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Mentorumc.org, [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#)

Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional

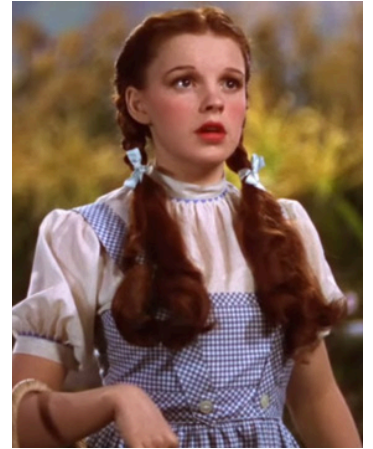


Being United Methodist Christians We are Shaped by Our Story

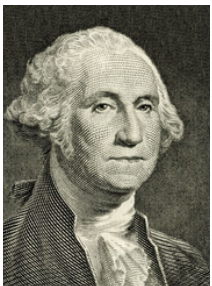
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Hebrews 12:1-2

What are the stories that have shaped you? Every day for each of us is the unfolding of the story of our lives. Every person we meet becomes part of our story. Every decision we make has an impact on the path that our story takes. Even the stories we are told shape our sense of ourselves and the world around us. Does anyone know the story about a girl named Dorothy who lived on a farm in Kansas and ended up in a place called Oz? YES! We all know that story. It's the Wizard of Oz! Not only do we all know that story, but we also have all been shaped by that story. It has taught us all something about dreams and friendships, fear and courage, love and good and evil. What other stories do we all know?



How about the story of how the United States became a free country? We've probably all heard of a guy named George Washington! How many know the story about George Washington and the cherry tree? Did that story shape your sense of the importance of honesty? Ask me and I'll tell you a story about the historian / writer / preacher Mason Locke Weems who wrote that story. Hint—he lived in a house walking distance from my childhood home in Dumfries, Virginia! *Yes—this is a test! Those who ask me to tell this story, I'll know have read this! Ha!*



As Christians we are shaped by the stories in the Bible and especially the stories about Jesus. Knowing these stories truly shape our understanding of ourselves, our neighbors and the world around us. Similarly, as United Methodists, we are shaped by the stories of our tradition... stories about our founder, John Wesley and his brother the great hymn writer, Charles Wesley. Stories about how the name "Methodist" was a derogatory term that early

Methodists claimed with pride! Stories about John Wesley's heart-warming experience and many other stories about God's amazing grace!

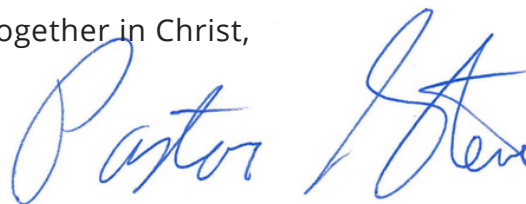
The writer of Hebrews knew the power and importance of stories. In chapter 12, the writer talks about the great cloud of witnesses—those who have gone before us, whose stories live on and inspire us—stories about the power of Christ that enabled them to "lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely" and to "run with perseverance the race that God has set before us."



Church, that same power is at work in each of us and collectively all of us as Mentor United Methodist Church. I pray that the stories of Jesus and the stories of those who have gone before us, especially those saints in the United Methodist Church, will inspire, encourage, and strengthen us to run with perseverance. The world is watching. Let us embrace this opportunity to show the world the power of Christ that binds us all together, humbling us before the cross and his immeasurable love.



Together in Christ,



Pastor Steve

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 - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler
Salida Woods - Doris Sturm
Aristocrat Berea - Virginia Gilman
Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons
Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua
Tapestry - Gloria McFeely
Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher
Danbury Mentor - Dale Porter
Mentor Ridge Rehab - Delores Tackett

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido,
Bill Wolfgang, Georgeanna Allen

Prayers for Women's Kairos Outside weekend #6 May 17-19
where Stephanie Grantz is serving.



