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UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter



Greetings to you all,

I pray you had a wonderful Thanksgiving doing what brought you joy! I know that sometimes holidays can be stressful, so I hope it was peaceful.

This morning, we begin our Advent journey pondering the names of Jesus. This Sunday is "Wonderful Counselor." When I think of this name for Jesus, I am reminded of the song *Emmanuel* by Michael W. Smith and sung by Amy Grant on her 1983 album *A Christmas Album*. I am now singing this song in my head. Does anyone else remember this song? I feel that I have completely dated myself by sharing this memory.

One of the things that I truly love about Advent is the songs that we sing. I appreciate that this year, in addition to Advent hymns, we will be singing one Christmas carol each Sunday. Normally, consistent with the Christian tradition and liturgical calendar, Christmas carols are reserved for the 12-day Christmas season beginning on Christmas Eve. However there are a LOT of GREAT Christmas carols! So, I am glad we are incorporating them this season as a way to help us prepare for Christmas. Each Sunday, carol histories will also be shared courtesy of church historian, Don Humphrey.

As we begin Advent, what are your favorite hymns that prepare us for the birth of our Savior? And what are your favorite Christmas carols? I truly would enjoy hearing from you. Maybe we can make sure to sing your favorite carol on December 28th for the carol sing this year.

My prayer is that regardless of the songs that we sing, our hearts are preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We have a lot of opportunities to celebrate through some fun events here at the church. Maybe I will see you there.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Tammy

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 - Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell,

Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

Prosper at Wickliffe - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Fairmont - Gretchen Tice

Governor's Point - Bob Williams

Mentor Ridge - June Van Ostrand

Danbury Senior Living - Terry Reynolds

In need of prayer:

Hilary Pleska, Karen Mancini, Tom Martin, Laurie Eppler, Noralee Starr, Sandy Williams, Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Ruthie Hobart, Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Doug & Kathy Koman, Sandy Mazelis, Syndie Toth, Heather Lippert, Linda Beidle, Bill Mueller, Vanessa Rios

Commitment Cards

The 2025 Pledge Cards are available in Fellowship Hall, Info Hub, and the Narthex ALSO [online here](#).

Grab one any time and place in the basket in worship OR turn in to the main office when completed.

The Last Art of Gratitude

DELIVER this card on
Commitment Sunday,
November 18th, 2025

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SET UP your giving
online by November 30th, 2025

I/we pledge to support the church in 2025 (Check all that apply)
(Fulfilled by December 31, 2025)

2025 Discipleship, Mission and Ministry (MMA Annual Operating Budget)

\$ _____ Per week \$ _____ Per month
After retiring on-line I/we have given in 2025, we are working with GEM to continue
giving facility improvements to enhance our worship experience and better
serve our local community.

In This House Fund (Fulfilled by December 31, 2025)

\$ _____ Per week \$ _____ Per month
Other Please Explain _____

Rev. Kathy Dickrade Youth Director Endowment
(Fulfilled by December 31, 2025)

\$ _____ Per week \$ _____ Per month
Other Please Explain _____

Check here if your pledge is on up online
Check here if you do not wish to have weekly offering envelopes



Christmas Carol History

This hymn is based on a poem written by Cecil Frances Alexander. She wrote a collection of poems to explain The Apostles Creed to Sunday school students. This hymn refers to the Nativity of Jesus in the Creed. Mrs. Alexander was born Cecil Humphreys in Dublin, Ireland in 1818. Her husband was an Anglican Bishop in Northern Ireland. She died in 1895. Several of Mrs. Alexander's poems are commemorated in a stain glass window at St. Columba's Cathedral in Londonderry (or simply Derry), Northern Ireland. This poem was put to music by the organist Henry Gauntlett. He used his tune Irby for the music. Henry was an organist at several churches in London, England. He was born in Wellington, England in 1805 and died in 1876. Dr. Gauntlett was awarded a doctorate in music by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was the first time the Archbishop had conferred such a degree in 200 years.

