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CHURCH

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

JUNE 7, 2026



Pastors Letter

Church, we have been blessed beyond words to have Pastor Ivy as our Associate Pastor for the past three years. Getting to serve with Pastor Ivy has been a joy that I will always cherish. She has gifted us all with her "Jesus Joy", reminding us that "Today is another great day that God has given us," followed by, "Mmm hmm, for sure. Yes! Today is ANOTHER great day." She's also given us permission to be frank with God so that when we've had twenty straight days of bitter cold, ice and snow, we now know we can boldly remind God, "You can do better than this, Lord. Please!" We are going to miss Ivy's hugs, her preaching, her deep compassionate care, her humor, generosity and humility. Thank you, Ivy, for all the ways you have served us at MUMC.

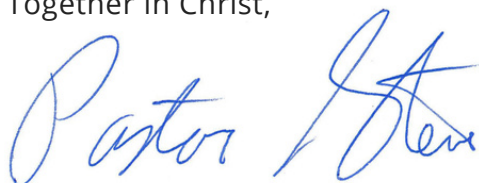
One of the things I love about Ivy's preaching is that she always reminds us that God is our rock and our refuge. She always proclaims Jesus as our Savior through whom we find forgiveness and salvation. She helps us see that nothing else will withstand the test of time. Nothing but Jesus will sustain us through the troubles, changes, challenges, betrayals, disappointments, and losses we experience throughout our lives. Christ is our sure foundation.

She reminds me of the Psalmist in this week's text that begins our new 3-week worship series, "Our Everlasting Rock." Psalm 62:5-8 says, *"... God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken... Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us."*

In the United Methodist Church, pastors take vows to serve where we are appointed by the bishop. It's called "Itinerancy". It has been part of the Methodist movement since the 18th century. John Wesley is often quoted for saying, "The world is my parish". Itinerancy stems from that quote with the conviction that our mission reaches far beyond the walls of any one United Methodist Church. Our mission, as Jesus told the first disciples in Acts 1:8, is "to the end of the earth". So, United Methodist pastors go where they are needed.

Pastor Ivy feels called to start a new chapter in her life serving in the Florida Conference. She will be appointed as the associate pastor of Trinity UMC in Tallahassee, FL. You can check it out online at tumct.org. She will bless the people of Trinity and the Tallahassee community as she has blessed us and our community. We send her with our love and blessing. And, as we grieve and transition, let us remember what Ivy and the Psalmist teach us, that God is our rock and our refuge.

Together in Christ,



Pastor Steve



Care CONGREGATIONAL

In our prayers today & in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

Admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Enclave - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak
Ohman Family Living in Holly - Bob & Sandy Linsell
Parker Place - Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox
Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Governor's Pointe - Bob Williams
Salida Woods - June Van Ostrand

In need of prayer:

Hilary Pleska, Sandy Williams, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney,
Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Martha Jo Brown, Norma Ickes, Lois Dyckman,
Syndie Toth, Doug Fletcher, Ruthanne MacDonald, Nancy Smith, Figgins Family,
Koman Family, Mancini Family, Joyce Snyder, Jan Sudekum

NEW

SUMMER Chapel Service 7 PM on Thursdays

Our Everlasting Rock

June 7th - The Rock of Our Refuge
June 14th - The Rock of Our Foundation
June 21st - The Rock that Follows Us

Join us in-person and online

9 AM Modern Service | 11 AM Traditional Service

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49618509>

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

Pastor Ivy Farewell

Celebrate and Honor Pastor Ivy Sunday, June 21st, 2026. There will be pie a'la mode served in the Gallery after each service. We will present a love offering to Pastor Ivy as she leaves MUMC for a new appointment at Trinity UMC in Tallahassee, Florida. You can be a part of that gift by sending either cash or a check payable to MUMC, memo: Love Offering Pastor Ivy, to our church office by June 13th. Thank you, in advance, for being a part of this special celebration and helping to show love and appreciation for Ivy's ministry.

