
iConnect Modern Worship

Good morning!

Preaching today is Rev. Quincy Wheeler.

Lighting of the Advent Candles
9 AM Palermo Family
11 AM Engelking Family

Sermon Under Wraps: God Is Jealous

The YouVersion Link is
<https://bible.com/events/520644>.

Please feel free to use your phone during service to take notes.



Download our app!

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Worship Through Music

What a Glorious Night
- Sidewalk Prophets
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)
- Chris Tomlin
O Come All Ye Faithful (Sing to the King)
- 33 Miles
Peace Has Come
- Hillsong
He Shall Reign Forevermore
- Chris Tomlin

Weekly Update

Welcome to Mentor United Methodist Church!

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Traditional
Worship
Sanctuary
9 and 11 AM

Modern
Worship
iConnect
Fellowship Hall
9 and 11 AM

Communion
10:30 AM
Chapel

The mission of Mentor United Methodist Church is to lead all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship.

December 16, 2018

Visitors

If this is your first visit, please stop by the Welcome Center in the Gallery. We have a gift for you and want to learn how we can help you on your journey.

Fellowship Hour

Join us in the Gallery for Fellowship Hour after services. This week is hosted by Altar Guild.

Weekly Update

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: Rainbow - Joe Toth
Tri-Point - Doug Kepp

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living or Nursing Home Facility:

Mentor Ridge Health & Rehab - Gloria Meyer, Fran Starrett
Starkey Place - Ruby Irish • Brookdale, Wickliffe - Jim Wuerthele
Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik, Patricia Laubscher
Governor's Village Mayfield - Ron McFeely
Heartland - Nadine (Klein) Miller • The Abbey - Debra Jones
Symphony - Alice Zimmerman • Concord Village - Shirley Drobnick
Fairmount - Barbara Bradarich

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Chris Fletcher, Dale Porter, Joan Evans, Dave Smith, Debbie Snyder, Laura Kramer, Shirley Drobnick, Tom Patterson

At the Information Hub Today

Bicentennial Ornaments - Don Humphrey



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Children & Family Ministries
www.mentorunc.org/children
www.mentorunc.org/sunday-school



StuCo 56

Tonight is the Christmas party! 6-8 PM
mentorunc.org/stuco-56

MUM Preschool Pre-Registration for 2019-2020

Complete the form to be in the queue for registration at:
mentorunc.org/preschool

Prayer Buddies

Adults without children in the home are encouraged to sign up to pray for a child in our church. Children are encouraged to sign up to be the recipient of prayers! All the details and sign up information is at mentorunc.org/prayer-buddy.



Parents' Morning Out

Mondays from 10 AM to 12 PM, Spots still available. Info and registration at mentorunc.org/parents-morning-out

Community Garden

If you have a love for digging in the dirt and for caring for others, then being part of the "Community Garden" is perfect for you. There will be a meeting to explain and plan for the community garden. It will be held on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. Many hands make for light work, so we're looking for many interested hands as the gardens at Wildwood are planted, cared for, and harvested, providing fresh produce to many.



More-Than-A-Meal

This is our free community meal served on the last Saturday of the month. We are presently looking for Journey Groups, Committees, or individuals to sign up to prepare and serve the meals on February 23 and throughout 2019. This requires preparing for 100 persons and covering the costs if possible. If some funding is needed, there are limited funds available. Regular workers and experienced persons will be present to assist. If you are interested, contact Jim Post at 440-477-6130.

Occupy Sunday Night Christmas Party Tonight

Tonight at 6 PM we will be having our annual Christmas Party during regular Occupy Sunday Night time. There will be an ugly sweater contest and a gift exchange. Each student is asked to bring a wrapped gift of \$5 dollars or less with them for the exchange. It will be a great time to celebrate the Christmas season and the birth of the Savior together!

What's happening Sunday, December 16, 2018

09:00 AM - Christmas Cantata - Sanctuary Asbury Room, Choir Room
09:00 AM - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School - Adams Parlor
11:00 AM - Christmas Cantata - Sanctuary Asbury Room, Choir Room
10:00 AM - Journey Group - Woolegge - Room 103
10:15 AM - Children's Choir Rehearsal - Room 112
10:15 AM - Cherub Choir Rehearsal - Room 104
06:00 PM - Occupy Youth Ministry - Christmas Party - Chapel, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room, Youth Room B
06:00 PM - StuCo 56 Christmas Party - Room 112
06:15 PM - Sunday Night Basketball - Hope Ridge
07:00 PM - Journey Group - Nagle - Conference Room

What's happening this week . . .

