MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEEKLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

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Worship with us in-person or online:
Mentorumc.org, Facebook, and Youtube

Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern
9:15 AM Chapel
10:30 AM Communion
(except first of month)
11 AM Traditional



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope you are all well and engaging with activities that give you life! I know that doing ministry with our young people at Mentor UMC gives me so much life! We had a great fall season of football games and visiting local businesses and events. We've also learned so many new things, like learning new life skills and digging deeper into discipleship with the CYC curriculum youth using throughout the East Ohio UMC Conference.

While I love our fall season of busyness, I am grateful for the winter approaching. Winter reminds us to slow down. As I think cozy winter, I think of Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God."

Even as we go into the holiday hoopla, may we remember to slow down, to pause, to be in the spirit of waiting during Advent. I am looking forward to seeing you at our winter events, and my hope is that these can be spaces for you to spiritually pause and slow down as a community.

Mackalyn Figgins
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Care CONGREGATIONAL

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

Admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Enclave - Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Joe & Judy Tirpak
Ohman Family Living in Holly - Bob & Sandy Linsell
Parker Place - Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox
Salida Woods - June Van Ostrand

In need of prayer:

Russ Lancaster, Kay McKinney, Mary Ellen Reynolds, Nancy Smith,
Joyce Snyder, Ruthie Hobart, Richard & Nancy Smith, Laura Van Riper,
Rev. Connie Sterner, Star Bruno, Wrobel Family

Stewardship Update

The table to the right shares the most recent financial stewardship update. You're pledged and general giving supports the whole Body of Christ at Mentor UMC. It is one indication of being on a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Together, we are sharing the Gospel and making a difference. Thank you.

We also give thanks for more unexpected, undesignated giving in October that covered our deficit and put us in the black. Let us give thanks and praise to God.

For any questions, reach out to Stephanie Lee in the church office. As always, a church budget is available on request.

October Giving	**$138,136.17**
YTD Giving	$792,805.04
YTD Expenses	$790,906.75
YTD Overage (Deficit)	$1,898.29

Conference Apportionments paid for 2026=> 100%

Horizons Stewardship Partnership: An Exciting New Chapter for MUMC

MUMC has contracted with *Horizons Stewardship*, a leading church stewardship consulting firm that has helped more than 10,000 churches and faith-based organizations raise over $9 billion since 1992.

Horizons was recommended by MUMC's Stewardship and Generosity Task Force (SGTF) after interviewing representatives from three leading firms. The recommendation was approved by the Administrative Council at its September meeting. The task force was particularly impressed by Horizons' United Methodist roots and theological understanding, along with its emphasis on growing and deepening Christian discipleship.

We will be working with Rev. Dr. Norma Quinn, Certified Fund-Raising Executive (CFRE), who will serve as our consultant and coach through March, followed by an ongoing supportive relationship.

The entire cost of our contract ($31,500 plus travel expenses) is being covered by members of the SGTF who felt led to contribute personally, believing deeply that this partnership will further our mission *to lead all on a path of Christ-centered discipleship* while nurturing a culture of stewardship and generosity. Everyone is invited to be part of this exciting new chapter for MUMC!

More information was included in your third-quarter giving statement letter, which was mailed the week of November 2nd. To watch a brief two-minute video and learn more about Horizons Stewardship and our consultant, Norma Quinn, visit www.horizons.net/about.

Need to Know

Youversion
https://bible.com/events/49693251
Learn more about Sunday worship.

Horizons Zoom
Join an "Open Invite" Zoom focus meeting with Norma Quinn from Horizons Stewardship on Monday, November 16th at 5:00 PM. Find the link here.

Tree Removal
On Saturday, November 28th, the Trustees and the Young Adults will work toward the removal of non-native/invasive trees on church grounds. The Young Adults are spending this year focusing on *Creation Care*. One way to explore that is through intentional care of church grounds. The plants removed will be replaced.

Whole Church Bible Study
All are welcome to join us for "Lunch & Learn" at 12:30 PM on Sunday, November 22nd. We'll prepare for Advent together with Biblical discussion. Please RSVP online here.

Advent Candle Lighters
Sign up online or in the Info Hub for Advent Candle lighting during a Sunday this Advent season. For questions, reach out to Pastor Tammy.

