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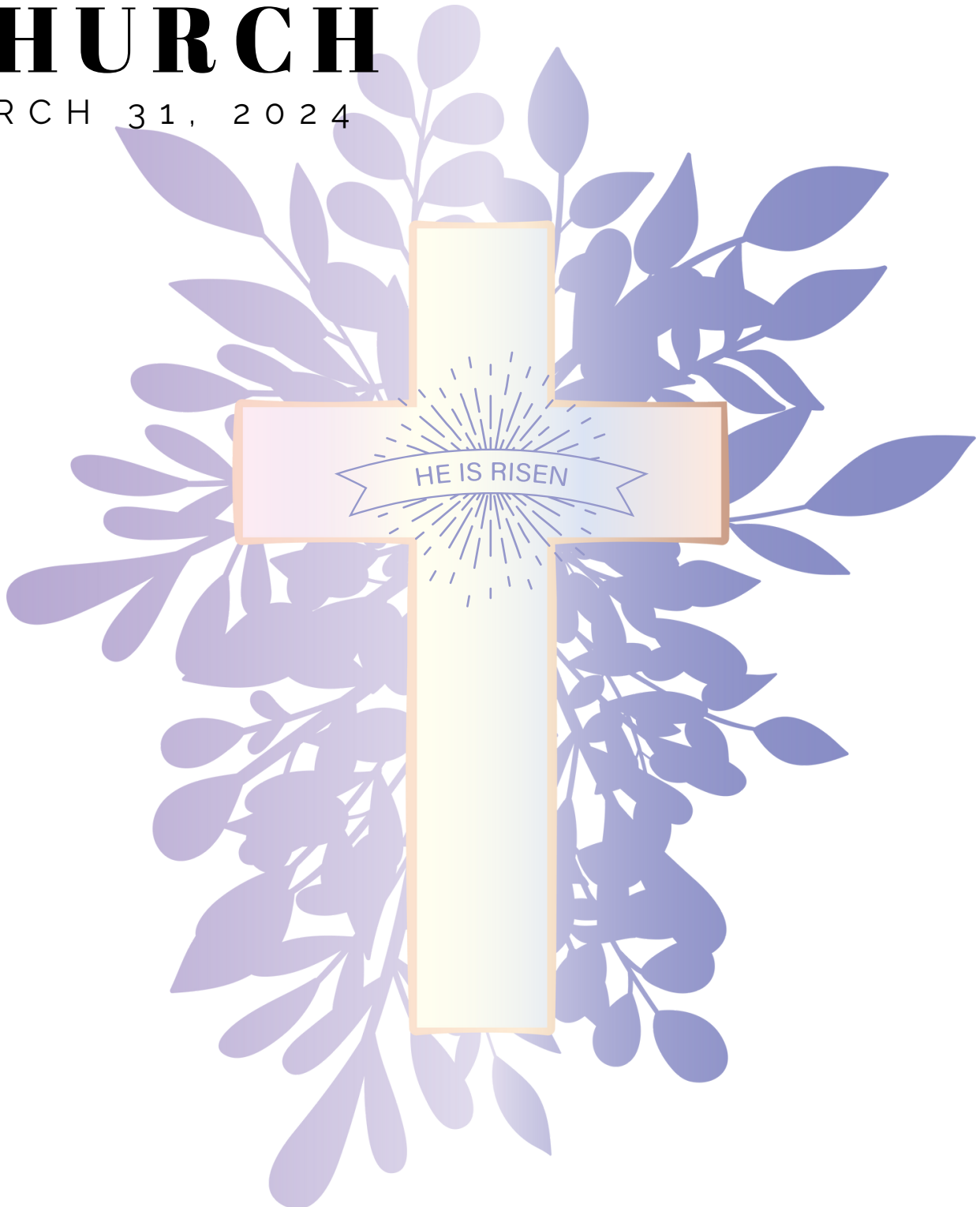
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### Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



# PASTOR'S LETTER

WANDERING HEART: Figuring Out Faith with Peter –

*And I HOPE*

You and I, together, could certainly make many references to theological and philosophical conclusions about the word "Hope." This week, I was first drawn to pull on my memory of the great German theologian, Paul Tillich's book "The Courage to Be," where he describes courage as how we accept our anxiety and find the source of moving from anxiety through guilt, through trauma, through wealth to acceptance of self. He describes the Christian as having the Courage to be.... "The courage to be is rooted in the God who appears when God has disappeared in the anxiety of doubts."

Yet a great insight on the word "HOPE" and a less cumbersome depiction can be found in one of my top five movie favorites: The Shawshank Redemption. I love *The Godfather*, *Coming to America*, *Doc Hollywood*, *Malcolm X* and a little movie called *Picture Perfect* with Jennifer Aniston, but I digress.

