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WEEKLY UPDATE

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APRIL 3RD, 2022

MODERN WORSHIP AT 9 AM AND 11 AM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP AT 9 AM AND 11 AM



Worship with us online every Sunday at 9 and 11 AM
Mentorumc.org, [Facebook](#), and [Youtube](#)

DEAR LENTEN SOJOURNERS,

April arrives, and this week we welcome the return of our choir's cantata during our traditional services. "At the Ninth Hour" will share Christ's passion, and invite you into the story. Thank you to all those who share their faith and musical gifts to help others draw near to Jesus. During our modern worship, The Heritage Chorale of Cleveland has provided a special number for us. Our Lenten Journey has been enriched by many African American spirituals this season. Indeed, Jesus makes Plenty Good Room for all.

Throughout Lent I have been striving to spend time with Jesus...literally taking time to sit with him; to find rest and refreshment in his presence. This means I need to silence the distractions of my life...fast from the delicacies that I yearn for and crave...confess my hurts, uncertainties, vulnerabilities, and my failings...and listen. Listen...so as to receive.....

If you don't listen...you miss words of assurance and peace...you miss new insight...you miss the music God wants to sing into your life. Yes—sing! This week I think God wants to sing a song of deliverance into your life. God wants to offer words of forgiveness and blessing, hope and promise. As music fills our worship spaces, may you be ready to receive the message of God's deliverance.

Sit with Jesus!

Listen...

Come and worship Jesus with us...

Pastor Sondra





CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradrich

The Enclave - Kay Disbro, Jeanne Babcock, Jim & Mary Lou Haines, Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler

Vista Springs - Audrey Arslanian

Salida Woods - Doris Sturm

Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob and Sandy Linsell, Opal Pinasky, Delores Parsons

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

The Embassy - Shirley Dessner

Members who are recovering at home or homebound:

Ruth Johnson, Noel Barber, Dale Snyder, Karen Mancini, Mary Jane Scott,
Glenn McKinney, Dee Smith, Kathy Barton, Jarod Mausolf, Debbie Shorter

Need to Know

You Version

The You Version link for this week is:
<https://bible.com/events/48867609>

Congratulations & Prayers

of Blessings offered to Tammy Palermo who was affirmed for candidacy by MUMC Charge Conference vote on March 20th. She was then affirmed by the Western Reserve District Committee on Ministry March 24. Tammy is now a Certified Candidate for Ministry!

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale is set for April 30th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM! Check out the Info Hub & our Social Media for flyers and sign-ups! For further questions:
g5.1@icloud.com
Larry Hoon: larryhoon@yahoo.com

New Member Class

Pastor Sondra will be leading a new member class on the evenings of April 4th & 11th. If you would like to connect with others, learn more about the mission of Mentor UMC, and find ways to engage in our ministry then JOIN THE CONVERSATION! Please reach out to Pastor Sondra if you have questions or interest:
ssnode@mentorumc.org or call the church office: 440-255-3496

\$42 for 42 Thank You!

Thank you to those who got involved and donated on behalf of \$42 for 42. Your kindness is deeply appreciated!



Soccer Team

Our Mission's Team has sponsored *Corner 65* through Refugee Response. See the team in action by checking out our social media pages for updates.

Name Tags

We are ordering name tags! Would you like one? This is a great way to show hospitality to others. If you have one, please wear it. If you need one, please contact the church office by **April 4th, 2022.**

Companions In Grief

Starting April 21st is a support program using the book, *A Grief Received: What to Do When Loss Leaves You Empty-Handed*. Meeting Thursdays from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM with a retreat day on Saturday, June 4th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The cost is \$20 & includes the book. Register through Rev. Barb Holzhauser: 440-255-3496 ext. 106 or bholzhauser@mentorumc.org.

Caring Servants

The April meeting will be held Monday, **April 4th, 2022** at 7:00 pm due to Holy Week beginning on April 11th. It will be in person! RSVP through Bev Lee or Rev. Barb.

Scholarship

MUMC will award annual scholarships! The deadline is Friday, April 22, 2022, at 3:00 PM. You can find the application here: www.mentorumc.org If you have questions or issues e-mail them to Scholarship@mentorumc.org

Thank you!