Change the World Day 2024

Join us for our annual
Change the World Day
on Saturday, **May 18th** from 9-2
in the Northwest parking lot
@ MUMC

We will be partnering with
Sleep In Heavenly Peace
to build 60 beds.

Sign up online here or on our website.

You can also help support the cost of
supplies for this mission by designating
your giving to *Change the World Day*. To
learn more about SIHP, visit their site

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49253036>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures and worship by visiting this link each week.

MUMC Softball

MUMC Softball team is looking to add players. 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. Anyone interested should contact Brian Bly for more: 440-463-7712 brianbly11@gmail.com

Sermon Series & Classes

Join us for our sermon series "This Is Us: Being United Methodist". There are also classes on Tuesday nights where we will dive deeper into what this sermon series is all about.

Communion Coordinators

Consider serving as a Coordinator for Modern Worship. Please contact Justin Mackey at JMackey@Mentorumc.org OR Laurie Eppler at Laerainbow427@aol.com

Liturgists

Get in touch with Amy Bender if you are interested in being a liturgist in Traditional Worship on a Sunday morning: abender@mentorumc.org

General Conference Video

[Click here](#) to watch a video from Bishop Malone regarding General Conference (or scan).



Need to Know

Summer Programs

Children, Youth, and Adult Volunteers JOIN US for a summer of fun! You can register for ALL [summer programs and more here](#) or by [visiting our website](#).



Vacation Bible School

June 17-21, 2024

Camp Firelight

\$15 per child

Servant Sign Up:

Adult Crew Leaders, Youth Jr. Crew Leaders, Music Assistants, Recreation/Craft Assistants,

Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp

June 17-21, 2024

9:30 AM to 4 PM

\$70 per kid

Middle School Mission Week

July 8-12, 2024

See the World...

on Earth as it is in Heaven

\$70 per kid

Theatre Arts Camp

AUDITIONS MAY 11

July 15-19 AND 22-26, 2024

Seussical, the Musical, Jr.

SHOWS: July 26 and 27

\$90 per CAST MEMBER

\$60 per CREW MEMBER

Youth Annual Conference

June 8, 2024, 10 AM to 6 PM

at Kalahari in Sandusky

\$75 for registration

(+ Kalahari pass, and food)

CWC Luncheon

Join us for the next Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co, Luncheon, "Flower Power", on May 21st. It will be held at Pine Ridge CC at 11:15 AM. Please RSVP to cwcstonecroft@yahoo.com or call Dee at 440.487.0661 by *May 16th*. You can pay the \$22 cost at the door. See you there!

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Join Mentor United Women in Faith for another bread, broth, and brownies luncheon! May's menu: vegetarian chili, Brazilian cheese bread, salad, and chocolate mint brownies. Paula Langdon will share about her recent mission trip to Guatemala. We hope to see you on Wednesday, May 8th at noon in the MUMC Gallery for lunch, learning, and fun! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Memorial Day Recognition

Call the church office or email ktanner@mentorumc.org with the name(s) of loved one(s) you wish to remember this Memorial Day. Names will be printed on an insert for Traditional worship and displayed on a slide for Modern.

Fair Play Performance

All are welcome to come see the Fair Play performance on May 9th at 7 PM in the Chapel. There are four scenes to be presented on four different UM Social Principles. This project is for Pastor Tammy's ordination. All are welcome!

Food Ministry

Help support our ongoing and various food missions. Consider designating your giving to Food Ministry. There are special Food Ministry envelopes available in the Information Hub, Fellowship Hall, and in the Narthex. Mail your giving, drop it off in the offering boxes/church office, or give online through our website or app.

Find current Food Ministry needs on our website under the Local Missions page, [click here](#).

Plant Sale

The Youth Service Project Plant sale will be Mother's Day weekend, May 10th & 11th here at the church. Stop by and check the gorgeous plants out while supporting the YSP trip this summer. If you submitted a presale form, come pick your plants up during the sale.

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 14th from 9 AM to 3 PM here at MUMC. Sign up to donate by visiting our site or [this link](#).

