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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, March 29, 2020

[www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)



We continue Walking with Jesus

As our Lenten Journey leads us to Calvary and a garden tomb

As we STAY HOME and battle the COVID-19 virus

Worship services at our facility are cancelled until further notice but will continue online. We miss seeing you in person yet hope you are able to connect through our website or Facebook page.

This week, we focus on **worship as a Spiritual Discipline**. We invite you to read:

Mark 14:26; Psalm 118; Acts 2: 42 – 47

We also encourage you to consider how you can worship at home – setting aside time and space to offer your praise and very self to God.

Our ministry continues to impact lives. This week we had our food distribution and numerous families were helped – they picked up a box of food, an Aldi's gift card, and even received lettuce donated by the Mentor Senior Center. More than a Meal will be ready on Saturday to share food per drive-up pick-up.

Children and families are connecting ... our youth are engaging in creative ways. Journey Groups have met online or connected through phone calls and emails. Volunteers are striving to make connections with our members and friends. Committees have connected through conference calls and Google Hangouts ... the church has not closed! We are being witnesses for Christ to each other and the world. We urge you to continue your financial support of your church as we engage in ministry together.

Should you have a need or wish to volunteer please call the church office... or if you simply need someone to talk with one day. Our staff will continue to be present – taking turns and physically distancing - to answer the phone.

We continue to pray for you, and trust Jesus. And, we remind you –  
you are loved!

*Pastor Sondra and Pastor Quincy*



**Children & Family Ministries**  
[www.mentorunc.org/children](http://www.mentorunc.org/children)  
[www.mentorunc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorunc.org/sunday-school)

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt has been canceled.**

**Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups, Cherubs, Children's Choir, and Youth 56 are suspended until further notice.**

### [Positive Parenting Book Club](#)

[Masterminds & Wingmen](#) by Rosalind Wiseman

Thursdays, April 2, 16, 30, May 14

6:30 - 8:30 PM in YOUR HOME ONLINE

Read [Masterminds & Wingmen](#) by Rosalind Wiseman then join Tammy online for a virtual meetup to discuss the book.

### **MUMC Kid MeetUp**

11:30 AM Monday through Saturday  
and 10:30 AM on Sundays

[meet.google.com/jxv-qwjs-xuj](https://meet.google.com/jxv-qwjs-xuj)



### **SUMMER 2020 PROGRAMS are still being planned!**

[mentorunc.org/summer-programs](http://mentorunc.org/summer-programs)

**Vacation Bible School:** Knights of the North Castle ~ June 8-12 for kids 4 as of 1/1/2020 thru 6th grade

**Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp:** Follow the Way ~ June 8-12 for students who have completed 5th or 6th grade

**Middle School Mission Week** ~ July 6-10 for students who have completed 6-8 grades

**Theatre Arts Camp:** Shrek, Jr. ~ July 13-17 AND 20-24 / Performances July 24 & 25 for students who have just completed K-8 grade

### **Sunday Morning Services**

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/7061237>.



Join us in worship!  
9 AM and 11 AM

[Facebook live](#) and on the [website home page](#)

## Congregational Care



### Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Lantern - Jim Reed • Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich  
Enclave of Newell Creek - Kay Disbro  
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik  
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose  
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Kimi Schmidt • Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin  
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua  
Concord Village - Shirley Dessner • Briar Hill - William Boyd

### Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Linda Leach, Carole Elwell, Susan Rimes, Pam Crawley  
Carl Snyder, Don Ference, John Proegler, John Reno

Our sympathy to Tammy, Michael, Eliana and Evan Palermo in the passing of Tammy's grandmother, Jean Giles, on March 25.

Our sympathy to Betti Goddard and family in the passing of her mother, Roberta L. Swartz, on March 24.

### **Emails from the Church**

If you know of someone who is not receiving emails from the church, they probably opted out of our newsletter. This means they must resubscribe through Mailchimp. Because of privacy, we are not able to just resubscribe them. Please direct them to our [webpage](#) to fill out the Mailchimp form. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn in the office at [cnagy@mentorumc.org](mailto:cnagy@mentorumc.org) or 440-255-3496.

### **Unsubscribe from the paper copy of Steepletalk**

If you receive a paper newsletter and only need an email version, please use this link <https://bit.ly/39ktErl> to let us know. We are trying to be careful with postage costs. Thank you!

### **General Conference Update**

The global gathering of United Methodists, General Conference, scheduled for May 2020 has been postponed until 2021. Upcoming General Conference discussions that were scheduled at Mentor UMC for April and May have been postponed. We continue to pray for the witness of The United Methodist Church around the world. Now is the time to set our differences aside and unite in Jesus as we care for the world.

### **Hope Chest Closed**

Hope Chest is closed until further notice. We are not accepting any donations until they are up and running again. Please hold on to your items at home. Thank you!

### **Easter Flowers**

We are not going to order flowers for Easter. Please contact the office to let us know how you would like to direct the refund. We can refund your money, put it toward your giving, or apply it to another fund.

