Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

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Modern Worship is at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall and Traditional Worship is at 11 AM in the Sanctuary. 11 AM MUMC in the Park is at Garfield Park Worship with us online on at mentorumc.org, Facebook, or YouTube.

Greetings Friends,

This weekend in worship we finish our sermon series, "The I in Why," where together we have explored our new vision C.R.E.W. This fun acronym encompasses a much larger meaning when we consider Jesus' call on our lives to Connect, Reach, Engage, and Welcome people inside and outside our church's walls.

We've already reflected on what it means to connect, reach and engage. We've even brainstormed some ways that we can turn our understanding into action. And now we turn our attention to WELCOME. What does it mean to welcome people both who have come to our church building and those who have not.



As a part of the C.R.E.W., we must not mistake friendliness for true hospitality or welcome. To welcome means that we build authentic relationships with those that God places in our midst. It is about getting to know more than someone's name. True welcome is learning the story of another, sharing life's highs and lows, walking alongside them and helping them to grow in their faith and discipleship. When we do this work, when we are a part of the C.R.E.W., we all grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the book <u>IMPACT! Reclaiming the Call of Lay Ministry</u>, the authors write, "When a church is growing, there is a vision that is also driving the church. Vision is directing the church in the specific method in how God is calling the church to build relationships both internally and externally." So friends, our vision is set before us and we must now take seriously our work and our commitment as part of MUMC's C.R.E.W.

Together, let's build authentic relationships showing welcome (not just friendliness) to all people who inside and outside our church building.

Building with you, Pastor Mikayla

Sunday Schedule July 11 through August 29

- Modern Worship, 9 AM in Fellowship Hall, Children's Sunday School at MUMC
- Traditional Worship 11 AM in the Sanctuary (no Sunday School at MUMC)
- Family-style, Sunday school/worship called 'MUMC in the Park', 11 AM at Garfield Park
- Livestream of Modern and Traditional services at 9 and 11 on our <u>YouTube channel</u>, Facebook page, and website home page, www.mentorumc.org.

Congregational Care

In our prayers today and in your personal prayer time, please remember the following: <u>Members admitted to the Hospital:</u> Hillcrest - Connie Sterner

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro The Preserve - Adda Porter • Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman Parker Place - Opal Pinasky, Bill Owens, Bob and Sandy Linsell Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua, Hugh Samson • Heartland - Joan Evans Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely • Lake Med - Lorraine Ahlstrom Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Nora Kieser • Kirtland Rehab - Nancy Markell

<u>Members who have returned home or are homebound</u>: Dale Snyder, Glenn Beaver, Marty Ellsworth, Joan Barnum, Carol Marrott, Don and Ginny Stein, Judy Tirpak, Karen Mancini

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <u>https://bible.com/events/48748983</u>.

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

MUMC Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups

- 9:00 AM at MUMC outside
- 11:00 AM at Garfield Park WITH families

Family Sunday is September 5. Two children and/or youth are needed at modern and traditional worship. <u>Please sign up</u> for your child or youth to be an active participant in worship!

If your child is entering **THIRD GRADE** this year, you should have received an email from Tammy regarding the Third Grade Breakfast and Bible presentation Sunday. Please contact at <u>tpalermo@mentourmc.org</u> her if you have not received the information.

MOPS & MOMSnext Open House will be Friday, August 27 from 10 AM to noon at Mentor UMC. Drop by for some food, fellowship, and to meet our caregivers.

Looking ahead to September, the plan is for **Kids' Journey Groups** to return to INSIDE. This can ONLY happen if there are enough leaders. <u>Here is the Fall Sign Up</u>. Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.

Youth Sunday: August 29 and Every 5th Sunday After!

We look forward to seeing everyone participating at both the 9 and 11 Worship Services as the Youth help lead all areas of the services. Please come visit us in the info hub between services to learn more about Youth Ministry!

Youth Ministry Team: First Meeting will be Wednesday September 1 at 7 PM in the Youth Room

We invite YOU to come join our team as we live out the love of Christ! This team will be for students, parents, or adults who have a passion for creating programs and events that help students connect with each other and God. If you have ever been interested in volunteering with youth, learning about the different areas of Youth Ministry such as Youth Service Project, Middle School Mission Week, Youth Annual Conference, Confirmation, or Youth Journey Groups, this is the place to gain information and create a great ministry together!

Youth Group 712: Fall Kick Off!

Starting on September 12, Youth Group will meet each week on Sunday from 1 - 3 PM. September 12 is our Youth Group Kick Off at Veteran's Park and we invite you to join us for worship, games, and some snacks!

You can sign up for all weekly Youth Groups on our Sign Up Genius HERE.

Confirmation 2021-2022: Registration is Open and Due September 26

Confirmation classes will begin October 3. If you have a student in 6, 7, or 8 grade and they would like to participate in confirmation, you can complete the online registration form. If you have any questions about confirmation or need more information, please contact Leah Nash at <u>Inash@mentorumc.org</u>. Register at this link.

Choirs Return with Music and Fellowship

You can join our Chancel Choir, Canticle Bells Choir, and Charter Members Men's Choir in Traditional Worship and special performances. Every voice and bell ringer are welcome! These are dynamic groups that promise a lot of fun and great music. Contact Amy Bender at <u>abender@mentorumc.org</u> for more information.

The "Scoop" on our Food Ministries

There are two meal ministries that happen the first Wednesday of every month. They are a dinner for the residents of Project Hope for the Homeless and Meal Blessing. A meal is prepared to take to the homeless shelter residents of Project Hope in Painesville. At the same time, meals are individually wrapped and drivers take them to our church members and friends that could use a Meal Blessing.

If you would like to participate by cooking, delivering, or making a monetary donation, contact the Church Office at 440-255-3496.

Next month, we will provide a Food Distribution through our partnership with Mentor Schools. Watch the Weekly Update for the donation list.

Cornerstone

The trip to Stan Hywet has been canceled. Keep an eye out for future events.

Annual Conference Report

Our lay delegates have put together a video report of the 2021 Annual Conference. See it at this link or on our website and app.

Community Service Opportunity

See our website at <u>mentorumc.org/community-service-opportunities</u> for information about volunteering with The Salvation Army. There are many ways you can help!

Memorial Opportunity

MUMC is excited to announce that the Choir Loft Renovation project is underway! The pews in the Choir Loft are being replaced with solid wood upholstered chairs. While the cost of the chairs will be covered by GEM funds that were designated for Music Ministry, this is a unique opportunity for a memorial. If you would like to purchase a chair in honor of or in memory of a special person, please contact Amy Bender for details at <u>abender@</u> <u>mentorumc.org</u>.

