Mentor United Methodist Church WEEKLY UPDATE

8600 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH 44060

August 29, 2021

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 (please see September 5 schedule below) Worship with us online every Sunday at 9 and 11 AM at <u>mentorumc.org</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

This week, kids in my neighborhood were at the corner waiting on the school bus to arrive. Facebook displayed lots of "first day" pictures. The school parking lot was full when I passed it. Most of our college kids have moved into their dorms or apartments. Teachers, and all those who work in education, have done the work of preparation and are ready for a new year. Even MUMC Preschool will welcome students this coming week.

On Sunday, we will have our "Back to School Blessing" – offering prayers and stickers and words of encouragement to ALL those

beginning a new year of growth. I hope you will join me in praying every day for students and staff. May they learn and grow and discover; may they be protected; may they know joy; may they trust Jesus.

As a community of faith, we commit to help each other on the path to follow Jesus. We learn from each other, help each other, serve alongside each other. We are Christ's CREW – connecting, reaching, engaging, welcoming. "A church that does not look/act/think/ sound like Jesus is probably not the church. Christ is the only legitimate measure of an authentic church." (Alan Hirsch) During the past few weeks we've focused on our CREW vision. And this Sunday, our youth will help lead us in worship and offer their perspective on how important our work is.

The news reminds us that there is brokenness, pain and suffering, challenges and uncertainties all around the world. We are those who invite Jesus to teach us his ways and empower us to follow him. Challenging days call for deepening faith. So, may we all have teachable spirits and willing hearts. "Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness." (Psalm 86:11a)

Always a student,

Pastor Sondra

Services September 5

Please note that on September 5, there will not be an MUMC in the Park. Join us for Modern Worship at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall and Traditional Worship at 11 AM in the Sanctuary. For Family Sunday, children will join their families in worship. Livestreaming is every week at 9 AM for Modern and 11 AM for Traditional.

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <u>https://bible.com/events/48752627</u>.



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Congregational Care

In our prayers today and in your personal prayer time, please remember the following: <u>Members admitted to the Hospital:</u> Cleveland Clinic - Dale Snyder

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 Owen, 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>: Glenn Beaver, Marty Ellsworth, Joan Barnum, Don and Ginny Stein, Karen Mancini, Joan Evans

MUMC "Homecoming" September 12

Throughout this month, we have focused on being part of the CREW - to connect, reach, engage and welcome. We hope you will join us on Sunday, September 12, as we celebrate Homecoming. We will have both Modern and Traditional Worship at 9 and 11. Our 11 AM family outdoor park service will happen at MUMC on the Murray Ave. parsonage lawn. This is 5 services at MUMC! Livestreaming is every Sunday at 9 AM for Modern and 11 AM for Traditional Worship.

There will be a Fellowship Time from 10 AM to 11 AM and 12 PM to 1 PM. Lunch will be provided of a sandwich, chips, coffee and lemonade, and a cookie from the Pink Bandanna. We look forward to seeing you on this special day of coming home to MUMC!

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
- NO MUMC Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups SEPTEMBER 5

Family Sunday is next Sunday, 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! Worship is 9 AM Modern in Fellowship Hall and 11 AM Traditional in the Sanctuary.

MOPS & MOMSnext Open House will be Friday, September 10, from 9:30 AM to Noon at Mentor UMC. 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.

- Babies, Toddlers, and 2 Year Olds—3 vaccinated adults and/or 16 year old youth
- 3rd & 4th Grades—1 adult or youth helper
- 5th & 6th Grades—1 adult or youth helper

Youth Sunday: Today, 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 (grades 7 - 12) 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 on 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, in grades 7 through 12, 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 (for grades 7 through 12) will meet each week on Sunday from 1 - 3 PM. September 12 is our Youth Group Kick Off at Edward R. Walsh Park (please note the location change) 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 <u>HERE</u>.

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>.

<u>Register at this link.</u>

Online Journey Group: The Heart of the Artist

The Heart of the Artist (second edition) by Rory Noland led by Michelle Park, Director of Modern Worship. The group will meet virtually on Google Meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7 PM, beginning on September 20. The study is open to anyone, but Michelle especially encourages anyone who serves on Sunday morning in Modern or Traditional Worship to consider joining the study. This book is an excellent resource for working together as a team with specific applications to those serving in music ministries and was updated in April of this year, offering new content to cover more timely topics.

Anyone interested in signing up can call Michelle at 440-840-3676 or email <u>mpark@</u> <u>mentorumc.org</u>.

Community Service Opportunity

See our website at <u>mentorumc.org/community-service-opportunities</u> for opportunities to serve in our community, especially Meals on Wheels.



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Registration Opens August 17, 2021

Season Starts Week of September 20th Teams meet twice a week

End of Season Celebration Sunday, November 14, 2021 Location:

Hope Ridge United Methodist Church

Practice Days & Times:

Mon & Wed / 4:15 - 5:30

Open to girls in grade:

3rd - 6th grade

Contact:

Laura Moll

lmoll@kent.edu

Register online at **www.gotrneo.org** or by phone at **(234) 206-0786**

Interested in being a volunteer? Please contact Girls on the Run to learn how to get involved.

Registration fees are based on a sliding scale and scholarship funds are available to all participants in need. Contact us at 234-206-0786 to learn more!

To ensure that all girls have equal opportunity to participate, a registration lottery will take place on August 23rd. Registration will reopen on a first-come, first-served basis on 8/23/21 for sites with spots still available.

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