Monday, December 17, 2018

10:00 AM - Parents Morning Out - Early Childhood
10:00 AM - Journey Group - Carr - Off-Site
10:00 AM - Christmas Gift Sorting - Asbury Room, Wesley Room
10:15 AM - Worship at Mentor Ridge - Off-Site
11:00 AM - Worship at Atria Newell Creek - Off-Site
12:30 PM - Mentor UMW Board Meeting - Adams Parlor
04:00 PM - Christmas Gift Distribution - Asbury Room, Wesley Room, Atrium
07:00 PM - Men's Group Meeting - Library
07:00 PM - Community Garden meeting - Conference Room

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

09:30 AM - Journey Group - Ring - Asbury Room
09:30 AM - Journey Group - Palermo - Conference Room
04:00 PM - Christmas Gift Distribution - Asbury Room, Wesley Room, Atrium
06:00 PM - iConnect Rehearsal - Chapel, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

10:00 AM - Journey Group - Wednesday Morning Way - Library
01:00 PM - Knitting Group - Adams Parlor
01:15 PM - Mentor Miscellany Club - Asbury Room
07:00 PM - Imbler Journey Group - Room 103
07:00 PM - Usher Training - Sanctuary, Narthex

Thursday, December 20, 2018

06:30 AM - Men's Journey Group - Conference Room
09:00 AM - Santa visits preschools - Gallery
10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous - Asbury Room
12:30 PM - Piano Tuning - Chapel, Choir Room, Sanctuary
04:30 PM - Journey Group - Lauren Ring - Early Childhood
06:00 PM - Canticle Bell Rehearsal - Wesley Room, Choir Room
06:45 PM - Charter Members Rehearsal - Choir Room
07:00 PM - S.A.L.T. - Room 103
07:45 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 21, 2018

01:00 PM - Journey Group - Fournier / Korenko - Conference Room
03:00 PM - Gift Wrapping at Barnes & Noble Mentor - Off-Site

Saturday, December 22, 2018

08:00 AM - iConnect - Vocal Rehearsal - Chapel
08:00 AM - iConnect Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

What's happening Sunday, December 23, 2018

10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School - Adams Parlor
10:00 AM - Journey Group - Woolegge - Room 103
10:15 AM - Children's Choir Rehearsal - Room 112
10:15 AM - Cherub Choir Rehearsal - Room 104
06:15 PM - Sunday Night Basketball -
07:00 PM - Journey Group - Nagle - Conference Room

Shopping on Amazon for the Holidays?

We are registered with AmazonSmile Foundation as a charitable organization. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, 0.05% of the price of the eligible purchases are donated to MUMC. There is no cost to the church and no cost to you.

It is easy to get started visit smile.amazon.com and select Mentor United Methodist Church.



2019 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available in the Arcade for you to pick up.

December Prayer Focus - Nancy Landerholm

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

This phrase, of the Prayer Jesus taught us to pray, will be our focus for December and then again in January. We need to understand that to be tempted is common to all. James 1:14-15 gives us the steps that temptation takes. First, there is a desire. Often the desire is a normal desire that goes out of control (ex: the desire for sex out of control leads to adultery, fornication, pornography, etc.). Next, we start to doubt God's goodness and think that God is holding out on us if we cannot have our desires met, how and when we want them to be met. Now, God's truth is replaced by a lie of Satan. Satan knows our areas of weakness and knows just the right bait to use to lead us into giving into the temptation. Once we have given into temptation, we have sinned. We suffer the consequences of our sin. This is a battle we all fight and we CANNOT win on our own. We need the help of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That is why we NEED to pray this daily. More on this next month.



Christmas Food Distribution

Envelopes with monetary donations are due today. Thank you for your continued support of this most important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Cosmo at 440-488-4566.



Rape Aggression Defense Systems - R.A.D.

Women's Self-Defense Classes, January 7, 11, 14 & 18. 6-9 PM, held at Mentor United Methodist Church. Could you effectively defend yourself if attacked? Reserve your spot for this free course taught by certified instructors. Attendance is needed for all four sessions for course completion.

Open to all women aged 13 and older. Call or text Brooke Taylor at 216-681-6303. Check out the website at rad-systems.com.

We are very fortunate to be able to offer this class! Sponsored by United Methodist Women.



Christmas Eve Services

- 3 PM Traditional Service, Communion Served
- 5 PM Traditional Children's Service Led by Children, Featuring Children's Choirs and a Special Reading
- 7 PM Traditional Service Featuring the Charter Members Choir
- 7 PM Modern Service, iConnect Worship Team
- 9 PM Traditional Service Featuring Chancel Choir, Canticle Bells, Hallelujah Chorus
- 11 PM Vesper Service in the Chapel

All Christmas Eve services will have candle light with the option of candles or glow sticks. The 11 PM service will be a quiet, reflective service in the Chapel. Childcare is available for the 7 PM services.

Clothe-A-Child

Did you know that in 2017, Clothe-A-Child shoppers took over 600 children shopping for new clothes, shoes, boots and coats? Children are selected through an application process and families must demonstrate financial need to be eligible. For many of these children it is the first time they have the ability to go into a store and pick out brand new clothes!