Hymn 250 - *Once in Royal David's City*

Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49527408>

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

Rhys Andrew Wenzel

Born September 5, 2025

Child of

Virginia & Timothy Wenzel

Baptized on

November 30, 2025

11 AM Traditional Worship

Christmas Cantata

Join us on Sunday, December 7th during the 11 AM Traditional Worship service for the annual Christmas Cantata. This is a free choir and orchestra presentation celebrating the season.

Advent Studies

All are invited to join two Advent study groups this winter. We will be discussing Walter Brueggemann's book, *Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study*. Books can be purchased on your own or through the church.

Group 1: Join Pastor Tammy on Mondays, November 24, December 1, 8, and 15 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Mentor UMC.

Group 2: Join Mackalyn for a Tuesday night group called "Brews & Bibles." We'll meet at a different local holiday bar each week at 6 PM to study Brueggemann's book.

BOTH of these groups are open to ALL! Please register [HERE](#) for either group no later than November 16th.

Leadership podcast

Join Pastor Steve in watching/listening to Jack Shitama's "The Non-anxious Leader" podcast. Share your thoughts on Slack with other viewers and Pastor Steve. Join Slack [online here](#).

Prelude to Christmas

Join us at Mentor UMC on Friday, December 12th in the Sanctuary at 7:30 PM for the Charter Members Men's Choir's "Prelude to Christmas." Each year, this performance readies us for the coming of Christ and the Christmas season. This is free and open to all.

Blue Christmas

Join us at Mentor UMC for a special Christmas service at 5 PM on December 17th. This is a service for those experiencing grief, loss, and hardship this holiday season. All welcome.

Nativity Sets in Traditional

YOU are invited to bring in your favorite Nativity set for display in the Sanctuary on one of the following Sundays during Advent!

- Dec. 14 - setup on Sat. 12/13 between 2:30 & 4:00 PM
- Dec. 21 - setup on Sat. 12/20 between 2:30 & 4:00 PM

Your name(s) and a brief description of your Nativity will be printed in the bulletin - and if there is a special story connected to your Nativity, we'll include that too! [You'll be able to take your Nativity home directly after the 11:00 AM traditional service.] Please sign up by Wednesday, Dec. 11 via the [Sign-Up Genius](#) on the church website - or advise Chris Fournier that you're interested. Due to space constraints, slots are limited!

Daily Prayer Group

Join Pastor Steve on [Slack](#) for the Daily Prayer Group. Participants covenant to do their best to pray at least 12 minutes each day through January 3. The 12 minutes do not need to be consecutive.

4B Luncheon

All are welcome to join us for our December 4B Luncheon! Michelle Park of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank will speak about local food insecurity and how the Food Bank is helping to bridge the meal gap. The menu includes shepherd's pie soup, dinner rolls, bacon pea salad, and peppermint bark brownies. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, December 10th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! This event is hosted by Mentor United Women in Faith. Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register online [here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Advent Devotionals

Grab an Advent Devotional in the Info Hub on Sunday. LIMITED QUANTITY! There is a digital version available [online here](#).

Poinsettia Forms

Pick up a form in the Info Hub or fill out your order [online here](#) for Poinsettias on Christmas Eve.



Finance Update

Please view the chart below for an update from the Finance Committee (as of October 2025). We have paid 56% of our annual apportionments.

Monthly Expenditures	\$80,802.36
Year to Date Expenditures	\$756,598.48
Year to Date Operating Cost	-\$48,493.56

Giving Trees

The trees are up and the names are in! If you plan on taking a family, please use the [Sign up Genius](#) so you can see the entire family. Names are on the trees as well. These are mostly single kids or only smaller families. Please note that some of the students are listed as special needs. Also, some of the children from Broadmoor are missing first names or ages. We have had a difficult time getting information from Broadmoor this year. If we get updated info, we will reach out to you personally. Sorry for the inconvenience. **All gifts are due back by 12/14 at noon.** But we have a secured spot to store so please feel free to drop off prior to that date. It would really be appreciated! Please call or text Betsy at 440-283-6524 with any questions!

Snacks for Theatre Students

[Sign up online](#) to donate snacks to the students at Memorial Middle School as they rehearse for their upcoming production of *Shrek*. If interested, take one week and provide 80 individually wrapped snacks. This is an area of Pastor Tammy's ministry that focuses on reaching out and forming relationships with the community.



