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WEEKLY UPDATE

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Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

Greetings to you, my siblings in Christ!

Here we are in the middle of my favorite month of the year, May. This year is especially memorable for me as I am graduating from Methodist Theological School in Ohio on my “double nickel” birthday! As I type this I am reminded of my 50th birthday—during COVID—and those of you who drove past my house that Sunday afternoon. It wasn’t how I had anticipated celebrating my half-a-century birthday, but it was incredibly memorable.

I have enjoyed this sermon series and appreciate Kenna’s creativity and spearheading of *Jukebox Jesus*. Last Sunday as families were arriving, I asked the children if I could check them in for Sunday school. Many told me, “No, thank you. I am staying to hear about Taylor Swift!” Maybe we should make a list of other artists people would want to hear about through the lens of scripture and Jesus.

This week’s artist is Kendrick Lamar, the scripture is Psalm 13, and the theme is Trials. In all transparency, I know very little about Kendrick Lamar. I did watch the Super Bowl halftime show and was struck by the depth of Lamar’s show. I also know he earned the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 2018 for his album *DAMN.*, which was a major accomplishment in being the first of its genre to do so. I know Pastor Steve has been listening to prepare for Sunday’s message.

Psalm 13 is attributed to David as he pleads to God to not leave him while he is facing difficulty—*trials*. This is something I can relate to in the homestretch of completing my MDiv. While it is not a trial to write my final paper, it is challenging and a little sad. I know I should be celebrating and feel excited about being finished with seminary, but it is bittersweet. I have appreciated all that I have learned and I am grateful for new friendships that have formed.

I think the last two verses of Psalm 13 sum it up well:

*But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.*

Join us on Sunday as we sing the Lord’s praise for He has been good to us all!

Pastor Tammy

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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, Carol Anderson

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,

Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

Prosper at Wickliffe - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Village of St. Edward: Dale Porter

Holly Hill - Floyd Richards

Brookdale - Bill Wolfgang

Fairmont - Gretchen Tice

In need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Nora Kelley, Karen Mancini

Noralee Starr, Tom Martin, Laurie Eppler, Doug Koman, Connie Sterner,

Bob & Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Kairos Outside

Every Sunday in May

Tension Trust Trials Truth

Jukebox Jesus

U2 Taylor Swift Kendrick Lamar Garth Brooks

9 & 11 AM Worship

In-person & Online

Communion

Communion is the first Sunday of the month in both services. On all other Sundays, Communion & Prayer is held in the Chapel at 10:30 AM.

Fellowship Hour

Join us after service every week in the Gallery for Fellowship Hour. First Sunday of the month is Pancakes!

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49435054>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures & worship by visiting this link.

New Member Sunday

All are invited to celebrate new members on Sunday, May 18th during services. If you are interested in getting involved or becoming a member at a later date, contact a pastor or the church office.

Music Recital

Join us at 2 PM on May 18th for a Music Recital at MUMC. The recital will feature Mackalyn Figgins on trombone with a brass ensemble featuring Pastor Steve, Mitch Niemi, Andrew Ring, and Charlie Tackett.

Series Playlist

You can find this eclectic mix across genres [on our website](#) or Spotify (@mentorumc). The playlist features songs from the artists we are referencing throughout the sermon series, "Jukebox Jesus". NOTE: Though only CLEAN versions are on this playlist, some of these songs contain themes or references that can be suggestive or strong. There is no need to listen to this playlist in order to understand the series. This is just for fun!

Need to Know



Music at Seven & Mixer

The musical excitement of May culminates in another "Music at Seven" followed by a mixer on the night of May 30th. We'll meet in the Gallery at 7 PM to listen to incredible live performances by members & friends of MUMC (get in touch with Amy Bender if you would like to participate). Then around 8 PM we'll begin our mixer featuring snacks, mocktails, crafts, games, dancing, and playing real records from every decade. This event is FREE and OPEN TO ALL! Invite friends & family for a good time.

Ordination Invitation

All are invited to celebrate Pastor Tammy's ordination on Saturday, June 14th. The ordination service begins at 9 AM in McGaw Chapel at The College of Wooster. There will be a light luncheon for MUMC folks to follow. Get in touch with Pastor Tammy if you would like to come or [RSVP online](#).

