
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

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September 12, 2021 • Homecoming Sunday

9 AM and 11 AM Traditional Worship

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11 AM Family Park Worship is held today on the parsonage lawn at MUMC.

Worship with us online every Sunday at mentorumc.org, [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#).

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I journeyed to Liberia several years ago, and the return trip home was exhausting. It was a long flight, and I found it difficult to sleep. Once we arrived in New York our layover was extended due to weather ... although there were clear skies in Cleveland, NYC had a major snowstorm. Our plans were continually altered. I don't really want to remember how many hours I was awake. But I do know, I was never so happy to be home in all my life!



Home is not just a place to live, but also the environment where we feel loved, accepted, safe, nurtured. Home is central to our well-being.

This weekend we will celebrate "Homecoming" at Mentor UMC. Although we continue to navigate forward through the pandemic, although we continually find even our current plans altered and tweaked, we continually find ways to be Christ's church in Mentor, Ohio. As we re-read Paul's letter to the Philippian Church, we are reminded that not only is Jesus our goal ... Jesus is the source of strength we need to keep straining forward. Jesus sustains us, and provides opportunities for us to grab ahold of him. We press on so all will find their home in Christ.

I hope that you will regather with us in person this weekend. Or join us online at 9 or 11, as our services will continue to be livestreamed. Together, we grab ahold of Jesus and press on! There is no better place than to be at home with Jesus - not just a heavenly home in the future but an earthly environment where Christ's love is experienced, nurtured, and shared.

Pressing On,
Pastor Sondra

Service Schedule September 19 - October 31

9 AM Traditional Worship and Modern Worship at MUMC

11 AM Traditional Worship at MUMC and Family Park Worship at Garfield Park

Livestreaming is every Sunday at 9 AM for Modern and 11 AM for Traditional Worship.

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/48759026>.

Congregational Care

In our prayers today and in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

Members admitted to the Hospital: Cleveland Clinic - Dale Snyder • Hillcrest - Ann Shetler
Tri-Point - Joyce Trimble • Lake West - Glenn Beaver • Euclid - Carol Anderson

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro
Vista Springs - Audrey Arslanian • Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman
Parker Place - Opal Pinasky, Bill Owen, Bob and Sandy Linsell
Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua, Hugh Samson
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

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Sarah Wade, Marty Ellsworth, Joan Barnum, Don and Ginny Stein, Karen Mancini,
Joan Evans, Connie Sterner

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorunc.org/children

Tammy Palermo TPalermo@mentorunc.org

MUMC Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups , mask required in Education Wing and Early Childhood Area

- 9:00 AM at MUMC
 - o 0-2 year old & 3-4 Year old sign in at the Early Childhood Area prior to service
 - o Kindergarten through 6th grade begin worship with their families. You will be dismissed from there to go to the Education Wing.
 - o Leaders are still needed [Fall Sign Up](#). Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.
 - Babies, Toddlers, and 2 Year Olds—1 vaccinated adult and/or 16 year old youth
 - 5th & 6th Grades—1 adult or youth helper
- 11:00 AM OUTSIDE at MUMC
 - o Family worship time on the Parsonage lawn, behind the Gallery parking lot

[MOPS & MOMSnext](#) will be Friday, September 24 from 9:30 AM to Noon at Daniel's Park.

Youth Group 5-12: Fall Kick Off TODAY for all Youth in 5th-12th Grades

Join us TODAY, September 12, 1-3 PM, for our Youth Group Kick-Off at Edward R. Walsh Park. We will have worship music, games, pizza, and snacks! We hope to see you AND a friend there!

You can sign up for all weekly Youth Groups on our Sign Up Genius [HERE](#).

[Spiritual Parenting](#) will be offered on Zoom this fall. You will watch the videos on your own and then meet on Tuesdays at 8:30 pm starting September 21 for six weeks. [Register 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 lnash@mentorunc.org.

[Register at this link.](#)

Youth Group 712: September Schedule

This fall our schedule for Youth Group will look a little different. We will meet from 6 - 8 PM on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of the Month. We will meet from 1 - 3 PM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. ** Some special events will be announced and may have different times.

Sunday Sept 12: 1 - 3 PM at Edward R. Walsh Park

Sunday Sept. 19: 6 - 8 PM at MUMC

Sunday Sept. 26: 2-7 PM in Thompson for our Bonfire.