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and your committed giving through multiple *In This House* Campaigns, the church recently was able to make our final payment on our mortgage with Erie Bank.

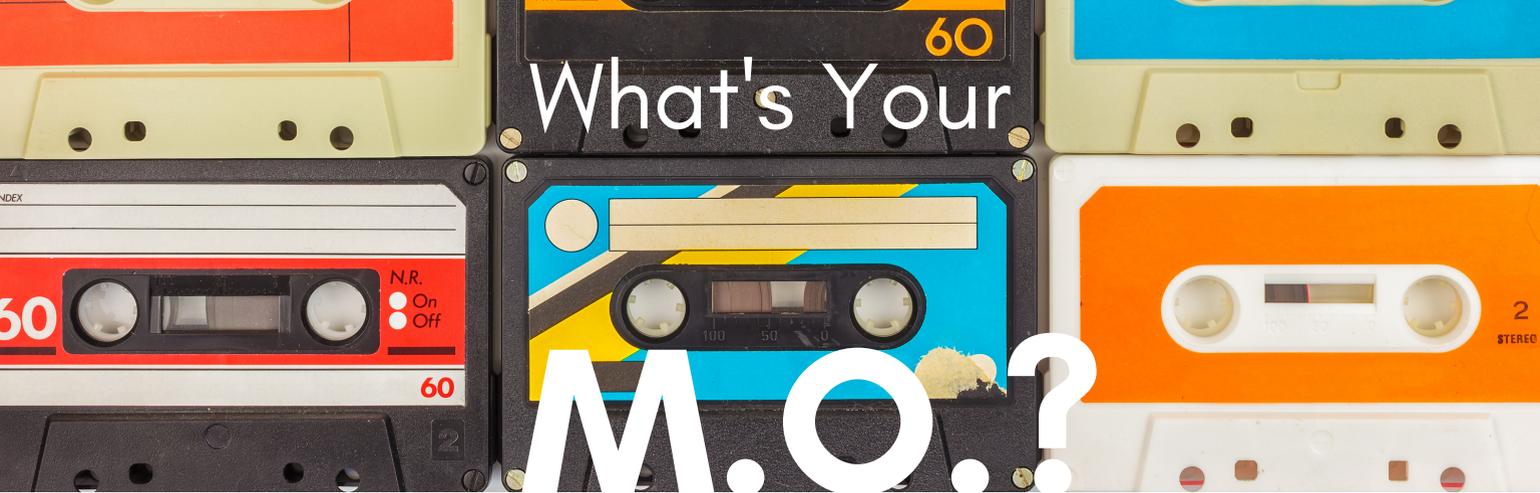
We were able to pay off a \$2,500,000 mortgage in just seven and a half years.

Paying off this Erie Bank Mortgage was a major milestone for Mentor United Methodist and is worthy of a celebration, but it is important to note that the church also received a \$610,000 loan for the *In This House* construction project from our own gifts, endowments, and memorials (GEM) fund. We have been paying interest on that loan throughout the life of the Erie Bank Mortgage, and now with the mortgage retired, we will be able to use future pledges and contributions to pay down the principal on the outstanding loan from GEM.



We appreciate your continued support. If you will contribute towards this debt you can note "retire GEM Loan" on your envelope or check or select "ITH III" as the fund type if submitting an online payment through the MUMC website.

To thank the congregation for their continued support, the Finance Committee and the GEM Committee will be hosting Fellowship Hour between services on Sunday, April 10th. Please join us from 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the Gallery.



Change the World Day

Partnering with *Sleep In Heavenly Peace*, the Mission Team's goal is to build 50 beds for children in our area. Join us on May 14th, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (2:00-3:00 will be cleanup) to change the world and the lives of children in our area. No prior skills are required and all materials and tools will be provided. Sign up in the Info Hub or right [here](#). For more information on Sleep In Heavenly Peace, [click here](#).

