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Worship with us in-person or online:
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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



'LOVE BEGINS AT HOME' CRAFT
IN THE GALLERY AFTER SERVICES

Pastor's Letter

Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. - Joshua 24:15



In staff meeting this week, I asked *What comes to mind when you think about a homemaker?* Homemaker is not a word we hear much these days, so it took a few minutes for everyone to think about it. However, once one person shared, everyone shared. "I think of my mom who was always keeping the house clean," one person shared. "I think of my dad who insisted on caring for the lawn himself so it would look just right," another shared. "My mom was the homemaker. She not only made our house a home, but she also alone made sure my brother and I were able to get to ball practice and to our games. It was a lot!"

Often, we identified our mothers as the primary homemaker—making sure the household was running, doing the grocery shopping, coordinating schedules, getting the kids ready for bed, buying clothes and other necessities, mediating arguments, providing a shoulder to cry on, and even guiding and shaping our faith development. In some cases, the mother chose the role of homemaker. In others, it was by necessity. Sometimes, the mother was simply following the cultural norms of her generation. One person shared and others affirmed that we are seeing the cultural norms of the current generation shift. "More and more, I am seeing dads with their kids out at the bus stop," was offered as one celebrated example.

We also talked about "household rules". The question was *What were the household rules (spoken or just understood) that every member of the household was expected to follow in order to make the house a home?* "We were not allowed to use the word 'stupid.' Saying 'That's not fair' was also not allowed," one staff person shared. "We were only allowed to take one extra-curricular activity because we had chores to do on the farm," shared another. Some staff shared about some very difficult years growing up when there was no one really filling the role of homemaker. "There really weren't any household rules and things were chaotic, uncertain, and unstable."

Church, hear the good news. God is our ultimate homemaker. Since the beginning, God is the one who makes home possible. God our homemaker loves us unconditionally, and we are able to love others. God our homemaker, forgives us when we mess up and we are equipped to forgive others. God provides the sun, rain and soil to produce food abundantly for all and we delight in providing a meal for others. God is the great three-in-one, Father, Son, Holy Spirit—Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, who exists as a unified community of love, respect and mutuality giving us the template for how we are called to relate with one another and with all of creation. God's is our ultimate homemaker and will not stop working until everyone enjoys the blessings, assurance, respect, dignity, care, security, belonging, and love of home.

Our part, as members of the household of God and as members of the Body of Christ, the church, is to accept the gifts and responsibilities of household membership. In other words, choose this day whom you will serve.

As you prayerfully prepare this week for what you believe God is calling you to pledge for God's ongoing work in and through Mentor UMC in 2025, I pray that you will join me and all who have gone before us in the faith, declaring, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Pastor Steve



ANNOUNCING A NEW BEGINNING AT MUMC

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? – Isaiah 43:19

Effective Sunday, December 1st, Mentor United Methodist Church will transition from four services to two. Our Modern Worship Service will be at 9:00 AM and our Traditional Worship Service will be at 11:00 AM each Sunday, both will also be livestreamed. The MUMC Administrative Council, with affirmation from our Church Ministry teams and staff, proactively embraces the impacts of the pandemic, staff and member transitions, and General Conference emphasis that all who seek Christ are seen and valued in our church. This decision has gone through several stages of discernment involving many leaders, prayer, and conversations since July 28th.

We look forward to seeing you in Worship and for your continued volunteer and financial support of our church family. We are excited to Worship with each other in our much-anticipated Advent Season.

9 AM MODERN & 11 AM TRADITIONAL

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, Doug Kepp

Governors Point - Doris Sturm

Aristocrat Berea - Virginia Gilman

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

Tapestry - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

Village of St. Edward: Dale Porter

Holly Hill - Floyd Richards

Brookdale - Bill Wolfgang

Mentor Ridge - Russ Lancaster

Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, Lois Dyckman, David Fell,
Carol Anderson, Pam Crawley, Bob Linsell, Dick & Nancy Smith, Jack Zimmerman,
Andy Champa, Georgeanna Allen, Suzanne Dubeansky, Noralee Starr

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Beverly Hill,
who passed on Thursday, October 31, 2024.**

Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49347523>

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



Stewardship Season: Love Begins at Home

Save the following dates:

November 17th:

Home craft

Start saving your cardboard, plastics, and other reusable CLEAN items to make a "house" building craft after services in the Gallery.

November 24th:

Stewardship Sunday

Join us in and after services to dedicate pledges, enjoy fellowship, and a ministry fair.

Advent Devotional

You can pick up a Devotional at the church or read the digital version [found here](#) or on our website. If the browser version doesn't work for you, try the PDF version. [More info here.](#)

To celebrate the art shared in this devotional and our Stewardship craft, we will have an art display in the Gallery through December. Come check it out starting December 1st.

Thanksgiving Day at Mentor UMC

A genuine Thanksgiving meal will be served on Thanksgiving Day from 11 AM – 1:30 PM. If you are interested in picking up a meal or having a meal delivered to your home (Lake County Only), call the church by Friday, November 22nd and the office will take your info. This is a longstanding mission tradition of our congregation provided at no charge to you. We look forward to dining with you.

