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UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional

MAY 3, 2026



Pastors Letter

The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox...
Isaiah 65:25a

It started in 2012 in Twin Falls, Idaho. Luke Mickelson learned that there was a family in his community whose kids were sleeping on the floor because they did not have beds. He imagined how he could fix that situation. With some scrap lumber in his garage and his own young kids helping, he made a few simple beds. He posted it on Facebook and it sparked other people's imagination. Many had no idea there were kids in their own town who did not have a bed to sleep on. It was unimaginable! They began to imagine how they could help. They imagined working with friends, church members, and co-workers and neighbors to build beds and provide sheets and pillows and covers. They imagined "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"

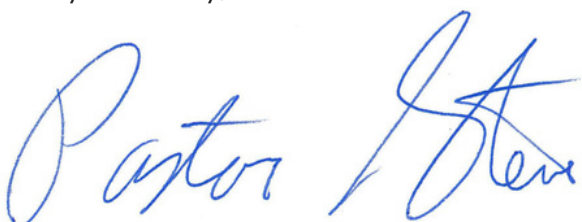
Since 2012, Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) has grown into a non-profit with hundreds of chapters across the United States and Canada with thousands of volunteers that have delivered over 300,000 beds to children aged 3-17 who were sleeping on floors or couches. You can hear one person's moving story in this less than 6-minute [video on YouTube](#).

I am grateful for the local Lake County chapter of SHP and for Bill Mueller, Chair of MUMC's Mission Team, for bringing this opportunity once again to our church. Bill imagined what it would look like and feel like for over fifty volunteers to gather on a Saturday morning in our parking lot to build 40 beds in just three hours! What he imagined came to be last Saturday, April 25th . It was this year's "Change the World" day—something MUMC does every year to truly make a positive difference for a changed world.

In the Bible, especially in the prophets, like Isaiah, the world as God intends it to be is imagined and proclaimed. The late Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, a renowned Hebrew scholar, calls it "The Prophetic Imagination" and wrote a book with that as the title. In the book, Brueggemann calls each of us to engage our own prophetic imagination.

This Sunday, we complete our series "From Harm to Hope" by focusing on "Imagine". I pray that together we will see how God has given us the power to imagine a better tomorrow and a better now... better relationships, better jobs, better communities, peace, righteousness, equality, justice. The final movement from harm to hope is imagination!

See you Sunday,



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, Tom Martin, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams,
 Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Jo Brown, Norma Ickes, Lois Dyckman, Syndie Toth, Doug Fletcher, Ruthanne MacDonald, Tom Erbaugh, Nancy Smith



"During a sermon about how God doesn't abandon us I had the inspiration for this sketch. I was feeling separated and lonely at the time. The idea that Jesus is always nearby we need to look up and around and we'll find Him close, popped in my head. So even if we feel separated, frightened, and surrounded by hardship we should look up and keep our eyes on Jesus. He is our hope and savior we just need to allow Him in."

-Kim, the artist

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.

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| March Giving | \$99,408.99 |
| YTD Giving | \$251,033.39 |
| YTD Expenses | \$242,365.07 |
| YTD Overage (Deficit) | \$8,668.32 |

Percentage of Conference Apportionments paid for 2026=> 100%

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49602057>

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. 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 some special evenings outside! All are welcome to this service, especially those who may find themselves busy on Summer Sundays.

Open Table: GLOW PARTY

Join us on Thursday, May 14th, for the next Open Table at 5:30 PM in the Gallery. This month will be hosted by the Young Adult group and will feature boneless wings, taquitos, sandwiches, chips, and a MOCKTAIL BAR! All ages are invited to stick around after dinner for dancing in Fellowship Hall. [RSVP online](#), in the Info Hub, or just show up.



WEEKLY UPDATE

Need to Know

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon

Mentor United Women in Faith's May 4B lunch is changing things up to celebrate our Wesleyan heritage! You are invited to join us for a luncheon in the style of 1700s England, followed by Pastor Tammy Palermo sharing her experience visiting some of the Wesley heritage sites in England. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, May 13th, at noon in the MUMC Asbury Room (please note location). This event is hosted by Mentor UW Faith, and all are welcome. Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register [online here](#), or find the sign up sheet in the Info Hub.

Yoga Afternoon

Join Joy from Sunshine Yoga here at Mentor UMC on Friday, May 8th AND Friday, May 22nd from 1-2 PM. This is CHAIR YOGA and is accessible to all levels and abilities. The cost is \$10 per session. You may attend one or both afternoons. Sign up in the Info Hub or [register online here](#).

Fair Play Project

Theatre Enthusiasts in high school or college are encouraged to participate in this year's Fair Play project. Rehearsals will be 3-4:30 PM starting May 4th. The performance will be on Tuesday, May 26th at 7 PM here at the church. To get involved, reach out to Pastor Tammy or [register online here](#).

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. The season begins the first week of May. Games are held at the Richmond Heights Community Park. Anyone interested contact Brian Bly: 440.463.7712 or email: brianbly11@gmail.com

Hiking Group

The next session of the Hiking Journey Group will start on Saturday, May 2nd, at 10 AM at North Chagrin Reservation with the study book, *I Have Loved You: On Love for the Poor* by Pope Leo. This book is available at Cokesbury.com. For questions, reach out to Bill Mueller.

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.

UWF Mother's Day Sale

The United Women in Faith will be having a "Mothers' Day Sale" after services on Sunday, May 3rd. Caramel Puffs, scrubbies, and more will be available. Come and see what we have to offer!

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. Purchase [here](#).

YSP Plant Sale

Join us for the Youth Service Project Plant Sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 8th & 9th. Stop by the church during the day to shop the beautiful plants. All proceeds go towards YSP.

Pew Volunteers needed

Help us keep our pew pockets from going wild. I'm looking for volunteers to help straighten them once a week for one month. Quick, easy and appreciated. For more information contact Debbie Shull. 440-346-6721 or dbbshull@gmail.com

Rummage Sale THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the Rummage Sale volunteers that helped with planning, organizing, pricing, cleaning, and so much more! The sale was a successful afternoon of fundraising and opening the church to the community. **This ministry raised \$12,000 this year!**

What's Your M. Opportunity?

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

Royal Family Kids Thank You & Need for Volunteers

Thank you to the congregation for welcoming, hosting, and generously supporting a very successful fundraising dinner last month. You make it possible to create life-changing moments for children who have experienced relational trauma. NOW, we are 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

Hope Chest

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

- Women's underwear, sizes 6, 11/12, 13/14
- Men's boxers, size M and L
- Girls and Women ANKLE socks

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES. 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.

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 SPRING: March 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13. [Fill out the form online here.](#)

Seedlings Class

MUM Preschool's Seedlings 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 9-11:15 AM Mondays & Fridays. Please contact Brittany Jones: 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.](#)

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.

Young Adult Group

Young Adults meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM, April 14th-May 26th, to read and discuss Toni Morrison's *Sula* as part of the [Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison](#) year-long event. All Young Adults welcome even if you aren't reading the book.

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.

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 soon.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

• 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.](#)