
iConnect Modern Worship

Good morning!

Preaching today is Rev. Kurt Landerholm.

Lighting of the Advent Candles
9 AM Lynn Keller & Children
11 AM Denton Family

Sermon Under Wraps: God Is Disruptive

The YouVersion Link is
<https://bible.com/events/520641>.

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



Download our app!

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Worship Through Music

Fill This Place

- Red Rocks Worship
- He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)*
- Meredith Andrews
- Here Comes Heaven*
- Elevation Worship
- Waiting Here for You*
- Christy Nockels/Passion
- Our God with O Come All Ye Faithful*
- Lincoln Brewster

Weekly Update

Welcome to Mentor United Methodist Church!

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Lead Pastor
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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 9, 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 Nominating Committee and Lay Leaders.

Weekly Update

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: Lake West - Fran Starrett, Jim Wuerthele

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich
Mentor Ridge Health & Rehab - Gloria Meyer
Starkey Place - Ruby Irish
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

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Chris Fletcher, Dale Porter, Joan Evans, Dave Smith, Debbie Snyder, Laura Kramer

Our sympathy to Tim Posar and family in the passing of his mother, Carol Posar, on November 30.

At the Information Hub Today

Be sure to look at all of the MUMC information on our Information Hub wall. Pick up some sermon series cards to invite your friends and family to Christmas Eve services.



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



StuCo 56

Tonight and December 16, 6-8 PM
mentorumc.org/stuco-56

MUM Preschool Pre-Registration for 2019-2020

Complete the form to be in the queue for registration at:
mentorumc.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 mentorumc.org/prayer-buddy.



Parents' Morning Out

Mondays from 10 AM to 12 PM, Spots still available. Info and registration at mentorumc.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. 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

On December 16, 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! Mark your calendars now!

What's happening Sunday, December 09, 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
12:00 PM - Landerholm - Adams Parlor
06:00 PM - StuCo 56 - Room 112
06:00 PM - Occupy Youth Ministry - Chapel, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room, Youth Room B
06:15 PM - Sunday Night Basketball - Hope Ridge UMC
07:00 PM - Journey Group - Nagle - Conference Room
08:00 PM - After Glow - Off-Site

What's happening this week . . .

Monday, December 10, 2018

10:00 AM - Parents Morning Out - Early Childhood
10:00 AM - New Day Circle - Asbury Room
10:00 AM - Journey Group - Carr - Off-Site
06:30 PM - GriefShare Surviving the Holidays - Conference Room
07:00 PM - Men's Group Meeting - Library
07:00 PM - iConnect Planning - Room 103
07:00 PM - Top 25 Show Choir Holiday Concert - Wesley Room, Fellowship Hall
07:00 PM - Landerholm - Adams Parlor
07:30 PM - Communications Team - Asbury Room

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

09:30 AM - Journey Group - Ring - Asbury Room
09:30 AM - Journey Group - Palermo - Conference Room
07:00 PM - Emmaus/Journey Group - Adams Parlor
07:00 PM - Membership Committee - Conference Room
07:00 PM - Usher Training - Sanctuary, Narthex

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

10:00 AM - Journey Group - Wednesday Morning Way - Library
11:00 AM - GS Group - Off-Site
01:00 PM - Knitting Group - Adams Parlor
06:00 PM - Fellowship/Evangelism - Wesley Room
06:00 PM - Lay Leader Meeting - Kurt's Office
07:00 PM - Finance Committee - Adams Parlor
07:00 PM - Journey Group - Wrobel - Off-Site
07:00 PM - Imbler Journey Group - Room 103

Thursday, December 13, 2018

06:30 AM - Men's Journey Group - Conference Room
09:30 AM - Ruth Naomi Circle - Off-Site
10:00 AM - Overeaters Anonymous - Asbury Room
04:30 PM - Journey Group - Lauren Ring - Early Childhood
06:00 PM - Canticle Bell Rehearsal - Wesley Room, Choir Room
06:30 PM - Disciple I - Landerholm - Asbury Room
06:45 PM - Charter Members Rehearsal - Choir Room
07:00 PM - Mentor Jr. Women's Club Meeting - Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
07:00 PM - S.A.L.T. - Room 103
07:45 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 14, 2018

09:30 AM - MOPS & MOMSnext Meeting - Early Childhood, Fellowship Hall
01:00 PM - Journey Group - Fournier / Korenko - Conference Room
07:30 PM - Charter Members Christmas - Asbury Room, Wesley Room, Choir Room, Gallery, Kitchen, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 15, 2018

08:00 AM - Journey Group Leader Meeting - Conference Room
08:00 AM - iConnect - Vocal Rehearsal - Chapel
08:00 AM - iConnect Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
08:15 AM - Cantata rehearsal - Asbury Room, Wesley Room, Choir Room, Sanctuary
09:00 AM - Bible Quiz Meet - Room 103, Youth Room, Youth Room B
02:00 PM - Children's Choir Singing at Parker Place - Off-Site

What's happening Sunday, December 16, 2018

09:00 AM - Christmas Cantata - Sanctuary
09:00 AM - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
10:00 AM - Adult Sunday School - Adams Parlor
10:00 AM - Christmas Cantata - Amy - 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 -
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.



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

This year, Missions Commission is trying something new for the Christmas Food Pantry Distribution. We will give double the amount of gift cards from ALDI, instead of boxes of food. Therefore, instead of filling a brown bag with food this holiday, Missions is asking for monetary donations.