We would still like to honor our loved ones at Easter. We will have a video tribute on our website with their names on Easter Sunday. Any forms that have already been turned in will be used unless you indicate otherwise. Please email your name and the names you would like to mention to Carolyn at the Church Office at [cnagy@mentorumc.org](mailto:cnagy@mentorumc.org). Also, please let Carolyn know if you do not want to have your names on the video as it will play on our website. The deadline is Sunday, April 5, to submit names.

## Youth Ministry

[lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org)



Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at MUMCYouth712

### Confirmation

Confirmation classes will resume virtually through Google Meet video conferencing. The classes will take place for the normal length of time on March 29, April 5, and April 19. This will conclude our classes.

There is not a definitive date planned for our confirmation retreat or confirmation Sunday. More information on those events will be released at the beginning of April. If you have any questions, contact Leah at [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org).

### Youth Group

Please stay tuned for information regarding our Youth Group Hangout. We will be meeting remotely through Google Hangouts from approximately 6:00-7:00 PM on Sundays to share a brief message, prayer, and maybe sing a few songs.

### Other activities to look out for:

Hiking at Holden, a nice walk through the woods while we stay 6 feet apart

[Netflix Parties](#)

Bible Lessons through the YouVersion App

Weird Instagram challenges

### We now have a Minecraft Realm!

All students are welcome to join our MUMC Server. This is a safe, closed environment where students can come together, create, and talk to one another from home. To join, simply email [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org) your Username and Leah will send you an invite.

\*Note, you must send the username since this is a closed server and you have to be invited to join.

Students are welcome to play at any time, however we will have designated times where we try to get as many players to join at a time. Please keep an eye out for these designated times.



### Youth Group: Senior High

Students in grades 10-12 are welcome to join our Google Hangout Chat <https://hangouts.google.com/group/89S7EbidCwyKZGaK8>.

We will use this chat to keep in contact with one another, plan virtual activities, and share prayers and concerns while we practice our social distancing.

We will be having our next Senior High Night on Sunday March 29 at 8:30 PM. This event will be a Netflix Party where we watch a movie together and chat as it plays. Please join our Google Chat so that we can pick a movie.

### Youth Service Project

At this time, YSP is still planned for June, however, we will have more information in the coming weeks. The Big Event continues to be postponed, but we will be updating you as we are able.

## **Palm Sunday Photos and Videos Needed by April 1 - For Kids and Kids at Heart!**

We are asking all kids (and kids at heart) to create your own palm branches using materials you already have at home. Don't worry if you don't have construction paper. You can use a brown paper bag or craft paper, tissue paper, felt, wrapping paper, an old school folder, or whatever you have on hand. You can even use branches and greens from outside. So have fun, get creative and feel free to color, paint, bedazzle or otherwise decorate your palms.

[Click here for examples and patterns.](#)

Then we'd love for you and your families to practice your palms procession at home in advance and share with us a photo or 10 -15 second video that we can use in a special virtual celebration on Palm Sunday! Please email your questions, comments, photos, and videos to Michelle Park at [mpark@mentorumc.org](mailto:mpark@mentorumc.org) BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1. We can't wait to see your "Hosanna" parades!

## **MUMC Scholarship**

We want to let the high school seniors, all students enrolled in an accredited vocational school, university, college, undergraduate program, or enrolled in seminary, know that we are still planning on awarding scholarships this year. We understand that schools are closed and, in some cases, it may be impossible to get your letters of recommendation and official transcripts in a sealed envelope but we will still need it on school letterhead.

Please have those two items emailed to [scholarship@mentorumc.org](mailto:scholarship@mentorumc.org) and also follow the instructions for the online application on our website at <http://mentorumc.org/post-secondary-scholarship>. All emails must have the subject say "MUMC Scholarship and (student's name)".

The deadline is still Friday, April 10, but by noon instead of 4:00 PM, as that is Good Friday and the office will close at noon. When you hand-deliver your packet to the church, please ring the doorbell by the office and we will instruct you. We are looking forward to your application packets! Stay safe and God bless. - Tami White, Scholarship Committee

## **Project Hope for the Homeless Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers that are not in the high-risk age range and do not have underlying health conditions are needed at Project Hope for the Homeless. They are waiving their normal training schedule and will set up a person-to-person training instead. Anyone interested can work with Dana Ludwig from 4-7 PM on Tuesday afternoon for this training, and then they would be set to volunteer.

If you know of anyone interested and able to help, have them contact Project Hope for the Homeless in Painesville at [volunteer@projecthopeforthehomeless.org](mailto:volunteer@projecthopeforthehomeless.org).

## **Project Hope for the Homeless Meal Help**

Project Hope is looking for volunteers, specifically to help with meal prep, meal service, and meal clean-up, as well as other odd jobs, at their family shelter from 1-4 PM or 4-7 PM, or at their adult shelter from 7-11 PM for the same needs. This opportunity is for folks who are between the ages of 18 and 50 years old, while the pandemic is occurring. You can apply to be a volunteer for any of these needs or any other ways you are willing to help via this link: <https://projecthopeforthehomeless.org/online-volunteer-application/>

Project Hope is also looking for folks who would volunteer to make or purchase a meal and bring it to the shelter for meals on Saturday night. If you are interested in helping with this meal, please contact Pastor Quincy at 440-417-8078 or [qwheeler@mentorumc.org](mailto:qwheeler@mentorumc.org).