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Worship Schedule

9 & 11 AM Modern

9 & 11 AM Traditional



🌿 All Saints Day 🌿

Pastor's Letter

So Great a Cloud of Witnesses

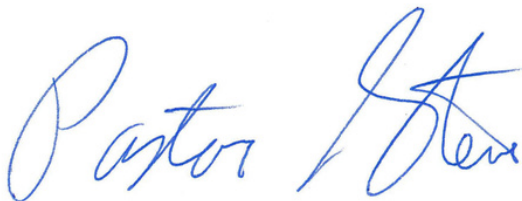
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith - Hebrews 12:1-2 NRSV

I remember the first time I went to King's Dominion—an amusement park in Virginia similar to Cedar Point in Ohio. I was just tall enough to be allowed on the Rebel Yell, their largest rollercoaster at the time. I simultaneously wanted to do it and didn't want to do it. I wanted to do it mostly because my older sister Shelly had already been on it and survived unscathed! More than that, she was smiling! She said it was fun and that I'd love it. But, even as she was telling me how fun it was, I heard all the people on the ride screaming at the top of their lungs! What if I'm just small enough to slip through the safety bar—the only thing holding me in? What if it came off the tracks? What if I fainted and never woke up? Bottom line—no one could guarantee that I would be ok. It was up to me. I had to decide. "Hebe!" I heard Shelly call my name ("Hebe" was my childhood nickname that Shelly always called me.) She broke the thread of my thoughts that were becoming more and more terrifying. She took my hand and said, "I will go with you. We'll sit together. You are going to love it!" So, I went. And, she was right. What a thrill.

We've all heard the expression "Life is a rollercoaster". We all have a life story to tell about uphill climbs, downhill rushes, sharp turns even going upside down! Experiences that were terrifying and exhilarating. If you are still breathing, you survived many challenges and have experienced once-in-a-lifetime moments of joy and fulfillment. Each of us has a story to tell.

Not only have we all had life experiences, but we all know that every remaining day of our life comes with unknowns. That can be scary! Hear the good news...Jesus has walked through greater hardships and scarier times that we will ever know. He has gone before us and goes with us. He has "run the race" as it says in Hebrews 12:1. And, as if that's not enough (it is), we have a "great cloud of witnesses" or "Pioneers who blazed the way" (The Message)—followers of Jesus who have gone before us and still walk beside us. We call them saints.

This Sunday, we celebrate All Saints. We remember and give thanks for those from Mentor UMC who have died in the past year. We also remember and give thanks for those persons, deceased or living, who cheer us on, encourage us and give us strength and courage to face the world unafraid. They show us that while we do not know what the future holds, we know who holds the future! Praise God.



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.

It is our prayer that this new schedule will provide the most impactful Worship Services to inspire and transform our faith. Our Leadership team understands this change will have an impact on each of our schedules and preferences. Please reach out to our Pastors or leaders so that we can be of support during this time of adjustment.

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. Look for future communications and the many exciting opportunities planned around this change!

Blessings siblings in Christ!

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

Grand River Health & Rehab - Beverly Hill

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

Members who are in need of prayer:

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



Need to Know

Youversion

<https://bible.com/events/49340909>

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



Stewardship Season: Love Begins at Home

Save the following dates:

November 10th:

Fellowship Hall dedication

Join us in FH around 10:10 to experience the dedication of the recently renovated worship space.

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.

Thanksgiving Day at Mentor UMC

A genuine Thanksgiving meal will be served at Mentor UMC on Thanksgiving Day from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. You do not need to sign up – just show up. 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 22 nd and the office will take your order and information. 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

If you have participated in a Disciple Bible Study in the past or are interested in participating in one in the new year, please attend one of the two orientations in the Asbury Room on Sunday, November 10 from 1:30-2:30 pm or Monday, November 11 from 4:30-5:30 pm. The prayer is to have 100 plus people involved to learn more about the Bible.

All Saints Day

Watch the Saints Day presentation by visiting our [YouTube Channel](#).

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo

Join Mentor UWF for another bread, broth, and brownies luncheon! November's menu includes blueberry muffins, cream of turkey soup, deviled eggs, salad, and pumpkin swirl brownies. With the holidays approaching, we will celebrate food with "How Did the Devil Get in Deviled Eggs and Other Fun Food Stories." We hope to see you on Wednesday, November 13th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register [online here](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

Charge Conference

Leaders and members are invited to attend Charge Conference on November 3rd at 3 PM at First UMC in Geneva.

Advent Candle Lighting

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



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.

Hope Chest

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

What's Your M. ? Mission Opportunities



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 Craft Fair VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us on Friday, November 8th from 4 to 8 PM and Saturday, November 9th from 10 to 3 PM. Your donations of handmade crafts for UMWF Craft Room, items for Attic Treasures Room (mini-rummage sale), Bake Shop & Country Cupboard homemade bake goods and snacks are needed. We also need shopping bags and packing paper. Please pick up a Volunteer Signup sheet today on one of our posters, in the Info Hub, or go to the Church website. More info on donation and drop off dates can be found [online](#).

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

Royal Family Kids Camp

The RFK Leadership team is asking for support through \$25 donations in order to purchase grocery gift cards for the families of our Royal Family Kids campers. These cards will help augment their grocery budget and provide for a plentiful Thanksgiving Day dinner. Drop off a cash/check to the church office or designate your online giving to RFK.

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!](#)

Camp Wanake

Youth are invited on November 22nd - 24th to the Camp Wanake Retreat. It is \$100 to register. Scholarships available, just ask Mackalyn!

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.

Project Feed

Youth are invited to participate in Project Feed at North Hampton UMC from 4-6 PM on November 10th. We will pack meals for those experiencing meal instability. Get in touch with Mackalyn to learn more.

