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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional

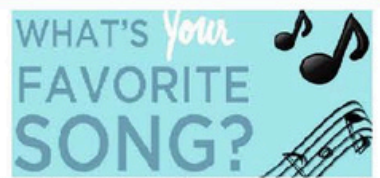


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Pastor's Letter



Oh my gosh, I love that we are upon Christmas music 24/7! Yet, my favorite is jazz. I love smooth jazz, I listen all the time to a London Smooth jazz radio show for all my new and fav hits. And I realize not everyone likes every genre of music, but often, we can find some beauty or purpose in songs. I'll never forget this story.



I was riding with my Aunt in the car, and I was about to play some Lee Ritenour (jazz guitarist). Excitedly, I said "Auntie, I want you to hear my favorite song!" (entitled "É") She said "Ok." The song played and I hummed and sang along, at the close, I said "I love that song! That's my favorite!" She gruffed, with slight annoyance, and said "I thought you were gonna play something good, that ain't good at all!" Busted my bubble totally. SMH. Well, scanning over our United Methodist Hymnal I picked out some songs that I love to sing. Some are sermons within themselves and others have such a catchy refrain, they are hard to release from humming repeatedly. Feel free to mark or highlight your favorites from this list and share them with me. Happy Thanksgiving to All! — *Pastor Ivy*

- A Charge to Keep I Have (413)
- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (110)
- Abide with Me (700)
- Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed (359)
- All Glory, Laud, and Honor (280)
- All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 154
- All Things Come of Thee (588)
- Am I a Soldier of the Cross (511)
- Amazing Grace (378)
- America the Beautiful (696)
- And Are We Yet Alive (553)
- Angels from the Realms of Glory 220
- Are Ye Able (530)
- Away in a Manger (217)
- Be Present at Our Table, Lord (621)
- Beneath the Cross of Jesus (297)
- Blessed Assurance (369)
- Blessed Be the Name (063)
- Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light (223)
- Break Thou the Bread of Life (599)
- Close to Thee (407)
- Come, Thou Almighty King (061)
- Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (400)
- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196
- Come, We That Love the Lord (732)
- Come, Ye Disconsolate (510)
- Crown Him with Many Crowns (327)
- Fairest Lord Jesus (189)
- For All the Saints (711)
- For the Beauty of the Earth (092)

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- God Will Take Care of You (130)
- Grace Greater than Our Sin (365)
- Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (127)
- Hail to the Lord's Anointed (203)
- Happy the Home When God Is There (445)
- Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (240)
- Have Thine Own Way, Lord (382)
- How Can We Name a Love (111)
- How Firm a Foundation (529)
- I Am Thine, O Lord (419)
- I Love to Tell the Story (156)
- I Need Thee Every Hour (397)
- I Surrender All (354)
- Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (103)
- Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring (644)
- Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (301)
- Just as I Am, Without One Plea (357)
- Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (133)
- Maker, in Whom We Live (088)
- Marching to Zion (733)
- More Love to Thee, O Christ (453)
- Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone (424)
- My Faith Looks Up to Thee (452)
- My God, I Love Thee (470)
- My Hope Is Built (368)
- My Jesus, I Love Thee (172)
- Near to the Heart of God (472)
- Nearer, My God, to Thee (528)
- Nothing Between (373)
- Nothing but the Blood (362)

- Come, O Come, Emmanuel (211)
- For a Thousand Tongues to Sing 057
- Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice 391
- Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (480)
- Sacred Head, Now Wounded (286)
- Open My Eyes, That I May See (454)
- Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (351)
- Precious Name (536)
- Rescue the Perishing (591)
- Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 381
- Softly & Tenderly Jesus Is Calling 348
- Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (500)
- Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (514)
- Standing on the Promises (374)
- Sweet Hour of Prayer (496)
- Take Time to Be Holy (395)
- Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (277)
- The Battle Hymn of the Republic 71
- The Church's One Foundation (545)
- The Old Rugged Cross (504)
- There Is a Fountain Filled w/Blood 622
- This Is My Father's World (144)
- 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (462)
- Trust and Obey (467)
- Up from the Grave He Arose (322)
- We Gather Together (131)
- We Three Kings (254)
- What a Friend We Have in Jesus 526
- What Child Is This (219)
- When We All Get to Heaven (701)
- Where He Leads Me (338)

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



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

Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49351200>

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

Love Begins at Home 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.

