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Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

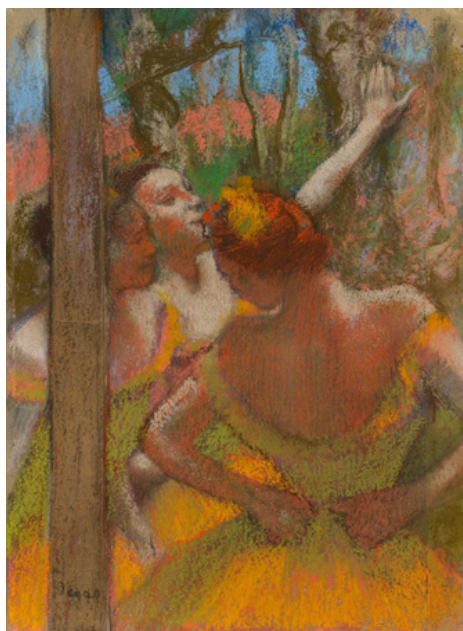
11 AM Traditional



Madonna Nursing
the Christ Child

c. 1670-72

Bartolomé Esteban Murillo
(Spanish, 1617-1682)



Dancers

c. 1896

Edgar Degas
(French, 1834-1917)



Arm of Eve

1507

Albrecht Dürer
(German, 1471-1528)

MASTERPIECE EVERY BODY

Art included in this week's issue (EXCEPT the Rembrandt on p. 2) was accessed through the Cleveland Museum of Art's Open Access collection. This program allows art to be accessible even beyond the walls of the museum, thus truly living into their mission, "for the benefit of all the people forever."

Editor's Fun Fact: Notice that these pieces focus on the movement and form of BODIES.

Pastor's Letter

What do you think of when you think of a masterpiece? Is it a favorite painting or a musical composition or an epic literary work? How about architecture? Many have used masterpiece to describe the beauty found in nature such as the Grand Canyon or even an unusual flower.

What is it about something that qualifies it to be called a masterpiece?

One of my favorite *masterpiece* paintings is Rembrandt's, "The Return of the Prodigal Son" circa 1666. My eyes are drawn to the illuminated face of the loving father. His hands reveal a sincere and gentle grace. The dirty garment and tattered shoes of the son give me a sense of what he has been through. I imagine there have been many people over the past 450+ years since this painting was completed, who have been so moved by the love, forgiveness, and grace revealed in this masterpiece that their lives were forever changed.

I am looking forward to our second Sunday in this series, "Masterpiece: Every BODY." This week, the subtitle is "Breaking". In the text for this Sunday, John 9:1-7, we are invited to see how Jesus relates to a man who has been blind since birth. When asked why the man was born blind, Jesus responds, "so that God's mighty works might be revealed."

Perhaps one of the qualities of a masterpiece is that it reveals a truth that the viewer was previously not able to see. If so, the man born blind in this story is one of God's masterpieces. Surprisingly, it is not despite his blindness, but because of his blindness that God's mighty works might be revealed.

Our series, "Masterpiece: Every Body," invites us to see how every one of us, in God's hands, is indeed a masterpiece. How are God's mighty works being revealed in you?

