

# MENTOR

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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# CHURCH

**Worship Schedule**

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

MAY 24, 2026



# Pastors Letter



What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

For some people, the phrase brings to mind emotional worship services, raised hands, speaking in tongues, or Pentecostal traditions. Others picture a feeling of inner peace or spiritual excitement. Some hear the phrase and immediately wonder if it refers to a certain denomination, personality type, or worship style.

But when we turn to Acts 2, the story of Pentecost, we discover something deeper and far more transformative. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not primarily about outward style. It is about inward transformation. It is about becoming a new creation.

The clearest example in Acts 2 may be Peter himself.

This is not the same Peter we last encountered at the end of the Gospels. There, Peter is overwhelmed by fear. On the night Jesus is arrested, Peter denies even knowing him—not once, but three times. Around a charcoal fire, he distances himself from Jesus to protect his own safety. His courage collapses under pressure. His voice disappears.

Yet in Acts 2, Peter stands before a crowd in Jerusalem and boldly proclaims the risen Christ. He speaks publicly and fearlessly. He testifies with conviction. The same disciple who once hid in fear now steps into the open and declares hope. Something has changed.

Or perhaps more accurately, Someone has changed him. Acts says Peter is “filled with the Holy Spirit.”

That does not mean Peter suddenly becomes perfect. It does not mean he never struggles again. But the Spirit reshapes him from the inside out. Fear no longer has the final word. Shame no longer defines him. Silence no longer controls him. The Holy Spirit gives him courage, clarity, and purpose.

Maybe that is one of the clearest signs of the Spirit’s presence: not emotional intensity alone, but transformed lives.

The Holy Spirit helps ordinary people do extraordinary things. The Spirit gives exhausted people strength to keep loving. The Spirit helps wounded people forgive. The Spirit gives timid people courage to speak truth. The Spirit helps grieving people find hope again. The Spirit creates compassion where bitterness once lived.

The Spirit makes all things new.

Pentecost reminds us that Christianity is not simply about believing certain ideas about Jesus. It is about the living presence of God continuing to work within people and communities. The same Spirit that empowered Peter is still at work today—still creating, healing, challenging, encouraging, and transforming.

And perhaps the question for us is not, “Do I worship a certain way?” but rather:

Where is the Holy Spirit changing me?  
Where is fear being overcome?  
Where is love growing stronger?  
Where is courage taking root?  
Where is new life emerging?

Because to be filled with the Holy Spirit is not merely to feel something. It is to become someone new. It’s what happens when you have had a close encounter with the living God!

See you Sunday, wearing red!

Pastor Steve

# 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

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Doug Koman,  
 who passed on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.**

**Celebration of Life is Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM at Mentor UMC.**

## Close Encounters

**MAY 10-31**

May 10 - Mother's Day  
 May 17 - Confirmation Sunday  
 May 24 - Pentecost and Grad & Scholarship Celebration Sunday

Join us in-person or online  
 Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM



### 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%

## Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49612114/>

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

### 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](#).

### 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.

# Need to Know

### 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.

### 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 and include a special prayer walk. [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)! Games are held at the Richmond Heights Community Park. Anyone interested contact Brian Bly: 440.463.7712 or email: [brianbly11@gmail.com](mailto:brianbly11@gmail.com)

### Book Club

Join us for Book Club on Monday, June 29th at 6 PM in the library at Mentor UMC. We discuss books we read in our own time.



## Lilah Catey Ring

*Born on Sunday,  
May 17, 2026*

*Daughter of  
Andrew & Sarah Ring,  
Sister of Aiden*

*Church office  
CLOSED on  
Monday,  
May 25 for*



### Choirs' Last Days Before Summer Break

Join us in Traditional worship the next few weeks for the last days of our choirs before summer break. Last day to see Charter Members Men's Choir's will be May 24<sup>th</sup> and Bell Choir's will be May 31st. Chancel Choir's last day will be Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Anniversary of Historic Garfield Visit

The City of Mentor has published an article about the visit of President Theodore Roosevelt to Mentor on May 19, 1912. While in Mentor, he attended a church service at Mentor Methodist with the Mr. and Mrs. James Garfield (son of President Garfield) listening to a sermon by listened to a sermon by Rev. B. B. Schaffner. Read the full article [online here](#).

## 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](#).

## 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**ission Opportunities?

## SUMMER Sunday Morning Children's Leader Sign Up

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, July 20th & Tuesday, 21st. 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](mailto: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

## Hillcrest Volunteers

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer and sharing your faith to bring comfort to others? Please contact Christine at Hillcrest Hospital Spiritual Care 440-312-3739.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES.  
**WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?**

### **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.](#)

### **YA Garage Sale Outing**

Join Young Adults for a Garage Sale outing on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. [RSVP 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 (snacks included). No experience needed! If there are other games you wish to play, get in touch with Mackalyn. This group is intergenerational

### **Juneteenth Outing**

Young Adults are invited to a Juneteenth outing during the day on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.](#)

### **Renaissance Faire Outing**

ALL are invited to an outing to the Great Lakes Renaissance Faire on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 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.](#)



**TO OUR GRADS &  
SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS OF 2026!**

#### **High School Graduates**

Reid Crozier  
Jack Cuff  
Jayne Fletcher  
Makayla Lippert  
Sean Murphy  
Jonathan Nemelka  
Alex Ogrin  
Darin Petrowski  
Mark Poje  
Tessa Rhoads  
Sadie Stovall

#### **College/Higher Ed Graduates**

Tristan Bly  
Isabella Cuff  
Jaron Grantz

#### **The June Pfeiffer Scholarship**

Helena Cherian  
Samuel Gingrich  
Kiersten Grantz  
Penny McFadden  
Jonathan Nemelka  
Alex Ogrin  
Ryan Pershing  
Darin Petrowski  
Jason Rhoads  
Leia Toivonen  
Rebecca Toth

#### **The Rebecca Horvath Scholarship**

Reid Crozier  
Emily Strunk

#### **The Romig Education Fund Scholarship**

Julia Gainar  
Evan Palermo

#### **The Mentor United Methodist Church Scholarship**

Abigail Colbow

#### **The Rev. Ronald & Marna Eppler Scholarship**

Kiersten Grantz

#### **The A. Hugh Brown Scholarship**

Joseph Nemelka

#### **The Rev. Dorothy Penny-Larter Scholarship**

Evan Palermo

#### **The Eleanor D & Herbert W Weil Scholarship**

Emma Simons

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