MENTOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEEKLY UPDATE

NOVEMBER 8, 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



PASTOR'S LETTER

Hello,



Greetings from Lake Junaluska, North Carolina where I am participating in the *Wonder Summit: Reimaging Congregational Worship & Prayer with Children*. Lake Junaluska opened in 1913 and is connected to the United Methodist Church. I am with several other clergy from the Ohio Episcopal Area and am learning some new and exciting things. I will share a few things in order to get this letter submitted to Kenna in a timely manner.

On Wednesday, Mitch Marcello talked about three new ordinaries that we all need to embrace. The first is Pace of Life as wonder requires us to slow down, to be present, and sit without moving on to the next thing. We need to make room for WONDER. The second is Imagination, where we embrace boldness, allowing God into our imagination. The third is Risk. We have discovered in this day and age that too many people are afraid of taking risks, creating a curative self. We need to find courage to take risks in order for Jesus to show up.

Our second speaker, Rev. Dr. Lakisha Lockhart, shared how play lets us engage and discover things about ourselves. She talked about the "three marks of womanist play: Our bodies know ourselves and God too; No one plays alone, no one gets left out; Play rehearses freedom and the world God is making." She reminded us that God plays too. She used the example of God being a creator, the story of a person swallowed by a whale, and Jesus talking about money in the mouth of a fish. One of her points really hit me: "If our worship has no room for children's play, maybe it isn't yet the city God is building." WOW! She asks what this asks of the congregations. We need to make room for children to lead parts of worship, to make it mutual, and to make it brave, sacred, and free. She emphasized the importance of everyone feeling safe. She even suggested having a child help plan worship!

I am looking forward to the workshops and connecting with other people. I am especially excited to bring these new ideas home to Mentor UMC and see how we can begin to have our children be active participants in our worship!

See you on Sunday!

Pastor Tammy

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

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 unexpected extra giving. Last month, we received an undesignated check for $25,000 that lowered our deficit by $24,724.67. Let us give thanks and praise to God.

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

September Giving	**$86,720.33**
YTD Giving	$654,668.87
YTD Expenses	$683,914.61
YTD Overage (Deficit)	-$29,245.74

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 will be included in your third-quarter giving statement letter, which will be mailed next week. To watch a brief two-minute video and learn more about Horizons Stewardship and our consultant, Norma Quinn, visit www.horizons.net/about.

Youversion
https://bible.com/events/49689945
Learn more about Sunday worship.

Need to Know

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 the next "Lunch & Learn" at 12:30 PM on Sunday, November 22nd. We'll prepare for Advent together with Biblical discussion and fellowship. Please RSVP online here.

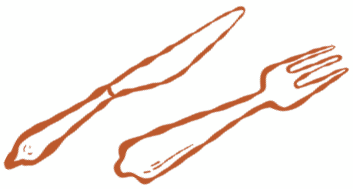
Advent Candle Lighters
Sign up online or in the Info Hub for Advent Candle lighting during a Sunday this Advent season. Light with family or friends during the service of your choice. For questions, reach out to Pastor Tammy.

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.

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

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.

CWC Luncheon: Nov 17th
Join the Christian Women's Connection of Lake Co. at Pine Ridge CC on Tuesday, November 17th for the next luncheon at 11:15 AM. Candi Johnson will be the featured speaker, along with Betsy Grden. The topic will be *America's Story: A Story for All Seasons*. Cost is $28 per person. RSVP to 440.488.4351 or email cwcstoncroft@yahoo.com.



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

CPR Training
Help save a life! MUMC has a limited number of openings available for AHA-certified CPR/AED training on Tuesday, November 10th. Classes will be given at Mentor Fire Dept. HQ (Civic Center Blvd) at 1-4 PM or 7-10 PM. Preregistration required; cost is $35. Please contact Chris Meldrum for questions or to register: 440.220.0824.

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, consecrated during Sunday worship, 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, 30-minute orientation and training. Interested? Please contact Pastor Steve or Jim Post to learn more.

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

Royal Family Kids Camp
It is that time of year when 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 envelopes to the church office by November 9th. For questions, please reach out to Johanna Martin.

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.

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 for help with signing up.

Memorial Theatre Snack Donation Signup
Sign up online or get in touch with Pastor Tammy to donate 90 individually wrapped snacks to the Memorial Middle School Theatre program this fall/winter. Drop off snacks to the main office or Pastor Tammy's office.

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
NEEDED ITEMS:

- Sugar
- Brown sugar
- Potato soup
- Steak & potato soup
- Veggie beef
- Toothbrushes
- Ketchup

Woodlawn Homes Winter
Help the United Women in Faith donate **winter hats & gloves** to the families of Woodlawn this winter. All sizes (especially children & youth) are needed. Donations may be dropped off in the collection boxes located in the Gallery and near the Chapel. Please have donations in by November 10th!

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.

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. ALL are invited to this intergenerational gathering.



YSP Reunion
ALL Youth Service Project participants, past and present, are invited to a Reunion on Saturday, November 14th from 4 to 6 PM at the Parsonage (next to the church). We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, and s'mores. Please bring a side, snack, or dessert to share if you can! RSVP online here.

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.