Open Table: Summer Picnic with Faith, Food & Footsteps

Join us at 5:30 PM for a relaxed summer picnic in the Gallery before the 7:00 PM Chapel Service. Enjoy BBQ shredded chicken sandwiches, corn, baked beans, and tomato & cucumber salad cooked by our own Dan McKinney. After dinner and before worship, we'll share a gentle time of centering with a Prayer Walk around the church grounds. Please RSVP—or simply come as you are. Everyone is welcome at the table.



Need to Know

Yoga Afternoons

Join Joy from Sunshine Yoga for two more sessions of Chair Yoga on Friday, June 12th and Friday, June 26th at 1 PM. Register online here or in the Info Hub. To pay the \$10 fee, contact Joy directly.

MUMC Softball 2026

Join or come support Mentor UMC's three softball teams! For players, no rules on gender or church membership (friends are welcome)! Anyone interested, contact Brian Bly: 440.463.7712 or email: brianbly11@gmail.com

Games are held at the Richmond Heights Community Park, 27285 Highland Road. All dates are double-headers (two 7-inning games), first pitch is at 6:30 PM. Our teams are M1, M2, and M3 on the following schedule:

JUNE	Field 1	Field 2
6/8	M1-M3	
6/9	M2	
6/16	M1	M3
6/23	M1	M2-M3
6/29	M1-M2	
6/30	M3	

Fellowship & Prayer Connection with CWC

Join us on Tuesday, June 8th at 10 AM at the Mentor Public Library for conversation, prayer, and building a "Battle Box." This is a FREE event and does not require registration.

NEW Books

Come check out some of the NEW books at the Merkel Library at Mentor UMC. Anyone is welcome on a Sunday morning or during office hours to self-check out books in the library.

Book Club

Join us for Book Club on Monday, June 29th at 6 PM in the library at Mentor UMC. We discuss books we have been reading in our own time while working on a puzzle.

New Beginnings

Are you a visitor, regular attender, or just someone who wants to know more about Methodism? You can attend a New Beginnings class to learn more about Mentor UMC and membership as well as attend upcoming luncheons or coffee/tea times. Below are the upcoming events:

- LUNCHEON: Sunday, August 30th – 12:30-1:45 PM
- CLASS: Saturday, September 12nd, 1:00-3:30 PM
- CLASS: Thursday, September 17th, 6:30-8:00 PM

You can RSVP for these offerings online here or get in touch with Chris Fletcher and/or the church office.

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

Hannah's Home Baby Bottles

Grab a Hannah's Home bottle in the Info Hub or Gallery to fill with cash or a check then return to the church by Father's Day (June 21st). Hannah's Home is a local organization that helps mothers and babies. Last year this congregation raised \$1,094.30!

More Than a Meal

Volunteer to prepare, cook, serve, or clean up for the next More Than a Meal on Saturday, May 30th. Doors open at 5 PM and the meal is served at 5:30 PM. This meal happens EVERY last Saturday of the month, so if you can't help this month, check out later dates. [Signup online here](#) or get in touch with the church office for help with signing up.

Food Ministry

The MUMC Food Pantry holds regular food distributions, serving families in our community. The next distribution is Monday, July 20th & Tuesday, 21st. Donate nonperishable items to the Pantry by dropping them off in the Community Center bin. If you wish to volunteer for the distribution, please reach out to Alan Vick: realcat26@proton.me

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive at Mentor UMC is on Tuesday, August 4th from 9 AM to 3 PM. [Sign up online to donate here.](#)

VBS Snack Signup

Vacation Bible School is coming soon, and our Snowball Mountain Challenge kids will be full of energy all week long. To help keep our Challengers going, we're collecting snacks for the week. You can find the list of needed items and a sign-up sheet in the Information Hub, or you can sign up [online here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Chris Fletcher. Thank you for supporting our kids and this wonderful ministry.

