MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEEKLY UPDATE

MAY 17, 2026

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Mentorumc.org, Facebook, and Youtube

Worship Schedule
9 AM Modern
11 AM Traditional

Pastors Letter

Dear friends,

Happy Confirmation Weekend! I am so excited to celebrate our eight confirmands this year. It has been such a joy and an honor to journey with these youth as they have learned more about Christianity.

We've done so much together. In addition to our regular classes, we went on a retreat at Camp Wanake, where we had different lessons, activities, and games that taught about United Methodism. We learned about John Wesley, built a giant Jenga tower that represented different parts of the United Methodist denomination, and worshiped together.

This spring, we had the opportunity to experience different types of worship. We worshiped with our friends at Temple Am Shalom at their Shabbat service and got to see one of the Torah scrolls then read the Torah with their rabbi. We also worshiped with our friends at Aldersgate UMC, and enjoyed listening to and singing Gospel music.

Confirmation is a journey of transformation when it comes to discovering an individual's faith. But it's also a journey of transformation where we *transform* how we live life together. Our confirmation class has formed a small community with the students and mentors. Everyone helps each other, learns together, and is journeying with each other. We've all made so many new friends along the way. Being a part of this community building is one of my favorite parts of Confirmation.

I am so proud of these kids and all they have accomplished. I hope you will be able to join us on Sunday to celebrate them!

Blessings,

Mackalyn Figgins

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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
Ohman Family Living in Holly - Bob & Sandy Linsell
Parker Place - 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, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams,
Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Jo Brown
Norma Ickes, Lois Dyckman, Syndie Toth, Doug Fletcher,
Ruthanne MacDonald, Nancy Smith

Stewardship Update

The table to the right shares the most recent financial stewardship update. You're pledged and general giving supports the whole Body of Christ at Mentor UMC. It is one indication of being on a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Together, we are sharing the Gospel and making a difference. Thank you.

For any questions, reach out to Stephanie Lee in the church office or a member of the Finance Committee. As always, a church budget is available on request.

April Giving	$61,441.81
YTD Giving	$312,475.29
YTD Expenses	$312,213.38
YTD Overage (Deficit)	$261.91

Percentage of Conference Apportionments paid for 2026=> 100%

Need to Know

Youversion
https://bible.com/events/49608751
Learn more about Sunday's scriptures & worship by visiting this link.

Pentecost Photo Submission
Each year, we take a group picture after each worship service on Pentecost Sunday. All are invited to be in the picture (wear red)! You do not need to be a member or regular attender. If you are an online participant or will be out of town on Sunday, May 24th, then please submit a picture of you or your family so that we can include you! Send submissions to ktanner@mentorumc.org.

Summer Thursday Worship
Join us in the Chapel on Thursday evenings all summer long. We'll meet at 7 PM for worship - with a couple of special evenings outside! All are welcome to this service, especially those who may find themselves busy on Summer Sundays.

We're Hiring!
Mentor UMC is hiring a part-time Minister of Congregational Care. Our prayer is that this opening is shared with friends and neighbors until the position is filled! Learn more on our website.

Yoga Afternoon
Join Joy from Sunshine Yoga here at Mentor UMC on Friday, May 22nd from 1-2 PM. This is CHAIR YOGA and is accessible to all levels and abilities and includes an opening reflection from Rev. Barbara Holzhauser. The cost is $10 per session. Sign up in the Info Hub or register online here.

Fair Play Project
ALL are invited to the Fair Play performance on Tuesday, May 26th at 7 PM here at the church. This is a FREE event.

Choir Last Day
The last day to see the choirs in Traditional worship before summer break will be Sunday, June 7th.

Pastor Ivy Farewell
Celebrate and Honor Pastor Ivy Sunday, June 21st, 2026 There will be pie a'la mode served in the Gallery after each service. We will present a love offering to Pastor Ivy as she leaves MUMC for a new appointment at Trinity UMC in Tallahassee, Florida. You can be a part of that gift by sending either cash or a check payable to MUMC, memo: Love Offering Pastor Ivy, to our church office by June 13th. Thank you, in advance, for being a part of this special celebration and helping to show love and appreciation for Ivy's ministry.

Open Table
Join us on Thursday, June 11th, for the next Open Table at 5:30 PM in the Gallery. This month will be hosted by the Evangelism team. RSVP online, in the Info Hub, or just show up.

MUMC Softball 2026
Join one of Mentor UMC's softball teams! 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. Games are held at the Richmond Heights Community Park. Anyone interested contact Brian Bly: 440.463.7712 or email: brianbly11@gmail.com

Book Club
Join us for Book Club on Monday, May 18th (ahead of Memorial Day weekend) at 6 PM in the library at Mentor UMC. We will discuss books we've been reading in our own time. For questions, reach out to Kenna or the church office.

