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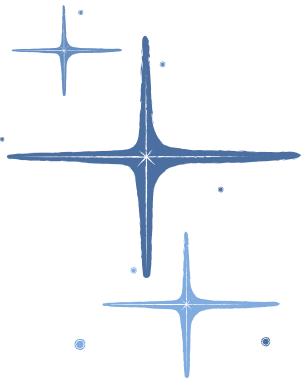
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## Worship Schedule

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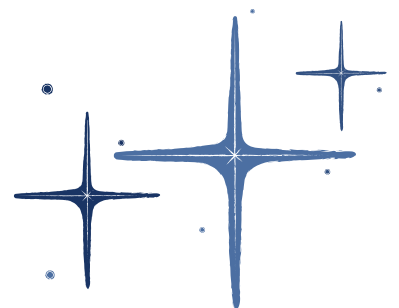
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# Pastor's Letter

Hello Friends,

Yesterday marked an incredibly huge moment for me. One that in all reality was shown to me in 2007 but pushed down until 2021 when I finally answered God's call to ordained ministry. After finally saying "YES!" to God, it has been a whirlwind the past four years. Here is a brief recap:

- August 24, 2021, began seminary at Methodist Theological School in Ohio
- March 24, 2022, became a Certified Candidate in the East Ohio Annual Conference
- May 15, 2023, graduated MTSO with a Master of Arts of Practical Theology
- June 9, 2023, commissioned as a Provisional Deacon in the East Ohio Annual Conference
- May 17, 2025, graduated MTSO with a Master of Divinity
- June 15, 2025, ordained as a Deacon in full connection in the East Ohio Annual Conference

Some may be wondering about this timeline and the two degrees from MTSO. I want to offer some clarification. In order to apply for provisional status in the UMC, you have to complete half of your coursework for your degree. I decided I wanted to continue to earn my MDiv. knowing that my MAPT would be absorbed into that degree. This happened after completing my interviews for change of status from certified candidate to provisional deacon. It is safe to say that I now completely understand why the process is set up the way that it is.

Part of the provisional process includes participating in a two-year program, *Crucible*, with others who are provisional from both East and West Ohio Annual Conferences. It was an incredible experience not only from the educational aspect but also from the bonding with other clergy. In order to move forward towards ordination, one must create and implement a Bible study and an ordination project. There are still papers to write and submit, not to mention preparing two sermons and the order of worship for each. And then the interviews!

I decided to continue my seminary education while doing all of the necessary requirements for ordination. If you asked why I did it this way, I would respond that I wanted to become ordained as soon as I could because I know the retirement age in the UMC is 72 years old. I felt as if I had already missed out on serving God as a Deacon and didn't want to wait longer.

I want to thank YOU all for your support and encouragement while I pursued this call. The Mentor UMC staff went above and beyond when staff meetings had to be scheduled around my class schedule. I know that many had to make major adjustments for me, and I am forever grateful. Thank you to all who attended the Charge Conference on March 22, 2022, to approve and affirm me to become a certified candidate. And the prayers! I know that I would not have been able to do all of this in four years without YOUR prayers. I cannot thank you enough for all you have done! I also want to thank my husband, Michael, who has been cheering me on throughout this journey. Thank you to Eliana and Evan for believing in me even though neither took up my challenge to see who could have the best grades each semester.

I look forward to seeing how God will continue to guide me as I serve Mentor UMC and the community. If you hear God calling you to ministry, please let me know, so I can come alongside you.

By His Grace & through His Love,

*Pastor Tammy*

Pastor Tammy



# Pastor Steve Renewal Leave

*First published & verbally announcement in worship on 4-27-25*

We hope this message finds you well and thriving in your faith journey. We are pleased to announce that Pastor Steve will be taking renewal leave from July 1 to August 26, 2025.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) unanimously approved Pastor Steve's request at their March 25 meeting, and he has also received support from our District Superintendent, Rev. Angela Lewis. As outlined in the United Methodist Book of Discipline, renewal leave may include study, travel, spiritual retreat, or other restorative activities that enhance ministry effectiveness. This opportunity for rest, recharge, and spiritual refocus is encouraged for all clergy in the United Methodist Church every six years. Pastor Steve's last renewal leave was in 2017, making this a timely and much-deserved break.

Pastor Steve plans to travel to Virginia to visit family and explore the Appalachian Trail, and to Canada, where he and his wife Cara share a cabin with her siblings. He will also spend time reading, studying, working on home projects, and enjoying special outings with his sons, Eli and Atticus.

During Pastor Steve's leave, Pastor Ivy will serve as Senior Pastor, with Pastor Tammy assisting in pastoral responsibilities. Preaching and worship will be led by Pastor Ivy and Pastor Tammy, along with guest preachers for two or three Sundays. Rev. Barb Holzhauser will provide pastoral care assistance as needed.

Pastor Steve has expressed that he is not feeling burned out and feels blessed to serve as the Sr. Pastor at Mentor United Methodist Church. He remains energized and excited about our future together, attributing part of his vitality to proactive renewal leave.

We ask for your prayers that Pastor Steve's renewal leave will be a true time of Sabbath and renewal. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to anyone on SPRC or speak directly with Pastor Steve.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Blessings,

SPRC

# 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

*Holly Hill* - Floyd Richards

*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

Thank you to today's Guest  
Preacher, Rev. Chel-Fan Son.