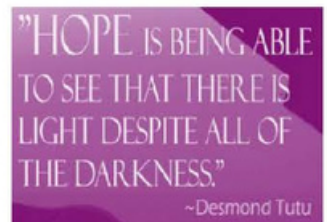
In Shawshank, Red, the Morgan Freeman character, has two great statements on "HOPE" that I believe zeroes in on our Wandering Heart theme this week: AND I HOPE. The reason why Red is so against Hope early on in the movie, is he understands the power of the word HOPE and the potent, active agent in HOPE.

Ah, I will never forget the somber impression I felt, years ago, when I read the words "Low aim is failure" by long-serving president and great professor of Morehouse College, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays. Those words hit me like a ton of bricks. With the privileges and success I had been afforded in life, so like many, I never questioned 'aim' or ambition. But I learned that HOPE is encouraged and formed by surroundings. So, when the surroundings are desolate, primitive, lacking, HOPE is like Red says: 'Hope is a dangerous thing. Hope can drive a man insane.' And when surroundings are fertile, supportive and potential fields, HOPE thrives. So it is imperative that those with HOPE must share, yes share that HOPE that you've been privy to own.



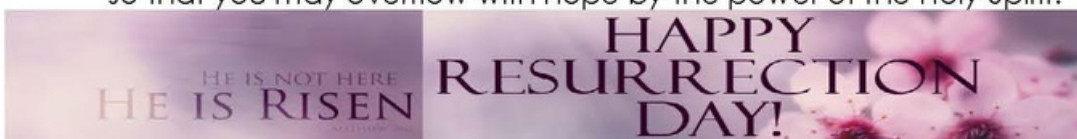
And we know that later in the movie, Red (free from prison and riding the Greyhound bus) moves to a healthier statement on HOPE:

*I find I'm so excited, I can barely sit still or hold a thought in my head. I think it's the excitement only a free man can feel, a free man at the start of a long journey whose conclusion is uncertain. **I hope** I can make it across the border. **I hope** to see my friend and shake his hand. **I hope** the Pacific is as blue as it has been in my dreams. **I hope.***



Friends, I believe that hope is tangible. hope is real. Not a childlike optimism, not a whimsical belief in fantasy, and not a dreamy faith in tomorrow and what is to come. Yet, HOPE is the foundation in having belief. HOPE is the substratum. It is what propels us to fly, to jump, to leap, to walk, to crawl even. HOPE is the necessary element in moving you from nothing to point A, from zero to one. So, I send you HOPE in the Christ that gives life, that gives peace, that gives joy! My Easter prayer is that we all have HOPE in the bright future that God sees and has for our taking. -Pastor Ivy

Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."



# 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

*Parker Place* - Marianne Haycox

*Grand River* - Beverly Hill

**Members who are in need of prayer:**

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,  
David Fell, Norma Ickes, Ruthie Hobart, Mike Cosmo,

Lois Dyckman, Kathy Fellows



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024**

Join us as we celebrate Easter together with our church family! Coffee & Doughnuts will be served in the Gallery between services.

### Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49235302>

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.



### 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](mailto:brianbly11@gmail.com)

### Rummage Sale

MUMC's annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday, April 20th! Intake for donations will begin the week of on April 15 through April 18. Look for forthcoming details about what items to and not to donate! You can sign up to help with this event next week! Check out website for updates.

# Need to Know

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### Office Closure

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 8 for the eclipse. If you need to get in touch leave us a message or send an email.

## YSP's BIG Event

### "Heroes for Humanity"

Sunday, April 14th,  
5PM-8PM

Fellowship Hall  
\$15 adults

17 and under are FREE

*There will be YSP members in the Info Hub between services and after the 11am service selling tickets,*

*Tickets will also be available in the church office (call and reserve yours today!)*

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.

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, April 27 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)!

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

### 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](http://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.



# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

## **Children & Family Ministries**

[www.mentorumc.org/children](http://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 SPRING session has started: March 13, 20; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8. Please check out our website for more details.

### **2024-2025 Preschool Reg**

Pre-Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open to 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](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org).

## **MOMCo.**

MOMCo (The Mom Community) will meet on Friday, April 5 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](mailto:bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org).

### **YSP Meetings**

Youth Service Project meetings are on the following Sundays at 12 PM in the Wesley Room: April 14, May 5, June 9. Email [ysp@mentorumc.org](mailto: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!

### **EO Youth Annual Conference**

EOC YAC will be June 8, 2024 from 10 AM to 6 PM at Kalahari in Sandusky. It will be \$75 for registration, Kalahari pass, and food. Please register by April 21

## **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.