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WEEKLY UPDATE

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Mentorumc.org, Facebook, and Youtube

Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



PASTOR'S LETTER

Greetings Siblings in Christ,

When I was a child growing up in the country, I always remember this time of year and how it related to the corn growing in the fields, especially the sweet corn growing in our garden. We knew that it wouldn't be long before we could enjoy the tasty treat of fresh sweet corn as long as the stalks were "knee high by the fourth of July!" For those of you who are my children's ages, we didn't get to enjoy sweet corn until the end of July or August because produce wasn't as readily accessible as it is now. As an educator, this time of year was bittersweet. Fourth of July meant that summer vacation was on the downward slope, and I would have to start thinking about planning for the fall semester and the winter concerts!

At Mentor UMC, this first Sunday of July marks the beginning of a new sermon series titled, "Praying for Strangers." While this sounds rather daunting, I want to point out that it does not say praying WITH strangers, but FOR, which sounds a lot less scary, in my humble opinion. The book for which we are loosely basing our series has the same title written by River Jordan. I have been enjoying the book this summer as Jordan recounts her various stories of praying for strangers. As I am reading, I can see the allure of what Jordan did as her new year's resolution the year her sons were deployed for war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

One of my takeaways from her experience is how something that may seem so small, praying a simple prayer of blessing for someone, had such a meaningful and personal impact on those for whom she prayed. This is an excellent reminder to me about how prayer is so very powerful. As a person of faith, I cannot imagine someone not being able to rely on the power of prayer. My relationship with God is something that I do not take for granted. And I hope you feel the same. This Sunday's theme is connection, and our scripture is John 4:4-29. We will read the story of the Samaritan woman at the well meeting Jesus. Two people who would not likely meet under normal circumstances make a connection and provide an excellent example of how God's grace and love can impact our lives to help us experience transformation. When I think about praying for strangers and the Samaritan woman, I am drawn to how she had no idea who she was talking to at the well, but Jesus knew things about her that were surprising to her.

I am only about one third of the way through Jordan's book, and I have not encountered a story where she was able to tell one of the strangers she met any specifics about their life. Maybe that is only something Jesus is able to do. I encourage you to consider reading the book and more importantly pray for a stranger today or maybe every day.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Tammy

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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 - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Delores Tackett

Salida Woods - Doris Sturm

Aristocrat Berea - Virginia Gilman

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

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,
Doug Kepp, Lois Dyckman, Pam Crawley, Carol Anderson



Praying for Strangers

SUNDAYS JULY 7 - 21

July 7: Connection

July 14: Recognition

July 21: Turn around

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



www.mentorumc.org

Need to Know

Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49283719>

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

Support for All

Join us on July 15 from 6-8 PM. Anyone with/who has any medical, health, physical, disabilities, mental, emotional, caregivers, etc. are invited to meet at MUMC. Contact Alan Vick for more info.

CWC Luncheon

Join us on July 16th @ 11:15 AM at Pine Ridge CC for the Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co. Luncheon! RSVP to cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or call Dee at 440.487.0661.

Finance Update

As of May 31, 2024, the Finance Committee shares they are optimistic that this church can meet its monthly obligations with the faithful support of the congregation and their ongoing generosity.

Receipts (Income)	487,000*
Expenditures	440,000

*This total includes a ONE-TIME gift of \$100,000

Exchange Students

The International Student admissions program at Lake Catholic High School is looking for families to take exchange students in. Stay starts August 15 and they would depart the first week of June 2025. The host family is paid a monthly stipend. They can contact Nate Skonieczny nskonieczny@lakecatholic.org OR call 330.612.7183

Dog Days Family Night

UWF would like to invite you and the family to "Dog Days of Summer Family Night".. Don't miss out on learning about some of the ways our canine companions can help us! The evening will include a hot dog supper, a chance to meet some therapy dogs, an opportunity to make a dog tug toy, and more! ***This is a great event for kids and it is free!*** RSVP to

uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub. See you on Wednesday, July 31st from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the Gallery.

