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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, January 31, 2021

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Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
This week, we continue to learn from Jonah. Chapter 2 ends with him being vomited onto dry land. Not a real appealing picture! Seriously, don't go there! Yet aren't we glad Jonah's story doesn't begin with Chapter 3. We would miss out on knowing Jonah disappointed, disobeyed, and disagreed with God and yet God was still at work in his life. God gave Jonah a second chance.

I've been given second chances. Have you? New opportunities hold potential for us to shine for Jesus and testify to his amazing grace. In fact, our lives produce ripple effects. A stone thrown in the water doesn't just plop but impacts the water's flow. How are we impacting those around us?

This week, consider how your experience of God's forgiveness impacts you and your actions. I encourage you to consider, "What does God's forgiveness mean to me?" Sometimes we can forget that our experience of God not only transforms our lives but also impacts everyone around us. Nineveh's king was changed, and he didn't meet Jonah! The ripple effect reached him.



In the midst of winter, in the midst of a pandemic, with uncertainties and change all around, God offers you a new opportunity to not only live into God's goodness and love .... but to go and share it with others.

Thank you for the ways you are being Christ's followers ....  
Let's keep going ....

Pastor Sondra

### Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is  
<https://bible.com/events/48222624>

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

### Coffee with the Pastors

If you are interested in learning more about the church, connecting with us, or figuring out how to connect with MUMC, join Pastors Sondra and Mikayla on Zoom February 7 at noon. Email Pastor Mikayla at [mdoepker@mentorumc.org](mailto:mdoepker@mentorumc.org) or call the Church Office for the link to join.

### Mentor Mondays

Throughout the day, pray for our church and its ministries, and whatever else God lays on your heart. Each week we will unite on a common prayer focus and occasionally our church leadership will offer a short video to guide us. This week we pray for Project Hope for the Homeless. Learn about this local ministry at [www.projecthopeforthehomeless.org](http://www.projecthopeforthehomeless.org).

## Congregational Care

### Members admitted to the Hospital:

Hillcrest - Mary Lou Corlett • TriPoint - Noel Barber • Lake West - Jane Ortiz

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • Ohman Family Living - Jeanne Babcock  
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 McFeely  
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Art Sydow  
Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

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

Dale Snyder, Linda Leach, Karen Mancini, Val Hardy, Sarah Wade,  
John Proegler, John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Russ Lancaster, Barb Zimmerman,  
Lorraine Ahlstrom, Carl Snyder

Kay Disbro would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards and good wishes.

## Journey Groups

Start 2021 off right! Join a Journey Group for connection, learning and growing together. Contact Pastor Mikayla at [mdoepker@mentorumc.org](mailto:mdoepker@mentorumc.org).

## YSP Update

Letters of intent for YSP 2021 are due February 7. Please fill out the form to submit your intent to join our trip this year! For more information about YSP 2021, please reach out to Leah Nash at [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org)

YSP Letter of Intent can be found at this link <https://forms.gle/B5DRpAzH9C5cdmbNA>.

Our next information meeting will be January 31 at 6:00 PM online (please note the time change from 4 to 6.) Email Leah for the meeting link at [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org).

## Blood Drive

MUMC will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive each month. The next drive is February 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).

## For those who like to plan ahead, here are the dates for Summer 2021:

June 28-July 2      Vacation Bible School & Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp  
July 12-16 & 19-23   Theatre Arts Camp  
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

**The East Ohio Conference Teach • Reach • Bless campaign** to raise \$1.5 million to build and furnish a residence hall for female students at Africa University is a success. One year after the public launch of the campaign on January 26, 2020 the commitment goal has been met. In supporting the campaign, laity and clergy are demonstrating a commitment to improving the education and wellness of women today for a better Africa tomorrow.

**MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups** are 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 Eliana Palermo & Ryan Poje  
5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

**Souper Bowl of Caring** will begin this week! Donations can be made to the team you would like to see win our Souper Bowl of Caring: Kansas City Chiefs or Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Donations can be dropped off, mailed, or made through online giving. Be sure to label which team you are supporting. As always, the real winner is Project Hope for the Homeless!



Click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhNhBmSnar8> for a video from our kids about Souper Bowl of Caring!

