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# UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE METHODIST

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# CHURCH

**Worship Schedule**

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

MARCH 1, 2026



# Pastor's Letter

*"Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — as her great love has shown." — Luke 7:47 (NIV)*

## Welcome Bishop Hee-Soo Jung!

This Sunday, we have the joy and honor of welcoming Bishop Hee-Soo Jung as our guest preacher at Mentor United Methodist Church. Bishop Jung will be preaching at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services as we continue our Lenten worship series, Tell Me Something Good: The Good News is..., with this week's theme, "No Waste in Love: The Economy of Grace," inspired by Luke 7:36–50.

It is a special gift for our congregation to hear from our bishop. In the United Methodist Church, bishops are elected to provide spiritual and organizational leadership across a region known as an episcopal area. Bishop Jung serves as the resident bishop of both the East Ohio Conference and the West Ohio Conference, which together make up the Ohio Episcopal Area. Bishops help guard the faith, proclaim the gospel, support clergy and congregations, and remind us that no church stands alone. Through their leadership, congregations stay connected in shared mission, shared resources, and a common witness to Christ.

Bishop Jung has served churches in both Korea and the United States and brings to his ministry a deep commitment to discipleship, mission, and the connectional nature of our church. When you hear his name at Annual Conference, in prayers, or in denominational communications, you are hearing about someone whose work helps guide and support hundreds of congregations like ours.

In the United Methodist tradition, a bishop is not simply a distant administrator or a figurehead. Bishops are elders elected by the broader church and entrusted with a ministry of spiritual and organizational leadership. They are called to guard the faith, proclaim the gospel, and oversee the life and mission of the church across an entire region, called a conference. Part of their work includes appointing pastors to congregations, encouraging healthy ministry, helping churches navigate challenges, and ensuring that we remain connected to one another in shared mission.

One of the gifts of United Methodist life is this connectional system. No congregation stands alone. Through our bishop and conference leadership, we are linked with other churches in common ministry—supporting new church starts, responding to disasters, nurturing clergy and lay leadership, and caring for communities beyond our own walls. In many ways, the bishop helps keep before us a bigger vision of what God is doing through the church together.

For me personally, I am reminded that ministry is never meant to be isolated work. Even as we focus on worship, discipleship, and mission here at Mentor United Methodist Church, we are part of something larger—a shared movement of grace that stretches far beyond our local setting.

Thus, In the spirit of reaching out, let's all invite someone to church this Sunday—post about it on social media, send a text, make a call, invite someone you see in-person this week.

As we gather this Sunday, we will hear again the Good News spoken in Luke's Gospel—a story of extravagant love and grace! *"...her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown."*

I hope you will make every effort to join us as we welcome Bishop Jung and open our hearts to the good news God has for us. You can read Bishop Jung's full bio on this East Ohio Conference webpage: <https://www.eocumc.com/bishop/jung.html>

On a path of Christ-centered discipleship together,



Pastor Steve



# Care CONGREGATIONAL

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

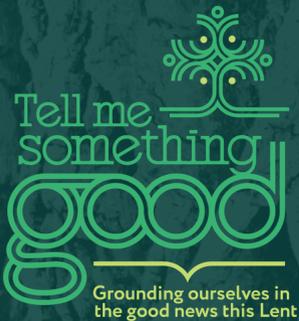
**Admitted to Rehab,  
Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:**

*The Enclave* - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,  
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak  
*Parker Place* - Bob & Sandy Linsell,  
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, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Doug & Kathy Koman, Jack Donahue, The Lippert Family, Norma Ickes

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of William "Bill" Owen,  
who passed on Thursday, February 12, 2026.  
A service was held on Friday, February 27th.**



Join us in worship during the season of Lent to explore perspective, spiritual grounding, and what this time of year really means.

9 AM Modern Worship  
9:15 AM Chapel Worship  
11 AM Traditional Worship

**Healing Service  
Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM**

**Lenten Cantata  
Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM**

**Maundy Thursday  
Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM**

**Good Friday  
Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM**



**Easter  
Sunrise Service  
Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
at 7 AM  
Fairport Harbor Beach**

**Easter  
Church Services  
Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at  
9 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM**

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49570835>

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

### Lenten Dinners & Groups

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. On the following Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, our weekly Lent dinners & groups kickoff. These evenings bring us together and drive us deeper into our faith. Join us for dinner at 5:45 PM and for groups at 6:45 PM. Find the dinner and group RSVPs [online here](#).

