
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, March 21, 2021

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Dear Friends,
Starting over isn't always easy. At times the task may seem impossible. How do we move beyond a difficulty or find the strength to face a challenge or relaunch in a new direction? We mourn and grieve; we grow tired and weary. Disciplining oneself to embrace a new reality is on-going work. Yet starting over is possible.

This week, the Lenten Journey challenges us to consider if God's Good News is written on our hearts. When we walk with Jesus, trust Jesus' directions and power, embrace God's provision ... God becomes the essence of who we are. We don't just read and learn about God. We find our way in the wilderness because God permanently has taken up residence within us.



Even as we journey through the pandemic, we must rely on God's permanent Good News on our hearts to lead us. God's presence and power at work within us will see us through and enable us to be witnesses for others who are struggling to find their way.

Today is the day let's get that tattoo on our hearts: God loves me!

I pray it makes you face life differently ... and enables our ministry together to make a difference in our community.

Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/48540343>

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

Sign Up Genius Links for In-Person Worship

At this time, one service will be offered in each space, Modern Worship at 9 AM and Traditional Worship at 11 AM. You must register per Sign Up Genius through our website or Church App or call the church office at 440-255-3496. We are limiting the amount of people in each space. When using Sign Up Genius, click the box "Sign Up", then scroll down and click "Submit and Sign Up". Then, you will be able to add your name, email, how many people are attending, and then click "Sign Up Now". You will receive a confirmation email when your sign-up is complete. Please keep in mind that we are livestreaming and, if you attend in-person, you may be filmed.
Sign up at these links:

[March 28 Modern Worship 9 AM](#)

[March 28 Traditional Worship 11 AM](#)

Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is for our Jewish Brothers and Sisters as they celebrate Passover. If there is a video for Mentor Mondays, it will be posted on Monday on our website, social media, and app.

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:

Cleveland Clinic - Sarah Wade • TriPoint - Sally Carr

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

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 McFeely • Western Reserve Hospice - Phyllis Melchreit
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Art Sydow • Heartland of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Karen Mancini, Spike Sudekum, Russ Lancaster, John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck,
Carl Snyder, Jeff Gray, Jeanne Babcock, Barb Zimmerman, Noel Barber,
Joyce Ragan, Dale Snyder, Bob Williams, Mary Lou Haines

Our sympathy to Marilyn Adams, Leslie Treece, Curtis Adams and family in the passing of Frank Adams on March 18.

UMCOR

UMCOR – the United Methodist Committee on Relief, responded to 55 unique disasters in 2020. Complicated by a global pandemic, UMCOR still found ways to offer hope to those facing challenges around the world: wildfires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes. Most recently, UMCOR has been present to assist Texas in recovering from an unprecedented wintry blast.



Often when news sources report a disaster, UMCOR is already present or on the way. Through your generous financial support, the United Methodist Church can be present for survivors of climate and manmade disasters to give hope and assistance. In the next few weeks we encourage you to give to Mentor UMC, and designate a gift to "UMCOR". March's UMCOR Sunday replaced what used to be called "One Great Hour of Sharing". All donations go directly to disaster relief.

The Not-So-Big Event: Entertainment Tonight

The Members of YSP 2021 invite you to partake in their online silent auction and a night of Virtual Entertainment to learn more about their upcoming service trip to Camp Asbury.

The "Not-So-Big Event" fundraiser will take place tonight, March 21, at 6 PM and will be an online-only event on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website home page. Join us to get to know the Youth Service Project mission group, learn about the work they do, and buy some baskets! Use the link provided to a secure auction site where you can bid on and purchase baskets. If you would like to make a donation, use online giving and choose "YSP" as the fund or note your check "YSP". Thank you in advance for supporting Youth Service Project!



See the last page of this Update for the auction instructions or [click here](#). If you have any questions, contact Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org.

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 at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow
2nd, 3rd, 4th gr
5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

THANK YOU for the donation of candy. 2000 eggs have been filled, so no more is needed.

