

MENTOR UNITED WEEKLY UPDATE METHODIST CHURCH

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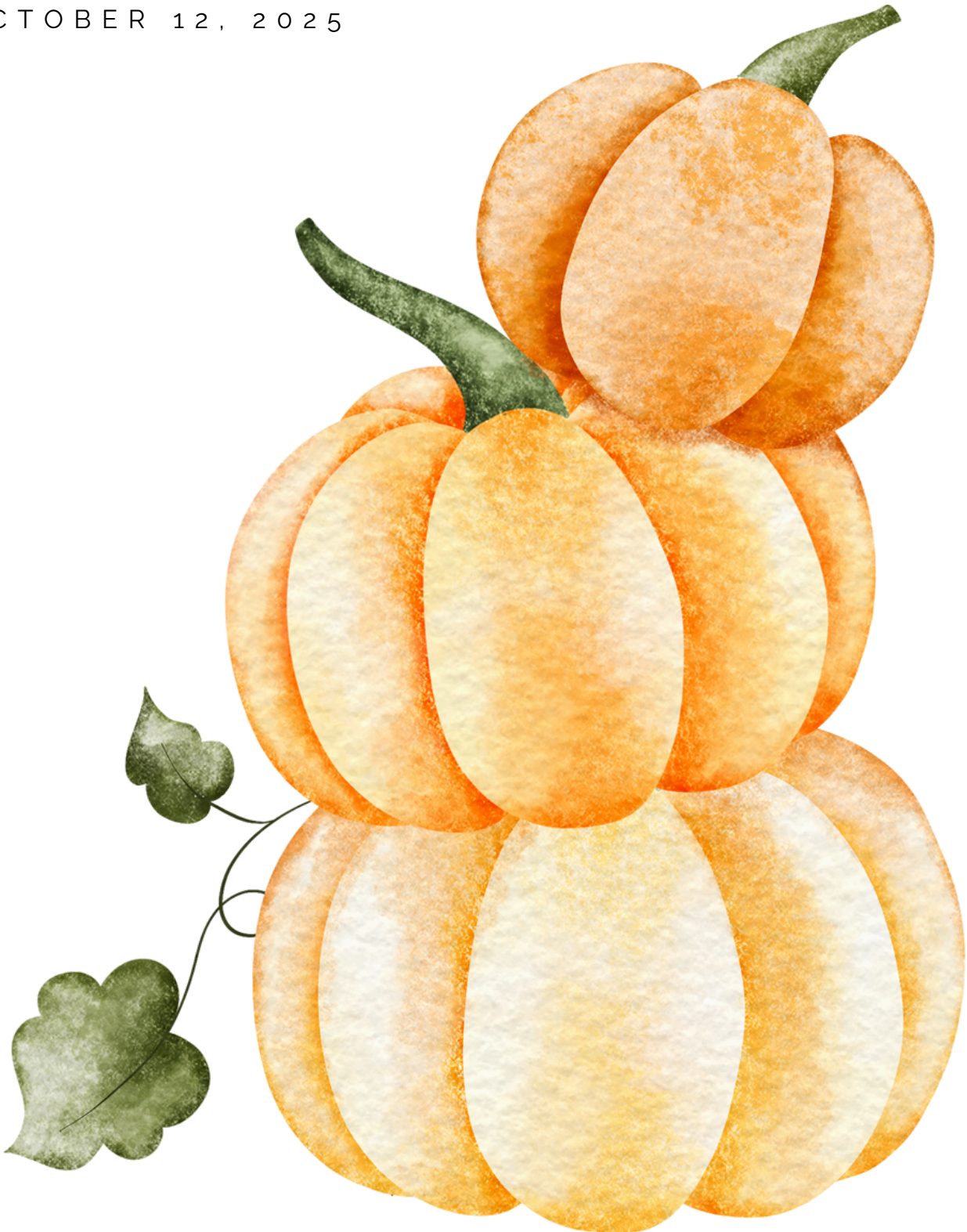
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Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

**"...give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."**

1 Thessalonians 5:11-18 NRSV

In staff meeting this week, we each shared one thing that we are grateful for. *My spouse, This church and its ministries, Technology that allows me to be in touch with and support my family, The Cavaliers!, and Friends outside of work,* were some of the things that were shared. What are you grateful for?

In Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica, he urges these early Christians to "give thanks in all circumstances..." That's the rub, isn't it? "In all circumstances." How do you practice gratitude when you are having a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day? (Have you ever read the children's book "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"?) Seriously, how do *you* do that? Do you practice counting your blessings? Do you think of someone who is having an even worse day, experiencing worse, more difficult circumstances? Do you turn to prayer and/or scriptures? Maybe you call a friend?

There are many different ways that people try to adopt an "attitude of gratitude". I'd be interested in hearing what works for you. This Sunday, we begin a three-week series about Christian stewardship that we are calling "The Lost Art of Gratitude". When we really think about it, we might agree that practicing gratitude in all circumstances is more of an art than anything else. Art comes in many different forms. Art invites creativity and expression. Art engages our senses. Art reveals new thoughts and perspectives. Art invites us to step out of our current realities for a moment and simply experience something beautiful, moving or transcendent.

There have been many studies that show that gratitude is connected to experiencing joy. In other words, people who can have gratitude in all circumstances tend to experience more joy than others in the same circumstances. The Bible talks a lot about gratitude and joy. Jesus talks about joy often hand in hand with serving, call, and sacrifice. One example is in John 15, where Jesus says, "...keep my commandments...so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

My hope for this series is that all of us will grow in our awareness of all the abundant ways God provides and blesses so that we will experience a greater sense of joy and gratitude through serving Christ and God's mission in all that we do.

I will be referring to John Wesley's sermon "On the Use of Money" each week. I invite you to read this timeless message that is full of wisdom for living a life of joy and gratitude.

With gratitude for you and for God's work in and through you!



Pastor Steve



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

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

Prosper at Wickliffe - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Village of St. Edward: Dale Porter

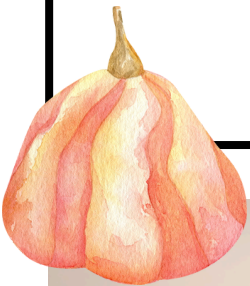
Fairmont - Gretchen Tice

Governor's Point - Bob Williams

Mentor Ridge - June Van Ostrand

In need of prayer:

The Hall Family, Hilary Pleska, Nora Kelley, Karen Mancini,
Tom Martin, Laurie Eppler, Connie Sterner, Sandy Williams,
Dee Smith, Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Ruthie Hobart,
Terry & Mary Ellen Reynolds, Kimberlee Johnson,
Roberta, Catherine, Charlotte, Doug & Kathy Koman



The Lost Art of Gratitude

October 12, 19, 26

Join us in person or online

9 AM Modern Worship

11 AM Traditional Worship

Communion

Communion is the first Sunday of the month in both services. On all other Sundays, Communion & Prayer is held in the Chapel at 10:30 AM.

Fellowship Hour

Join us after service every week in the Gallery for Fellowship Hour. First Sunday of the month is Pancakes Sunday!

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

Prayer Evenings

Join us at MUMC on select dates for an evening of prayer here at MUMC. We'll meet in the Chapel at 6 PM on Monday, October 13th, 20th, and 27th. We'll pray together for one hour, lifting up our many concerns.

Young Adult Outing

Young Adults are invited to monthly outings to build relationships and have fun! Join us at Regal Vineyard on Saturday, October 18th at 6 PM for a haunted corn maze, haunted house, food, firepit, and more. Bring money for food, drink, and activities.

Pickleball Group

Join us on Mondays at 5 PM in the south parking lot for Pickleball at MUMC beginning September 22nd. All skill levels welcome & limited paddles are available.

Shepherding Summit

Join us on Saturday, November 15th for the annual Shepherding Summit. Open to all, though especially beneficial to those serving or wishing to serve in a group or committee.

Need to Know

The Gingerbread House Arts & Craft Show 2025

All are invited to the Annual Gingerbread Show on Friday, November 7th from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM and Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Shop an array of crafts, snacks, goodies, and more.

Stone Soup

Join us in Modern Worship for "Stone Soup" on October 26th. KIDS: bring a small bag of chopped veggies, rice, or noodles. Children & families will have the opportunity to place their contributions into the pot during worship then we will enjoy it together after it cooks.

Worship Planning

Thank you to our worship teams and staff for last weekend's fruitful 2026 planning meeting. The form for ideas and suggestions is still open and ALL are encouraged to offer their perspective. [Click here to fill out.](#)

Open Table

This monthly event is open to all and FREE! Join us in the Gallery at MUMC for food, fellowship, and fun from 5:30 to 7 PM every second Thursday of the month. [RSVP online here.](#)

New Beginnings

New visitors and friends are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 25th from 1-3:30 PM in Asbury Room. This is a great class for those who wish to learn more about MUMC and membership. [RSVP online.](#)

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.

