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Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

THE WIZARD of OZ



THEATRE ARTS CAMP 2025

Pastor's Letter

Hi everyone!

I'm so pumped to write the *Pastor's Letter* this week! In case we haven't met, my name is Mackalyn Figgins, and I am the Director of Youth Ministry at Mentor UMC. I also oversee the Young Adult ministries here at the church.

SO MUCH has been happening this summer! In June, I had the opportunity to go on my first Youth Service Project (YSP) trip. We ventured up to Newberry, MI in the Upper Peninsula to help with roof repairs, deck reconstruction, and yard work. We also made a few pit stops along the way to explore and spend quality time together. My family regularly visited the UP of Michigan growing up, and so this was such a special place to have my first YSP trip. It also meant a great deal to have my partner, Charlie, join us as one of the volunteers on the trip. I learned how to use new tools and pulled tree roots out of the ground that were as tall as me! Yet the most impactful part for me was having rich and heartfelt conversations with my church youth and being a part of significant moments in their faith journeys.



When we got home, I helped with G.O.D. (Get Out Doors) Camp the following week. We explored our local parks and connected with God through nature! One of my areas of study is Ecofeminist theology, which looks at how our relationships with nature, gender, God, and breaking binary ways of thinking can open up new, more inclusive ways of community and faith. While I was *definitely* tired from YSP the week before, I enjoyed getting to know the land in our area of Ohio, as well as connecting with God and people through nature. I got to meet some really awesome kids, be a part of exploring great questions, and lead the science experiments!



Being a part of significant moments and experiences of our Youths' faith journeys is a joy and an honor. We have many Youth outings and activities coming up in the fall. We will also be launching a Fresh Expression in September. We would love for you to join us to be a part of these memories and experiences!

PACE
(Positive Attitude Changes Everything),

Mackalyn

A couple weeks after G.O.D. Camp, I joined our Middle Schoolers for Middle School Mission Week. Each day, we met at the church and departed to explore different organizations and churches in our area that provide aid for impoverished folks in different ways. We did so many things! One of my favorites was helping with the garden at Brookdale Orchard, which we are going to visit again at the end of August for their Harvest Festival. I also enjoyed volunteering at United Way to help them get ready for the Back to School Bash. It was neat to see and volunteer at one of the organizations that's present and active in Mentor!



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

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,
Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

Prosper at Wickliffe - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Village of St. Edward: Dale Porter

Brookdale - Bill Wolfgang

Fairmont - Gretchen Tice

Governor's Point - Bob Williams

In need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Nora Kelley, Karen Mancini,
Noralee Starr, Tom Martin, Laurie Eppler, Connie Sterner, Sandy Williams,
Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Ruthie Hobart,
Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Anderson Davis, Rosemary Bergen

A promotional graphic for 'Out of the Box' with a blue background and radiating lines. The title 'OUT of the BOX' is in large yellow letters, with 'of the' in a tilted orange box. Below it, the dates 'JULY 13 - JULY 27' are in white. A list of dates and themes follows: '7/13: Out of the Box: God in the Murmur', '7/20: Out of the Box: God as the Mystery', and '7/27: Out of the Box: God as the Messenger'. It says 'Join us in-person or online' and 'Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM'. At the bottom left is the 'MENTOR United Methodist Church' logo. At the bottom right is the website 'www.mentorumc.org' with Facebook and YouTube icons. On the right side, there is an illustration of a hand reaching out of an open cardboard box towards a large yellow cross.

Communion

Communion is the first Sunday of the month in both services. On all other Sundays, Communion & Prayer is held in the Chapel at 10:30 AM.

Fellowship Hour

Join us after service every week in the Gallery for Fellowship Hour. First Sunday of the month is Pancakes Sunday!

Summer Sermon Series

Join us July 13th - July 27th for "Out of the Box", a series about looking at God & spirituality from new perspectives. Scriptures: 1 Kings 19:11-13, Job 37:14-24, & Numbers 22:21-34.

NEXT UP: Join us in August for "Storm Proof" to think about questions like *Who Is in Control?*, *What Is Guiding Us?*, and *How Do We Proceed?*



Service Times Group

A proposal for an additional 9 AM Traditional Worship service on Sunday mornings was recently given to the Administrative Council. A group has been put together to discern our current and possible future service times at Mentor United Methodist Church. Keep this team, our worship teams, and the pastoral staff in your prayers as we evaluate our Sunday morning schedule.

