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WEEKLY UPDATE

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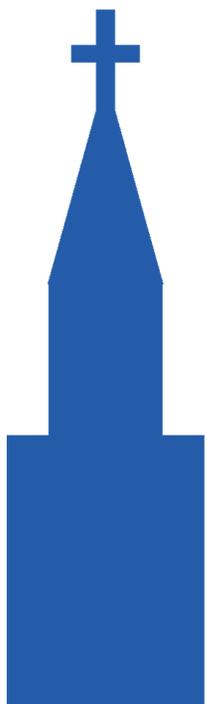
MARCH 6TH, 2022

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP AT 9 AM AND 11 AM

MODERN WORSHIP AT 9 AM AND 11 AM

THE GATHERING - 10:15 IN THE CHAPEL

*"When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus."  
Matthew 17: 8 (NIV)*



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

# DEAR FELLOW SOJOURNERS,

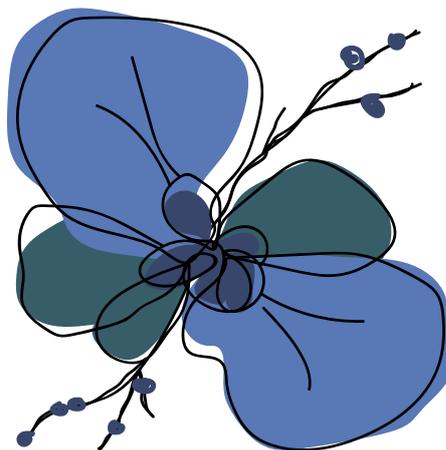
The Season of Lent has begun...a time to journey with Jesus and reflect upon our own journeys. As Christ's followers we know the love of God revealed in Jesus—a love so deep and profound that nothing in all creation, not even death, can separate us from knowing. Yet the truth is, if we don't pause to remember or stop and reflect once in a while, we will miss the transforming gift that God offers us in his Son. Knowing is good. Embracing the power and love of God's truth is better. Living within this truth is best.

Our Lenten Sermon Series is built upon a lenten study entitled "Plenty Good Room" by Marilyn E. Thornton. This title comes from an African American Spiritual by the same name—which calls us to remember that we serve a God who makes room for us despite our daily betrayals, our sins, our brokenness... despite all that would prevent us from knowing God's eternal love. God makes room for you and me, and all people! God acts! God saves! God offers us the joy of Easter by entering into our wilderness journeys. To experience God's best on Easter morning is to know God's steadfastness in the wilderness wanderings of our lives.

So I invite you to a season of reflection—a lenten journey that will provide an opportunity for us to reflect on our humanity, view brokenness through various lenses, and once again hear the eternal truths of God. Sometimes spoken, sometimes sung, sometimes only a small seed of hope we cling to...God's love and power revealed in Jesus is good...is better than all the rest...is best.

Taking the time,

Pastor Sondra



# CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**In our prayers today and 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 and Mary Lou Haines, Delores Tackett

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, Jim Haines

*Members who are recovering at home or homebound:*

Ruth Johnson, Noel Barber, Dale Snyder, Kathy Rippin, Karen Mancini, Doris Aplis, Mary Jane Scott, Glenn McKinney, Kelly Kuczynski, Dee Smith, Kathy Barton, Norm Melchreit, Jarod Mausolf





# *Need to Know*

WE WON'T LET YOU  
MISS A THING.

## **You Version**

The You Version link for this week is:

<https://bible.com/events/48852564>

## **Scholarship**

MUMC will award annual scholarships for the purpose of encouraging outstanding students to continue their education beyond high school. Deadline is Friday, April 22, 2022 3:00 PM. You can find the application here:

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

If you have questions or issues e-mail them to

[Scholarship@mentorumc.org](mailto:Scholarship@mentorumc.org)

## **Friday Night at The Movies**

Join us Friday, March 25th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a viewing and discussion of *The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel*. To learn more:

<https://www.peterertelfilm.com>

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## **Spring Flowers**

It is a tradition at Mentor United Methodist Church to place spring flowers on the altar for Easter services in the memory or appreciation of loved ones or for the glory of God. **Plants are \$8.00 each.** [Click here](#) for the link to the information form. Once it has been completed you can send them to Kathy Fellows at:

[kathy.fellows79@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.fellows79@gmail.com)

To make your payment online, choose "Easter Flowers" as the fund at this link:

<http://mentorumc.org/onlinegiving>.

Or make checks payable to Mentor United Methodist Church, c/o Altar Guild Easter Flowers, 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Checks may also be dropped off at the church.

## **Rummage Sale Update**

We have decided to step back from the April 30 Cornerstone Annual Rummage Sale—not enough people felt comfortable enough to do the work necessary. So where do we go from here? The world is changing and so must we. Join Jo Ann Greiner and Larry Hoon in the gallery at 10 am, Tuesday, March 15 to discuss the future of the rummage sale and ways to offset the loss of money that went to support our church's missions and other worthy projects, short and long term.

