The liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

Traditional Worship
Sunday, October 25, 2026

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

PRELUDE "Two Chorale Preludes on EIN' FEST BURG" Walther, Pachelbel
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Don Humphrey, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather with thankful hearts, remembering God's faithfulness and love.
We give thanks for the God who calls us to lives of faith and service.
God's word is not merely something we hear; it is alive and at work within us.
We give thanks for God's Spirit, transforming our hearts and guiding our lives.
We are called to encourage one another and to live lives worthy of the God who calls us into the kingdom and glory of God.
May our words and actions bear witness to God's grace and love.
Come, let us worship the God who continues to work in and through us!
All: With grateful hearts, we give thanks and praise to God!

***OPENING HYMN** "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" UMH 163

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S INVITE

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 23:1-12 NRSV, p. 700

ANTHEM "Rejoice and Be Glad" Jason W. Krug
Canticle Bell Choir

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God…
We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**
Jesus fed those who were hungry…
We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**
Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded…
We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**
Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need…
We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**
Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness…
We pray, **may we be more like Jesus.**

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.

OFFERTORY "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Michael Mazzatenta

***DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "Thy Word" UMH 601

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 NRSV, p. 835

MESSAGE "Always Give Thanks: Witnesses"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Go, Make of All Disciples" UMH 571

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Leon Adkins. He was born in Ticonderoga, New York, in 1896. He graduated from Middlebury College and the Boston University School of Theology. He was ordained as a minister in what was then called the Methodist Episcopal Church. He ministered to several churches in upstate New York. Adkins was also a poet as well as a hymn writer. The hymn we sing today was written in 1955. Adkins put his words to the tune Lancashire, written by the nineteenth-century composer Henry Smart. It was first performed at the University Methodist Church in Syracuse, New York, in 1955. Adkins also served on the Methodist Hymnal Committee in 1964. He also served on the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, which is located in Nashville, Tennessee. He died in Saratoga Springs, New York, in 1986

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE "Fantasia on OLD HUNDRETH" Gordon Young

Prayers and liturgy from Discipleship Ministries Webpage
and Pastor Steve with help from Chat GTP

Altar Flowers are presented by Jan Sudekum
In Loving Memory of son, David

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

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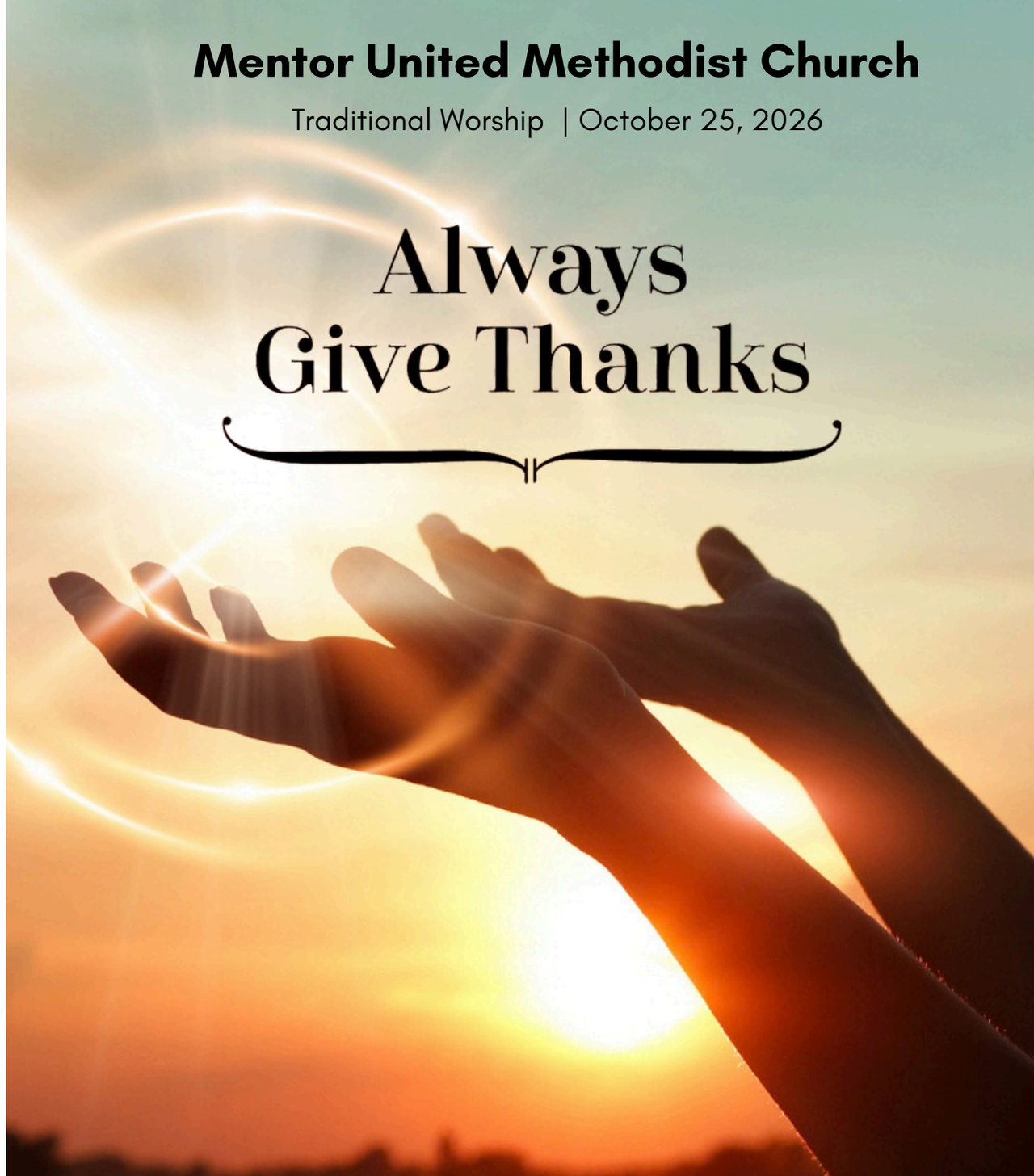
Always Give Thanks