YOUTH 56 meets at Squire's Castle March 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Thursday, March 25 in the afternoon. 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 for more information.

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!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Youth Group In-Person

Please note that there has been a time change made from typical Youth Group. We will meet from 1:00-3:00 PM at MUMC (unless otherwise stated).

You can [SIGN UP HERE](#) and read our safety guidelines that will be in place, as well as our alternative plan in case we exceed 15 students.

Virtual Youth Wednesdays

We loved playing games online so much that we want it to continue! We will be meeting at 7 PM on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month via zoom.

Email lnash@mentorumc.org to join us.

Middle School Mission Week: July 6-10

Mark your calendars for MSMW!

If you are interested in being part of the planning team, please join us online on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. Email lnash@mentorumc.org to join the meeting or with any questions.



Heifer Project Due April 3

This year we will work toward purchasing a flock of chicks for families in need. For every \$20 donated, Heifer International will provide a family with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks, along with the training that will empower them to turn this one-time donation into a lifetime of opportunity. Our church goal is to raise enough money to purchase 50 FLOCKS (\$1,000 total) by April 3.

How you can participate: Have your child(ren) earn money for Heifer International by doing any of the suggested chores listed on the Chore Calendar which can be found at www.mentoruc.org/heifer-project. Bring any money earned to church on Saturday, April 3, 2021, between 10:00 AM and Noon, during the Easter Egg Hunt. You will receive a special reward for all your hard work. Plus, other Easter treats will be distributed at that same time.



JOIN US FOR EASTER AND HOLY WEEK IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Palm Sunday - March 28
9 AM Modern Worship (in-person and online)
11 AM Traditional Worship (in-person and online)

Maundy Thursday - April 1
7 PM Worship (in-person and online)

Good Friday - April 2
7 PM Worship (online)
7:30 PM Parking Lot Drive-In Worship Experience

Saturday EGG-stravaganza - April 3
Egg Scavenger Hunt in the community
10 AM - Noon Celebration at MUMC (see website for details)

Easter Sunday Worship - April 4
8 AM Drive-In Worship Experience
9 AM Modern Worship (in-person and online)
9 AM Traditional Worship in-person
11 AM Modern Worship in-person
11 AM Traditional Worship (in-person and online)

Click below to sign up to attend in-person services, see our website and app or call the Church Office at 440.255.3496.

[Palm Sunday Modern Worship at 9 AM](#)

[Palm Sunday Traditional Worship at 11 AM](#)

[Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 PM](#)

[Easter Sunday 9 AM Modern Worship](#)

[Easter Sunday 9 AM Traditional Worship](#)

[Easter Sunday 11 AM Modern Worship](#)

[Easter Sunday 11 Traditional Worship](#)

Finance Committee

2020 was definitely a year like no other, but a bright spot through the challenges we faced was certainly your on-going commitment to the ministry of Mentor UMC. Despite a lack of in-person worship, our congregation faithfully contributed, and we were able to collect 92% of our planned receipts. Likewise, our committees and staff were diligent in monitoring expenses resulting in us spending 85% of our planned expenses. In what was a challenging year on so many fronts, it was great to see the church able to cover the needs of the church and provide additional funds to Missions, Trustees, and the Pastor Discretionary Fund to continue to reach out into the world to share God's Good News.

From the Finance Committee, we wanted to thank the congregation, committee members, and our church staff for all that you continue to do to support the ministries of Mentor UMC.

Community Service Opportunities

The Mission Committee invites the congregation to be a part of outreach into our community by getting involved in Community Service Volunteer Opportunities. There is no better way to be the hands and feet of Jesus! We will be highlighting community opportunities for service monthly. We welcome your participation and suggestions. Contact Bill Mueller at muellerhomeoffice@oh.rr.com.

See our website for details. [On our homepage click on Welcome, Community Resources, and Community Service Opportunities](#) You can also use the app and select Community Service Opportunities under Events on the Welcome screen.

