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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



PASTOR'S LETTER

Let's Give a Shout Out!

They took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" - John 12:13a

Let me begin this week's Pastor's Letter for the Weekly Update with some shout outs!

Shout Out #1 - Praise to the Kitchen Crew, GEM, and all who helped make the vision of Wednesday Nights Family, Feast and Fellowship in Lent come to be! This shout out includes all who came out to enjoy the dinners and/or the classes for adults, kids and youth. We had between 64 and 91 people in attendance every week! It was wonderful seeing everyone enjoying dinner and conversations together, as well as singing and reflecting on the scripture and theme for the week. If you participated in the dinner or a class at least once, your feedback [here](#) is appreciated. Praise God!

Shout Out #2 - Praise to the crew who organized the Historic Times in the UMC Lunch Event with Rev. Cara Stultz Costello. The sandwiches and fresh fruit from Heinen's as well as the chips and drinks satisfied our hunger while Cara's presentation satisfied many of our questions about the United Methodist Church and the upcoming General Conference. If you were not able to attend, you can watch the video [here](#). If you attended, or if you watch the video, your feedback [here](#) is appreciated. Praise God for our United Methodist Church!

Shout Out #3 - Praise to Amy Bender our Organist and Director of Music, the Traditional Worship Ministry Team and its Co-Leaders Chris Fournier and Trem Oatman, Justin Mackey our Modern Worship Director, the Modern Worship Lead Team and its leader Laurie Eppler. These folks along with the choirs, musicians, praise team, ushers, altar guild and audio-visual team have been planning and preparing for our Holy Week Services from Palm Sunday today to Maundy Thursday reenactment of the Last Supper in the fellowship hall to Good Friday Tenebrae (Darkness) service in the sanctuary focusing on Jesus' passion and final hours to an amazing Easter Service. I pray you will be at all of these services to experience the most meaningful Holy Week and Easter ever and that you will spread the word and invite friends and neighbors. Praise God!

Shout Out #4 - Praise to Briyant Hines our Youth Director and the Youth Ministry Team as well as our youth and their parents. In addition to all the awesome youth events that have been planned (like lock-ins and a Guardians Game), they have planned an Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am Easter morning, March 31 at Overlook Beach Park with a breakfast to follow at the church. Let's all show up with our shouts and praises to the risen Christ!

In addition to these four shout-outs, I also want to say thank you! Thank you for wishing me a Happy Birthday last Sunday and for all you do to make Mentor UMC a place where people are welcomed and supported on a journey of Christ-centered discipleship.

Today, Palm Sunday, we join the disciples and the crowd as together we give a huge shout-out to Jesus - "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord".

"Hosanna" translates to "Lord, please save us." So, for ourselves and for the whole world, let us sing out and praise aloud, "Hosanna!"

In ministry together,



Pastor Steve

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

Salida Woods - Doris Sturm

Aristocrat Berea - Virginia Gilman

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

Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua

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,

David Fell, Norma Ickes, Ruthie Hobart, Mike Cosmo,

Terry Szabo, Lois Dyckman, Kathy Fellows

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Nora Kieser,
who passed on March 21, 2024. Her service will be at 4 PM at Davis-Babcock
Funeral Home on Saturday, March 23; calling hours 1-4.**

Palm/Cantata Sunday, March 24

9 & 11 AM Traditional

Maundy Thursday Worship, March 28

7 PM Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Worship, March 29

7 PM Sanctuary

Easter Sunrise, March 31

7 AM Overlook Beach Park

Easter, March 31

9 & 11 AM Traditional



Lenten Cantata

Come Walk With Me

Through the Passion and Resurrection of Christ

March 24, 2024

9 & 11 Traditional Worship
11 AM Livestreamed also

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49231134>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures and worship by visiting this link each week.

Family, Feast, Fellowship... and Feedback!

