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WEEKLY UPDATE

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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

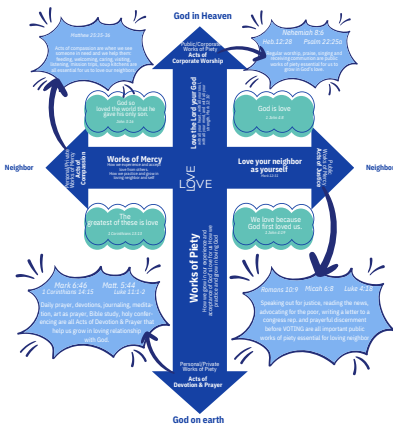
9 & 11 AM Traditional



PASTOR'S LETTER

Balanced Discipleship, Justice, and Lent

Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God - Micah 6:8b



[View diagram here](#)

We are now half way into our series “Justice or Just Us”, and, we are just two and a half weeks away from Ash Wednesday (February 14) which is the beginning of Lent. We began by talking about justice as an essential part of what it means to be a follower, a disciple of Jesus. If you haven’t yet seen the diagram to the left, I invite you to download it, print it, and look it over. Several people have told me that they have found the diagram helpful. It presents the cross as a perfect symbol of balanced discipleship. You will see at the center is Love and the Great Commandment to love God and love neighbor. We find that our love for God and our acceptance of God’s love for us grows through acts of worship and devotion. We also find that our love for our neighbors and our acceptance of

their love for us grows as we engage in acts of compassion and justice. Today, January 28, we explore the biblical understanding of justice.

This series is intended to set the stage for our Lent series, “Wandering Heart - Figuring out Faith with Peter”. I’m really getting excited about all that is being planned for Lent that will truly help us go deeper in our faith walk. I hope everyone will plan ahead to make this Lent one that will be remembered for discovering new life-giving dimensions of our faith, new and deepened relationships with one another over shared meals, and greater appreciation and compassion for our journeys of faith that are marked by a wandering heart. Here’s what is planned:

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 5:45-6:30 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

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

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

Youth Ministry NexGen

Finding Our Faith

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade

Childcare provided for babies through preschool

Lenten Cantata, March 24

Maundy Thursday Worship, March 28

Good Friday Worship, March 29

Easter, March 31

Look for more information and details in the coming weeks. Help spread the word. Let’s all come together on a journey of faith this year in Lent!

In Ministry 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

University Manor - 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

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,

David Fell, Norma Ickes, Ruthie Hobart,

Mike Cosmo, Bob Williams, Mary Lou Haines,

David Smith, Jon & Rev. Beth Wilterdink, Nora Kieser

Youth Mixer

"The Mixer was a great experience. I had the opportunity to bond and fellowship with the youth and their parents. I was excited to share my vision for the youth ministry, along with mission, goals, and values. The energy was wonderful, the turnout was even better. The mixer built a foundation for what's to come for the youth ministry. I'm genuinely excited for what God is doing"

—Briyant Hines, Youth Director

Watch video to see the highlights on our YouTube channel or [click here](#).



Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49195711>

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

Offering Envelopes

2024 Offering envelopes are available in the Information Hub. Look for yours this Sunday after service! Envelopes will be out until mid-February.

And if you haven't made your pledge for 2024, contact the church office or check out our online giving on our website or app.

Valentine's for College Kids

Please send Pastor Tammy or the church office the names & addresses of your college students by January 28th so that they can receive Valentine gifts!

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](#).

Need to Know

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Is Back!

Mentor United Women in Faith (UWF) will again offer a 4B luncheon & program. Feb's menu includes chili, cornbread, salad, and Ghirardelli chocolate brownies. Come welcome Briyant Hines, our new youth director, as we share in a time to get acquainted with him. We will also put together the Valentines for our college students. We hope to see you on Wed, Feb 7th at noon in the MUMC Gallery. Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register [online here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.



Church Directory

If you did not get your picture taken for this year's Church Directory, you can still send in a picture of you (and family, if applicable) to the church office or email to ktanner@mentorumc.org (if digital). Let us know what information 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 or email above.

In-Service Celebration

Join us on Sunday, January 28th during services to celebrate the hard work of Laurie Eppler & Marian Ruckert. Laurie has been our interim Director of Modern Worship and Marian has been working as our treasurer long after her announced retirement.

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale is coming Saturday, April 20! If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, contact Chris Fletcher cletcher67@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! Details to come.



Plarn Mats

MUMC will start hand weaving sleeping mats out of plarn (plastic yarn) to distribute to the homeless community in Lake County. Donations of plastic grocery bags will be an ongoing need. This is a great activity for all ages. Come check it out in the gallery! If you have any questions please reach out to Katelynn Gurbach 440-223-9250

Food Ministry

The next Distribution is March 18-19 to Broadmoor. We will be putting together 22 food baskets that value around \$75. Consider donating or designating your giving to Food Ministry to support the cost of the baskets!

Hope Chest

Thank you for the care & support you have extended to us in 2023! Many individuals and families have benefited from your generosity. We will begin taking donations again in **February**.

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.

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](#) or our website. We continue to pray for and support her during her husband's recovery of his recent stroke.

Caring Servants

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

Next meeting: 4 PM Tuesday, January 30th, 2024, in the Asbury Room.

Snack Donations for Kids

You can sign up [online](#) to donate snacks for the theatre kids at Memorial Middle School. Their show is coming up in February (details to follow).

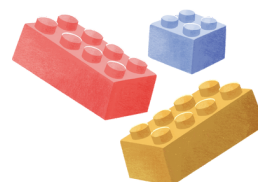
Blood Drive THANK YOU

We had 45 donors register and collected 40 units towards our 31-unit goal! Sign up for our next Blood Drive on March 19th on [our site](#).

Catalyst Ministry

Each week we'll share something you may not know about the MUMC x Catalyst Ministry connection. To read last week's, check out the Dec 10th Weekly Update or visit our [missions page](#).

➡ Would you like to help with the programs at Woodlawn Homes? Not sure how? Contact Carol Ryan (caszidkryan@gmail.com). She has been a member of our church for a long time and also coordinates the "Bubble Basket" distribution each Spring & Fall/Winter/Spring craft luncheons at Woodlawn Homes. To learn more about Catalyst Ministry & Woodlawn Homes visit our [website](#).



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 WINTER 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 January 1, 2024 and potty trained. Children who are 2 1/2 AND potty trained are also welcomed. If you have any questions, please contact our State Manager, Brittany Jones at bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

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.

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome every Sunday starting February 4th 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.