MUMC Softball

Mentor UMC has two teams that you can support this softball season. Games are on Tuesdays @ Richmond Heights Community Park.

Young Adult Small Group

Young Adults are encouraged to join a small group that meets in-person and online on Tuesday at 5 PM. This group is ongoing and accepting new friends at anytime. [Sign up online](#) or get in touch with Mackalyn.

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Please join us for Mentor United Women in Faith's June luncheon! The menu includes homemade spring vegetable soup, raspberry jam brownies, salad, and more. We will learn about and help support our youth summer mission teams as they share God's love by putting together some "encourage-mint" treats to remind the teams that their church family is remembering them as they serve. We hope to see you on Wednesday, June 4th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, [register online here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Hannah's Home Bottles

The Annual Hannah's Home Baby Bottle fundraiser takes place from Mother's to Father's day. Grab a bottle in the Info Hub and fill with a cash or check donation. Bottles can be dropped off in the church office. If you wish to give online, visit our website and make sure to designate your Giving to "Hannah's Home" in the comment section.

Middle School Mission Week

We hope this will be a week for building relationships, service and spiritual growth for Middle School students.

Students will meet at MUMC then begin or travel to a local destination to complete mission work.

Register a Middle Schooler or volunteer at [THIS LINK](#).

- July 7-11

- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

- Starting at MUMC and then traveling to other locations

Civil Rights Trail

Youth are invited to join as we visit the Cleveland Civil Rights Trail on Saturday, May 31st. We'll leave from the church in the morning around 10 AM and arrive back around 3 PM.

What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities



Adult Mission Trip

Interested in learning about an adult mission trip to CASS Detroit? Come to an information session on May 18th at 5 PM. Mission trip dates: July 10th - July 13th, leaving Thursday evening and returning midday on Sunday. Approximate cost is \$150 (covers lodging, meals, and transportation).

Cass Community Social Services (CCSS) was established as a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) in 2002. Prior to that many of its programs started as a part of Cass Community United Methodist Church. The Detroit-based agency works across the city in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing and jobs.

Alzheimer's Walk 2025

The Walk will be held at Lake Farm Park on September 27th. This year our team goal is to raise \$2,000. All Journey groups & committees are encouraged to walk as part of Team MUMC. Get your team registered as soon as possible so we can meet our goal! [Click here](#).



Rocks Cry Out

If you are feeling led to be part of *Rocks Cry Out*, a group of people who want to explore the United Methodist Church's Social Principles to take action, please email Pastor Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services.

- ALL ages are encouraged to 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.

Sunday Morning Signup

MUMC'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 leader signup](#). There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

Register for 2025-2026

Register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMC: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more:

bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org

MOMCo

MOMCo meets Fridays in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM. Upcoming dates:
May 23

Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½

9:15-10:45 AM in the Early Childhood Area

- SPRING: April 23, 30, May 7, 14

Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). [Apply here!](#)



VBS: Road Trip, On the Road with God

This is a week long adventure in the mornings at Mentor UMC. We'll sing, dance, craft, and get to know each other through Spirit-filled fun.

- June 23-27

- 9 AM to 12 PM

- 4 yrs old - grade 6

G.O.D. Camp: Water of Life

Join the week-long excitement of G.O.D. Camp at Mentor UMC and beyond. We'll explore the community around us through various activities.

- June 23-27

- 9:30 AM to 4 PM

- completed grades 5 - 6

Middle School

Middle Schoolers are invited to Sunday School during the 9 AM worship service each Sunday.

Youth Group

Youth are invited to meet on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM. Upcoming dates: June 8 & 22

Graduation Sunday

High School Grads & Scholarship Recipients are invited to celebrate their accomplishments here at Mentor UMC on Sunday, June 8th.

Grads from year's past are encouraged to reach out to Mackalyn or [signup online here](#) to help with the celebration.

ALL Grads are encouraged to send [Kenna](#) a photo with their name and post-grad plans to be shared in the Grad video.



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SUMMER PROGRAMS HERE
OR ON OUR WEBSITE.