Connect With Us
It's hard to remember every face in church, especially if someone has been missing. If you notice a member or friend we should reach out to, simply fill out the Connect Card then drop off to the office or an offering box.

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

Hannah's Home Baby Bottles
It is time for the annual Baby Bottle fundraiser for Hannah's Home. Take a bottle home (find in the Info Hub or Gallery) and fill it with cash or a check then return to the church by Father's Day. Last year this congregation raised $1,094.30! Hannah's Home is a local organization that helps mothers and babies.

YSP Stock
Support the Youth Service Project in a unique way! Go online to purchase a "YSP Stock" and receive a certificate and fun benefits. Proceeds support the upcoming trip to Windsor, North Carolina to help the Carolina Rebuilding Ministry (CRM) from June 5th to June 14th. Purchase here.

Royal Family Kids Needs Camp Volunteers
Royal Family Kids Camp is recruiting camp **volunteers**! Camp begins for full-time volunteers on Friday evening, June 5th, and runs until the afternoon of Wednesday, June 10th. Part-time options available. The application for new volunteers is located on our website: https://www.rfkwilloughbyhills.org For questions, please contact Johanna Martin at johannamartin@sbcglobal.net

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 for Spring. There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you.

"Worship one, serve one!"

More Than a Meal
Volunteer to prepare, cook, serve, or clean up for the next More Than a Meal on Saturday, May 30th. 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.

Food Ministry
The MUMC Food Pantry holds regular food distributions, serving families in our community. The next distribution is Monday, May 18th & Tuesday, May 19th. Donate nonperishable items to the Pantry by dropping them off in the Community Center bin. If you wish to volunteer for the distribution, please reach out to Alan Vick: realcat26@proton.me

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

- Men's T-shirts
- Light-weight Hoodies
- Swimwear
- Men's Boxers

Project Hope for the Homeless Needs
The homeless shelter in Painesville, Project Hope, is in need of the following items. Donations can be dropped on Mon-Fri from 9-2 PM.

- 12 oz styrofoam cups
- 13 & 33 gallon trash bags
- 16 oz disposable bowls
- Cereal (NO cheerios/oatmeal please)
- Drink mix packets (no red)
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- XL latex gloves
- Press 'n Seal Wrap

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTIRES.

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 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.

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.

Vacation Bible School
Children age 4 (as of 1/1/26) through completed Grade 6, are welcome to join us the week of June 22nd - 26th from 9 AM to 12 PM here at the church. The cost is $20 per child. Register online here.

G.O.D. Camp
Completed grades 5 & 6 are welcome to join in a week of adventure from June 22nd to 26th. We'll meet at local parks for activities, devotions, and building lasting relationships. The cost is $75 per student. Register online here.

Theatre Arts Camp
Auditions May 30th: sign up here Students (grades 1 - 8) are welcome to participate on the weeks of July 6th-10th AND 13th-17th. The cost is $100 per CAST MEMBER (grades 1 - 8) and $70 per CREW MEMBER (grades 6 - 8). Register online here.

MSMW
Middle school-aged students are invited to join us for Middle School Mission Week from July 20th to 24th. We'll meet at MUMC in the morning then venture to a local organization or location for missions. Register online here.

East Ohio Camps
EOC are a great summer opportunity for youth participants and young adult volunteers. Learn more and register on their website.

Summer Internships
Young people are encouraged to reach out to Kenna Tanner or the church office for a summer internship this year! Explore your area of interest with a schedule that fits your life. Share or fill out the online form here to get started.

Gaming Group
Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM for Dungeons & Dragons in Youth Room. No experience needed! If there are other games you wish to play, get in touch with Mackalyn.

Grad & Scholarship Sunday
We'll celebrate our Graduates and Scholarship Recipients on Sunday, May 24th. Students are invited to a special breakfast with their families at 10 AM. Please fill out the grad form to help us celebrate you EVEN if you are NOT able to join us on that Sunday. Sign up online here to provide food for the breakfast.

Captains Outing
Youth AND Young Adults are invited to an exciting night of baseball, fellowship, & fun on Friday, May 22nd. Carpool from the church or meet us there. Sign up online here.

Juneteenth Outing
Young Adults are invited to a Juneteenth outing during the day on Friday, June 19th. We will enjoy the kick off to Cleveland History days by visiting the Cozad-Bates house among a couple other activities. The museum tour is FREE but you are encouraged to bring money for food. Sign up online here.

YA Garage Sale Outing
Join Young Adults for a Garage Sale outing on Saturday, July 11th. RSVP online here.

Renaissance Faire Outing
ALL are invited to an outing to the Great Lakes Renaissance Faire on Sunday, July 12th after church. Cost is $25 per adult (13+) or $10 per child (5-12 year olds) Please let Mackalyn know if you need help with cost. More information about the faire and if you would like to order your own tickets can be found here.