

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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# CHURCH

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## **Worship Schedule**

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



# P A S T O R ' S L E T T E R

## Wandering Heart: PRAISE THE MOUNT LENTEN SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK: Matthew 16:13-20 and Psalm 19



As our Methodist founder, John Wesley, is herald for the concept that we live in perpetual grace (whether prevenient, justifying or sanctifying), I certainly do believe that we spend our lives being rescued by God. Over and over, it seems to be, that we are rescued, saved, restored from hurt, harm and danger by the tender mercy of God. And that, to me, is, assuredly, worthy of our praise!

Throughout our lifetime, God affords us so many high points, successes and triumphs. So many that we often live confidently expecting God's goodness. Yet, every now and then God graces us even higher, superior moments in life. I had a professor who called it **'living in the superlatives!'** God, uninhibitedly, grants us with **mountaintop "mount" experiences** that serve as benchmarks in our faith journey. You know, like scoring the winning point in sports, news of a coming baby or grandchild, college graduation, breathtaking travels, weddings, and like.

All of those experiences that elate us and let us relish and soak in a super high, exceptional aura. Our lives, if we take the time to do the inventory, are filled with so many blessings, that if asked....we just can't tell it all!

Well, in our series: Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter, we, like him, experience highs and lows. And this week, we zero in on the good feelings we have from the elevated views in life, **those times that propel, motivate and energize us to keep on keeping on.** Often, when I recall my own personal **"elevated views"**, a little small curve of a smile or smug smirk forms on my face. Ah friends, it is my hope that you can sing with the hymnologist, Johnson Oatman, Jr., "Count Your Blessings" as we think on and **Praise God for the Mount(s) in our lives.**



*When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

*Refrain: Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done!*

We don't always have super or over-the-top, extravagant high points, yet the small everyday triumphs even serve as "mounts"! God graciously gives us these **mount experiences** not so we can stay on top of mountains, but so that we can navigate the many valleys in our lives! So, this week we focus on **cherishing the mount experiences that we can draw from when valleys come.** —Pastor Ivy



*Thank  
you* ❤️

Thank you Mentor!  
for your expressions during  
Black History Month.  
It was very much  
appreciated! PI

# 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* - Kay Disbro, 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, Mary Lou Haines, Jon & Rev. Beth Wilterdink  
Nora Kieser, Georgeanna Allen



## Wednesday Nights in Lent

February 21 - March 20  
**Family, Feast, and Fellowship**

*A time to Connect & Grow*

Dinner at 5:45-6:30 PM in the Gallery  
will include a 20-minute "camp style" worship.  
Let us know if you have dietary restrictions,  
we will do our best to accommodate.

*No charge, though donations are accepted*

**MENU:**

March 6: Chicken Tenders & Mac 'n Cheese

March 13: Ham & Bean Soup and Grilled Cheese

March 20: Mama Robertos (Chick Parm)

RSVP HERE

**Wandering Heart**

*Figuring out Faith with Peter Class*, 6:30-7:45 PM  
Go deeper in the texts about Jesus and Peter  
each week as we engage questions for reflection,  
conversation, and spiritual formation exercises.

*Mentor UMC 101*, 6:30-7:45 PM

A Class to learn more about the Christian faith,  
the United Methodist Church, and  
Mentor United Methodist Church

*Heart Reflections to Resurrection*, 6:30-7:45 PM  
Youth Ministry NexGen - more on last page

*Finding Our Faith*, 6:30-7:45 PM

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade  
Childcare provided for babies through  
preschool



**Palm Sunday**, March 24  
**Lenten Cantata**, March 24  
**Maundy Thursday Worship**, March 28  
**Good Friday Worship**, March 29  
**Easter Sunrise**, March 31  
**Easter**, March 31

**Scan to RSVP for  
Dinner and/or classes  
or find the RSVP slip in  
person to fill out**





## Youversion

<http://bible.com/events/49220541>

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

## Easter Flowers

Forms are available in the Narthex/Info Hub or [online here](#). Orders due MARCH 10!

## Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon

Mentor United Women in Faith (UWF) will again offer a 4B luncheon and program. The March menu includes minestrone soup, breadsticks, salad, and chocolate brownies. We'll combine faith and fun as we take a fascinating glimpse at butterflies, factually and metaphorically. We hope to see you on Wednesday, March 13th 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.

## Guest Preacher

Our previous District Superintendent, Edgar Brady, will be our Guest Preacher on March 3rd in the Traditional services. Come experience worship at 9 & 11 AM in person or 11 AM online. On January 1, 2024, Rev. Brady began his new appointment to serve with Rev. Cara Stultz Costello as one of the district superintendents of the Central Valley District in the East Ohio Conference.

## Bunny Brunch

The Easter Bunny will be making a special stop at MUMC on Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 to noon. To help out, [please click here](#).

