

# Mentor United Methodist Church

## Weekly Update

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January 30, 2022

Modern Worship at 9 AM

Traditional Worship at 11 AM

Worship with us online every Sunday at 9 and 11 AM

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Hello Friends,

What an honor it is to be asked to share with you about the recent immersion class I completed. As some of you may be aware, I am in seminary pursuing a Master of Arts in Practical Theology, as well as working towards candidacy to become a Deacon. Returning to the role of a student after thirty years was not necessarily my plan, but as we all know God has plans for me and for each of us. As this week's sermon title is "A Methodist Loves Others", I was asked to share my experience from my class: Being with the Poor, held at the United Methodist [Church for All People](#) and Community Development for All People in Southside Columbus.

Immersion is exactly what took place. I was able to be in the community with folks on the margins. Folks that I do not normally encounter in Mentor, Ohio. I was able to work alongside people in the Free Store, an amazing place that started the All People community and offers free clothes and housewares, and in the Fresh Market, where people can have free produce five days a week. I worked with the leaders for the afterschool program at one of the elementary schools in the neighborhood. I shared meals and worship with this community as well as spent time learning more about poverty and how various income levels are affecting Southside.

The most important concept that I must share with you all is this...being with poor is not about doing for others; it is not about trying to fix the situation or people. The most important thing that we are called to do is to be in a relationship WITH the poor and marginalized. While it is easier to be transactional, God wants us to be relational. We are created to be in a relationship with God and with people. God wants us to love one another, to be in a relationship with one another. As we process the message this week, my challenge for each of us is to be relational and not transactional, and my prayer is that we all remember that a Methodist LOVES OTHERS.

Humbly, Tammy



### You Version

The You Version link for this week is <https://www.bible.com/events/48833774>



### Pastors' Bus Pass Challenge

Pastors Sondra and Mikayla are challenging our congregation to buy bus passes. These will support the ministries of The Refugee Response in Cleveland, Project Hope for the Homeless in Lake County, and Mentor UMC. You can help someone with transportation by “buying a bus pass” in The Gallery before or after worship or by marking your giving “Pastors’ Bus Pass Challenge.” We can love our neighbors during these cold months by providing warm transportation. You can track the challenge progress by scanning the QR Code.



### Town Hall Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Town Hall Meeting. We celebrated our 2021 ministry and were challenged to embrace our vision for 2022: to connect, reach, engage, and welcome. Those in attendance were invited to reflect upon a “Mission Review” document. If you would like to offer your reflections, you may do so [here](#)

### 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.

## Congregational Care

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

Members admitted to the Hospital: Jim Haines

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradrich ~ 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  
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin ~ Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose  
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely ~ Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom  
Breckinridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher ~ Menorah Park - Dee Smith

Members who are home or homebound:

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

Love and Sympathy to Do Garis and family on the passing of her grandson, Michael Fetterman,  
on January 24, 2022



**!!HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

~Kay Disbro celebrated her 101st birthday on Sunday, January 23, 2022~

~Cards and well wishes can be sent to Kay at ~

~The Enclave of Newell Creek; 7900 Center St., Mentor~

## 2021 Giving Tree Report

114 Families including 307 children received gifts at Christmas thanks to generous donations made by the MUMC congregation

Over \$950 was also donated to various missions, both locally and abroad.

These include the Nehemiah Mission, Africa University, Salvation Army, and Lake County Free Clinic

## Children, and Family Ministries

[www.mentorumc.org/children](http://www.mentorumc.org/children)

Tammy Palermo [TPalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto: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 and 6th-grade group Winter [Sign Up Here](#).**
- 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.

[Sign up here](#) for February

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 [mentorumc.org/preschool](http://mentorumc.org/preschool) website.

Do you have a 3 and/or 4-year-old who 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](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org)



As followers of Jesus, we are all on a journey, and our journey includes a desire to strengthen our life of faith. Journey Groups are our version of small groups. Journey Groups meet regularly and discuss a variety of topics, studies, and materials. Each Journey Group, with the help of a leader, seeks to cultivate community, strengthen one another in faith and in life, and encourage all on a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

If you are interested in joining a Journey Group click here: [Join A Journey Group](#)

If you would like more information or have questions email Pastor Mikayla Doepker here: <mailto:mdoepker@mentorumc.org>

### **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!**

### 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 years' 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

### Food Collection

The Food Ministry needs specific items for the March distribution.

We are collecting the following items in January:

- ~ paper napkins ~ paper plates ~ 4lb. 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 PM

Contact: Becky Ross @ 440-488-1053 or at [beckyrossrn1213@gmail.com](mailto:beckyrossrn1213@gmail.com)

## NOTE OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE IN FEBRUARY

February to April 2022 Worship Schedule		
9 AM   Modern & Traditional	10:15 AM   The Gathering	11 AM   Modern & Traditional
<p>Modern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-Person</li><li>• Live-streamed</li><li>• Located in Fellowship Hall</li></ul> <p>Traditional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-Person</li><li>• Located in Sanctuary</li></ul>	<p>The Gathering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-Person</li><li>• Mask Required</li><li>• Located in Chapel</li></ul>	<p>Modern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-Person</li><li>• Located in Fellowship Hall</li></ul> <p>Traditional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In-Person</li><li>• Live-streamed</li><li>• Located in Sanctuary</li></ul>
*Sunday School for children will be offered during the 9 AM Services.		



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# CHOOSING A SHAPE

JOIN US IN-PERSON OR ONLINE SUNDAYS 9 AM AND 11 AM

2/6 JUSTICE OR INJUSTICE	2/20 SALVATION OR JUDGEMENT
2/13 CONFIDENCE OR DOUBT	2/27 GOD OR HUMANKIND

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