Early Childhood Area Leaders

MUMC's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Here is a great place to do just that! Get in touch with Pastor Tammy or [click here for the Sunday School leader signup](#) for Summer EARLY CHILDHOOD AREA ONLY. Children K-5th are invited to stay in worship throughout the summer and enjoy activity tables.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of the below items. New or gently used items encouraged. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center.

- Men's T-shirts
- Light-weight Hoodies
- Swimwear
- Men's Boxers
- Bath Towels

Project Hope for the Homeless Needs

The homeless shelter in Painesville, Project Hope, is in need of the following items. Donations can be dropped off at their office Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 2 PM.

- 12 oz styrofoam cups
- XL latex gloves
- 16oz Bottled Water
- Cereal

Hillcrest Volunteers

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer and sharing your faith to bring comfort to others? Please contact Christine at Hillcrest Hospital Spiritual Care 440-312-3739.

Connect With Us

It's hard to remember every face in church, especially if someone has been missing. If you notice a member or friend we should reach out to, simply fill out the Connect Card then drop off to the office or an offering box.

More Missions

Looking for more ways to get involved? Visit our [Missions page on our website](#) or call the church office.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Vacation Bible School

Children age 4 (as of 1/1/26) through completed Grade 6, are welcome to join us the week of June 22nd - 26th from 9 AM to 12 PM here at the church. The cost is \$20 per child. [Register online here.](#)

G.O.D. Camp

Completed grades 5 & 6 are welcome to join in a week of adventure from June 22nd to 26th. We'll meet at local parks for activities, devotions, and building lasting relationships. The cost is \$75 per student. [Register online here.](#)

Theatre Arts Camp

This year, TAC will present "Peter Pan Jr.!" Get involved as a participant or volunteer! Students (grades 1-8) are welcome to participate during the weeks of July 6th-10th AND 13th-17th. The cost is \$100 per CAST MEMBER (grades 1 - 8) and \$70 per CREW MEMBER (grades 6 - 8). Tickets for the shows will be on sale SOON. [Register online here.](#)

MSMW

Middle school-aged students (grades 6-8) are invited to join us for Middle School Mission Week from July 20th to 24th (that's Mon-Fri). We'll meet at MUMC in the morning then venture to a local organization or location for missions. [Register online here.](#)

East Ohio Camps

EOC are a great summer opportunity for youth participants and young adult volunteers. Learn more and register on their [website](#).

Summer Internships

Young people are encouraged to reach out to Kenna Tanner or the church office for a summer internship this year! Explore your area of interest with a schedule that fits your life. Share or fill out the [online form](#) here to get started.

Gaming Group

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM for Dungeons & Dragons in the Youth Room (pizza & snacks included). No experience needed! If there are other games you wish to play during game night, please get in touch with Mackalyn Figgins. There are opportunities for board games, video games, and card games available. This group is intergenerational and open to all!

Juneteenth Outing

Young Adults are invited to a Juneteenth outing during the day on Friday, June 19th. We will enjoy the kickoff to Cleveland History Days by participating in a Lakeview Cemetery Underground Railroad walking tour then stopping by the Cozad-Bates house just up the street. The walking tour is \$25 (therefore, optional) and begins at 10:30 AM. The museum tour is FREE, but you are encouraged to bring money for food. We'll meet at the museum at 12:30 PM. [Sign up online here.](#)

YA Garage Sale Outing

Join Young Adults for a Garage Sale outing on Saturday, July 11th. We'll meet around 11 AM to visit garage sales in the area until 2 PM. Spending money is not required, but you are welcome to take home some interesting finds! [RSVP online here.](#)

Renaissance Faire Outing

ALL are invited to an outing to the Great Lakes Renaissance Faire on Sunday, July 12th after church. Cost is \$25 per adult (13+) or \$10 per child (5-12 year olds) Please let Mackalyn know if you need help with cost. More information about the faire and if you would like to order your own tickets can be [found here.](#)

Young Adult Retreat

ALL Young Adults are encouraged to journey to Niagara Falls for a day of spirit-filled connection and adventure on Saturday, August 8th. Bring money for extra snacks or souvenirs. [Register online here.](#)

