the courage to be honest, vulnerable, and open to God and one another?

- *What does it mean to live a good life?*

Is it staying comfortable, or stepping into compassion, generosity, and love that sometimes stretches us?

- *What does God really want from me right now?*

Is it more activity, or deeper trust, greater kindness, and a more humble walk with God?

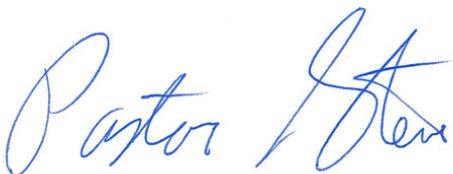
Every day, we are being changed by the stories we believe, the voices we listen to, and the answers we accept. In our *Glory Revealed* series, we are reminded that God's glory is not just something we admire—it is something that forms and shapes us.

When God's glory is revealed in justice, mercy, and humility, it realigns our priorities. It *reshapes* how we see our neighbors. How we respond to conflict, to need, to difference, and to uncertainty. It reshapes what we value and who we are becoming.

Micah 6:8 calls us back to the heart of faith, not louder religion, but deeper love; not bigger displays, but more faithful living. This is how God's glory changes us into people who seek what is right, who lead with compassion, and who walk humbly, trusting that God is with us every step of the way.

My prayer this week is that we would pay attention to the questions we are asking—and allow God's gracious answers to shape us into people who reflect God's glory in everyday, beautiful, life-giving ways.

On a path of Christ-centered discipleship with you,



Pastor Steve

Care CONGREGATIONAL

In our prayers today & in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

Admitted to Rehab.

Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Enclave - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak
Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,
Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox
Prosper at Wickliffe - Gloria McFeely
Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Governor's Point - Bob Williams
Salida Woods - June Van Ostrand
Danbury Senior Living - Terry Reynolds

In need of prayer:

Hilary Pleska, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Doug & Kathy Koman, Sandy Mazelis, Jack Donahue, The Lippert Family



Glory REVEALED

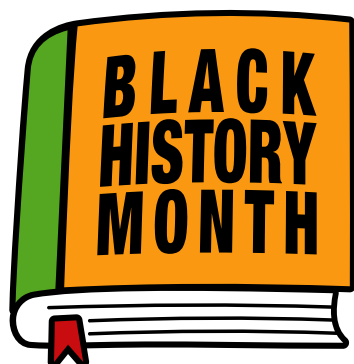
1/25 - Glory Confronts Us
2/1 - Glory Shapes Us
2/8 - Glory Shines Through Us



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February is Black History Month!

There are many ways you can honor and learn more about *Black History Month*. Visit the East Ohio Conference [website](#) to find helpful resources that celebrate and reflect on Black History.

You can also find the "29 Ways You Can Participate in Black History Month" article on the UMC's General Commission on Religion and Race site [here](#).

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<https://bible.com/events/49557332>

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

Museum Registration

The deadline for this Friday's Charles Wright Museum Trip registration has been extended to THIS WEDNESDAY, February 4th. Cost is \$40 and covers bus, lunch, and museum entry. Learn more [online here](#).

Lenten Dinners & Classes

Lent will begin soon and with it, weekly Lent dinners & classes that bring us together and drive us deeper into our faith. Join us on Wednesdays beginning February 25th through March 25th. Dinner will be at 5:45 PM and classes begin at 7 PM. You can attend either or both. Details on menu and class specifics available soon.

Offering Envelopes NOW IN

Pick up your offering envelopes this Sunday in the Information Hub. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Lee in the office.

New Beginnings Class

Curious about Mentor UMC, Methodism, or what it means to be a member? New Beginnings is a welcoming space to explore faith, ask questions, and discover community. Whether you're ready to join or simply seeking clarity, come learn what it means to be part of a church that loves boldly, serves joyfully, and leads courageously.

Need to Know

Royal Family Kids Dinner

Join us for the Royal Family Kids #271 fundraising dinner at Mentor UMC on March 5th, 2026 at 5:30 PM. Sponsor a table of 8 for \$200 and come learn about and support this wonderful mission. Please email Abbie Akecewich to reserve your table before February 17th at abbie.carle@gmail.com OR if you would like to come and not sponsor an entire table, there are seats available at tables already sponsored. Please contact Johanna Martin for more information: johannamartin@sbcglobal.net Join us to celebrate 15 years of RFK and get ready for the next 15 years. We hope to see you there!

Wesleyan Presentation

Join Pastor Tammy on Sunday, February 22nd after service for a special presentation about her Wesley Heritage Tour that she attended this past fall. The event is open to ALL.

Connect Cards: Helping Us Care Well

If you notice a member or friend we should reach out to, simply fill out a Connect Card. You'll find them in the back of the chair/pew, Info Hub, and Welcome Center. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate or in the little wooden church in the Welcome Center. We believe these cards will strengthen our ministry of presence, care, and renewal—ensuring each person feels seen, valued, and remembered. Thank you for your support in this important ministry!

Young at Heart Valentine Luncheon

Those 65 years and older are invited to join us for a meal and some Valentine fun Wednesday, February 11th, at noon in the Gallery. The luncheon will include pork tenderloin, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, roasted vegetables, salad, and pie. Missionaries Dr. Les and Debbie Dornon will speak with us following lunch on how they have been "Sharing God's Love Near and Far" while serving at Tansen Hospital in Nepal for 25 years. This event is sponsored by Mentor United Women in Faith and is open to all. Cost is \$5.00 per person cash or check payable at the door. **Please RSVP by Thursday, February 5th** to uwf@mentorumc.org, register [online here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Book Club

Join us for Book Club on Tuesday, February 23rd at 6 PM at Mentor UMC. We will discuss books we've been reading in our own time and what reading goals we have for the year.