T. TESTIMONY

By sharing how the church nurtures our spiritual growth and equips us to live faithfully, we offer others a glimpse into a journey shaped by divine love. And through every story, we remind the world that God is still working.

Food Pantry

Mentor UMC's Food Pantry is in need of the following:

- Apple/Berry/Fruit juice
- Pasta sauce
- Manwich

Items may be dropped off in the bin in the Community Center.

Gingerbread Craft Show Volunteers

If you are willing to make crafts to donate, may have items for the Attic Treasures Room, or want to make snack and baked goods to share, [check out our website](#) to learn more about Gingerbread House 2025 and how to donate and/or volunteer.

Thanksgiving Day Meal

Save the date for the annual MUMC Thanksgiving Day Meal on Thursday, November 27th. Each year this church comes together to supply, cook, and serve a FREE Thanksgiving Meal to our community. This blessing isn't possible without YOU! Keep an eye out in coming weeks for donation & volunteer signups for this ministry.

Caring Servants

All Caring Servants are invited to the next meeting on October 15th at 4:30 PM here at MUMC. Talk to Pastor Ivy for details or if you wish to get involved.

What's Your M. ? Mission Opportunities

Woodlawn Winter Needs

Each year, United Women in Faith collects winter clothing for those in need. This year, they are requesting hats, gloves, and scarves. Please drop off items to the church by October 29th. Donations will be given out on November 1st to the residents of Woodlawn.

Royal Family Kids

Royal Family Kids Camp is collecting donations to buy gift cards for Club and Camp families for Thanksgiving!

Give cash, a check, or \$25 gift card to Aldi by Tuesday, November 11th. For checks, please put "Thanksgiving RFKC" on the memo line. Turn your donations in to the church office. Contact Johanna Martin for questions.

More Than a Meal

On the last Saturday of each month, we provide a free community meal at MUMC. You can help cook, clean up, or hand out meals while interacting with guests. The time commitment is about four hours. [Please signup online](#) or call the church office for details.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of:

- New socks (all sizes)
- New Underwear (all sizes)
- New Men's undershirts
- Shoes (new or GOOD condition)

Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center at MUMC.

Nehemiah Mission

There are volunteer opportunities at Nehemiah mission in Cleveland, especially for their "Bread on Bridge" ministry. [Learn more online here.](#)

UMCOR

UMCOR provides disaster relief through the United Methodist Church's Global Ministries. To learn more or donate, visit their website: umcmmission.org/umcor

Project Hope

Project Hope is in need of 33-Gallon trash bags, Lysol spray, drink mix (no red), paper towels, aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, hot cocoa packets. Drop off in the Community Center.

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](#). Upcoming dates:

- October 10 & 24

Parents Morning Out

On Monday mornings from 9:15-11:15 AM, parents are invited to bring their kindergarten children for a morning of play, music, snacks, a Bible story and a craft. **WE ARE CURRENTLY AT CAPACITY.** REGISTER FOR WAITING LIST ONLY. Upcoming dates:

- October 6, 13, 20, 27

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 (Youth Room) and online on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 PM. Currently, we're reading and discussing Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Sower*. Contact Mackalyn for details.

Parents of Youth

Fill out the online form [here](#) if you are a parent of a youth.

Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesdays are game nights! Join this Intergenerational group on Wednesdays from 5:30-9:30 PM in the Youth Room. If there is another game you are interested in seeing at MUMC, get in touch with Mackalyn. **NO GROUP on the 15th!**

Bowling & Pizza

Youth are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 15th at 6:30 PM for Bowling & Pizza at the Rollhouse in Mentor. [RSVP online](#) or talk to Mackalyn.

Football Outing

On October 24th we will attend a Riverside Football Game to support our youth who participate in football, cheerleading, and marching band. If you are a youth who would like to join, but needs a ride, please let Mackalyn know! We will meet at the stadium at 6:30 PM.

Halloween Lock-in

Youth are invited to a special Halloween Lock-in at Mentor UMC from Friday, October 31st to November 1st (7 AM). We'll play games, eat food, have fun, and (maybe) get some sleep. [RSVP online](#).