Brews & Bibles
All are welcome to join for another "Brews & Bibles" study this Advent. Starting on November 24th, we'll meet on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM for 4 weeks to discuss Amy-Jill Levine's Light of the World. Learn more about the book & purchase online here. We'll meet at a different Holiday bar in the area each week. Questions, reach out to Mackalyn Figgins.

Baptism

Callan Anthony Brugh
Child of
Jocelyn & Anthony Brugh
Born February 11, 2026

Baptized
in Traditional Worship
On Sunday, November 8, 2026

Poinsettia Orders
Order your poinsettias for Christmas Eve now! Forms are available online and in the Info Hub. Plants are $7.50 each. They will be displayed during the Christmas Eve services (your choice of Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary) then you may pick yours up after the service or the following Sunday. You may also choose to donate your plant.

Christmas Cantata
The Christmas Cantata will take place on Sunday, December 13th at 11 AM in the Sanctuary. Join us in person or online for a fantastic presentation.

Blue Christmas
Join us on Wednesday, December 16th at 5 PM in the Chapel for a meaningful service for those grieving this holiday season.

Prelude to Christmas
Each year, our Charter Member Men's Choir, along with members of the men's choirs from Painesville & Chardon United Methodist, presents an evening of the Christmas story told through scripture and song. Join us on Friday, December 18th in the Sanctuary at 7 PM for a special service that includes candle lighting during the singing of "Silent Night".

Advent Devotional
Find a copy of the Advent Devotional by Sanctified Art in the Info Hub OR online here. There are **LIMITED** physical copies available, so we encourage readers to check out the online version!

Carols in the Gallery
Join us on Sundays during Advent at Fellowship Hour after worship for refreshments and beautiful Christmas music played by friends & members, such as the gifted Carol Haines.

Shepherding Summit: Celebrate - Vision - GO!
Join us on Saturday, January 23rd from 9 AM to 3 PM for a day full of celebration, fellowship, good food, worship, and church learning. ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend. Participants will take part in activities, awards, and breakout rooms as well as opening & closing worship. Lunch is provided. RSVP online here for this big day. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Steve.

Extending the Table: A New Ministry of Holy Communion
The Lord's Table is open to all, including those who are unable to join us for worship in person. Through our new *Extending the Table* ministry, trained laypersons will bring Holy Communion to people in their homes, hospitals, or other settings. In this way, we extend the fellowship, grace, and love of Christ beyond the walls of our church. You can be part of this meaningful ministry by participating in a brief orientation. Contact Pastor Steve to learn more.

What's Your M...? *Mission Opportunities*



Gingerbread Thank You

Thanks to our congregation for all their help in once again making Gingerbread House a success. We made well over $8,000 for missions. Thanks to all the shoppers, those selling, bakers, caramel puff makers, crafters, cheese cutters and pricers, sign makers, cooks, truck driver who hauled away unsold attic treasures, and all those who supported our efforts.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

MUMC will once again host a Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 26th from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. We feed hundreds in the community every year. To receive a meal, CALL the church office to RSVP for dine-in or request carry-out or delivery (Lake Co).

Volunteers: This meal isn't possible without YOU! The sign ups for food donations and volunteering will be available in person and online on Sunday, November 1st. Visit the Gallery to sign up after service.

Memorial Middle School Theatre Program Snack Donations

Pastor Tammy is looking for donations of snacks for the Memorial Middle students as they rehearse their upcoming musical. Sign up online here to donate snacks for the kids. Donations can be dropped off int he church office or to Pastor Tammy's office.

Christmas Trees Setup

Help is needed to put up trees around the church on Tuesday, November 17th. Helpers will be here from 10 AM to 4 PM. Please come whenever you can during that time. Call or text Betsy at 440-283-6524.

Caring Servants Christmas Party

All Caring Servants are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 2nd from 11 AM to 1:30 PM for the Caring Servant Christmas Party at MUMC. Feel free to bring a dish. Reach out to Sally Rachek for questions.

