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Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

OCTOBER IS
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH

Join Pastor Ivy
at 6pm in the Chapel
for Prayer Meeting
Mondays
Oct. 20 and 27



Join Pastor Ivy for
BOOK CHAT on
Thur, Oct 30 6pm
Discuss books and
authors.
COME and CHAT!
In the Library



If you have not heard, I have BIG NEWS! Well, I announced that I applied for a pastoral transfer to another United Methodist Conference. BOOM!!! BOOM!!! Breathe. [Watch the announcement from our services online here.](#)

Now, in general, church conferences make pastor appointments after New Years/January 1 and an actual move happens on July 1, 2026. So, right now, nothing is immediate with my request.

Yet, I shared this portion of news now as we look forward to planning our Mentor UMC 2026 calendar.

Just as brief and **succinct as I can be, my choice has two strong and unrelenting components.** One, and you've probably guessed...is the loss of my husband last year. That loss has affected my personal life for sure, yet in persistent ways. This ministry, this church and all of you have been so caring, simply boundless in support to me and I will cherish this relationship forever! Believe me. Yet, in my personal life, the city of Mentor and Ohio are hard for me, with constant everyday reminders of that loss and that long relationship.

Secondly, my daughter's career choice, in the Air Force is fluid. She is in South Korea for a year, and then Italy for two years. Should there be an opportunity in Germany, Turkey, or France or elsewhere, she will take it. We've talked about it and she wants to stay international, with me, going to visit her, but not her coming to visit me. Lol.

Friends, please know that in no way have I been harmed or mistreated, in the past years here at Mentor. I have grown in ministry and have formed lifelong relationships with almost everyone! This is an outstanding church and since day one I've been welcomed into this wonderful family.

Me? I'm excited, I am and I thank the Dist. Superintendent to be able to share this bit of news with you. I have been discerning, testing, Rubix cubing this desire since my first talk last Fall with Pastor Steve. And in June/July of this year, I began the application procedures.

If Mentor is such a wonderful church, why leave? Well, I need a fresh start in my personal life, which Ohio will not afford. Simply too many friends, too much family, too many experiences, too many reminders all over Ohio that simply cloud the view of my future.

Yes, it will be daunting for me to separate, so starting today, I solicit your prayers and ask for your well wishes going forward. Yuk, Yuk, Yuk, Yet, when a decision has been made, more information will come forth. That is all I can offer now. God bless, *Pastor Ivy*



An Attitude of Gratitude-

Make all you can,
save all you can,
give all you can.

John Wesley

Stewardship Series

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, Sandy Mazelis, The Denton Family

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Edward C. Gordon,
who passed on September 30, 2025.**

**Love & Sympathy to the family & friends of Amber Denton,
who passed on October 14, 2025. Her service will be in November,
additional details available soon.**

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!

Youversion

[https://bible.com/events/495](https://bible.com/events/49508202)

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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

Join us at Patterson Farm on Sunday, November 2nd after church for a fun fall time! Cost is \$12.

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.

Worship Planning

The form for ideas and suggestions is still open and ALL are encouraged to offer their perspective on worship in 2026. [Click here to fill out.](#)

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.

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.](#)

Bread, Broth, Brownies, & Bingo Luncheon

You are invited to a presentation by Rose Darling, Church & Community Engagement Coordinator for Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services. The menu includes Fall Harvest soup, crusty Italian bread, Autumn Orchard salad, and Ghirardelli chocolate brownies. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, November 12th at noon in the MUMC Gallery! Please RSVP to uwf@mentorumc.org, register [online](#), or find the signup sheet in the Info Hub.

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.](#)

Book Club

The next Book Club is on Thursday, October 30th at 6 PM in the Library at MUMC.

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.

I. INVITING

An inviting church reaches out, welcoming people to worship, attend a special event, or join a class. When we invite others in and treat them with warmth and kindness, amazing transformations can happen—often more than we can imagine.

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! [Sign up online](#) or visit the table in the Gallery for Food Donations. Volunteer signup available soon.

Blood Drive

Register online for the next Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 11th, 2025, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 AM in the Asbury & Wesley Rooms.

What's Your **M.O.?** *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.

Project Feed

The Ohio UMC is hosting a Project Feed event on November 16th at Kent UMC. This is an opportunity for Youth to pack meals for folks in need. Cost is \$10 per student. Adults are free. This event fills up fast, so please let Mackalyn know if you are interested as soon as possible. [RSVP online here](#).

Project Hope Dinner

Join us for Project Hope's annual "Night of Hope" at St. Noel's on November 7th at 6:30 PM. [Register online](#) OR get in touch with Bill Mueller or the church office to be part of the group. Tickets are \$75 per person. This evening includes dinner, dessert, stories of hope, and more.

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.

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](#).

Confirmation Kickoff

Confirmants, mentors, and families are invited to the Confirmation Kickoff on Sunday, October 19th at MUMC. Get in touch with Mackalyn for details.