Rummage Sale Proceeds

Some of the funds from this year's Rummage Sale will go towards Change the World Day on May 18th. \$3,100 has been put towards lumber and building supplies for the 60 beds we plan to build. **You can still designate your Giving to help cover costs for mattresses and other bed accessories.**

What's Your M.O.? Mission Opportunities

Royal Family Kids

It's that time of year when Royal Family Kids is gearing up for another year of camp. The number of kids that can have a potentially life-changing experience this summer depends on the number of teens (age 16+) & adults who volunteer their time to create positive memories for children who have experienced neglect and abuse. Camp is scheduled to begin for staff on Friday, June 7. Children ages 6-11 arrive on Saturday, June 8 and stay through the afternoon of Wednesday, June 12. At camp children receive positive attention and encouragement as they engage in many activities. Volunteers are needed both full and part time to have fun and make moments matter in a child's life. Volunteers are interviewed and receive a background check for the safety of the children. Also, all volunteers receive training before the start of camp. Learn more on their site by [clicking here](#). For more info speak with Johanna Martin johannamartin@sbcglobal.net or [visit our website](#) for more.

Renewed Covenant

We have renewed our covenant relationship with missionary, Janice Lee. You can learn more about her work and our international [missions on our website](#).

Buy a YSP Stock!

Buy a "YSP Mission Trip Stock" to support our trip to Reelfoot Rural Mission in Obion, TN. Purchase one of three classes: Class C \$35, Class B \$75, and Class A \$125. [Click here](#) or visit our website to learn more about what you receive for your stock!



VBS helpers needed

[Click here](#) to see when and where you can help out with VBS this June (or visit our website)!

Hannah's Home Bottles

Beginning on Mother's Day, you can pick up a bottle to fill with cash or a check to go towards Hannah's Home. Bottles can be dropped off in the main office. Deadline to drop off bottles is Father's day. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about Hannah's Home.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS. WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services. Join us for our current curriculum, "Celebrate Wonder".

- [Check-In Instruction Video](#)
- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- Grades K-5 will begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

Sunday Morning Signup

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

"Worship one, serve one!"

2024-2025 Preschool Reg

Registration for the 2024-25 school year is open to YOU, our church families. Click here for the: [Pre-Registration Link](#). If you have any questions, please contact our State Manager, Brittany Jones at bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

MOMCo.

MOMCo (The Mom Community) will meet on Friday, May 10th and May 24th at Mentor UMC until noon.

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room.

YSP Meetings

Youth Service Project meetings are on the following Sundays at 12 PM in the Wesley Room: May 5, June 9. Email ysp@mentorumc.org for more info or [click here](#).

Youth Mornings

Every Sunday between services from 10 AM-11AM Youth are invited to come hangout in the MUMC Youth Room for fun, fellowship, and refreshments.

Youth Evenings

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 6pm-7:30pm. Dates are as follows: April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16. [RSVP here](#).

Confirmation Sunday

Join us on May 19th for Confirmation Sunday. This is also a great time to become a new member if you miss our New Member Sunday on April 14th.

YAC Reminder

Thank you to those who registered! We will leave Mentor UMC on Friday, June 7th at 1:00 PM and return on Saturday, June 8th around 8:30 PM.



Lunch & Learn

Join us in the Gallery after the 11 AM services for a Lunch & Learn hosted by our Youth Director, Briyant Hines. May is Mental Health Awareness month and all month long our Youth are promoting mental health. To RSVP, find the form on our linktree or [click here](#).

Scholarship & Grad Recognition Sunday

Thank you to all who turned in their scholarship applications. Recognition for recipients AND graduating seniors will be held on Sunday, June 9th with a special brunch. Details to come!

If you want your picture featured in the Grad/Scholarship video, please submit a picture to Kenna Tanner by May 30th. If you're a graduating senior, also share your post-graduation plans if you are comfortable. If you are a recipient currently enrolled in school, share where at.