[Click here](#) to share your thoughts on our Lenten dinners/classes.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday, March 30 at Garfield Park at 10 AM for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. To get involved, [click here](#). To donate candy, check the MO page.

Lenten Devotional

Digital copies of our Lenten Devotional are available through our email blasts. Contact the church office to get on our email list.

MUMC Softball

Softball season is coming soon! We are always looking to add players. No rules on gender or church membership (friends are welcome). Players must be 18+, but 16 & 17-year-olds are eligible if with a parent or guardian. Anyone interested should contact Brian Bly for more: 440-463-7712 brianbly11@gmail.com

READ THE YOUTH SECTION ON LAST PAGE TO LEARN ABOUT 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

Need to Know

Egg My Yard

Egg My Yard will take place on the evening of March 30th. Egg My Yard is a great fundraiser that we do each year for and with the Youth! Choose the amount of eggs, content of eggs, and level of difficulty for their hiding place in your chosen yard. To have your (or someone else's) yard "egged" for a donation, [please fill out this form on our site](#).

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Join Mentor United Women in Faith for a bread, broth, and brownies luncheon. April's menu includes broccoli cheddar soup, Red Lobster Cheddar Bay Biscuits, salad, and blonde brownies. And don't miss "Let's Make a Deal for Mission," a wacky game show mash-up where all the prizes are zonks, but learning about mission makes everyone a winner! We hope to see you on Wednesday, April 10th at noon in the MUMC Gallery. Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

CWC Luncheon

Join us on April 16 at Pine Ridge CC for the Christian Women's Connection luncheon at 11:15. Cost is \$22. RSVP by April 11: cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or call Dee 440.487.0661

Save the Date

New Member Sunday is April 14, 2024. To get involved for that day, contact a Pastor or the church office!

YSP's BIG Event

"Heroes for Humanity"

Sunday, April 14th,
5PM-8PM

Fellowship Hall

\$15 adults

17 and under are FREE

Ticket information to come

Mark your calendars for April 14th for our annual YSP fundraiser that includes a dinner, auctions, and entertainment.

Come hungry as we will once again hold a Dessert Auction where you or your table can bid on amazing cakes and cupcakes. Along with that "sweet" auction, you can bid on a variety of donated items and baskets. You can check out what items are up for auction by visiting our website, Info Hub, and social media.

To donate a basket, pick up a form in the Information Hub. You can drop off your basket to the church office during office hours.



Easter Giving (March Mission Moment)

We will split our special plate Easter Giving to Re:Source Cleveland, which works with the Cleveland immigrant community, and to the UMCOR Global Migration Response. Find out more on [our site](#) or click below.

Re:Source Cleveland

<https://www.resourcleveland.org/>

UMCOR:

<https://umcmision.org/advance-project/3022144/>

Food Distributions

Help support our ongoing distributions. Consider donating or designating your giving to Food Ministry to support the cost of these baskets!

More Than A Meal

MTAM is Saturday, March 30 in Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 5 and dinner is served at 5:30 PM. This free meal is open to all! To get involved with cooking, serving, or cleaning, [click here](#) or visit our website. Those volunteering must arrive at the church at 4:00 PM.

Plant Sale

The YSP Plant sale will be Mother's Day weekend. More details soon!

VBS helpers needed

[Click here](#) to see when and where you can help out with VBS this June (or visit our website)!

Easter Sunrise Potluck

This breakfast will take place after the Easter Sunrise service. Join us at MUMC and [sign up here](#) to bring something.