Please check our link to see where and when the Youth Group will be. You can sign up for all weekly Youth Group activities on our Sign Up Genius [HERE](#).

Catalyst Ministries School Partnership Program

This September, our Mission focus is Catalyst Ministries, a local organization run by Neal Nelson, whose mission is to connect churches with the needs of the Painesville community. Their main ministries are the Painesville School Partnership Program (SPP) and Woodlawn, both of which are supported by MUMC.

While other agencies (such as Salvation Army) donate school supplies to children in the summer, this is the only donation of school supplies during the school year. These supplies go to the teachers to help their students. (Teachers often use their own money to provide these replacement supplies). MUMC collects these supplies in Sep, Oct, Feb, and March. Place your donations in the bin in the Community Center.

Pocket folders with prongs

24 pack Crayola Crayons

Highlighters (varying colors)

Supply Boxes

Earbuds

Ziploc bags (quart size)

Ziploc Bags (gallon size)

Playground Ball – rubber kickball style, rugged Playball - smooth ~15" Snow toys

Pink Pearl Erasers

Dry Erase Markers

Glue Sticks (not purple please)

Fiskars Blunt Tip Scissors

Post-It Notes

Composition notebooks

Jump ropes Basketballs Soccer balls

Adult volunteers are a vital part of the ministry. Volunteers don't need to be professional teachers to assist in the classroom or tutor. Your kindness and willingness to help can make all the difference to a student. For information on volunteering, contact Neal Nelson at neal@catalystministry.net.

Food Ministry Collection

Our next food distribution with Mentor Schools is September 27-28. We will collect food items until September 19 as time is needed to sort and pack. Please only donate the items requested. We distribute specific items as we do not have an open pantry but scheduled distribution for a specified group. For this distribution, we are in need of:

canned fruit (peaches, pears)

baked beans 28 oz. can

spaghetti sauce 24 oz.

Manwich 15 oz. can

canned chicken 10 oz.

Homestyle chicken bake kit 28 oz (just add water)

Donations can be placed in the bin in the Community Center through September 19. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please mark your check "Food Distribution" or use the fund "Food" for online giving. Thank you!

Creative Prayer Classes

To accompany our October and November sermon series on The Lord's Prayer, we will be engaging in creative prayer. Each week of the series, we will focus on a different creative element as it connects to the different parts of The Lord's Prayer. Join us on Monday nights from 7-8 PM to pray in creative and unique ways.

Sign up is required to ensure we have enough materials. Please note the painting class on October 11 requires a small fee. Once you sign up, you will be contacted regarding payment.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mikayla at MDoepker@mentorumc.org. Sign up online at [this link](#) or call the Church Office at 440.255.3496.

Oct. 4	"Our Father"	Revs. Gerald & Sheena Cameron	
Oct. 11	"Hallowed"	Kate Szakacs	Paint Class *requires small fee
Oct. 18	"Thy Kingdom"	Rev. Lauren Clawson	Prayer Cards
Oct. 25	"Give Us"	Gretty Myers	Prayer Beads
Nov. 1	"Forgive Us"	Tammy Palermo	Praying through our senses
Nov. 8	"Lead Us"	Alison Magyari	Prayer Yoga
Nov. 15	"Amen"	Rev. Kathy Dickriede	Praying for our Community/World

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PRAY WHAT? TRY THIS!

CREATIVE PRAYER CLASS

OCTOBER 4-NOVEMBER 15, 7-8 PM

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October 11, 2021	"Hallowed be thy Name"	Kate Szakacs	Paint Class*
October 18, 2021	"Thy Kingdom Come"	Rev. Lauren Clawson	Prayer Cards
October 25, 2021	"Give Us This Day"	Gretty Myers	Prayer Beads
November 1, 2021	"Forgive Us... As We Forgive"	Tammy Palermo	Praying Through Our Senses
November 8, 2021	"Lead Us"	Alison Magyari	Prayer Yoga
November 15, 2021	"Amen"	Rev. Kathy Dickriede	Praying For Our Community & Our World

*Indicates that this class will include a small fee for each participant for supplies and require a reservation.

GO TO MENTORUMC.ORG
OR SCAN TO SIGN UP

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 mpark@mentorumc.org.