Need to Know

Charlotte April Ponn

Born July 14, 2025

To parents

Josh & Kelly Ponn

Communion Bread Baking

Do you enjoy baking? Are you looking for a way to serve God with your special gift? Baking communion bread can be a spiritual exercise. The meditative nature of baking offers an opportunity for active contemplation and prayer. Please consider signing up for a month starting in September. Meditate on John 3:33-35 as you listen and, hopefully, receive God's call to bake for the church community this everlasting, transforming bread. Contact Chris Fletcher 740.739.2155

christfletcher67@aol.com for additional information or sign up by clicking here.

The Great Commission: Informational Meeting

Join Chris Fletcher on Sunday, August 17 after the 9:00 and 11:00 services in the Adams Parlor for an informational meeting on ways you can answer to the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Whether welcoming guests, praying over our community, or writing words of encouragement, your efforts shape lives and reflect God's love. No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact Chris Fletcher at christfletcher67@aol.com / 740.739.2155

Museum Day Trip

Join Pastor Tammy and others on a day trip to the Charles Wright Museum in Detroit on Saturday, November 1st. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth and seniors. Please [RSVP online](#). Get in touch with Pastor Tammy with any questions.

Pet Blessing

Are you an animal lover? Do you want to help plan a Pet Blessing? Contact Chris Fletcher 740-739-2155 or Chrisfletcher67@aol.com.

Connection Corner

Relate. Love. Disciple

A part of MUMC's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ—echoing the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations." Today, we call this evangelism. In the Wesleyan tradition, evangelism is RELATIONAL at its core: loving God and loving our neighbor. Evangelism is less about words and more of a lifestyle reflecting God's love. It's a daily witness through love and action - not a one-time testimonial. Let your life actions be the testimony that draws others to Jesus.

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



Alzheimer's Walk 2025

The Walk will be held at Lake Farm Park on September 27th. This year, our team goal is to raise \$2,000. All Journey groups & committees are encouraged to walk as part of Team MUMC. Get your team registered as soon as possible so we can meet our goal! [Click here.](#)

UMCOR

UMCOR provides disaster relief through the United Methodist Church's Global Ministries. To learn more or donate, please visit their website:

umcmmission.org/umcor

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive at MUMC is on Tuesday, August 5th from 9-3 PM. [Sign up](#) now to reserve your spot to donate. Your gift saves lives!

Rocks Cry Out

If you are feeling led to be part of *Rocks Cry Out*, a group of people who want to explore the United Methodist Church's Social Principles to take action, please email Pastor Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of bags of sugar, creamer, decaf coffee grounds, pudding cups, and mixed fruit cups. Drop off at the shelter during the week from 8-2:30 PM.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of new or gently used (clean) blankets of all sizes. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center at MUMC.

Back to School Volunteers

Volunteer for MUMC's annual community celebration on Saturday, August 23rd. Details on next page.

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!"

Register for 2025-2026

Register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMC: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more:

bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org



Middle School

Middle Schoolers are invited to Sunday School during the 9 AM worship service each Sunday.

Youth Group

Youth are invited to meet in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM on the following dates: July 13th, & August 24th

Helping with Youth

Want to help out or support the Youth & Young Adult Ministry at MUMC but you aren't sure how? [Click here](#) to fill out your info so that Mackalyn can get in touch with you.

Mashups

Throughout the summer youth are invited to get involved with "Mashups", a youth experience that joins with other youth groups in the community:

- Sunday, August 10th @ Camp Hi (Canoeing day). Cost is \$10.

If you want to help with the mashups, get in touch with Mackalyn:

mfiggins@mentorumc.org

Back to School Bash

This free afternoon of fun will be on Saturday, August 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We will have Pelican Snow Cones along with an inflatable bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, and dunk tank.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Pastor Tammy has games for people to run, or you can just be present to show hospitality towards those attending. The idea is to share the love of Jesus with anyone who attends. [Sign up online](#) to help make sure we have enough people to show hospitality! Let us show the Mentor community love and grace!

Third Grade Bibles

Every August, all Third Graders are invited to receive their very own Bibles during service. This year, presentations will be on Sunday, August 24th during 9 & 11 AM worship. The BREAKFAST for Third Graders is on Saturday, August 23rd from 9 AM to 10:30 AM at MUMC. [Please RSVP online here](#).