Tree Removal
In the next few weeks 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.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner
MUMC will once again host a Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 26th from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. We feed hundreds in the community every year. To receive a meal, contact 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.

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 for this big day. Questions? Reach out to Pastor Steve.

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.
NEEDED ITEMS:
- Sugar
- Brown sugar
- Potato soup
- Steak & potato soup
- Veggie beef
- Toothbrushes
- Ketchup

MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HIGHLIGHTS

Scan to Read the Weekly Update

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, Fletcher Family, Laura Van Riper, Rev. Connie Sterner, Champa Family, Ireland Family, Star Bruno

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UPCOMING
AT MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 25
- 9, 9:15 & 11 AM Worship
- 9 AM YOUTH Sunday School
- 9 AM & 11 AM Sunday School
- 9 & 11 AM Early Childhood Care
- 10 AM Martin Journey Group
- 10:10 YSP Meeting
- 10 AM & 12 PM Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 AM Chapel Communion
- Christmas Play Rehearsal
- Youth Group

Monday, October 26
- Parents Morning Out
- Carr Journey Groups
- Seeds of Understanding
- Book Club

Tuesday, October 27
- Ring Journey Group
- Pickleball
- Young Adult Group
- Paradise Group

Wednesday, October 28
- Knitting Group
- Gaming Group
- Traditional Worship Meeting
- Thanksgiving Meeting
- Youth Min Meeting

Thursday, October 29
- Canticle Bells
- Charter Members Men's Choir
- Chancel Choir

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31
- Modern Worship Practice
- More than a Meal
- Youth Spooktacular

New Members

**We recently welcomed new members to our church.
We are so excited to build relationships, worship,
and fellowship together for years to come!**

Andrew Britton

Joe Hunt

Cynthia Pitts
Patt Trend

Jim Flora

Gingerbread Show 2026
Join us on Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th for the Annual Gingerbread Arts & Crafts Show at MUMC. If you would like to donate or volunteer, please visit the Information Hub for a sign-up slip or our website.

YOUTH Spooktacular
YOUTH are invited to a *Late-Night Spooktacular* on Saturday, October 31st. We will meet at the church at 5:30 PM to gather and get ready to go trick-or-treating. Then we will return to the church afterwards for food, games, worship, and fun! We will end at 12 AM on the 1st so folks can get enough sleep to help with and attend worship the next day. RSVP online or get in touch with Mackalyn.

Pastor Appreciation Month
October is Pastor Appreciation month. Share your appreciation through kind words or cards to our Mentor UMC pastors!

Liturgist Opportunity
Are you interested in participating in Sunday morning worship? Reach out to Amy Bender or the church office to be a liturgist during the 9:15 AM Chapel or 11 AM Traditional worship.

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).

Royal Family Kids Camp
RFK is collecting donations to buy gift cards for our Club and Camp families to have a bountiful Thanksgiving. Pick up an envelope in the Info Hub or Welcome Center to fill with cash, check, or a gift card to Aldi up to $25. Please return to the church office by November 9th. For questions, please reach out to Johanna Martin.

All Saints Day 2026
Join us in worship on Sunday, November 1st at 9 AM, 9:15 AM, and 11 AM to honor our lost loved ones from the past year.

Book Club
All readers are invited to meet us at the Library at MUMC for a monthly book “chat” and a puzzle on Monday, October 26th at 6 PM.