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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, November 15, 2020

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

Many things are different, if not downright odd, during this season of life. Our Stewardship Campaign seems like another one of those occurrences.

On Commitment Sunday, we typically place our pledge cards at the front of our worship space and rededicate ourselves to Christ, and the work of Christ's Church. Normally, we would be able to see firsthand all the ministries our church is involved in. We would earnestly pray for those who are hurting and joyfully celebrate with those who shared good news. We would sense God's Spirit moving among us during worship, Fellowship Hour, our Journey Groups and small group gatherings. We would sign up on clipboards or visit the Information Hub to be a part of Thanksgiving Dinner or Food Distribution or Giving Trees. We would be purchasing Advent Chocolate Calendars or tickets for the Christmas Play. We would be inviting friends and family to our Choir Cantata, and seasonal musical offerings.

Today, I share good news!



Christ is still at work in our lives! The ministry of Mentor UMC continues to reach people for Christ, and offer encouragement to our community. Although the way we are doing ministry has shifted this year, we are being faithful. We are being creative. We are striving to be an encouragement to one another. We are being the people of God. Yes, we mourn what was, but let us also faithfully embrace what is and can be. There are ways to be involved, connected, invitational, worshipful, Christ to the world!

Our membership vows call us to be faithful to the work of Christ's Church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Your financial support is needed, as are your prayers, your investment in each other's lives, your witness in the work place, at home, in the community.

I recommit myself to Christ, and the work we are called to do together. Will you join me in this prayer? And in this important work we are called to do for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom?

Because, Jesus has done so much for me!

Pastor Sondra

### Change in Online Service Format

We have changed our online service format. We will livestream a modern service at 9 AM and traditional at 11 AM. We are excited to bring you the worship experience in each space, Fellowship Hall for modern and Sanctuary for traditional. We work very hard each week to help you feel the Lord's presence in worship. We will have mistakes and technical issues, but with your patience and support we can praise God and learn from him together.

### Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is  
<https://bible.com/events/45442803>

Join us in worship!  
9 AM Modern and 11 AM Traditional  
[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and  
our [website www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)

8600 Mentor Ave. Mentor, Ohio 44060

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## Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: UH - Ken Ireland • Lake West - Art Sydow

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 • Parker Place - Opal Pinasky  
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

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Dale Snyder, Karen Mancini, Linda Leach, Erica Wilmot,  
Gina Cartagena, Kimi Schmidt, Carl Snyder, Sylvia Bisbee, John Proegler  
Marilyn Clark (at her son's home), John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck

### Kids Gratitude Video - Submit Today!

We invite the children of the congregation to briefly record themselves sharing what they are thankful for. We would like to put these clips all together and include this video in the online service on November 22. Please record in landscape mode (horizontal) and just ask your kids to say, "I am thankful for..." Files can be sent with Google Drive links or linked through iPhone Mail Drop to Michelle Park at [mpark@mentorumc.org](mailto:mpark@mentorumc.org).

The deadline for video submissions is today. Thank you and we look forward to hearing your children remind us of our blessings!

### Adopt-A-Week Leaf Cleanup

We have an opportunity to get outside this fall and help with leaf cleanup on our church property. Sign up as a family or a group for a week to rake and spend time together! See the sign up at this link <https://bit.ly/2FxQP8X> for further information.

### Take the Family Tradition Survey!

Families, share what your traditions are by answering the questions in our survey at <https://bit.ly/3eZpDwR>. We will be sharing your responses on November 29. Deadline to complete is November 22.

### Advent Wreath Kits - Not Just for the Kids!

To celebrate advent together, we have a small advent wreath for your household! Just glue the candle cups with a glue gun to the wreath! All the pieces shown are included.

Kits will be available for pick up at the Gallery entrance under the portico on Sundays, November 15 and 22, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM.

They can be picked up from the office on Wednesdays, November 11 and 18. Arrangements can also be made by emailing Tammy at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org).



### **Annual Christmas Play**

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 11, at 7:30 PM for the Annual Christmas Play! It will be livestreamed for you to enjoy from the comfort and safety of your own home. We have two plays this year in one livestream. Enjoy "Zoom Christmas Call" by Quincy Wheeler and "Dad's Christmas Miracle" by Pat Cook. You can order your tickets at [mumctlp.booktix.com](http://mumctlp.booktix.com). Cost is \$5.00 per device.

**MOPS & MOMSnext** meets the second Friday in the morning and/or the fourth Thursday in the evening. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is [Decide to Rise](#) and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at [mops@mentorumc.org](mailto:mops@mentorumc.org) for more information.

**MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups** is every Sunday morning at 10:10-10:50 AM. Check your email for login details or contact Tammy.

PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow

2nd, 3rd, 4th gr led by Cristen Neibecker & Laurie Babcock

5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

**Positive Parenting Book Club**'s next book is *The Hideaway* by Laura K Denton. We will read this work of fiction on our own and then meet on December 3 via Zoom at 7:30 PM.

**MUM Preschool** has employment opportunities beginning in January. Details are at <http://mentorumc.org/preschool-hiring>. Questions can be directed to [mumcpreschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:mumcpreschool@mentorumc.org).

### **Advent Calendars have arrived!**

If you preordered, please contact Tammy at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org) to arrange pick up. There are still some available. If you didn't pre-order, you can still order [HERE](#).

### **Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

This Thanksgiving, we will host our 30th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner! It will look a little different as we provide drive-thru and delivery of meals only. We will miss sitting down and enjoying food and fellowship with our community, however, this meal will bless many especially with the challenges of this year.

Monetary donations are always appreciated. If giving online, please use the fund "Thanksgiving Dinner".

To sign up to donate food please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3lQ12Nh>

To sign up to work please use this link: <https://bit.ly/3j1L1SS>



This outreach makes such an impact and we look forward to sharing the spirit of giving as we give thanks. Please contact Jim Post at [jpost@ohio-tech.edu](mailto:jpost@ohio-tech.edu) or 440-477-6130 with any questions.

## Youth Ministry

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

Follow the Youth on Instagram for all Youth Activity Updates at [MUMCYouth712](#)

### Youth Group Update

Youth Group will be meeting virtually! We will meet from 6:30-7:15 PM via video call for worship and a lesson. Then, at 7:15 each week, we will choose a virtual game to play together as a group. If you have any questions or concerns about your student playing games online, please contact Leah. We have set up our games to be as safe as possible!

### YSP Information Meeting Today

Our first planning meeting for YSP 2021 will be Sunday, November 15, at 4 PM. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing mission, we encourage you to come to this information meeting! We will discuss where we plan to go, what is needed to be part of the mission, and possible plans through the pandemic. *No commitment is required at this time.* Information including trip costs, time commitments, etc, will be shared.

To join the meeting please use this link: <https://meet.google.com/kph-dqre-pgh?hs=122&authuser=0>

### Blood Drive

MUMC will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on December 1, from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Asbury and Wesley rooms. You can schedule an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### Giving Tree Choose "Tags" on SignUpGenius

Each year we put the names of 250-300 children on the tree in the Gallery. This year, those trees will not be put up. This congregation has been so amazingly generous with this project over the many years that I have had the privilege to oversee it. Now more than ever, these children need some joy at Christmastime, so we are working to make this more Covid friendly.

We have the SignUpGenius link ready to use! Click here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48acae2daafe3-giving> to choose your "tags". Gifts are due by December 6. Families are indicated by the number and then each child is a letter. If you would like to shop for siblings, you can easily identify them.

When using SignUpGenius, be sure to select the slots you would like, then go to the bottom of the page and click, "Submit and Sign Up" to complete the process.

Please feel free to contact me at 440-283-6524 or [lskra5@aol.com](mailto:lskra5@aol.com).  
Betsy Iskra, Missions Commission



## ORDER FORM 2020

It is a tradition at MUMC to place poinsettias on the altar at Christmas in the memory or appreciation of a loved one(s) or for the glory of God. Plants are \$7 each and can be picked up on Sunday, December 27, 2020, after services. Please indicate if you will be picking up flowers or donating them to the church.

Checks can be made out to MUMC or Mentor United Methodist Church with "Poinsettias" as the memo. Please return form and check to:

Mentor United Methodist Church  
c/o The Altar Guild  
8600 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

You may fill out an online form at this link <https://bit.ly/3jq10dG>

Online payment can be made at the following link <http://mentorumc.org/onlinegiving>. Choose the fund "Poinsettias".

I will be picking up my plants       Please donate my plants to the church

(PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT YOUR INFORMATION)

NAME OF PERSON ORDERING \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN APPRECIATION OF \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE GLORY OF GOD \_\_\_\_\_

FLOWERS ARE DESIGNATED FOR    \_\_\_ SANCTUARY    \_\_\_ FELLOWSHIP HALL

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7 EACH = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ CASH    \_\_\_ CHECK



# 30th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 26, 2020  
11 AM To 2 PM

Mentor United Methodist Church  
8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio

Meals are served as drive-thru only in an effort to  
keep you and your family safe.  
Meal delivery is available in Lake County to shut-ins.

For Meal Drive Thru and Delivery:

- Please call by 11/23 to reserve your meal
- Delivery is to Lake County only
- Call 440-255-3496 between 9AM and 3 PM
- Email [info@mentorumc.org](mailto:info@mentorumc.org) after hours



We look forward to helping you enjoy Thanksgiving!



This dinner is provided for the community by the  
people of Mentor United Methodist Church.