Senior Well Checks and Vaccine Registration Phone Calls: Central Y (Painesville)

Good Friday Breakfast: April 2, West End YMCA (Willoughby)

Modern Worship Ushers Needed

The Modern Worship Service needs two ushers. As of right now, two ushers are needed at the 9 AM service. When we get back to two services at each time, one usher would be at the 9 AM and one at the 11 AM service. Please contact the Church Office or head usher Kurt Hinkley at kcaptains03@gmail.com or phone 216-854-0149 if you are interested.

Palm Sunday Video for Modern Worship

We ask all kids (and kids at heart) to make their own palms using materials from home. See the [link for some patterns](#) to trace and photos of other creative examples, but you are welcome to come up with your own design. Have fun, get creative and use whatever supplies you already have on hand: construction paper, brown bag, craft paper, tissue paper, felt, wrapping paper, an old school folder, cardboard, etc. You can even use branches and greens from outside. Feel free to color, paint, bedazzle or otherwise decorate your palms. Then we'd love for you and your families to practice your palms procession at home in advance and record a video to share with us for a special virtual Palm Sunday parade! Please record your videos in LANDSCAPE/HORIZONTAL orientation and send to Michelle Park at mpark@mentorumc.org by Wednesday, March 24. We can't wait to see your "Hosanna" parades!

EASTER EGG HUNT

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Saturday April 3, 2021, 10 AM to 12 PM

participate in a story walk,
have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny,
and get candy-filled plastic eggs for
your own egg hunt at home!

See our website at
mentorumc.org
for the clues and
all the information!



Beginning Sunday, March 28, families will have one week to go on an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt throughout the city of Mentor.

Following the clues provided on our website, families will drive to 12 different locations to find 12 large decorated egg signs.

Copy the letter found on each giant egg and then unscramble all 12 letters to find the secret word.

On Saturday, April 3 between 10 AM to 12 PM, come to Mentor UMC and claim your prize for unscrambling the letters correctly.

contact: tpalermo@mentorumc.org

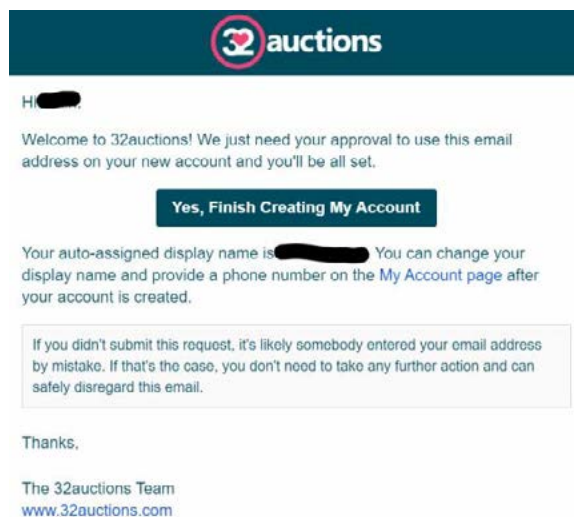
How to Participate in the Not-So-Big-Event Auction

Step 1: Create an Account through 32 Auctions

<https://www.32auctions.com/users/new>

For this step, you will need to share your email address and create a password for your account.

Step 2: Verify your new account by logging into your email and opening the New Message from 32 Auctions. Then, click the button that says “Yes, Finish Creating My Account.”



Step 3: Once you have made and verified your account, click on this link for our Auction Site.

<https://www.32auctions.com/YSPBigEvent2021>

Step 4: When you go to pay, after winning an item, you can pay with a check to Mentor United Methodist Church (memo YSP), pay through Subsplash on our Website or Church App

<http://mentorumc.org/onlinegiving> selecting YSP on the dropdown menu “Choose a Fund”, or bring a check with you when you pick up your items.

Pick up will be Saturday March 27th from 10 AM-12 PM, or Sunday March 28th from 12 PM-1PM. Items will be picked up at the church by the Preschool Entrance near the Youth Room.