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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, May 3, 2020

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This week, our worship was to be the celebration of our Confirmation Class – 17 youth professing their faith in Christ. They have completed their journey with Leah, our youth director, albeit in a way quite different than the syllabus outlined. We all look forward to celebrating their professions of faith in the near future.

The congregational response, anytime someone professes or reaffirms their faith, is: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, service and witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

This is our life together. We are on a journey that will help our faith grow, our hope be confirmed, and our love perfected. Certainly, confirmation is not the end of the journey! Whenever we gather, we are all renewing our desire to know Jesus, experience Jesus, serve Jesus, and help others know, experience, and serve Jesus. We remember our covenant to each other is the same regardless of where we are ... for we are the Church together.

Currently, we journey together in spirit. We continue to gather in different locations, and will seek to be wise as we monitor Phase 1 of re-opening. Phase 1 of our re-opening will begin May 4, 2020. Only a group of 10 or less will be allowed to meet in our facility. You will find the specifics of the guideline attached in this update. We all look forward to being together – yet we are not ready for Phase 2. Please know that plans and conversations continue so that we will be prepared to safely gather in larger groups when the time is right.

In the meantime, we continue to offer a blended worship service on Sunday mornings. Currently, a blended service unites our congregation, allows us to offer both styles of worship we value, and utilizes the personnel and technology we currently have in place. We realize that not everyone will enjoy all elements of a blended service. But we thank you for your flexibility and patience as we explore the next steps needed to move forward. Please remember that even if an element does not speak to or bless you, it may be just the thing that helps someone else! Our faith in Jesus unites us, and worship is our response to God's great love for us.

We continue to pray for you! And, give thanks for the many ways we continue to reveal our church's character to our community. Jesus is making his home within us – and is reflected in the many ministries we continue to engage in.

As we gather for worship this week, remember to have your communion elements ready. And, be prepared for a few special surprises. Hope in Jesus never disappoints!

*Pastor Sondra and Pastor Quincy*



## Mentor UMC – Re-opening Phases

### PHASE 1

Beginning May 4, 2020

Groups of 10 or less may schedule a gathering at the church facility  
All gatherings must be approved by the church office

(only one gathering will be scheduled at the same time)

Gatherings will take place in either Wesley or Asbury, as assigned

Participants must practice social distancing of at least 6 feet

The meeting room cannot be rearranged

All participants must bring their own mask to wear

The group leader will wipe down used surfaces at end of gathering:  
tables, door handles, light switches

### Children & Family Ministries

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

[www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school](http://www.mentorumc.org/sunday-school)

**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

Thursday, May 14 is our last meeting

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 Kids' MeetUp

Join Tammy for a daily MUMC Kids' Meetup at 11:30 AM

Monday through Friday and 10:30 AM on Sundays. Please

check your email for the password.

**Youth 56** will have a weekly Youth 56 Meetup at 7:00 PM Sunday evenings. Please check your email for the password.

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

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

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

**There may still be ENSEMBLE spots available. Contact Tammy for more information at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org).**

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



## Congregational Care

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

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

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Linda Leach, Susan Rimes, John Reno, Sylvia Bisbee, Carl Snyder

Congratulations to Jim and Cathie McAdams on the marriage of their son, Gregory McAdams to Maria Ruffner on April 4, 2020 in their home.

## Correct Email format from Church Staff

There have been emails received that appear to come from a staff member of the church but are not from MUMC. The email addresses of our MUMC staff are in the format of **first letter of first name, last name** and **@mentorumc.org**.

For example: **ssnode@mentorumc.org** for Pastor Sondra Snode and **qwheeler@mentorumc.org** for Pastor Quincy. Please remember that our staff would never ask you to send money or buy gift cards on our own. Any appeals for gift cards are through Missions Commission for our food distribution from the church. If there is ever a time you have a concern, delete the email and call the office at 440-255-3496. Any staff member would prefer you delete **any** email that you are wary of.

## Sign Up for Church eNews

If you know of someone who is not receiving Weekly Update emails from the church, they probably opted out of our enewsletter. 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.

## Hope Chest Closed, Rummage Sale Canceled - Hold Items at Home

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 and do not drop them off at the church. Thank you!

## Upper Room Booklets

The May/June Upper Room devotionals have arrived. If you would like one, just stop by the office and we can bring it out to you or give us a call and we can mail it to you. Please specify if you need large print. Just add \$1 to your offering. The office is open 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday and can be reached at 440-255-3496.



YOUTUBE.COM  
March 15 2020 Livestream 11 AM

## Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/7196848>.

Join us in worship!  
9 AM and 11 AM

[Facebook live](#), [YouTube](#), and [website home page](#)



## Youth Ministry

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

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

### Youth Group: 7-12

We will be having Youth Group remotely until further notice. Join us at 6:00 PM on Sunday to share a brief message, have fun conversation, do activities together, and sing a few songs. You can connect by using this link: <https://meet.google.com/xpd-pdwq-riv>

### We 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/Gamer tag and Leah will send you an invite.

\*Note, this server is run through the Java Edition of the game and not the Microsoft Edition. Students are welcome to play at any time, however, we will have a designated time Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 PM to play Virtual Capture the Flag!

### Youth Service Project

The YSP Trip to Newberry, Michigan in June has been canceled. However, we still plan on proceeding with the trip locally and helping with needs in Northeast Ohio. The Big Event continues to be postponed until further notice and the Plant Sale is scheduled for May 8 & 9. Thank you for all of your support and we ask that you continue to pray that God leads us to serve where we are needed.

### Graduating Seniors

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we want to make sure we honor those who are graduating. If you or your student is graduating high school, college, or graduate school, let us know! Please email Leah at [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org) your full name, area/planned area of study, what the next steps in your life are, and where you are graduating from. We can't wait to share in this exciting time with you.

## *Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale*

Friday May 8 12-7 PM  
Saturday May 9 9AM - 7PM

Proceeds support MUMC Youth Service Project's local mission trip. Hanging baskets and other plants will be available for purchase. Pre-sale items will be available for pick-up. We look forward to helping your gardens BLOOM!

Contact Leah Nash at [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org) with questions.  
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### Craft for Family Sunday May 3

There are two crafts below to celebrate Mother's Day. Just click the links to download the templates.



Find the download and directions here:  
<https://paththroughthenarrowgate.com/mothers-day-folding-puzzle-downloads/>

Find the download and directions here:  
<https://paththroughthenarrowgate.com/mothers-day-mini-book/>



### NEW: Hospice of the Western Reserve Virtual Volunteer Training

Are you looking for a way to help individuals in your community? Are you willing to engage with homebound patients and families by phone or by mail? Consider becoming a Hospice of the Western Reserve Volunteer. We are excited to announce virtual volunteer training for new volunteers. For more information, contact us at 216.255.9090 or fill out an online application [hospicewr.org/volunteers](https://hospicewr.org/volunteers). Volunteers who complete virtual training will be able to provide in-person visits as soon as Ohio's Stay at Home order is lifted.