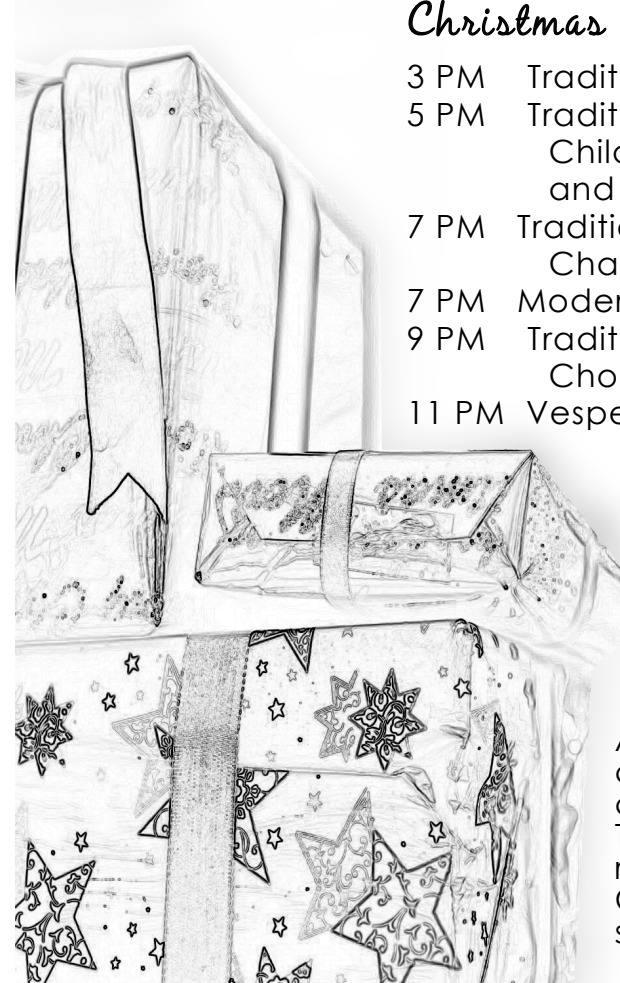
Envelopes for this purpose will be available after services today from the ushers. They can be returned in the offering the following week or to the Church Office by Sunday, December 16. Families will receive the gift cards in order to purchase the meats and fresh produce, dairy and bakery foods of their choice. They will also receive the gifts so generously donated by you from the Caring Trees and an invitation to join us at one of our Christmas Eve services.

Thank you for your continued support of this most important ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Cosmo at 440-488-4566.



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.

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.

Christmas Cantata

"The Glory of Christmas" Sunday, December 16 at 9 AM and 11 AM Presented by the combined choirs of MUMC and Painesville UMC and accompanied by a full orchestra. In a panoramic view of Christmas, we see the majesty, the color, the sounds, and even the solemnity of this glorious season! We witness the anguish of God's chosen people as it gives way to joy in the fulfillment of an eternal promise - that God would send a Messiah to save them. The entire spectrum of God's love and grace is on full display in the story of Christmas.



Charter Members Men's Choir Annual Christmas Sing

Friday, December 14, 7:30PM

This year our men's choir will be joined by the men's choir of Painesville United Methodist Church and the men from Chardon United Methodist. It will be an evening of glorious sacred music! Bring family and friends to the concert and reception. A free-will offering will be collected.

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

The Christmas trees in the Gallery and outside the Chapel are decorated with different giving ornament tags. Select an ornament and show Christ's love. Gifts are due back by noon on December 16 and should be wrapped with the tag securely attached.



Green Trees: GIVING Gifts for children in need. Gifts are due back by noon on Sunday, December 16 and should be wrapped with the tag securely attached. There is a 2-part tag. Please fill out one and place it in the box below the tree. This gives us your contact information. The second tag is to be placed on the gift.

If you would like to shop for a whole family, please contact Betsy Iskra as soon as possible at iskra5@aol.com or call/text 440-283-6524.

Red Hearts: SHARING Monetary donation to a charity may be placed in the envelope provided and placed in the box at the Information Hub. For security, the box will be in the Office during the week. Charities are : Ohio Guidestone , Royal Family Kids Camp, Project Hope and Flat Rock.

Yellow Angels: PRAYING Pray for the name or group listed throughout the holiday season.

Blue Bells: CARING Suggestion for something you can do to help others.

Extra Gifts

Donations of unwrapped toys/clothes or gift cards for ages birth through high school can be placed by the tree in the office. These are used to ensure all the needs of the Giving Tree are met. Gifts are due December 16. We need these unwrapped.

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 Tuesday, December 11 or Wednesday, December 19 in the Narthex from 7- 8 PM.

If you have further questions, please contact Chris Meldrum at (440) 220-0824.



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.

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."

Ruth Naomi Circle

December 13, 11:30 AM at Marie Scramblers.

Join us for the Christmas Lunch at Marie Scramblers! Bring a wrapped white elephant gift to share and knitted hats, scarfs and gloves to donate. There will not be a meeting in January. Contact Georgeanna Allen with any questions at (440) 255-5515. Ruth Naomi Circle will not meet if the Mentor Schools are closed due to bad weather. Feel free to call the church office to confirm at 440-255-3496.



GriefShare Surviving the Holidays

Monday, December 10, 6:30-9:00 PM

Register by emailing blwrobel@mentorumc.org or call 440-255-3496.

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.

Hope Chest is in Need of Blankets

Please consider donating new or gently used blankets to Hope Chest. Place them in the bin at the Community Center. (Please no home made afghans.) Thank you!