# Need to Know

## David Smith Celebration of Life

All are welcome to join as we celebrate the life of Pastor Ivy's husband, David Smith at 1 PM in the Sanctuary on March 9th with a luncheon to follow. Many have asked how to show love and support for Pastor Ivy during this time and one way is to contribute to the luncheon. Monetary donations can be designated in your Giving, in-person or online by March 4. If online, select the option "Other" then specify in the comment section that it is for David Smith's COL/Luncheon.

## Puzzles

Visit the table in the Gallery to put our Puzzles together! With your help, Mentor United Methodist Church is a more complete picture of the Body of Christ!



## Lenten Devotional

Digital copies of our Lenten Devotional *Wandering Heart* are available through our email blasts. Contact the church office to get on our email list if you are not already.

## Dine & Discover

This is an event for ALL to attend! Together we'll learn how to prepare a budget-friendly nutritious meal, learn about local food resources, and build community! MUMC will be hosting on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 1 PM. RSVP by calling the church office/emailing us! For more, [see our website](#).

## The United Methodist Church & the 2024 General Conference; *Historic Times, Different Perspectives on Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity*

On March 17, after the 11 AM services, we will have a lunch that will feature Rev. Cara Stultz Costello who will talk about the United Methodist Church & General Conference. Pastor Cara has been an adjunct professor of United Methodist Polity at Methodist Theological School of Ohio (MTSO) since 2019. Rev. Stultz Costello attended the 2019 Special General Conference with her Polity students. She will be attending the 2020 General Conference as a member of the East Ohio delegation scheduled for April 23 - May 3, 2024. Currently, Cara is serving with Rev. Edgar Brady as one of the District Superintendents of the Central Valley District in the East Ohio Conference. This will be an opportunity for us to learn about the United Methodist Church in these historic times. If you have questions that you would like for Pastor Cara to consider, [please use this link](#) or submit them on paper to the church office by March 14th. Please include your name, phone number and email address. If you plan on attending the lunch, [please register here](#).

Please visit our website to learn more about the content of this lunch by reading a letter from Pastor Steve. [Click here to read](#) OR find a physical copy in the Info Hub.

### **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.

Here are links to those two projects:

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

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

### **Food Distributions**

The next Distribution is March 18-19 to Broadmoor & Mentor Schools. We will be putting together 22 food baskets that value around \$75 *in addition* to our current contributions. 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.

### **Meal Blessing**

On the first Wednesday of the month, our Food Ministry team cooks a meal and delivers to shut-ins and those who need it. To get involved, call the church office. To learn how to support this mission, check out the Food Ministry *Needed Items* list [on our website](#).

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

### **Meals for Pastor Ivy**

You can sign up to make or buy meals and deliver them to Pastor Ivy's house by visiting [this link](#) (call the church office if you need help signing up). We continue to pray for and support her.

### **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)

### **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.

### **Catalyst Tutors**

Would you like to become a child's reading tutor in a Painesville city school? Catalyst Ministry is conducting another "Read to Succeed" tutor training session on Wed, Feb 28th at Elm Elementary School at 10 AM. The training session will be conducted by Neal Nelson, Administrative Director of Catalyst Ministry. To register for training or to get more info please contact: Neal Nelson at [neal@catalystministry.net](mailto:neal@catalystministry.net)

### **Volunteer at Woodlawn**

On Mon, March 4th from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, the MUWF will be sponsoring another craft luncheon at Woodlawn Homes in Painesville. With Catalyst Ministry, we will be teaching our guests basic stitches of crochet and doing a simple project. We will be serving soup, salad, bread and cookies.

On Sat, March 23rd from 1 PM - 3 PM will be an Easter Celebration for the children of Woodlawn Homes. There will be crafts, games, candy, lunch, and reading the story of Easter.

If you are interested in helping at either of these events please contact Carol Ryan at 440-488-0541 or Carol Hoskinson at 1-330-655-4180. Thank you for your help!

### **Blood Drive**

Sign up for the next one on March 19th on [our site](#).

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

## MOMCo.

MOMco (The Mom Community) will meet on Friday, March 8 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).

### 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's BIG Event

Mark your calendars for April 14th for the YSP Dinner and Auction. 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. Be sure to watch for updates on some of the items that will be up for bid!

"Heroes for Humanity"

Sunday, April 14th, 5PM-8PM

\$15 adults

17 and under are FREE

[Ticket information to come](#)

## 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](mailto:ysp@mentorumc.org) for more info or [click here](#).

### Youth Service Day

Open to all youth grades 6-12 on **March 15**. We will be at Nehemiah Mission from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please bring a packed lunch with drink. Adult drivers and chaperones needed: Reach out to Kate Colbow [kate\\_colbow@yahoo.com](mailto:kate_colbow@yahoo.com)

### Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9-10 AM.

### 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 3, March 17, April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16. [RSVP here](#).

### VBS helpers needed

[Click here](#) to see when and where you can help out with VBS this June.

### Easter Egg Hunt

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