On the path with the Master together,

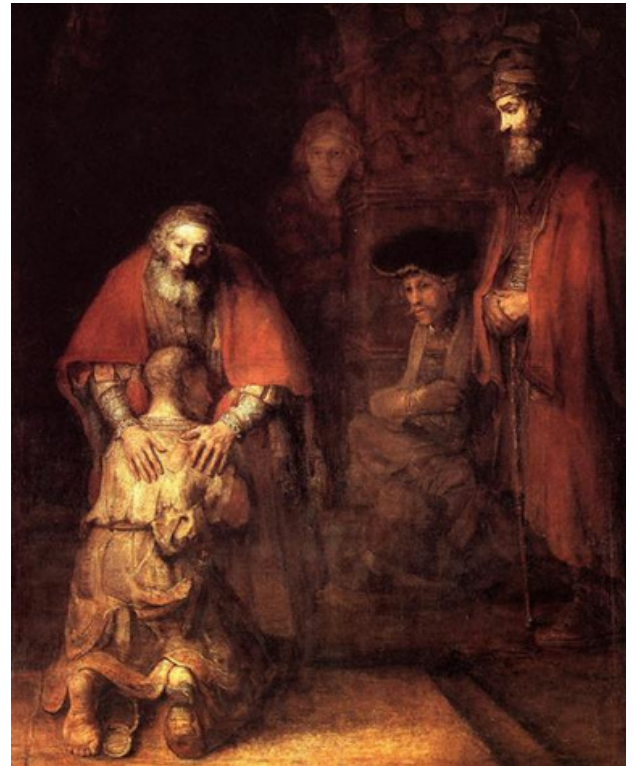


Pastor Steve


Masterpiece

/ˈmɑːstərˌpiːs/

A work of outstanding artistry, skill, or craftsmanship that is considered the best or most representative piece produced by an artist, writer, or *creator*.



The Return of the Prodigal Son
c. 1666-1669
Rembrandt



...so that
God's mighty works
might be
revealed...

John 9:3b NRSV

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

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:

The Hall Family, June Van Ostrand, 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

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Joseph Mazie,
who passed on September 8, 2025.**

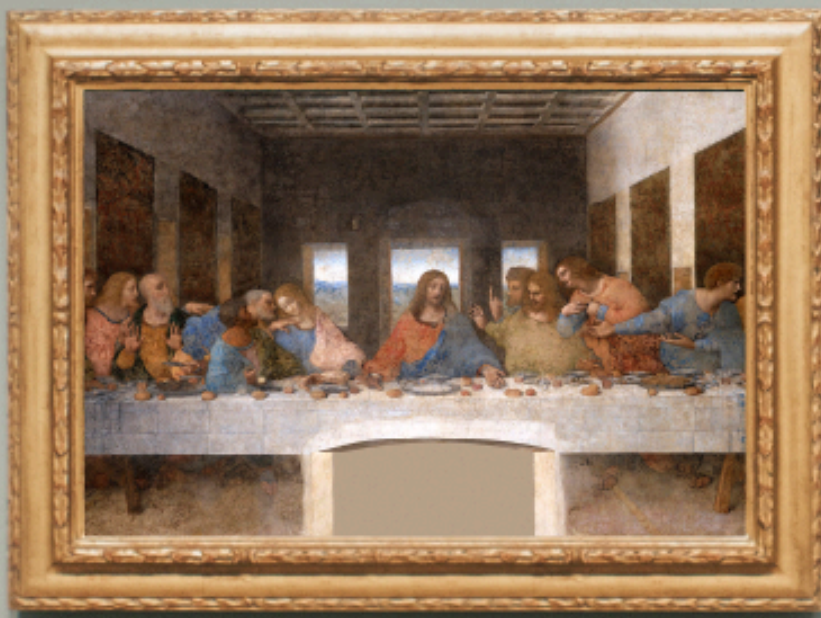
MASTERPIECE EVERY BODY

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!

Need to Know

Nathanael White

born August 28, 2025

*Son of
Roxanne & Nick White*

Young Adult Outings

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

Regal Vineyard

- Sat, 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.](#)

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.

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.](#)

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.

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.

Pet Blessing

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

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.

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.



Torso of Amenpayom probably 200-100 BCE
Egypt, Greco-Roman period (332 BCE-395 CE), Ptolemaic dynasty

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.

L. LISTENING

The Wesleyan way of evangelism begins with listening. People often reach out because they need someone new to hear their story. Our job isn't to jump in with answers—but to listen well. When we truly hear someone, we show respect for their dignity and worth. It's not about preaching first, but being present. Listen first to show Christ's love before you even speak His name.

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.](#)

Hope Chest

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

UMCOR

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

What's Your M.O.? Mission Opportunities

Nehemiah Mission

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

GBGM Luncheon

Missions is hosting a Luncheon for GBGM Missionary [Guillermo "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 is in need of napkins, 10" paper plates, 12oz disposable coffee cups. Drop off in the Community Center.

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 sign up online](#) or call the church office for details.

Food Pantry

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

- Manwich
- Chef Boyardee Spaghettios
- Tomato Soup
- Veggie Soup
- Any other canned meals/soups

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



Head Fragment
c. 900-300 BCE
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Mexico, Olmec

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:

- 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. [Please sign-up](#) if you are interested in attending.

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. 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.