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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, April 18, 2021

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*"I won't go back. I can't go back to the way it used to be before your Presence came and changed me." –William McDowell*

These are the words to one of my favorite worship songs aptly titled "I Won't Go Back." Every time I hear this song, I am reminded that because I have encountered the risen Christ, my life cannot and will not be the same. This is the message found in our scripture text for this Sunday. Because the disciples have encountered the risen Christ, they cannot go back to the way things used to be. The disciples cannot go back to being fishermen. They can't go back to their same life and lifestyle before they met Jesus. They have been changed by the Holy One, and now their lives must reflect that encounter.

Friends, how does our encounter with the risen Christ change us? Have we tried to go back to the way things used to be or our old ways of being? This week, I challenge you to consider how you have been changed by God and how you might live differently as a result. And I want to remind you that at Mentor United Methodist Church, we want to take the journey of transformation with you. Consider becoming part of a Journey Group, find a new place or way to serve, share your gifts and graces with others, and tell others about your encounter with the risen Christ.

Remember that once you have encountered the risen Christ, there is no turning back or returning to the way things used to be. The presence of the Holy One changes us and sends us into the world to serve and love. May it be so for us here and now!

With Joy,  
Pastor Mikayla

### Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is  
<https://bible.com/events/48652088>

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:

[April 25 Modern Worship 9 AM](#)

[April 25 Traditional Worship 11 AM](#)

### Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is those who are ill.

## Congregational Care

### Members admitted to the Hospital:

Lake West - Marty Ellsworth, Nancy Markell • Hillcrest - Jon Yagoda

### 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 • Mapleview - Nancy Gosline  
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher • Heartland of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom  
Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

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

Karen Mancini, John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Sarah Wade, Dale Snyder, David Wilson, Carl Snyder, Jeff Gray, Jeanne Babcock, Barb Zimmerman, Noel Barber, Glenn Beaver, Joyce Ragan, Bob Williams, Mary Lou Haines, Spike Sudekum, Joe Samuele, Sally Carr, Ken Pleska, Richard Carpenter, Mitch Babcock



### **Young Adult Women Journey Group**

As young adults, it can be difficult to find a place and stay connected with the Church. While our weekly services are a great place to start, we often find ourselves longing for more: more connection, more friendship, and more opportunity.

You're invited to be a part of something new, something more! We're launching a new Journey Group for Young Adult Women (18-25 ish). We are all starting fresh, getting to know each other, and exploring our faith. If you are interested in being a part of this group you can email Pastor Mikayla at [mdoepker@mentorumc.org](mailto:mdoepker@mentorumc.org). Don't worry if you aren't in the Mentor area, you can join online!

### **Food Ministry Food Donation Drop-Off**

MUMC will hold a drive thru food donation drop off under the Gallery portico on Saturday, May 1, and Sunday, May 2, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Please use the list below to fill a box or bag to donate. These items will be used for our last food distribution in May.

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:

- ravioli
- Spaghetti-O's
- Hamburger Helper
- brownie mix
- applesauce (24 oz.)



This event will be COVID safe with donors remaining in their vehicle with masks on. Download the [list with information here](#).

**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](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org).

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

**YOUTH 56** meets April 25 from 1:00-3:00 pm at Squire's Castle. See [the website](#) for the remaining dates and details!

**MOPS & MOMSnext** meets Thursday, April 22, at 8:00 PM. 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.

**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

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**



### **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 each month. We welcome your participation and suggestions. Contact Bill Mueller at [muellerhomeoffice@oh.rr.com](mailto:muellerhomeoffice@oh.rr.com).

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

The PCLS Family Resource Center is looking for Drive-Thru School Market volunteers for April 23.

### **Blood Drive April 20**

MUMC will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 20, 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).

### **Modern Worship Usher Needed**

The Modern Worship Service needs one usher. Please contact the Church Office or head usher Kurt Hinkley at [kcaptains03@gmail.com](mailto:kcaptains03@gmail.com) or phone 216-854-0149 if you are interested.

## Graduating Seniors

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we want to honor those who are graduating both in our service on June 13 and with a gift. If you or your student is graduating high school, college, or graduate school, let us know!

Please fill out this [FORM](#) to make sure we have all the needed information. If you have questions, you can email Leah Nash at [lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org) or call her at the church at 440-255-3496 extension 114. We can't wait to share in this exciting time with you!



# Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale

May 7-9

*Proceeds support the Youth Service Project*

Presale orders may be placed using the order form in the Weekly Update for full and ½ flats and 4in pots. Other items including hanging baskets, ferns, large pots, and limited additional flats will be available the day of the event.

**Pre-orders and payment are due to Leah or the church office by April 25.**

**Contact:**  
**Leah Nash**  
[lnash@mentorumc.org](mailto:lnash@mentorumc.org)  
**(440) 255-3496 x114**

Pre-sale payments can be made via online giving by selecting Plant Sale, or via cash/check sent to the church office. Please make checks payable to Mentor United Methodist Church – memo YSP.