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

YSP BIG Event Auctions

YSP students are looking for items to fill the Silent and Live Auction tables for our fundraiser, Heroes for Humanity, on April 14th. Ideas of sought after items in the past: restaurant gift cards, rounds of golf, tickets to an event, themed baskets such as Movie Night, Coffee-Lovers, Game-Night, Gardening, etc. (no lottery tickets or alcohol please) Donation forms are located in the church office. For more information please contact Karen Martin at karen@martin4.net

Royal Family Kids

It's that time of year when Royal Family Kids is gearing up for another year of camp. The number of kids that can have a potentially life-changing experience this summer depends on the number of teens (age 16+) & adults who volunteer their time to create positive memories for children who have experienced neglect and abuse. Camp is scheduled to begin for staff on Friday, June 7. Children ages 6-11 arrive on Saturday, June 8 and stay through the afternoon of Wednesday, June 12. At camp children receive positive attention and encouragement as they engage in many activities. Volunteers are needed both full and part time to have fun and make moments matter in a >

child's life. Volunteers are interviewed and receive a background check for the safety of the children. Also, all volunteers receive training before the start of camp. Learn more on their site by [clicking here](#). For more info speak with Johanna Martin johannamartin@sbcglobal.net or [visit our website](#) for more.

Buy a YSP Stock!

Buy a "YSP Mission Trip Stock" to support our trip to Reelfoot Rural Mission in Obion, TN. Purchase one of three classes of stock: Class C \$35, Class B \$75, and Class A \$125. [Click here](#) or visit our website to learn more about what you receive for your stock!

Easter Candy Donations

Individually wrapped candy is needed for stuffing eggs for upcoming Easter events! Please drop off donations to Pastor Tammy or the church office.

Shoe Drive

Visit the bin in the Gallery to drop off sneakers in any condition to raise money for The Sub Zero Mission! The drive is hosted through gotsneakers.org, an organization whose mission is to partner with the sneaker community to recycle and reuse sneakers. Sneakers donated help to purchase gloves, winter hats, and boots for the homeless population in northeast Ohio and beyond.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS. 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 SPRING leader signup](#). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 on Weds from 9:15-10:45 AM. Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). The winter session has started. Please check out our website for more details.

2024-2025 Preschool Reg

Pre-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.

MOMCo.

MOMCo (The Mom Community) will meet on Friday, March 22 at Mentor UMC. For more details, [check our website](#)

Seedlings Class

Registration is open for children who are 3 as of Jan 1, 2024 and potty trained. Children who are 2 1/2 AND potty trained are also welcomed. If you have any questions, please contact State Manager, Brittany Jones bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

Heart Reflections to Resurrection: Youth Lenten Series

Starting on Wed, Feb 21, after dinner in the Gallery, youth will gather in the MUMC Youth Room for reflections and activities as we prepare our hearts for the season of Lent. [RSVP here](#).

YSP Meetings

Youth Service Project meetings are on the following Sundays at 12 PM in the Wesley Room: March 10, April 14, May 5, June 9. Email ysp@mentorumc.org for more info or [click here](#).

Lake County Youth Lock-In

Lake Co UMC Youth Directors will hold grand events for the youth monthly in Greater Cleveland. We at MUMC will be hosting the first event on Friday, May 17, from 7 PM to 7 AM for a massive lock-in. This event will allow our youth to not only fellowship with one another, but give them the opportunity to meet with youth outside of Lake Co. More details soon!

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9-10 AM in the Youth Room.

Youth Mornings

Every Sunday between services from 10am-11am, youth are invited to come hangout in the MUMC Youth Room for fun, fellowship, and refreshments.

Youth Evenings

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 6pm-7:30pm. Dates are as follows: March 17, April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16. [RSVP here](#).

Youth & Family Night

Join us on April 10th for Y&FN at a Cleveland Cavaliers game! Please arrive by 6:30 PM for the Early Entrance Experience. Our group will enter Rocket Mortgage Field House 30-minutes prior to the Cavaliers vs. Grizzlies game. Upon entry, we will be escorted to the lower bowl to watch pre-game warmups, which is a super exclusive and cool environment, which isn't available to the general public, and allows us to experience the sights and sounds of what goes into preparation for an NBA game. [You can RSVP here](#).

Scholarships 2024

DON'T FORGET to submit your scholarship application for this year's scholarships by April 5. [Visit our website](#) to find the form and learn more about MUMC Scholarships.