This program is totally funded by donations. Donations are down this year and there are eligible children who may not have a chance to shop with a volunteer. This year, by Thanksgiving, only 302 children went on shopping trips. Can you help? Mail your donations to: Clothe-a-Child Program, c/o The News Herald, 7085 Mentor Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094 or donate online at <http://www.news-herald.com/clotheachild>

"The children come away with not only new clothes but a sense of empowerment and pride that carries over into their daily attitudes and activities... It makes them feel good about themselves."

45th Annual Live Nativity at North Mentor Centenary Church

December 22 & 23, 7-9 PM

This has come to be a Christmas tradition for many in the community and surrounding areas. Many of the babies that once portrayed the baby Jesus have brought their children and grandchildren to play this precious role. Park or drive through. 9290 Lakeshore Blvd. at Corduroy Rd.



Open House December 22

Christmas can be a lonely time. Maybe you won't have family with you this year or your Christmas traditions may be altered by difficult changes. We, Kurt and Nancy Landerholm, would love to share our home and some time with you. We invite you to our home on Saturday, December 22 for an open house from noon to 5 PM. We will enjoy food and fellowship together. Our address is 7929 Newell Creek Drive, Mentor. Please RSVP to Nancy (440-290-7320) by December 16.



Wedding Coordinator Needed to provide direction, support, and Christ like hospitality to the bride and groom in wedding planning. Primary responsibilities include meeting with and providing information to couples, and providing advance planning and scheduling for each wedding. Responsible for upholding and communicating the protocol and policies for weddings held at MUMC. Ideal candidates should be people-oriented, friendly, and easy to approach. Using confident leadership and strong people skills, they would exude a non-anxious presence knowing they are interacting with people at an important time in life when anxieties and nerves may occasionally challenge. Candidates must be extremely organized, detail oriented and practice excellent communication skills. Hours are flexible. If you have interest in and would like more details about serving in type of role, please send an email to Michael Petrowski at sprc@mentorumc.org and include the best phone numbers where you can be reached. A modest stipend is provided.

Giving Trees

Gifts are due back by noon today and should be wrapped with the tag securely attached. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Eve Ushers

Volunteers are needed for ushering during the five Christmas Eve Sanctuary/ Chapel services. Please consider serving your congregation, and meeting new people, by ushering! A sign-up sheet is at the Information Hub. You can also sign up through the website and app. Go to our homepage and look under Around Our Church at www.mentorumc.org or look under Register on the app. If interested in ushering but hesitant, training will be provided on Wednesday, December 19 in the Narthex from 7- 8 PM. If you have further questions, please contact Chris Meldrum at (440) 220-0824.



Financials YTD Through November 2018

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| Receipts | 875,095 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | <u>900,980</u> |
| Deficit | (25,885) |

News From Missions Commission

Missions Commission wants to inform the congregation that as of January 1, we have begun a Covenant Relationship with Helen Roberts-Evans, a General Board of Global Ministries missionary serving as director of the Dept. of General Education and Ministry of the UMC in Liberia. She was commissioned in October 2009, having initially gone to Liberia as a mission volunteer in July 2008. Helen was born in Liberia and her return as a missionary was a lifelong dream. Her work includes meeting needs in such areas as teacher training, scholarships, resources, new school construction, and school building renovation and repair. She has been very helpful to the staff of Middle School Mission Week as she has met with them and linked them to students needing scholarship support and kept us informed of the students' progress. Helen understands life and the challenges in Liberia. To read more about Helen, go to <http://www.umcmmission.org/Explore-Our-Work/Missionaries-in-Service/Missionary-Profiles/Roberts-Evans-Helen>



As there are many changes happening in the church in Liberia, including a new bishop, it was Kathy Dickriede's suggestion that instead of sending our gifts directly to Camphor Mission, we commit to a Covenant Relationship with Helen Roberts-Evans. This is a three-year commitment to provide \$2500 annually, but the partnership is much more than a financial commitment. It is a dynamic relationship where the church and missionary pray for one another and community regularly. When we Covenant with one missionary, we are supporting the entire United Methodist missionary community on their behalf. Please add Helen and her missionary work in Liberia to your prayer list.

Christmas Offering

Your Missions Commission has voted to distribute the 2018 Christmas offering in the following ways: The first third will be designated internationally, meeting our new commitment to our Covenant Relationship with Helen Roberts-Evans (\$2500) and any additional funds will be used for student scholarship support in Liberia. The second third will be split evenly to support national ministries: half to McCurdy Ministries in Espanola, NM and half to UMCOR for National Disaster Relief in light of the recent hurricanes and wildfires. The final third is designated for local ministries and will be split evenly between the English as a Second Language program of Helping Hispanics Hope in Christ in Painesville and Project Hope. Missions Commission thanks you for your generous support of these ministries.

Hope Chest Holiday Hours

Hope Chest will be closed from December 19 to January 7. **Please do not drop off items to the church until after January 7** as they will not be picked up. Thank you for your generosity in 2018!