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WEEKLY UPDATE

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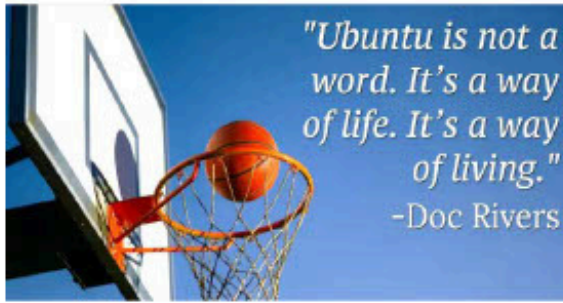
Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

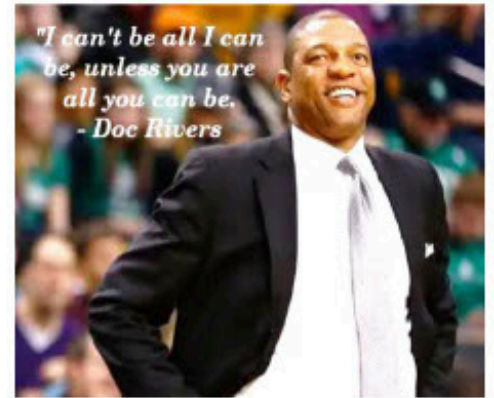


TOGETHER – UBUNTU

Guess what? This week has a scripture and sermon theme that is not connected to a series. Yes, this Sunday is a sermon theme around one scripture and is not connected to a three or five week theme. This week's theme is **"Together – Ubuntu."**

Ubuntu, pronounced ooh-boon-too, is a word with its origin in South Africa. Our Youth Director, Mackalyn Figgins, was deeply touched by this principle of **ubuntu** while at The Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO) during her seminary master's work. So much so that she provided enough detail at the annual Worship Planning Retreat last fall, that this unity concept has come forward today. And it is so fortuitous, huh?

Well, let me say that I was thrilled, may I say, I leapt, yes, I leapt when I learned this fact about our sermon theme this week. One of the greatest American Pro NBA basketball coaches is Glenn Anton "Doc" Rivers. Doc Rivers, former NBA player, has coached the Orlando Magic, the Boston Celtics, the Los Angeles Clippers, and Philadelphia 76ers, with an NBA Championship with the Celtics in 2008. Doc Rivers adopted a coaching approach using the **Ubuntu** principles. He took the **togetherness and unity-formation principle** of **ubuntu** and applied it to his coaching theory for many years.



All the believers were one in heart and mind.
No one claimed that any of their possessions was
their own, but they shared everything they had.

Acts 4:32

This week, the passage of **Acts 4:32-35** tells of the early church believers **relying on and committing to one another for unity**. The pulling together of resources and assisting

where and when needed, the caring and attention to one another provided good ground for unity to blossom.

At your leisure, please find a song entitled **"I Need You"** by gospel artist Hezekiah Walker and The Love Fellowship Choir. This song superbly harmonizes the '**Ubuntu**' concept of **interconnectivity**. The lyrics sound out:

*I need you, You need me, We're all a part of God's body
Stand with me, agree with me, We're all a part of God's body
It is His will that every need be supplied
You are important to me, I need you to survive

(I pray for you) I pray for you, You pray for me
I love you (come on, y'all)
I need you to survive (hold somebody's hand and tell 'em, come on!)
I won't harm you, With words from my mouth
I love you, I need you to survive (look at somebody, say-)
You are important to me, I need you to survive*

Yes, with all the tension, stress, turmoil in our city, state, nation and world, we need an **Acts 4:32-35 and ubuntu undergirding**, because **we need each other** as we are all in this life, world, and existence together! —*Pastor Ivy*

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, Sally Carr, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds

OUT of the BOX

JULY 13 - JULY 27

7/13: Out of the Box: God in the Murmur

7/20: Out of the Box: God as the Mystery

7/27: Out of the Box: God as the Messenger

Join us in-person or online
Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM



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!

Need to Know

Day Trip

Join Pastor Tammy and others on a day trip to the Charles Wright Museum in Detroit on August 15th. [RSVP online](#).