- **Group 1:** *Tell Me Something Good* Deep Dive with Pastor Steve and Pastor Ivy. Learn more about the themes of this sermon series and the scriptures that guide it.
- **Group 2:** #BeUMC with Chris Fletcher shares what the Methodist church is all about. This is an easy, low stakes way to learn more about Methodism.
- **Group 3:** *Social Principles* with Mackalyn Figgins. Go deeper in your understanding of how to engage with contemporary issues in a biblical and theological way. [Signup online](#) or reach out to Mackalyn.

*Childcare will be offered from 6:45 to 8 PM for those that wish to attend a group.*

### Order Easter Flowers

Grab a form in the Info Hub or [order online](#) for Easter flowers! Daffodils, Tulips, and Hyacinths are \$8 each, and Hydrangeas are \$15 each. Deadline to order is March 16th. If you need any assistance in ordering, contact the church office.

# Need to Know

### UWF's Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon

It's time again for another 4B luncheon! Mentor United Women in Faith invites you to join us for Irish potato and corned beef soup, rustic bread, salad, and chocolate brownies with cherry topping. After lunch we will share in a brief Lenten reflection exploring seven practices for a Jesus-centered life from the children's book version of "The Way of Love." We hope you will join us on Wednesday, March 11th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! RSVP to [uwf@mentorumc.org](mailto:uwf@mentorumc.org), register [online here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

### Book Club

Join us for Book Club on Monday, March 23rd at 6 PM in the library at Mentor UMC. We will discuss books we've been reading in our own time. Keep in touch between meetings by joining our [Slack channel](#).

### Finance Update

Below you will find the most recent church finance update. For any questions, reach out to the church office.

### 9:15 AM Chapel Service

Join us in the Chapel at 9:15 AM for a NEW service.

This is a great option for those that enjoy the Traditional style of worship in a more intimate setting.

### Open Table

Join us in APRIL for the next Open Table. For Lent, there is no meal to account for the Wednesday night dinners. April's theme will be a preview for this year's Vacation Bible School hosted by the Children & Family Ministry team! [RSVP online](#), in the Info Hub, or just show up.

### Christian Nationalism Talk

Hope Ridge UMC has invited all to their upcoming talk, "Christian Nationalism: What Is It and What Do We Do About It?" Rev. Lenore Robinson will discuss what "Christian Nationalism" is along with the historical significance and what power it may have. Meet us there at Wednesday, March 11th at 7 PM in the Hope Ridge Chapel

Church Operating Summary	
January Giving	\$78,098
YTD Giving	\$78,098
YTD Expenses	\$75,756
YTD Overage (Deficit)	\$2,342

Percentage of Conference Apportionments paid for 2026=> 100%

## Youth Service Project

The Youth Service Project is an annual trip where students & adult volunteers travel to an area within the United States that is in need. Partnering with local orgs, they assist in building projects, renovations, and more. This year, YSP will be going to Windsor, North Carolina to help the Carolina Rebuilding Ministry (CRM) from June 5th to June 14<sup>th</sup>. This trip is ONLY possible with the support of the congregation! There are many ways to get involved:

- Purchase a **"YSP Stock"** - There are three classes of stock. Each receive a certificate and unique benefits tied to YSP.
- Attend the **BIG Event** - The BIG Event on Sunday, April 12th is an exciting fundraiser dinner and night of entertainment. You can grab a form in the Info Hub or [download here](#) to donate a raffle basket for the event. Tickets on sale soon.
- Save the date for the **Plant Sale** - Each Mother's Day weekend, we celebrate mom's with a special Plant Sale here at the church. Presale forms will be available this spring or you can join us on the days of the sale, May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go towards YSP.
- **Give any time** - You are always welcome to designate your giving, in-person or [online](#), to Youth Service Project.

# What's Your M.O.?

## Mission Opportunities

### Nourishment for Body & Spirit

Lent has begun as has the Wednesday Night Lent Dinners. We are inviting individuals or groups to volunteer with prep, greeting, serving, and cleaning up, and desserts. Please prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry moment. Sign up [online here](#).