Gingerbread Thank You

Dozens of people got together to make this year's Gingerbread House such a success. People set up tables, cut up cheese, staffed rooms to sell crafts, bakery, and attic treasures, make hundreds of bags of caramel corn. We made about \$9000. Special thanks to Kim Mele who has, for the last 16 years, worked with all the crafters and encourages them to return year after year. Truly a team effort and a great tradition.

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. 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.

Committee Call

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.

Young at Heart Luncheon 2024

This year's Young at Heart Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 11th at 12 PM at Mentor United Methodist Church. The MUMC Women of Faith are excited to host this wonderful Christmas Luncheon of chicken marsala, caprese salad, zucchini medley, and Andes mint chocolate brownies for dessert. A fun game of Christmas Jeopardy will follow lunch! Those 62 years and older are invited to join us for a meal and some Christmas fun! All you need to do is call the Church Office at (440) 255-3496, or [sign up online](#) by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th**.

Giving Trees

The trees are up and the names are ready. As in the past we have the signup genius available as well as GREEN TREE tags on the tree, We encourage you to look at the signup genius if you plan on taking more than one name. This way you can bless a family for Christmas. Families range from 2-8 children this year. The tags on the trees are mostly single child families and work well for people that are not able to access the signup genius.

YELLOW ANGELS tags are for members of the church that could use some extra prayers.

RED HEARTS represent charities that we are supporting this year. They include: Ohio Guidestone, Project Hope, Royal Family Kids Camp and Ronald McDonald House.

BLUE BELLS represent acts of kindness.

Please return your wrapped and well labeled gifts for the children to church ON or BEFORE Sunday December 15th at noon. We have a secure place to store all gifts.

Please contact Betsy Iskra at 440-283-6524 or Iskra5@aol.com with any questions.

What's Your M.O.?

Mission Opportunities

Royal Family Kids

The Leadership Team of Royal Family Kids want to let you know that your generous contributions for our Thanksgiving gift card request was so successful that we were able to give each family \$50 in Giant Eagle gift cards and a pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving this year! These gifts were taken to the family's homes after our monthly club meeting on Saturday, Nov.16th. We could not do what we do without you and your generosity. Thank you so much for blessing these families!

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, January 14th at MUMC. Sign up [online](#)!

Project Hope

Project Hope is in need of 33+ gallon trash bags, 16oz disposable bowls, napkins, toilet bowl cleaner, and dish soap. You may drop off at the shelter between 9 - 2 PM, Mon-Fri.

Hope Chest

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

Thanksgiving Offering

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. You can also pick up a "Food Ministries" envelope in the Narthex, the Gallery, or Info Hub and donate to our food ministries any time. Thank you for your continued Generosity and support of our ministries!

UWF Fellowship with Families at Woodlawn Homes

On Monday, November 18th the Mentor United Women of Faith & Catalyst Ministry distributed winter coats, boots, hats, gloves and scarves to 46 children. This is a major project for the United Women of Faith and has been done for many, many years. Thanks to all who committed so much time and effort to make this possible. You have enriched the lives of many people and helped solidify our church's relationship with the Woodlawn Homes Community.

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 meets Fridays, December 13th & 20th. Moms join us in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM.

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.

Gift of Time

Children & Family Ministry is offering an afternoon of free childcare on Saturday, December 7 from 1:00-4:00 PM here at MUMC. Get your holiday shopping done! You can [sign up online here](#) or visit our website.

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 Lock-In

We will have a Holiday Lock-in on December 29th-30th. We will meet in the Youth Room from 7pm to 8am. This will be a time for us to gather together, celebrate the holidays, and have some Holy Shenanigans. [RSVP here](#).