Softball Teams

MUMC softball teams play every Tuesday at Richmond Park. Come out to cheer us on!



Summer Programs

You can register for ALL [summer programs and more here](#) or by [visiting our website](#).

Middle School Mission Week

July 8-12, 2024

See the World...

on Earth as it is in Heaven

\$70 per kid

Theatre Arts Camp

July 15-19 AND 22-26, 2024

Seussical, the Musical, Jr.

SHOWS: July 26 and 27

\$90 per CAST MEMBER

\$60 per CREW MEMBER

**STILL OPENINGS FOR
ENSEMBLE AND CREW!**

Open Positions @ MUMC

Check out our website to learn more about our open positions, Modern Worship Director, Pastor of Visitation, and Youth Director. Please pray for excellent candidates to apply and tell everyone you know about the openings—especially through word of mouth and social media. [Click here.](#)

Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of bottled water-16oz, Sunscreen, and disposable coffee cups. Donations can be dropped off directly at the shelter, Monday through Friday 9-2.

Volunteers are also needed, particularly those serving IN the shelter with our staff and guests

Learn more by watching [this video](#) or visiting Project Hope's [website](#).

UWF Donations

Mentor United Women in Faith is collecting clean, gently used t-shirts and bath towels for an upcycling project. Donations may be left in the church office through July 21. Thank you!

Baskets Thank You

On Sat, June 29th The Mentor United Women in Faith & Catalyst Ministry gave out "Family Essential Baskets" to 64 residents of Woodlawn Homes. Thanks to the many people who generously donated to this project and to the many people who put together baskets, transported the bag/baskets to Woodlawn and those who stayed, prayed, and talked with and the residents. God bless you all! - Carol Ryan, Project Coordinator

What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

Community Assistance

A Community assistance ministry would expand on the ways we are currently helping people with needs in our community. Reach out to Pastor Steve if you:

- have passion for helping people in need
- have flexible schedule that permits you to respond to requests during weekdays
- have some knowledge about community resources or willingness & interest in learning about community resources.

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, August 6th here at MUMC. Our goal is to collect 32 units of blood for hospital patients in need. You can [sign up on our website](#).

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of bath towels and 13 gal plastic garbage bags. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center (between Fellowship Hall and the Gallery)

Food Ministry

Help support our ongoing food missions by designating your giving to Food Ministry. There are special Food Ministry envelopes available in the Info Hub. Mail your giving, drop it off in the offering boxes/church office, or give online through our website or app.

More Than a Meal

The next MTAM is on Saturday, July 27th. You can help cook, clean up, or hand out meals while interacting with guests. Please use [this link](#) to sign up online or visit our Missions page on our website!



Pictured: Jo Ann Grenier and Dan McKinney help prepare this past week's *Meal Blessing*. Thanks to all our volunteers!

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 SUMMER leader signup.](#) There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

2024-2025 Preschool Reg

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.

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room. Join us as we explore the Re:form curriculum.

NextGen Youth & Family

Join us for an exciting outing on August 18th to the Lake County Captains' Faith Day at 1 PM. Please be sure to sign up as soon as you can using this [link](#). Meal included with ticket.

MSMW Lemonade Stand

Middle School Mission Week will hold a lemonade stand in the church parking lot on Friday, July 12 from 10:30 AM to Noon to raise money for the Shine Project in Cambodia. This project is overseen by our covenant missionary Janice Lee. It provides vocational training for girls who drop out of school in middle school. Girls graduate from the program with a license in Khmer cooking or with a license to provide cosmetology services. This training provides financial independence, protecting them from early marriage, poor working conditions, and human trafficking.



Youth Mashup

Join us on July 14th from 6-8 PM for a Youth Mashup. This will be an exciting night of fun & fellowship (and an ice cream sundae bar!)