### More Than a Meal

Volunteer to prepare, cook, serve, or clean up for the next More Than a Meal (free community meal) on Saturday, January 31st. 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.

### Hope Chest

Hope Chest needs men's winter gloves, hats, and jackets as well as Boys toddler pants. New or gently used items encouraged. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center (by Fellowship Hall) at MUMC.

### Sew for Charity

Head to Mentor Plains United Methodist Church for Sew for Charity Days from 10:30 AM to 2 PM (bring a lunch) on the following dates: March 27 & 28. All skill levels are welcome. There are sewing kits for making pillowcases, market bags, baby blankets, etc. as well as sewing machines (or you can bring your own). You have the choice to knit, crochet, or loom. You can RSVP for dates on [SEW4SERVICE.ORG](#)

### Rummage Sale

Save the date for this year's Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting donations the week leading up to the sale ONLY.

### Spring Sunday School Signup

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

"Worship one, serve one!"

# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## Children's Min Meetings

Children's Ministry Team Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month on zoom at 7 PM. Contact Pastor Tammy for the link or for questions.

## Sunday Morning Kids

9 & 11 AM for all services.

- ALL ages 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.

## Child & Caregiver Class

This class is open to ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ on Wednesdays from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM. The cost is \$65 per 8-week session (prepaid, non-refundable). The WINTER session is January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4. The SPRING: March 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13. [Fill out the form online here.](#)

## Seedlings Class

Mentor UM Preschool's Seedlings class still has a few openings. This class is for children who are 3 years old as of January 1, 2026 and are toilet trained. Older children are welcome. It meets from 9:00-11:15 on Mondays and Fridays. Please contact Brittany Jones at [bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org) to register.

## MOMCo Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to 12 PM in the Gallery. [Register and learn more online.](#)

## EGGstravaganza

Families & friends are invited to the community egg hunt at Mentor UMC on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. There will be candy, games, and fun! If you wish to volunteer, please reach out to Pastor Tammy.

## You've Been Egged!

Youth are invited to join us on the evening of April 4<sup>th</sup> to "egg" friends and members that are on our minds. We'll create Easter baskets with fun goodies then drop them off at people's homes as an Easter surprise.

## Gaming Group

Join this Intergenerational group in the Youth Room. Right now, D&D is the game offered. If there is a particular game you are interested in seeing at MUMC, get in touch with Mackalyn. ***During Lent, we will meet on a different day, please get in touch with Mackalyn for the schedule.***

## Youth Ice Skating

Youth are invited on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to go Ice Skating together after church. Carpool or meet us at Mentor Civic center. The cost is \$7 per student. Reach out to Mackalyn Figgins for more info.

## Scholarship 2026

Students are invited to [fill out the MUMC Scholarship form](#) by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM. This opportunity is for any high school or higher education student who has been a member here for at least ONE year. We'll celebrate our recipients and grads on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Young Adult Group

For Lent, we'll be meeting on Tuesday evenings (mostly) for the *Taste and See* study at the church. This is an exciting study that looks at scripture through the creativity of food. Since we will be doing activities and cooks, we recommend that you join us in person when you can. Individuals are responsible for buying the book *Taste and See* by Margaret Feinberg in order to participate. Ebooks are available on Cokesbury for \$8 or you can find a used book on sites like [Thriftbooks](#). If you need help purchasing, just reach out to Mackalyn.

*Upcoming:* April 14<sup>th</sup>-May 26<sup>th</sup> we will be reading Toni Morrison's *Sula* as part of the Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison year-long event.

## Young Adult Outing

Young Adults are invited to an outing on the evening of Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We'll carpool or meet at the Towpath Trail at [Sokolowski's Overlook: 1203 University Rd., Cleveland, OH 44113](#)) for their annual Lantern parade. Arrive around 6 PM to make a lantern then join in the parade as it makes its way down the trail. This event is completely free and goes until 8 PM.

## March Madness Watch Party

Youth & Young Adult Ministry is hosting a March Madness watch party that ALL are invited to on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet in the gallery to enjoy games and snacks.