## **Soccer Team**

Our Mission's Team has sponsored *Corner 65* through Refugee Response. Please come see the team in action through the months of March & April! Check out our social media pages for updates. Upcoming: March 12th @ 6:00 PM (Westlake Full Field) March 18th @ 6:00 PM (Westlake Full Field)

# What's Your M.O.?

## School Supply Collection for Partnership Program

Did you know that MUMC has a partnership with Chestnut Elementary School? We do and it's that time of year when supplies need to be replenished. We invite you to partner with us in providing the following supplies:

- Pocket Folders with Prongs
- Dry Erase Markers
- Supply Boxes
- Ziplock Bags (both gallon & quart size)
- Pink Pearl Erasers
- Highlighters (various colors)
- Fiskars Blunt Tip Scissors
- Post-It Notes
- Composition Notebooks
- 24 Pack Crayola Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Clear Page Protectors
- Earbuds

*School Supply donations will be collected through mid-March and may be placed in the bin located at the Community Center, off the Gallery toward the Education Wing. Thank you for being a vital part of our School Partnership Program.*

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Blood Drive

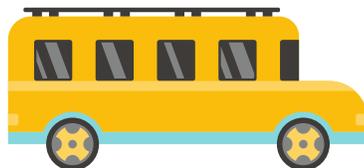
On March 22nd the Blood Drive will take place in Asbury & Wesley, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Schedule an appointment online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: Mentorunited or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

### 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 bin in the Community Center.*



### Ukraine

You can donate to the aid of Ukraine through United Methodist Church's Disaster Relief webpage. Link here: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/> or donate through our online giving designating it to "UMCOR - Ukraine". [Click here.](#)

### Volunteers Needed

Painesville City Local Schools is in need of volunteers to help assemble their new collection of interactive books. Please contact Neal Nelson to learn more: [neal@catalystministry.net](mailto:neal@catalystministry.net)

"THANK YOU to EVERYONE who accepted the challenge and donated to our *Bus Pass Challenge*. We are grateful for your generosity and look forward to passing the dollars along to those who will benefit. Total Donated: \$1,327. Praise the Lord!"  
-Pastor Sondra & Pastor Mikayla

# WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

AN UPDATE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES, YOUTH GROUP, AND JOURNEY GROUP MINISTRIES

## MUMC Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 AM at MUMC

- Ages 0-2 and 3-4 sign-in at the Early Childhood Area prior to 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.

FAMILIES are encouraged to be ACTIVE participants in Family Worship on the first Sunday of each month. Please sign up for April 3rd.

### 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-Registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year for MUM Preschool. And if you know of anyone looking for a preschool next fall, please share the [mentorumc.org/preschool](http://mentorumc.org/preschool) website. Contact Tammy for more details at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org)

### MOPS & MOMS

Friday, March 11 from 9:30 am to noon at MUMC.

### Youth Group

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

### Pottery Painting

The Youth Group will go to Busy Bees Pottery on Sunday, March 27th from 1:00-3:00 PM. Students can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cabab29a2fa7-youth5>

### 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](#).

# N O W

## Devotionals

*The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* devotionals are available in the Narthex (rear of the sanctuary) or church office. Pick yours up or take one to a friend. You can also donate \$1 but too many are going unread so come get one this week!

## Families

As we enter the season of Lent all families are encouraged to pick up a copy of *Faithful Families for Lent, Easter, & Resurrection* from Tammy Palermo. There are activities that have been selected for families to do during this season. For the first week of Lent, our activity can be found on page 28, "Pretzel Prayers".

## Recommendation

Rev. Barbara Holzhauser recommends Martha W. Hickman's *Healing After Loss*. This book acts as a guide to dealing with grief. Hickman has written daily meditations that inspire, comfort, and challenge. Can be purchased most places you buy books, including here: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/0380773384/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_apan\\_glt\\_i\\_GAKTSQX6T\\_PPRE1WJFV7Q](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0380773384/ref=cm_sw_r_apan_glt_i_GAKTSQX6T_PPRE1WJFV7Q)

## New Book Alert

There's a group reading a new book, *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. They meet Sundays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. For more info on

how to join, see the Journey Group section on the "What Are They Up To?" page in this Weekly Update.

Link to the book below:

<https://www.cokesbury.com/Witness-at-the-Cross?refq=witness%20at%20the%20cross>

## Lenten Study

Join Pastor Mikayla and some special guests for a Lenten Journey where we realize that we can't do and be everything. Using Kate Bowler's new book *Good Enough*, we will recognize that though we are finite, the life we live can and is beautiful with God.

We will gather each day of Lent (excluding Sundays) at 8:00 PM for approximately ten minutes. Meetings take place on Zoom. It will be recorded for those who cannot participate live to watch later. **Join anytime throughout Lent!**

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