CWC Luncheon

Join the ladies of Lake Co for the next Christian Women's Connection luncheon on Tuesday, July 15th from 11:15 to 1:30 PM at Pine Ridge CC. The theme is "A July Christmas," featuring Jeff Greig from the Greig Christmas Tree Farm, the Tygart Valley Santa Klaus, and speaker Kathie Siudyla. Luncheon base price is \$30 but \$26 is also supported. RSVP by July 10th to cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or call Lynn at 440.488.4351.



Summer Book Club

Join our Summer Book Club Slack channel to share with others throughout the summer about what you're reading! [Click to join](#).

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.



MUMC Softball

Mentor UMC has two teams that you can support this softball season. Games are on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM @ Richmond Heights Community Park.

Theatre Arts Camp Tickets

Buy your tickets for the Theatre Arts Camp production of *Wizard of Oz*, Youth Edition. The shows will be on Friday the 25th and Saturday the 26th at MUMC. Purchase online here or get in touch with Pastor Tammy.

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.

Men's Breakfast Club

All men are invited to join our Men's Breakfast Club which meets every Thursday at 8:00 AM at Market Street Family Restaurant, 8450 Market Street, Mentor (across from Ollie's Bargain Outlet). On the first of the month, the wives join! It is a great way to get to know your church family and stay connected during the week.

Emmaus Info

If you have done Emmaus before or if you have no idea what that is, [fill out this brief info form](#) to hear from Jim Post about further information.

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.

UNITED WAY

Back to School Drive

United Way's Back to School Bash begins on June 29th. Please help local children start the school year with confidence! They are collecting the following items for students in grades K – 12:

- New underwear children's size 4 – adult XL: Boys and Girls
- New socks children's size small – adult XL: Boys and Girls

SALVATION ARMY

Back to School Drive

The United Methodist Women of Faith is collecting school supplies for The Salvation Army of Lake County 2025-2026 school year. Supplies will be distributed to families in need at the 2025 Back to School Bash at Harvey High School on Saturday, August 2, 2025. Lists of items needed are available in the Gallery and Info Hub or visit our website. You can drop your items off in the display boxes set up in the Gallery or near the Chapel by Wednesday, July 23. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to The Salvation Army of Lake County, with a note designation Back to School Supply Bash 2025 and mail to 69 Pearl Street, Painesville OH 44077.

What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

Blood Drive

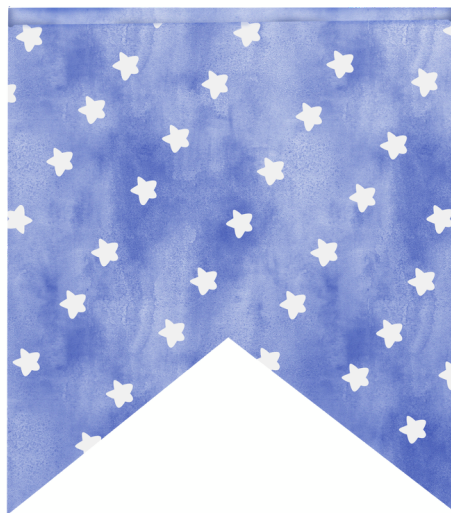
The next Blood Drive at MUMC is on Tuesday, August 5th from 9-3 PM. Sign up now to reserve your spot to donate. Your gift saves lives!

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 asap so we can meet our goal! Click here.

MSMW Sock Drive

Middle School Mission Week is doing a sock drive at MUMC for those in need. Drop off NEW socks to the bin in the Information Hub.



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.

Connection Prayer Group

Connections are the heartbeats of our Church. We are looking for disciples that enjoy praying for others, writing encouraging notes, and talking to others about MUMC. To learn more about a new Connection Prayer Group, contact Chris Fletcher at 740.739.2155 or chrisfletcher67@aol.com

Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of T-shirts, all sizes. Drop off at the shelter during the week from 8-2:30 PM.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of wash cloths and bath towels. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center (between the Gallery & Fellowship Hall).

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, July 20th @ Mentor UMC
- Saturday, July 26th @ Camp Aldersgate (Beach Day)
- Sunday, August 10th @ Camp Hi (Canoeing day)

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!