Open Table

Join us on the second Thursday of the month for "Open Table," a themed evening of free food & fun at Mentor UMC. [RSVP online](#), in the Info Hub, or just show up.

Super Bowl of Caring

Join us in worship on Super Bowl Sunday to cast your vote for the New England Patriots or the Seattle Seahawks. Place any amount of money (cash or check) in the team's bucket of your choice. All donations go to Project Hope for the Homeless.

YSP Bake Sale

Join us after worship on Sunday, February 8th for the annual YSP Bake Sale. Shop homemade goodies to support their upcoming trip this summer. Learn more about YSP on our [website](#).

Snacks for Theatre Students

Sign up online to donate snacks to the students at Memorial Middle School as they rehearse for their upcoming production of *Shrek*. If interested, take one week and provide 80 individually wrapped snacks. This is an area of Pastor Tammy's ministry that focuses on reaching out and forming relationships with the community.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest needs men's winter gloves, hats, and jackets as well as Boys toddler pants. New or gently used items encouraged. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center (by Fellowship Hall) at MUMC.

Project Hope Needs

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of Hot Cocoa Packets & 12oz Styrofoam cups.

What's Your **M.O.?** *Mission Opportunities*

Nourishment for Body and Spirit

Lent is right around the corner as are the Wednesday Night Lent Dinners, starting February 25th. We are inviting individuals or groups to help plan and cook a meal. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry moment. Contact membership@mentorumc.org or Chris Fletcher, 740-739-2155 for more information.

More Than a Meal

Volunteer to prepare, cook, serve, or clean up for the next More Than a Meal (free community meal) on Saturday, January 31st. Doors open at 5 PM and the meal is served at 5:30 PM. This meal happens EVERY last Saturday of the month, so if you can't help this month, check out later dates. Signup online here or get in touch with the church office for help with signing up.

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! Get in touch with Pastor Tammy or [click here for the Sunday School leader signup](#). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you.

"Worship one, serve one!"

Rummage Sale 2026, Planning Begins!

It's time to start gathering those hidden gems! Go through closets, basements, and attics to find items you'd like to donate for our upcoming Rummage Sale on April 18th. Interested in helping shape the event? Join us for the **Rummage Sale Planning Meeting on Wednesday, February 11th** at 6:00 PM. Contact Chris Fletcher at 740-739-2155 with any questions.

Sew for Charity

Head to Mentor Plains United Methodist Church for Sew for Charity Days from 10:30 AM to 2 PM (bring a lunch) on the following dates: Feb 27 & 28, March 27 & 28. All skill levels are welcome. There are sewing kits for making pillowcases, market bags, baby blankets, etc. as well as sewing machines (or you can bring your own). You have the choice to knit, crochet, or loom. You can RSVP for dates on SEW4SERVICE.ORG

Blood Drive THANK YOU

Thank you to all who gave at our recent Blood Drive in January. Because of your support, there were 27 units of blood collected, helping save up to 81 lives.

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 & 11 AM 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.

Child & Caregiver Class

This class is open to ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ on Wednesdays from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM. The cost is \$65 per 8-week session (prepaid, non-refundable). The WINTER session is January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4. The SPRING: March 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13. [Fill out the form online here.](#)

Seedlings Class

Mentor UM Preschool's Seedlings class still has a few openings. This class is for children who are 3 years old as of January 1, 2026 and are toilet trained. Older children are welcome. It meets from 9:00-11:15 on Mondays and Fridays. Please contact Brittany Jones at bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org to register.

MOMCo Meetings

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

Ski Outing

Join us on February 15th at 2 PM (weather permitting) for cross country skiing at Chapin Forest. We will meet at the church at 1:30pm to head over to the park. We will ski and return to the church around 5pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Please [sign-up online](#) if you are interested. And let Mackalyn know if you need help with transportation or cost!

Spiritual Parenting

Join us on Tuesdays REMOTE from 8:15 to 9:15 PM, January 13th through February 17th for a study by Dr. Michelle Anthony. *Spiritual Parenting* introduces the simple but revolutionary concept that parents are, by the power of God's Spirit, to obey and depend on God in order to create an environment God can use to beckon their children to God. He wants hearts and souls that are shaped in vibrant faith and love toward God and others. [Register online here](#) or get in touch with Pastor Tammy.

Gaming Group

Wednesdays are game nights! Join this Intergenerational group on Wednesdays from 5:30-9:30 PM (or whatever time you can spare) in the Youth Room. Right now, D&D is the game offered. If there is a particular game you are interested in seeing at MUMC, get in touch with Mackalyn. *During Lent, we will meet on a different day.*

Young Adult Group

Young Adults (post High School to 35 years old), are invited to join us for discussion and fun on Tuesdays at 6 PM in the Youth Room. We have two awesome studies coming up this winter/spring.

• February 3, 10, & 17th:

Join us for a three-week study in February as we look at *The Journey - Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation* by Stephanie Hixon & Thomas W. Porter. This book intertwines stories from the Bible and recent history to illustrate the redemptive power of forgiveness, the restorative power of God's justice, and the Good News of reconciliation. Books are provided.

• February 23, March 9, 17, 24, 31, April 7:

For Lent, we'll be meeting on Tuesday evenings (mostly) for the *Taste and See* study at the church. This is an exciting study that looks at scripture through the creativity of food. Since we will be doing activities and cooks, we recommend that you join us in person when you can. Individuals are also responsible for buying the book *Taste and See* by Margaret Feinberg in order to participate. Ebooks are available on Cokesbury for \$8 or you can find a used book on sites like [Thriftbooks](#) for a little less. If you need help purchasing, just reach out to Mackalyn.

