
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

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January 16, 2022

Modern Worship at 9 AM

Traditional Worship at 11 AM

Worship with us online every Sunday at 9 and 11 AM at mentorumc.org, [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mentorumc), and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/mentorumc).

Friends,

Growing up music in my house was a big deal. Both my mom and my dad play musical instruments and can often be overheard singing or listening to the radio. My mom, for a period of time, was a Don Moen's biggest fan. You might not know who Don Moen is, but I can almost guarantee you have heard one of his songs. You've probably heard one of his greatest hits, Give Thanks, the chorus of which says "Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son."

This weekend in worship we are going to reflect on our call as followers of Jesus to give thanks. We'll explore questions like "why should we be thankful to God?" "What do we have to be thankful for when life isn't going the way we hoped or planned?" "What does it mean to live a life of thankfulness?" And together we will discover that even in life's most difficult and challenging moments, in the deep grief and hurts that we experience, and in our moments of greatest joy we can give thanks because of Jesus Christ.

We can give thanks for God who is with us always, who loves us beyond measure, and who works all things together for our good. Moen's song begins this way, "Father, we wanna thank You for giving us the gift of your son, Jesus and in return we want to give You all that we have: our hearts, our lives, and our thanks." May we seek now and always to give God our hearts, our lives, and our thanks.

With Thanksgiving,
Pastor Mikayla

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/48826435>.

Town Hall Meeting

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, January 19, at 6:30 for our first "Town Hall" gathering. We will gather to explore our church's vision, and find ways to grow our ministry in the new year. All are invited to this informative meeting, but leaders are especially encouraged to attend. Many of our committees will then meet at 7:15 to discuss their monthly business. If you would like to join the "Town Hall" gathering per Zoom, please contact Pastor Sondra.

Altar Flowers in February

There is an opening for altar flowers on February 6, 2022. If you would like to provide the flowers in memory or honor of someone, please contact Kathy Fellows.

Congregational Care

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

Members admitted to the Hospital:

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro, Jeanne Babcock
Vista Springs - Audrey Arslanian

Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman, Doris Sturm

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob and Sandy Linsell

Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua, Hugh Samson • Grand River - Doris Aplis

Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose

Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely • Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Opal Pinasky, Chuck Tice

Members who are home or homebound:

Karen Scott, Ruth Johnson, Noel Barber, Dale Snyder, Dick Smith, Mike Toth,
Kathy Rippin, Spike Sudekum, Karen Mancini, Mary Jane Scott, Rob Doepker

Love and Sympathy to the family of Jim McAdams who passed on January 3, 2022.

Love and Sympathy to the family of Carol Tidy who passed on January 8, 2022

Discipleship Ministries

<http://mentorumc.org/discipleship>

Pastor Mikayla Doepker mdoepker@mentorumc.org

Beginning this month we will have TWO new groups beginning. For more information on these groups or other offerings connect with Pastor Mikayla today!

Practicing the Presence

Join Pastor Barb, our Minister of Congregational Care, for a new group called Practicing the Presence of God. This group is for those seeking a deeper connection with God. You are invited to meet every other Monday January 24 through May 16 from 7:00-8:30 PM.

The Chosen

Join Michelle, our Director of Modern Worship for a new interactive Bible study that is based on season one of the critically-acclaimed streamed series The Chosen. The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month starting January 17.

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

Tammy Palermo TPalermo@mentorumc.org

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

- 9:00 AM at MUMC
 - 0-2 year old & 3-4 Year old sign in at the Early Childhood Area prior to service
 - Kindergarten through 6th grade REMAIN IN worship with their families.
 - **Leaders are still needed in the 5th & 6th grade group** [Winter Sign Up](#).
Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.

Do you have a 3 and/or 4-year-old and is potty trained? Would they benefit from a preschool experience? Consider enrolling in the Young 3's class starting in January at Mentor UM Preschool. Contact Tammy for more details at TPalermo@mentorumc.org.

MOPS & MOMsnext meets Friday, January 28 from 9:30 AM to Noon at MUMC.

More Than A Meal

The next date for More Than A Meal is January 29. It will be drive-thru pick up of a complete meal. Please let anyone in need know that this is a free meal to our community. If you are interested in helping, see the SignUp Genius at [this link](#) or call the Church Office at 440.255.3496.

Rummage Sale

April 30 has been reserved for the Annual Rummage Sale. However, we need new leadership in order for this to move forward. Rhonda and Larry Hoon will assist in preparations but are unavailable to serve as leaders that weekend. PLEASE LET THEM KNOW IF YOU CAN LEAD OR BE A PART OF THE COMMITTEE to offer this outreach.

Until last year's pandemic pause, the Rummage Sale had been a tradition of MUMC for at least 25 years. This is a needed service for so many in our community, as well as a blessing for those who work at putting it on - - being in the community with one another and building new friendships. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Hoon or JoAnn Greiner

Valentine Boxes

We will soon be packing Valentine Boxes for our college students. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our young adults. If you have a student in college or know someone who would benefit from a care package, please contact Leah Nash. We need names and addresses by January 30th. Financial donations towards the purchase of goodies will also be appreciated.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in desperate need of men's warm winter jackets. Please drop them off in the bin in the Community Center. Thank you!

Food Collection

The Food Ministry is in need of specific items for the March distribution. We are collecting the following items in January:

- paper napkins
- paper plates
- 4 lb. bag of sugar
- zipper (not fold) sandwich bags
- zipper quart freezer bags
- 150 sq. feet aluminum foil
- 300 sq. feet plastic wrap
- 13 gallon trash bags

Please place your donations in the bin in the Community Center through January 31. Keep an eye out for our February list coming next month!

Self-Defense Class

R.A.D = Rape Aggression Defense training for women

MUMC will host a FREE 4-week *Hands on/Reality Based/Self-Defense Class*

(Must be able to attend all 4 classes) February 14,18,21,25 from 6 - 9 p.m.

Contact: Becky Ross @ 440-488-1053 or at beckyrossm1213@gmail.com