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Worship Schedule

9 AM Modern

11 AM Traditional



Pastor's Letter

"I must stay in your home today"
- Jesus, Luke 19:5b

Have you ever said these words to anyone? Have you ever come up to someone you didn't know and say, "I must stay in your home today?" If so, I'd like to hear about it. I'm sure you have a story to tell.

In March, 1997, I was a second-year graduate student at Wesley Theological Seminary living in the men's dorm. The only money I had was from student loans. I was praying about what to do for the summer to make a little money when a friend told me about A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (ACMNP), *You work with two or three others at one of the 63 national parks in the United States to provide worship services in the park.* I was so excited! I love the outdoors and had always wanted to go out west. I applied and in April, I received my acceptance letter informing me that I would be working at Glacier National park in Montana! A dream come true! I began to make plans.

I would need to drive so I could bring my guitar, printer, library of commentaries and seminary books, tent, computer, music stand, trumpet - everything I might need to be able to plan and lead worship in Glacier Park! I would be driving the 2,300+ miles in my 1985 Acura Hatchback with over 150,000 miles across the country. It would have to do! When I told my sister about my adventure, I said, "I should take Carly and Chelsea with me for the road trip. It would be fun!" Carly and Chelsea are my sisters twin daughters. They were eight years old at the time. I was only half serious. But, my sister thought it was a great idea and suddenly, I was figuring out how to fit two kids and their bags into my hatchback.

I realized it was going to take three or four days to drive out there. I couldn't afford to staying hotels. So, I called United Methodist Churches all across the country asking if they would find someone to feed us dinner, give us a place to sleep and shower, feed us breakfast the next day, and we'd be on our way. I have to admit, it was a bit awkward calling strangers and asking if they'd let me and my two 8-year-old nieces stay with them. But, God brought it all together and we had the best time ever! We stayed with a Korean pastor in Chicago, a United Methodist Women's president in Nebraska, and a retired District Superintendent widower in South Dakota. Carly and Chelsea still talk about that trip today.



Jesus needed a place to stay. He needed someone to welcome him into their home and to provide him with food. As far as we can tell in the Bible, Jesus didn't have a paying job. He relied on the good will and hospitality of others. When he told Zacchaeus "I must stay in your home today," Zacchaeus welcomed him happily.

Lord, let us be like Zacchaeus, ready and happy to welcome Jesus in. And, let us be like Jesus, willing to invite ourselves into someone else's life that we might each experience your presence with us. Amen.

Pastor Steve

PS - ACMNP still exists! You don't have to be a seminary student to apply! You, or someone you know, could be helping to lead worship in one of our beautiful national parks this summer! Check out their website: <https://acmnp.com/about/jobs/>

Care CONGREGATIONAL

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

Members admitted to Rehab,

Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

The Enclave - Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith, Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Carol Anderson

Governors Point - Doris Sturm

Parker Place - Bill Owen, Bob & Sandy Linsell, Deloris Parsons, Mary Ann Haycox

Tapestry - Gloria McFeely

Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom

Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher

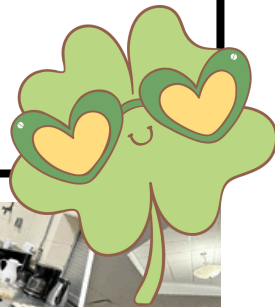
Village of St. Edward: Dale Porter

Holly Hill - Floyd Richards

Brookdale - Bill Wolfgang

Members who are in need of prayer:

Kay Feiten, Hilary Pleska, Jeff Klein, Nora Kelley, The Tackett Family Noralee Starr, The Weiss Family, Laurie Eppler, Doug Koman



YOU'RE INVITED TO



Dinner with Jesus Lenten Sermon Series

SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 9 - April 6

March 9: Celebration March 30: Ministration
March 16: Invitation April 6: Preparation
March 23: Intention

WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER & CLASSES

March 12, 19, 26, April 2

Join us in-person or online
Sundays 9 AM and 11 AM



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Youversion
<https://bible.com/events/49404508>

Learn more about Sunday's scriptures & worship by visiting this link.

Lenten Dinners & Classes

All are welcome to gather on Wednesday evenings to enjoy fellowship and a dinner followed by classes that are open to all. [Register online here.](#)

Church Directory

We hope you are enjoying the Church Directory. Thank you to the Directory Committee, Marye Etta Brobst, Alan Vick, Connie Irvin, Lindsay McFadden and Kitty Schirm, for their excellent work in helping produce the book.

If you have not picked one up, they are available in the Church office. We are asking that you only take one per family. Part of the cost of the directories was graciously covered by our Cornerstone ministry. We are asking for additional support through donations to cover the remainder of the cost of these long awaited books. Each book is about \$10 but payment is NOT required in order to receive a book. Donations can be dropped off in the church office.

Need to Know

Daily Prayers in Lent with Pastor Steve

The vision and prayer for the congregation from the pastors in 2025 is threefold. It is that we would all:

- Immerse ourselves in scripture
- Devote ourselves to prayer
- Commit ourselves to spiritual practices

Lent is a dedicated season in the church to learn about the Christian faith and focus anew on spiritual practices such as prayer, communion, worship, serving, fellowship, fasting, and devotion.

Pastor Steve invites you to join him in praying daily beginning in Lent and continuing beyond. He will be praying the prayers in the book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann* You can purchase the book [online here](#) or [used here](#).