Click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2cXX8zrcSU> to see how to donate through online giving.

It's not too late to join **The Talks Study**: A parent's guide to critical conversations about sex, dating and other unmentionables We meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM via Zoom. Registration is currently open at this link <http://bit.ly/3mE9LIK>.

Every parent knows about "the talk." What many parents fail to realize is that one conversation isn't enough. Your kids desperately need help to navigate the rapidly changing sexually-charged culture in which they live. Packed with solid research and practical tools, The Talks provides you with the help you need to get comfortable having some critical conversations in your home. It covers both "what to know" and "what to do." Whether your kids are 6 or 16, you'll be equipped to help your kids make wise choices now and to prepare them to experience God's gift of sexuality in the right time and in the right way.

**Youth 512** will be watching The Princess Bride on Sunday, February 14. We will meet at Great Lakes Atlas Cinema at 5:30 PM for a start time of 6:00 PM. Bring money for concessions. Please see the sign up for all the details at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cabab29a2fa7-youth7>.

**Positive Parenting Book Club's** current book is Lisa TerKeurst's book, It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered. Contact Tammy if you would like to join.

February 4	Chapters 2-3	March 4	Chapters 6-7		
February 18	Chapters 4-5	March 18	Chapters 8-9	April 8	Chapters 10-11

**MOPS & MOMSnext** meets Friday, February 12 in the morning and Thursday, February 25 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@mentorunc.org](mailto:mops@mentorunc.org) for more information.

### **Lake County Mobile Food Pantry**

Pre-registration is required by calling 211 or Council on Aging at 440-205-8111. The Lake County Mobile Food Pantry will provide fresh produce at two locations in Lake County each week to Lake County seniors 60 and over. Call the Council on Aging for all the details at 440-205-8111.

## YSP Fruit Sale Fundraiser 1/24/2021-2/7/2021

Please consider supporting our Youth Service Project, which will be held in Hiram, Ohio at Camp Asbury this year! We plan on building a new Art Programming space for Camp Asbury. You can purchase your fruit online until February 7, and it will be delivered straight to your home!

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## Membership Class

Plans are underway for Pastor Sondra to lead a Basic Membership Class using Zoom, beginning in February. If you are interested in exploring your faith development and finding out more about the ministry of Mentor United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Sondra at the church office by January 24. You can call 440.255.3496, email [ssnode@mentorumc.org](mailto:ssnode@mentorumc.org) or fill out the Connection Card online at this link <http://bit.ly/39rSxTL>.

## Valentine Boxes for our College Students

Mentor United Methodist Women is collecting monetary donations to purchase items for Valentine boxes (we will purchase the items so all the boxes are identical). Donations may be made through online giving (select "other" for the fund and email [tsimons@mentorumc.org](mailto:tsimons@mentorumc.org) to let her know the donation is for "Valentine Boxes") or may be mailed or dropped off at the Church Office. Please be sure to note "Valentine Boxes."

The last Sunday for donations will be February 7.

Please complete the form at this link <http://bit.ly/39BIJQ> with your college student's full name and address by February 2. We regret that because of the prohibitive cost, we cannot ship packages to locations outside the U.S. You can also email your student's full name and address to Carolyn Nagy at [cnagy@mentorumc.org](mailto:cnagy@mentorumc.org) or Leah Nash at [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org).



## Food Ministry

The Food Ministry was able to bless over 100 families in November and December. We have provided food and monetary resources to families in need. During this difficult time, families have been so very appreciative of the generosity of the church. We could not do this without your support so thank you all so much for keeping this amazing ministry going.

MUMC will hold a drive thru food donation drop off under the Gallery portico on Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Please use the list below to fill a box or bag to donate. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please choose FOOD as the fund online or mark your check Food Distribution. Each box of food given is valued at approximately \$50.

Items most needed:

- Canned green beans or corn
- Canned peaches, pears, fruit cocktail
- 24 oz. jar spaghetti sauce
- Box of cereal
- 26 oz. box mashed potatoes
- Boxed mac & cheese
- 28 oz. can baked beans

This event will be COVID safe with donors remaining in their vehicle with masks on.