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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, December 6, 2020

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This week, during winter's snowy blast and the pandemic's "purple rating" we still shared the love of Jesus! The Bloodmobile was hosted, and lives will be saved! Giving Tree gifts began to arrive, and many children and families will know joy this season because of your generosity. Worship services are being planned ... with much thought, prayer, and preparation happening to assure meaningful experiences by online worshipers.

Yes, the Christmas Season looks different this year. However, this is also an opportunity for the real reason for Christmas to shine brightly. Jesus comes!

It is difficult to decide to only have Christmas Eve worship online. I assure you many options were considered. And, much prayer and conversation undertaken. Our Christmas Eve services are a holy tradition. And, I assure you .... the holiness of the evening will continue! Your family can join online for any or all of our Christmas Eve Worship services.

Our 3 PM worship will include Holy Communion!

Our 5 PM Family Worship will include children, and Tammy's storytelling!

Our 7 PM Modern Worship will include special music and the sharing of the light!

Our 9 PM Traditional Worship will include Handel's "Messiah"!

As Advent unfolds, we prepare ourselves to receive God's great gift of Jesus! This Sunday, "Together" we celebrate God's love and forgiveness and offering. I encourage you to read Luke 1 in preparation ... and gather communion elements so we can feast together. We will also celebrate Family Sunday by designating this week as "Pajama Sunday" .... Yes – I'll be preaching in my PJs.

God is good .... All the time!  
Together – let us celebrate Jesus!

Pastor Sondra

### Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is  
<https://bible.com/events/47526337>

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

Lighting the Advent wreath in services today are Karen, Grace & Charlotte Koch in Modern and Willie Dycks in Traditional.

**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

## **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 • 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, Art Sydow

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

Dale Snyder, Karen Mancini, Linda Leach, Erica Wilmot, Bonnie Stewart  
Kimi Schmidt, Carl Snyder, Sylvia Bisbee, John Proegler  
John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Ken Ireland, Noel Barber, Evelyn Scott

Congratulations to Margaret (Fellows) and Andy Rego on the birth of their son Maxfield Joseph on October 30. Proud grandparents are Mike and Kathy Fellows.

Our sympathy to Marian and Mark Ruckert in the passing of Marian's mother, Dorothy Gittins, on November 30.

## **Children & Family Ministries**

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

**THIS Friday, December 11 at 7:30 pm is 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. You can order your tickets at [mumctlp.booktix.com](http://mumctlp.booktix.com). Cost is \$5.00 per device.

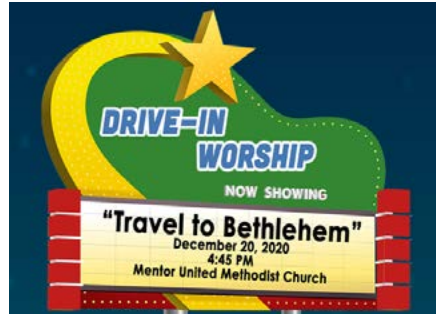
[MOPS & MOMSnext](#) meets Friday, December 11, in the morning and Thursday, December 17, in the evening. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is [Decide to Rise](#) and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at [mops@mentorumc.org](mailto:mops@mentorumc.org) for more information.

## **Giving Tree Gifts Due Today**

Betsy Iskra will be in the Gallery today, December 6, from 10 AM - 1 PM if you need to drop off gifts. Please drive to the Gallery entrance under the portico.

## **Blood Drive**

Even with a snowstorm in a pandemic, we had 23 donors register and collected 23 pints on our 24-pint goal. That means up to 69 patients in need can be helped! Thank you to everyone who was able to donate.



## **Come And Worship As A Church Family - "Travel to Bethlehem"** December 20, Drive-In Worship Experience

- 4:45 – 5:30 PM Drive past Christmas Scenes along the Ed Wing  
Listen to our Modern Worship Band on our FM Station  
Pick up candles and glowsticks under the portico for Christmas Eve  
Bring snacks, and candles or flashlights  
Find a spot in our parking lot to be ready for singing and story telling
- 5:30 - 6 PM Worship over the FM Station and Seeing each other "car-to-car"  
We will hear the familiar story  
We will sing favorite carols to our organ accompaniment  
We will end the evening with "Silent Night"  
We receive a Christmas Blessing

### **Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home Tree of Remembrance**

Due to the pandemic, Brunner's funeral home will not hold their in-person service. They invite all who have lost a loved one to place an ornament on their outdoor tree. The tree will be illuminated Sunday, December 6, and will remain lit throughout the holiday season in honor of so many lives.

### **Stewardship for 2021 Operating Budget**

Please prayerfully consider your 2021 pledge and return your pledge card by mail or by dropping it off at the church office. Please remember that online pledging and giving remains available at [www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org) and via the [MUMC church app](#).

Thank you for your continued support of our church and our mission to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. If you have questions you can contact Teresa Simons [tsimons@mentorumc.org](mailto:tsimons@mentorumc.org) 255-3496.