Disciple Bible Study

Beginning in the new year, we will start Discipleship Bible studies. Pastor Steve will lead a Disciple 1 class on Thursdays, 4-6 PM starting January 16th. Syndie Toth will lead Disciple 1 on Mondays from 10-12 PM and Lucas & Wendy Rhoads will lead Disciple 2 on Thursdays from 7-9 PM. This will go all 2025, with a break in the summer. Pastor Tammy will facilitate the fast track version, which is 24 weeks. The prayer is to have 100 plus people involved to learn more about the Bible.

Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias TODAY! [View the online order form](#) or grab a paper one in the Info Hub. Plants are \$7 each.

Advent Candle Lighting

All are invited to sign up to light candles this Advent season during service. [Visit this signup](#) to learn more.

Healthy Congregations Workshop

The Healthy Congregations workshop has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 8th from 9-4 PM. This workshop is designed to equip leaders to respond to the presence or potential threat of anxiety in a congregational system in ways that prevent destructive conflict and help the church stay focused on its unique mission and purpose. The cost is \$15 and can be paid by cash or through our online giving. [Click here to access the registration form](#)

Committee Call

We need you! Currently we are in need of people to volunteer to serve on our Trustees committee and our Nomination's committee for the upcoming year. The Trustees work on the care and management of our physical properties, both the church and the parsonage. The Nomination's committee is responsible for recruiting people for different church committees and teams. Please reach out to Jill Kilpeck or any of our pastors if you can help serve on one of these committees. Thank you.

We need you!

We are serving a genuine Thanksgiving Meal on Thanksgiving Day. We may serve as many as 600 meals (in-house, pick-up and delivery). This means we need your help. There are many opportunities to help our church succeed in this ministry to our community. Please stop by the Thanksgiving Sign-Up table in the Gallery and sign up to donate food items and sign up to volunteer Thanksgiving week. Or, you can go online to the church website: mentorumc.org and click on "Thanksgiving Meal 2024" and then you can click on the SignUpGenius link to donate food and/or to volunteer. (located on the left side of the main web page). Serving this Thanksgiving Meal to our community is one of the longest traditions and most popular mission traditions of our church. Thank you in advance for your part in making it a great success! If you have any questions, please call the church office at 440 255 3496.

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Mentor UMC feeds hundreds of Lake County families every year thanks to the tremendous generosity of this congregation. Traditionally, your offering plate giving on Thanksgiving Sunday is used for our Food Ministry programs over the following months. Or you can pick up a "Food Ministries" envelope in the Narthex, the Gallery or in the Information Hub and donate to our food ministries any time. Thank you for your continued Generosity and support of our ministries!

- The Missions Commission

What's Your M.O.? Mission Opportunities

More Than a Meal

This month's MTAM is early due to Thanksgiving. Join us on Saturday, November 23rd at 5:30 PM (doors open at 5) for a free community meal. To volunteer for this or other meals, check out our [sign up online](#).

Woodlawn Homes

As the weather starts to cool, we need to think about the kids from Woodlawn who will need new winter apparel. UWF will again be purchasing coats and boots for all children who need new ones. Members and friends of MUMC are encouraged to help by donating hats and gloves/mittens so that children may receive them. Distribution of all winter wear is on November 21st. **Deadline to drop off items is Sunday, November 17th.** You can drop off in the Narthex/Gallery.

Gingerbread Update

Thank you to all who participated in the Gingerbread House Arts & Craft show! \$9,000 was raised to be used for various ministries & missions.

Hannah's Home Update

Each year Hannah's Home does a baby bottle coin collection from Mothers Day to Fathers Day. Their budget comes directly from donations and this fundraiser is critical to their budget. The goal this year was to raise \$130,000. They exceeded their goal and collected \$149,707.52! Mentor United Methodist Church contributed \$1,356.72. They send a huge THANK YOU to our church. Checkout their website for additional ways to support this worthwhile mission.

www.hannahshome.org

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, January 14th at MUMC. Sign up online.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of men's gloves & jackets. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center at MUMC.

Hurricane Relief Update

Our church generously raised about \$7500 for disaster relief following the hurricanes in Southeast USA. Thank you to all!

MENTOR UMC

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!"

2024-2025 Preschool Reg

There are still a few openings for 2024-2025 Preschool. If you have questions or wish to register, please contact State Manager, Brittany Jones at bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

Pre-Reg for 2025-2026

Pre-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 is November 15th. Moms join us in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM. Check our [website](#) for more dates.

Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½

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

- WINTER: January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5
- SPRING: March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

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

Middle School

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

Tea Time

Youth are invited to meet at MUMC in the Library between Sunday services (around 10 AM). We'll enjoy drinks and snacks, talk, do devotions, and more. No need to RSVP, just pop in!

YSP Meeting

The next Youth Service Project is Sunday, November 10th at 12:15 PM. Youth and parents are invited to meet after service to discuss the upcoming 2025 trip, fundraising, and more.

Christmas Play: A Charlie Brown Christmas

Join us in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 14th at 4 PM for A Charlie Brown Christmas presented by the MUMC Truth & Light Players. Tickets are on sale now! [Click here](#) or visit our website.

Youth Meal & Hike

All Youth are invited to reach out to Youth Director Mackalyn Figgins about joining on Saturday, November 23rd in helping with More Than a Meal then a lit walk at Chapin Forest park.

