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WEEKLY UPDATE

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Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

Hello Friends,

This Sunday marks our third Sunday in Lent. Our sermon theme for this Sunday is, "together, the impossible is possible." As I have been preparing my message for the 9:15 AM Chapel Service, I have been pondering these words.

At first, I was thinking about *possible* and *impossible*. When I look back over the previous four years of my life, attending seminary and moving through the ordination process, I cannot even believe I was able to accomplish what I did. During that time, I did not think about it as *impossible* because I was doing what I needed to do to get to the other side. In the moment, it was possible! But looking back on those years, I am not sure how I did it...Okay, that is not really true. I did it with God's help. *God* made it possible!

Another word from our theme is "together." That is why God created us—to be in relationship with God and in relationship with one another. When we think that the task ahead of us seems impossible, it is important to remember why we were created. God knows that when we work together, the impossible becomes possible! Ephesians 3:20-21 reminds us that it is God who can do more than we ask and even more than we imagine when we allow God to work within and through us.

In our story this Sunday, we know that Jesus was able to feed 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. The disciples did not believe that was possible, but Jesus allowed Himself to let God's power work through Him. And, God provided! With leftovers!

Now, let us imagine that when we allow God to work in our lives, we see how much we can do. And when we work together, it can be even better! We can live our lives with the promise that God will make the impossible possible.

May it be so.

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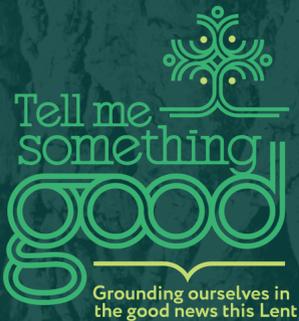
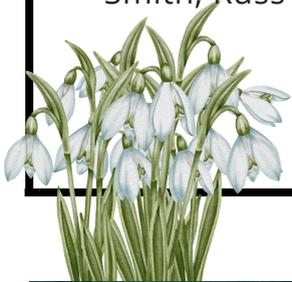
In our prayers today & in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

**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



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 11th at 6:45 PM

Lenten Cantata
Sunday, March 29th at 11 AM

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2nd at 7 PM

Good Friday
Friday, April 3rd at 7 PM



**Easter
Sunrise Service**
Sunday, April 5th
at 7 AM
Fairport Harbor Beach

**Easter
Church Services**
Sunday, April 5th at
9 AM, 9:15 AM, 11 AM

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49574380>

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 25th, 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 is for current Methodists to rediscover and reconnect with who we are as United Methodists. It's also a great opportunity for visitors to learn more about what it means to be a United Methodist.
- **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! Deadline to order is March 16th. If you need any assistance in ordering, contact the church office.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Need to Know

UWF's Bread, Broth, Browines, & 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, 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](#).

CWC Luncheon

Join us at Pine Ridge CC for the next Christian Women's Connection Luncheon on March 17th. We'll have corned beef and cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The lunch will feature speaker, Bobbi DeZarn and a soloist, Reagan Simon. Cost is \$28. RSVP by the 12th to 440.488.4351 or send an email to: cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com

Healing Service

Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:45 PM for a special Healing Service. ALL are welcome.

This service will REPLACE that evening's Lent groups.



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

Finance Update

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

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 14th. 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 8th & 9th. 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 M. ? Your Mission Opportunities

Change the World Day

Join us for *Change the World Day* on Saturday, April 25th from 9 AM to 2 PM as we partner with [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) to build beds for children in the local community. [Sign up online](#) to help.

Nourishment for Body & Spirit

Individuals or groups are invited to volunteer with prep, greeting, serving, and cleaning up, and desserts for the Lent Dinners. Sign up [online here](#).

More Than a Meal

Volunteer to prepare, cook, serve, or clean up for the next More Than a Meal on Saturday, March 28th. 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

New or gently used items encouraged. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center:

- Hope Chest needs Boys & Girls Clothes, sizes from toddler to Elementary / Middle Grade
- Men's Underwear, L - 4XL

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 18th. We will collect 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!"

Easter Candy Donations

Children & Family Ministry is accepting candy donations for this year's Community Egg Hunt. Drop off at the church office or to Pastor Tammy.

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 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 4th 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 4th 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.

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, March 13th

Youth Ice Skating

Youth are invited on Sunday, March 15th 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 8th, 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 24th.

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 14th-May 26th we will be reading Toni Morrison's *Sula* as part of the Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison year-long event.

March Madness Watch Party

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