Traditional Worship Invitation

If you regularly attend MUMC, have a love of people in both this church & our community without bias, a desire to faithfully see All walking on a path that leads to Christ-centered discipleship, or worry that there may be people who have not yet felt comfortable to return to worship, then please attend our Traditional Worship Team meeting April 20th, 7:15 PM in the Wesley Room. We know that life is busy, unpredictable, and your time is one of the most valuable gifts that the Lord has given to you. Meetings are usually once a month. Questions? Amy Szabo, Worship Team Chair: amypszaborn@gmail.com
Chris Fournier, Worship Team Secretary: beadcrazy4@gmail.com
or contact Pastors Sondra or Mikayla.

Food Collection

The Food Ministry is currently in need of these specific items for the upcoming Easter distribution:

- 28-oz. Minute Rice
- 2 lbs. Spaghetti
- 24-oz. Spaghetti Sauce
- 15-oz Canned Beef Stew
- 12.5-oz. Canned Chunk Chicken
- 18.6-oz Chunky Soup (Poultry or Beef)

Donations can be placed in the Community Center.

Camp Volunteers Needed

Royal Family KIDS Camp is a 1-week summer opportunity for local children ages 6-11 who are in foster care and have experienced neglect and abuse. Needed are teen and adult volunteers. Before camp, volunteers go through training and are fingerprinted for the kids' safety. This year's camp is scheduled for June 5th-10th. For more info and an application contact Johanna Martin: johannamartin@sbcglobal.net

Snack Sign Up

We are inviting groups or individuals to support our Memorial MS Theatre Program by providing snacks. We are asking that groups or individuals sign up to provide snacks for one week of rehearsals. The snacks can be dropped off in the Community Center. Sign up [Here](#).

Youth Group Fundraiser

The Youth Group is doing a fundraiser called, "Egg My Yard". People can purchase eggs to be hidden or dropped off at their homes on April 16th, 2022. All proceeds will benefit Middle School Mission Week & Youth Service Project. Check out this form to sign up: [Click Here](#).

Candy Donation

The Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt and our Youth Mission Fundraiser "Egg My Yard" are both in need of individually wrapped candy donations. Please drop off donations at Community Center.

Jewelry Donation

The Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co. would like donations of jewelry to be brought to their luncheons. Email cwstonecroft@yahoo.com for more.

Ukraine

You can donate to the aid of Ukraine through our online giving designating it to "UMCOR - Ukraine". [Click here](#).

Mission Moment: Flat Rock Homes

Check out this [flyer](#) for details and how to get involved!

WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

MUMC Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 AM at MUMC

- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign in at the Early Childhood Area before service
- Kindergarten through 6th grade begins in worship with their families and are then dismissed to the Education Wing.
- Spring Sign Up is open. Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.
 - Babies, Toddlers, & 2 Year olds need 2 people
 - 5 & 6th Grade needs 1 person

Family Worship

Families are encouraged to be *active* participants in Family Worship on the first Sunday of each month.

Please sign up for May 1st.

Lenten Families Update

All families are encouraged to pick up a copy of *Faithful Families for Lent, Easter, & Resurrection* from Tammy. Activities are selected each week.

For the fifth week of Lent, choose one of the activities from Chapters 3-6.



Pre-Registration

Do you have a three and/or four-year-old who is potty trained? Would they benefit from a preschool experience? Consider enrolling in the Young 3s class at Mentor UM Preschool. Pre-Reg is open for the 2022-2023 school year. And if you know of anyone looking for a preschool next fall, please share the mentorumc.org/preschool website. Contact Tammy for more details at tpalermo@mentorumc.org

MOPS & MOMS

Friday, April 8th from 9:30 AM to noon at MUMC. Email mops@mentorumc.org for more information and/or the Zoom link.

Summer Programs

- Vacation Bible School June 20-24
- Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp June 20-24
- Middle School Mission Week July 5-8
- Theatre Arts Camp July 11-15, 18-22
- Registration Link

Youth Group

Youth Group (Grades 7-12) meets Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00 PM and Youth 56 meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 PM. Learn more at <http://mentorumc.org/youth>

Journey Group Ministries

Meeting regularly and discussing a variety of topics, studies, and materials. Each Journey Group seeks to cultivate community, strengthen one another in faith and life, and encourage all on a path of Christ-centered discipleship. If you are interested in joining click here: [Join A Journey Group](#). If you would like more information or have questions email Pastor Mikayla Doepker by clicking here: [Email Pastor Mikayla](#).

