
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

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January 23, 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).

Dear Friends,

I imagine that most of us have had someone pray for us. Whether you have faced a health concern, mourned the death of a loved one, sent a child off to college, stood at the crossroads of a huge decision ... whatever it was, if someone said, "I'll pray for you!" ... you were probably grateful.

Prayer matters because it draws us into a deeper relationship with God. As followers of Jesus we trust that God loves us and desires the best for us. As followers of Jesus, we seek to abide in Christ and receive the peace and power and direction that God offers to us. How is your prayer life? Because your prayer life says a lot about your relationship with God.

Do you trust God to act?
Do you watch for God to act?
Do you deepen your walk with God because God acts?

The Apostle Paul begged the young pastor, Timothy, and the earliest church, to pray. "Begged" is my word ... but so important was the life of prayer that everything else hinged upon people praying. The Methodist movement, shaped by John Wesley, embraced prayer as a mark of discipleship. Praying for all ... at all times ... would reflect a life of faith and not only guide believers but change the world.



To "pray constantly" may seem overwhelming... like what do you do "constantly"? Yet to live a faithful life with anything less than constant prayer is to miss out on what God wants to do in and through you. Think about it this week ... and join me in prayer

Pastor Sondra

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/48830000>.

More Than a Meal

Mentor UMC serves a hot meal to the community the last Saturday of every month. Since March 2020, the meals have been served per drive-thru pickup at our Gallery entrance, and some meals are delivered. NEXT MEAL - this Saturday, January 29 from 5:30 - 6. This is a great way to **Engage** in our mission ... by helping prepare a meal or financially supporting the outreach to our community. If you know someone who could benefit from a meal, be sure to let them know about the ministry!

Congregational Care

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

Members admitted to the Hospital: Dee Smith

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro, Jeanne Babcock
Vista Springs - Audrey Arslanian • Salida Woods - Doris Sturm
Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman
Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob and Sandy Linsell, Opal Pinasky
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

Members who are home or homebound:

Ruth Johnson, Noel Barber, Dale Snyder, Kathy Rippin, Karen Mancini, Mary Jane Scott, Rob Doepker

Love and Sympathy to the family of Chuck Tice who passed on January 17, 2022

Love and Sympathy to the family of Wilfred "Spike" Sudekum who passed on January 12th

Love and Sympathy to Roxanna Beers and family in the passing of her father, K. Eric Beers, on January 10, 2022

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorunc.org/children

Tammy Palermo TPalermo@mentorunc.org

MUMC Sunday Morning Kids

*** 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 6 th grade begin in worship with their families and will be dismissed to their classrooms.
- o **Leaders are still needed in the 5th & 6th grade group.** Here is the [Winter Sign Up](#).
Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.

Children and/or youth are encouraged to be ACTIVE participants in Family Worship on the first Sunday of each month

o [February 6 Sign Up](#)

Pre-Registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year for MUM Preschool. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool next fall, please share the mentorunc.org/preschool website.

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 3s class at Mentor UM Preschool. Contact Tammy for more details.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Friday, January 28 from 9:30 am to noon at MUMC.

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

Due to personal reasons, the part-time office assistant recently resigned. If you are interested in learning more about the position, please contact Pastor Sondra or Jill Kilpeck, SPRC chair.

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

Blood Drive

During 2021, MUMC hosted blood drives that collected 230 units of blood, impacting the lives of up to 690 patients. The next scheduled drive is March 22, 2022. Whether at MUMC or elsewhere, please consider giving the gift of life. There is currently a critical need.