

Pastor's Letter

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we embark on a new series, I am excited to be the first to offer the message for Masterpiece EVERY Body. Our Youth Director, Mackalyn Figgins, offered this idea for a series to explore the ways in which we are all created in God's divine image even if we do not necessarily see ourselves in the same way God sees us. She states emphatically that "ALL BODIES ARE GOOD BODIES because they are made and continue to be made by God." The series will explore how we are created in the imago dei.

I have the privilege of sharing the first sermon, "Creating," with the passage from Psalm 139:13-18. When I think of creation, I am reminded of the song "Spark of Creation" from the musical *Children of Eden*. It is sung by Eve when she realizes that she is her own person. She is living as the person God created her to be. Her curiosity is ignited by this spark of creation, how God created her to have an imagination! I am grateful that we have an opportunity to be curious, to be imaginative, to discover who we are as God created us to be.

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, preached a sermon on being created in the image of God. He understood that sin enters our lives and distorts the image, but God's image is still present within us. We are restored to the image God created us to be through God's sanctifying grace. What a joy to know that even when we fall short...and we WILL fall short...God is there with us. God is offering us grace upon grace upon grace.

I look forward to being with you in worship this Sunday. I am especially excited to welcome Charlotte April Ponn into the family of Christ as I baptize her during the Traditional service. Please enjoy this little "masterpiece" from several (okay almost 12) years ago by Brad Colbow!

By HIS Grace and through HIS Love,

Pastor Tanney

Pastor Tammy



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
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

In need of prayer:

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 The Hall Family, June Van Ostrand

Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Roger Sauer, who passed on September 1, 2025

Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Horace Nembhard, who passed on August 23, 2025



SEPTEMBER 14 - 28

Join us in-person or online Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM



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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/494 91230

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

Pastor Steve Leave Letter

<u>Click here</u> or visit our website to read all about Pastor Steve's renewal leave this past summer.

Young Adult Outings

Young Adults are invited to monthly outings to build relationships and have fun! Regal Vineyard

- Saturday, October 18th, 6 PM
- Corn maze, haunted house, food, firepit, etc.
- Bring money for food & drink (adults may CHOOSE to drink but MUMC is not liable for individuals' actions)

Sermon Series Planning

Share your ideas about next year's sermons! All ideas will be taken under consideration but NOT guaranteed to be included. Click here to share.

Admin Council

The next Admin Council meeting is on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 PM in Asbury room.

Healing Service

Join us on Tuesday, September 30th at 7 PM for an evening of worship, prayer, and reflection. Find comfort and peace with us for this very special service in Fellowship Hall.

Need to Know

Book Club

ALL are invited to join the first Book Club meeting at MUMC on Friday, September 26th at 4 PM. We'll meet to discuss scheduling and, of course, books. This group is discussion based and will feature books or readings from all persuasions. For now, we're sharing individual reads but may do a group read in the future. Ask Kenna to join to Slack channel (online chat platform) in the meantime (this is not required to enjoy Book Club).

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 (but feel free to bring your own if you have one)!

Pet Blessing

Are you an animal lover? Bring your pets to Veterans Park on October 4th at 10 AM for a Pet Blessing through MUMC.

Museum Day Trip

Join us on a day trip to the Charles Wright Museum in Detroit on Saturday, November 1st. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth and seniors. Please RSVP online. Get in touch with Pastor Tammy for questions.

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.

Charlotte April Ponn

Daughter of Kelly & Joshua Ponn

Baptized September 14, 2025

StrengthsFinder Study

All are encouraged to participate in a *StrengthsFinder* study in October. There is an orientation on Sunday, September 21st from 2 to 4:30 PM at MUMC with Rev. Terry McHugh. The study will be on Wednesday nights in October from 6:30-8:00 PM. Register online here or get in touch with Pastor Tammy for questions.

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.

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.

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Evangelism is about helping people enter into a relationship with Jesus and grow within a church family. Walk with others, be a part of the body of Christ, and discover the full life God offers in community.

Treat Street 2025 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up online or talk to Pastor Tammy about volunteering for this year's trunk or treat, *Treat Street*, on Saturday, October 11th from 3-5 PM in the northwest parking lot at MUMC. You can be a trunker (decorate your trunk and hand out candy) or run a game/activity. You can also help set up the haunted hallway by reaching out to Mackalyn or Kenna.

Alzheimer's Walk 2025

The Walk will be held at Lake Farm Park on September 27th. This year, our team goal is to raise \$2,000. All Journey groups & committees are encouraged to walk as part of Team MUMC. Get your team registered as soon as possible so we can meet our goal! Click here.

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.

What's Your Mission Opportunities



GBGM Luncheon

The Missions Commission is hosting a Luncheon for GBGM Missionary <u>Guillermo</u> "Willie" Berman who is visiting us from Mexico on Sunday, September 21st at 12:30 PM in the Gallery. All are invited

Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of 16oz Bottled Water, 33-Gallon Trash Bags, Sliced Cheese, Paper Towels, Decaf Coffee, Lunch Chips, Paper Plates, Sugar, Cereal, Deli Meat, Drink Mix. Drop off at MUMC in the Community Center.

UMCOR

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

Helping with Youth

Want to help out or support the Youth & Young Adult Ministry at MUMC but you aren't sure how? Click here to fill out your info so that Mackalyn can get in touch with you.

Caring Servants Picnic

The annual picnic is on Wednesday, September 17th at noon at the Seaholm's residence.

Caring Servants is an extension of the pastoral visitation ministry to the homebound or chronically ill church. members They regular provide contact through cards, calls, visits, or "special deliveries" on a monthly basis. If you are interested in getting involved, get in touch with Pastor Ivy.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in need of bath towels and kids sweatshirts. Donations can be dropped off in the Community Center at MUMC.

WEEKLY UPDATE MENTOR UMC

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! <u>Click here for leader signup.</u> 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:

- September 12 & 26
- October 10 & 24

Parents Morning Out

On Monday mornings from 9:15-11:15 AM, parents are invited to bring their children, who are walking through kindergarten, 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:

- September 15, 22, 29
- 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. Check the website for updates.

Volunteer Appreciation

We would like to celebrate YOU on October 5th from 3 - 5 PM in the Gallery. Join us for dessert and fellowship, followed by a training session that will equip you to continue making a difference in the lives of our youth. Please RSVP online

Brookdale Harvest Fest

Youth are invited to St. Matthews UMC for their Harvest Festival at Brookdale Orchard on **September 27th!** Our Middle School Mission Week youth served there this summer, and so we are returning to visit again for the fall! We will meet at MUMC to leave at 10:30 AM, and return around 2:30 PM. <u>Please signup</u> if you are interested in attending.

Mini Golf & Ice Cream

Youth are invited for an afternoon of Mini Golf & Ice Cream at the Dairy Queen Mini Golf in Mentor-on-the-Lake on **September 14th** at 2 PM. Cost is \$8 per player.

Hornyak Farms Fall Fest

Youth are invited to enjoy all the Fall Fest activities at Hornyak Farms on Sunday, **September 28th** at 3 PM (Meet at church at 2:30). It is \$8 a person.

Young Adult Group

Small group meets in-person (Youth Room) and online on Tuesdays from 5 - 6 PM. Currenty we're reading and dicussing Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Sower*. Contact Mackalyn for details.

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