Food Ministry

The MUMC Food Pantry holds regular food distributions, serving families in our community. Drop off items in the Community Center bin. If you wish to volunteer for the distribution, please reach out to Alan Vick: realcat26@proton.me

More Than a Meal

Volunteer to prepare, cook, serve, or clean up for the next More Than a Meal on Saturday, **November 21st,** to accomodate for Thanksgiving weekend**.** Doors open at 5 PM and the meal is served at 5:30 PM. This meal happens EVERY last Saturday of the month. Signup online here or get in touch with the church office.

YOUTH Group Volunteers

Our Youth (grades 6-12) meet on the fourth Sunday of the month from 4 PM to 6 PM. During this time, we will have a snack, do a short Bible study, and learn a life skill. This can be any life skill, such as gardening, cooking, rough carpentry, how to change a tire, navigation skills, etc. and can relate to the Bible study, but doesn't need to. Please signup online here or reach out to Mackalyn Figgins if interested in leading a skill.

Project Hope Needs

Project Hope for the Homeless in Painesville is in need of the following items:

Plastic spoons, hot cocoa packets, drink mix-no red, fruit cups, 33-gallon trash bags, large latex/non-latex gloves. Please drop off at the shelter from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is located in Painesville and provides clothes and more to those in need. You can donate new or gently used items to the Community Center bin.

- Boy Children & Teen Clothes

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES.
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTIRES.

Sunday Morning Leaders
Children K-5th grade are invited to Sunday School every Sunday of the month (except the FIRST) at 9 AM & 11 AM. MUMC's mission is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. Here is a great place to do just that! Click here for the Sunday School leader signup.

Child & Caregiver Class
This class is open to ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ on Wednesdays from 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM. at Mentor United Methodist Preschool. The cost is $65 per 8-week session (prepaid, non-refundable). To register, fill out the form here or reach out to Brittany Jones.

MOMCo
The MomCo at Mentor UMC meets November 13th & 20th and is open to all moms regardless of their children's age. We gather in the Gallery at MUMC from 9 AM to 12 PM. Coffee & snacks provided. As a Mom Community, We raise our kids & one another. We boldly elevate motherhood. We embrace the unexpected & imperfect. We understand our direction is more important than our speed. We celebrate often & loudly. We know every mom has a place with us. We follow Jesus and invite others to journey with us. Questions, reach out to Pastor Tammy.

Gift of Time
The annual "Gift of Time" is a Saturday afternoon of free childcare for families at Mentor UMC. Children may come to the church for holiday fun from 1 PM to 4 PM while parents & guardians take a break, get a nap in, or get their Christmas shopping done. Register online or reach out to Pastor Tammy. Youth & Young Adults are encouraged to help with childcare (this is a great way to get service hours or childcare experience).

Youth Group
All Youth are invited to join us on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4 PM in the Youth Room for a devotion and life skill. This month's theme is financial literacy.

Young Adult Group
Join Young Adults (post-high school to age 35) on Tuesdays at 6 PM for conversation, discipleship, and deepening our relationships with one another while exploring this year's theme of "Creation Care." Reach out to Mackalyn Figgins for questions.

Gaming Group
Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM for Dungeons & Dragons in the Youth Room (pizza & snacks included). No experience needed! If there are other games you wish to play during game night, please get in touch with Mackalyn Figgins.

Christmas Play: On Christmas Day in the Morning
MUMC's Truth & Light Players present On Christmas Day in the Morning on Friday, December 11th at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets on sale soon! All sales go back into the theatre program at the church.

Winterland Outing
Youth & Young Adults are invited to carpool with us or meet in downtown Cleveland for the annual Christmas tree lighting at the Winterland Festival. Enjoy music, food trucks, and Christmas cheer! We'll meet at the church at 3:30 to leave at 4 PM OR you can meet us downtown by 4:30 PM.

Volunteering this Season
Youth & Young Adults are encouraged to assist with upcoming events here at MUMC. On Wednesday, November 25th, we'll help with the prep for the **Thanksgiving Day Meal** in the morning at 10 AM. Let us know if you need a ride to the church.

On Saturday, December 5th, we'll help with Children & Family Ministry's **Gift of Time** from 1 PM to 4 PM at MUMC. This is an afternoon of childcare.

Christmas Caroling
Youth & Young Adults are invited to Christmas Carol with us in the neighborhood around the church on Sunday, December 20th at 5 PM.