Rev. Son is a pastor from  
Seoul, Korea  
& former DS of  
Seoul Annual Conference.



6/1 - Abraham and Sarah Follow God  
6/8 - The Israelites Take the Scenic Route  
6/15 - Guest Pastor: Rev. Chel-Fan Son  
6/22 - Youth Service Project Sunday  
6/29 - On the Road with Paul  
(VBS + GOD Camp Sunday)



## 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!

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

### **Celebrate Pastor Tammy with us!**

Join us after services on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> for cake & celebration in honor of Pastor Tammy's Ordination.

### **Baptism Opportunity**

There will be a sunrise immersive baptism on June 29<sup>th</sup> around 7 AM at Headlands. Anyone who wishes to be baptized can contact the office.

### **New Member Tea**

New members from the past year or so are invited to an afternoon "tea" at MUMC on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet in the Gallery around 2:30 PM and check in with one another while enjoying light refreshments. [RSVP online](#) here or call the church office.

### **Member Orientations**

Join us on either Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM OR Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM OR on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM for New Member Orientation. Register [online here](#). If interested in membership but can't make the orientation dates, please contact one of the Pastors.

### **Day Trip**

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

# *Need to Know*

**CHURCH OFFICE  
CLOSED  
THIS THURSDAY FOR  
JUNETEENTH**



**HENRY NEIMI**



born June 8, 2025

son of

Mitch & Katie Neimi

### **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](#).

### **Pastor Bev Celebration**

Join us on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to enjoy cake in the Gallery after services to honor Pastor Bev Wrobel. Pastor Bev will be retiring as a deacon in the conference. She was a previous associate pastor here at MUMC and has been serving as a Deacon in extension ministry but has remained affiliated with MUMC.

### **Young Adult Brunch**

Young Adults are invited to brunch on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Yours Truly at 10:30 AM. [RSVP online here](#). If you are thinking about carpooling, get in touch with Mackalyn Figgins: [mfiggins@mentorumc.org](mailto:mfiggins@mentorumc.org).

### **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.

### **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.

### **Martin Journey Group**

Join the new 6-week study, *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. This group meets in the Conference Room (and online) between the services. New folks are welcome to join us & should contact Barry or Johanna with any questions: [johannamartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johannamartin@sbcglobal.net)

### **CWC Luncheon**

Next luncheon is on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM. Cost is \$30. RSVP: 440.488.4351 or [cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com](mailto:cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com)

### **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](mailto:Chrisfletcher67@aol.com).



## **Hannah's Home Bottles: DEADLINE JUNE 15th**

The Annual Hannah's Home Baby Bottle fundraiser deadline is TODAY! If you wish to give online, visit our website and make sure to designate your Giving to "Hannah's Home" in the comment section.

## **Volunteers needed**

Volunteers needed to help serve a meal at Re:Source Cleveland on Tuesday, June 24th. This meal is part of a summer outreach program for approximately 125 youth from the refugee population in the Cleveland area. We are carpooling and plan to leave the church at 3:30. We should be back around 8:00 PM. Please contact Becky Suran at 440-668-1753 if you would like to help.

## **UW Back to School Bash**

United Way's Back to School Bash begins on June 29<sup>th</sup>. 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

You can bring items to the church.

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

## **Adult Mission Trip**

Join a group as they head to CASS Detroit from July 10th to July 13th, leaving Thursday evening and returning midday on Sunday. Approximate cost is \$150 (covers lodging, meals, and transportation). Cass Community Social Services (CCSS) was established as a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) in 2002. Prior to that many of its programs started as a part of Cass Community United Methodist Church. The Detroit-based agency works across the city in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing and jobs. Contact Katelynn Gurbach to learn more.: 440.223.9250

## **Project Hope Needs**

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of 33-gallon trash bags, paper towels and 16oz bottled water. You may drop items off at the shelter between 9 AM and 2 PM, Mon-Friday.

## **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).

## **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.](#)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:chrisfletcher67@aol.com)

# 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](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org)

## VBS: Road Trip, On the Road with God

This is a week long adventure in the mornings at Mentor UMC. We'll sing, dance, craft, and get to know each other through Spirit-filled fun.

- June 23-27
- 9 AM to 12 PM
- 4 yrs old - grade 6

## G.O.D. Camp: Water of Life

Join the week-long excitement of G.O.D. Camp at Mentor UMC and beyond. We'll explore the community around us through various activities.

- June 23-27
- 9:30 AM to 4 PM
- completed grades 5 - 6

[LEARN MORE ABOUT  
SUMMER PROGRAMS HERE  
OR ON OUR WEBSITE.](#)

## Middle School

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

**NOTE: NOT meeting on JUNE 15TH!**

## Youth Group

Youth are invited to meet in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM on the following dates: June 8th, July 13th, & August 24th



## 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, June 29<sup>th</sup> @ Mayfield UMC
- Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ Mentor UMC
- Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> @ Camp Aldersgate (Beach Day)
- Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> @ Camp Hi (Canoeing day)

## 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.

## Middle School Mission Week

We hope this will be a week for building relationships, service and spiritual growth for Middle School students. Students will meet at MUMC then begin or travel to a local destination to complete mission work. Register a Middle Schooler or volunteer at [THIS LINK](#).

- July 7-11
- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Starting at MUMC and then traveling to other locations.