Pastor Steve invites you to connect in the new group on [Slack](#) to share our journey of daily prayers together.



Easter Flowers

Order your Easter Flowers [online](#) or in person (forms in the Info Hub) for Easter Sunday display in both worship services. You may take your plants or donate them after worship. Prices are on the forms.

Fellowship Hour

Join us the first Sunday of the month for Pancakes in the Gallery after services! To host Fellowship hour, get in touch with Kathy Fellows: 440.477.4485

Scholarships 2025

Students in high school and higher education may fill out the MUMC Scholarship form for 2025. Find it online [HERE](#). Deadline to submit is Friday, April 18th.



Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is Tuesday, March 18th. Signup [online here](#) or at our site.

More Than a Meal

More Than a Meal is a free meal that is served to the community on the last Saturday of each month. The next MTAM is Saturday, March 29th at MUMC. Doors open at 5 PM and meal is served at 5:30 PM. You can sign up to help with this monthly mission online. Visit our site or [click here](#).

Rummage Sale

Donations will be accepted starting the week of April 7th at MUMC. [Check our website for the volunteer sign up](#) and the full donation list. The Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, April 12th!

YSP Fundraising

Purchase a stock and mark your calendars for the BIG Event and the Plant sale in May. Support YSP as they prepare for their trip to God's Country Cooperative Parrish in Newberry, MI. You can find information about raffle baskets and forms for the BIG Event on April 6th by clicking [here](#).

What's Your Mission Opportunities



Project Hope

Project Hope for the Homeless is the focus of the Missions Commission for the month of March. This is also known as the Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County and is mainly supported by interdenominational churches in the area. Mentor United Methodist Church has helped support Project Hope since its inception in 1993.

Please prayerfully consider helping to continue this support by volunteering, providing a meal, or making a donation. For online donations, please select the Fund "Missions" or "Other" with "Project Hope" in the note.

Join us on Sunday, March 16 for visit from Emily Boban during service.

Alzheimer's Walk 2025

The Walk will be held at Lake Farm Park on September 27th. This year our team goal is to raise \$2,000. All Journey groups & committees are encouraged to walk as part of Team MUMC. Get your team registered as soon as possible so we can meet our goal! [Click here](#).

Poverty Simulation

Join us at MUMC in Fellowship Hall on April 26th from 11 AM to 1 PM for a Poverty Simulation. Please register by April 24th. We need at least 30 participants and 15 facilitators for this simulation. Ages 13 and up are welcome and a light lunch will be provided. Childcare for 12 and under available upon request. Contact Melanie Thomas at mthomas@eocumc.com with any questions.

The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. CAPS is an interactive, immersive experience. It sensitizes community participants to the realities of poverty. [Learn more and register here](#).

UH Volunteers

Are you interested in making a difference in people's lives, making new friends, and giving back to the community? UH Lake West & TriPoint are seeking volunteers for the front desk, gift shop, and other areas. Call 440-354-1665 or 440-953-6049.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES. YOUTH MINISTRIES. JOURNEY GROUPS. WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Sunday Morning Kids

9:00 & 11:00 AM at MUMC for all services.

- ALL ages are encouraged to check in at the Early Childhood Center (or Gallery, if available).
- Grades K-5 begin in worship with their families and then be dismissed to the Education Wing.

Sunday Morning Signup

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 leader signup.](#) There are spots for various ages/levels, so check out what section works for you:)

"Worship one, serve one!"

2024-2025 Preschool Reg

There are still a few openings for 2024-2025 Preschool. If you have questions or wish to register, please contact State Manager, Brittany Jones at bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org.

Register for 2025-2026

Register for the 2025-2026 school year at MUMC: [link here](#). Get in touch with Brittany Jones to learn more:

bjones.preschool@mentorumc.org

MOMCo

MOMCo meets Fridays in the Gallery from 9 AM - 12 PM.

Upcoming dates:

March 14, 28

April 11, 25

May 9, 23

Child & Caregiver Class

Age 2 ½ to 3 ½

9:15-10:45 AM in the Early Childhood Area

- SPRING: March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14

Cost is \$60 per 8 week session (prepaid, non-refundable). [Apply here!](#)

Middle School

Grades 6-8 are welcome Sundays from 9:15-10 AM in the Youth Room during worship.

Mission Barn

Youth (AND Adults) are invited for an opportunity to serve for a day on March 22nd at the Mission Barn in New Castle, Pennsylvania. The Mission Barn is a UMC organization that works with UMCOR relief. We will meet at Mentor UMC to leave around 6:45 AM and will return between 4:30-5 PM. We have a limited number of spots for 3 adults and 12 youth. Register here. Visit this link for more information about the Mission Barn.

Summer Programs

Get an early look at this summer's lineup at MUMC and beyond by visiting our [website](#). Find dates and the registration link under the "Upcoming" section [here](#).

Young Adult Small Group

Young Adults are encouraged to join a small group that meets in-person and online on Tuesday at 5 PM. This group is ongoing and accepting new friends at anytime. [Sign up online](#) or get in touch with Mackalyn.

Youth Group

Youth are invited to meet on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month in the Youth Room from 4-6 PM. Upcoming dates:

March 23

April 13 & 27

May 11 & 25

Youth Service Project

This year YSP will be going to God's Country Cooperative Parish in Newberry, MI. Learn more about events & fundraisers [here](#).