What's Your M.O.? Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry Needs

Mentor UMC's Food Pantry holds regular distributions for families and individuals in need. The Pantry is ALWAYS accepting and in need of non-perishable items. Please drop donations off to the Community Center bin (near the ramp). You may also [give online](#) through our website.

POP UP Food Pantry

In a combined effort, Mentor UMC and our preschool are collecting food for those suffering from food insecurity. We will do a few pop-up food pantries throughout Mentor for folks who do not have transportation or resources to get to a food program. There is a BLUE BIN for collecting non-perishable food items located in the Gallery. We are looking for the following items:

- Non-perishable food items
- Canned foods with a pop-open lid
- Can openers
- \$5-10 gift cards to buy fresh dairy & produce

[Sign up online to help out with distributions.](#)

More Than a Meal

Volunteer to prepare, cook, serve, or cleanup for the next More Than a Meal (free community meal) on Saturday, December 27th. Doors open at 5 and the meal is served at 5:30 PM. [Signup online here](#) or get in touch with the church office for help with signing up.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of men's winter gloves, hats, and jackets. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center (by Fellowship Hall) at MUMC.

Ushers for Christmas Eve

Sign up online or in the Info Hub to be an usher for one of this year's Christmas Eve services.

Connection Corner

Relate. Love. Disciple

A part of MUMC's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ—echoing the Great Commission to “go and make disciples of all nations.” John Wesley reframes the focus of evangelism—not as a one-time conversion decision to follow Jesus—but as the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith and spiritual growth. The R.E.L.A.T.I.O.N.A.L. acronym helps explain the Wesleyan approach to Evangelism.

A. ASSURANCE

We have a deep confidence—assurance—that we are God's children. That kind of certainty can be hard to explain, but it's something that gives us peace, strength, and purpose. Through our stories, actions, and love, we can help others see what this assurance means and why it's so powerful.

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 for questions.

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC 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.

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!"

MOMCo Meetings

Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the Gallery at MUMC. [Register and learn more online here](#).

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 WINTER session is January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4. The SPRING: March 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13. [Fill out the form online here](#).

Youth Sunday School

Grades 6-12 are invited to Sunday School during the 9 AM worship service each Sunday. We'll meet in the Youth room for fellowship & fun.

Youth Group

Youth are invited to meet in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for Youth Group. If there is a special event on one of those Sundays, then the event replaces YG.

Young Adult Group

Meet us in-person on Tuesdays from 6 - 7 PM. Currently, we're reading and discussing Walter Brueggemann's *Names for the Messiah*, a study that takes us to local Christmas bars throughout Advent. Contact Mackalyn for details.

Parents of Youth

Fill out an online form [here](#) if you are a parent of a youth and interested in connecting with other parents.

Book Club

The next Book Club will meet on Monday, December 29th at 6 PM in the Library at MUMC. Tell your friends! We'll discuss what we've each read this month and our favorite books from this past year. Book Club will regularly meet on the LAST Monday of the month. If you miss a month or two, no worries! Stay in touch with us on [Slack](#) where you can share what you are reading at any time.

Gaming Group

Wednesdays are game nights! Join this Intergenerational group on Wednesdays from 5:30-9:30 PM (or whatever time you can spare) in the Youth Room. Right now, D&D is the game offered. If there is a particular game you are interested in seeing at MUMC, get in touch with Mackalyn. There is space and opportunity for board games, video games, card games, etc.

Young Adult Outing

Join us for a night of jazz on Saturday, December 20th at Brother's Lounge in Cleveland. We'll meet around 7 for a cost (\$10-20, TBD) to listen to Evan Palermo & Relic. Bring money for food & drink if you would like.

Youth Service Project

YSP holds regular meetings at MUMC to plan the 2026 trip and fundraisers. [Visit our website](#) for dates or get in touch with Mackalyn.

Christmas Play Tickets

Tickets for MUMC's Truth & Light Players' production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" are on sale NOW! They will perform on Friday, December 5th in Fellowship Hall at MUMC. [Buy online here](#).

