
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, November 22, 2020

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Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story – (see Psalm 107)

As we enter the week of Thanksgiving, I am reminded of how grateful I am for your faithful witness. This has been an exhausting and challenging year! Yet in the midst of such chaos ... you have encouraged me by the ways you have shared your stories:

Courage in illness
Outreach in creative ways
Patience in change
Engagement online
Prayer ... always prayer!
Faith

Jesus is our constant.
May we continue to be those who look for Jesus! And, trust Jesus! And, help one another sing God's praise. Let us continue to find ways to tell the story of Jesus – for it is a good story! One of enduring love.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/47170621>

Join us in worship!
9 AM Modern and 11 AM Traditional
[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and
our [website www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)

Take the Family Tradition Survey!

Families, share what your traditions are by answering the questions in our survey at <https://bit.ly/3eZpDwR>. We will be sharing your responses on November 29. Deadline to complete is today, November 22.

Advent Wreath Kits - Not Just for the Kids!

To celebrate advent together, we have a small advent wreath for your household! Just glue the candle cups with a glue gun to the wreath! All the pieces shown are included.

Kits will be available for pick up at the Gallery entrance under the portico today, November 22, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. They can be picked up from the office during the week. Arrangements can also be made by emailing Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.



Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital: UH - Evelyn Scott

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

The Lantern - Jim Reed • Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich
The Enclave - Kay Disbro • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer • Parker Place - Opal Pinasky
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria & Ron McFeely
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher • Cedar Wood Rehab - Art Sydow

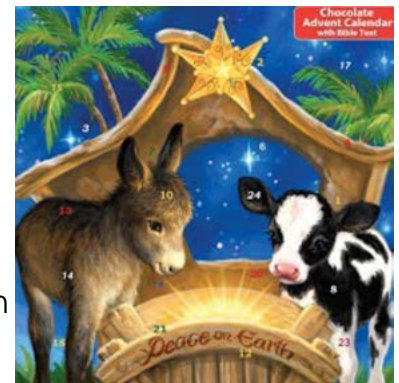
Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Dale Snyder, Karen Mancini, Linda Leach, Erica Wilmot,
Gina Cartagena, Kimi Schmidt, Carl Snyder, Sylvia Bisbee, John Proegler
John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Ken Ireland

Our sympathy to Arlene and Roger Sauer, Nancy and Jim Nagle and family in the passing of Marilyn Clark on November 18.

Advent Calendars have arrived!

If you preordered, please contact Tammy at tpalermo@mentorumc.org to arrange pick up. There are still some available. If you didn't pre-order, you can still order [HERE](#).



Blood Drive

MUMC will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on December 1, from 9 AM to 3 PM in the Asbury and Wesley rooms. You can schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org.



Giving Tree Choose "Tags" on SignUpGenius

We have the SignUpGenius link ready to use! Click here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48acae2daafe3-giving> to choose your "tags". Gifts are due by December 6. Families are indicated by the number and then each child is a letter. If you would like to shop for siblings, you can easily identify them.

When using SignUpGenius, be sure to select the slots you would like, then go to the bottom of the page and click, "Submit and Sign Up" to complete the process.

Please feel free to contact me at 440-283-6524 or lskra5@aol.com.
Betsy Iskra, Missions Commission

Children & Family Ministries
www.mentorumc.org/children

Annual Christmas Play

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 11, at 7:30 PM for the Annual Christmas Play! It will be livestreamed for you to enjoy from the comfort and safety of your own home. We have two plays this year in one livestream. Enjoy "Zoom Christmas Call" by Quincy Wheeler and "Dad's Christmas Miracle" by Pat Cook. You can order your tickets at mumctlp.booktix.com. Cost is \$5.00 per device.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets the second Friday in the morning and/or the fourth Thursday in the evening. The group will be meeting virtually until further notice. The theme is [Decide to Rise](#) and is very appropriate and timely. Contact MOPS at mops@mentorumc.org for more information.

MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups is every Sunday morning at 10:10-10:50 AM. Check your email for login details or contact Tammy.

- PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th gr led by Cristen Neibecker & Laurie Babcock
- 5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

Positive Parenting Book Club's next book is *The Hideaway* by Laura K Denton. We will read this work of fiction on our own and then meet on December 3 via Zoom at 7:30 PM.



Stewardship Pledge

Your pledge cards help us plan the finances of MUMC. Please return your pledge cards by mail, fill out the online form at this link <https://bit.ly/2KiFiw2>, or drop them off at the Church Office. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Mentor United Methodist Church!

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

This Thanksgiving, we will host our 30th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner! It will look a little different as we provide drive-thru and delivery of meals only. We will miss sitting down and enjoying food and fellowship with our community, however, this meal will bless many especially with the challenges of this year.

Everyone is welcome to pick up meals from 11 AM to 2 PM on Thanksgiving Day. Just drive to the Gallery entrance and let them know how many meals you need. If you need delivery, please call the Church Office at 440.255.3496 by November 23.



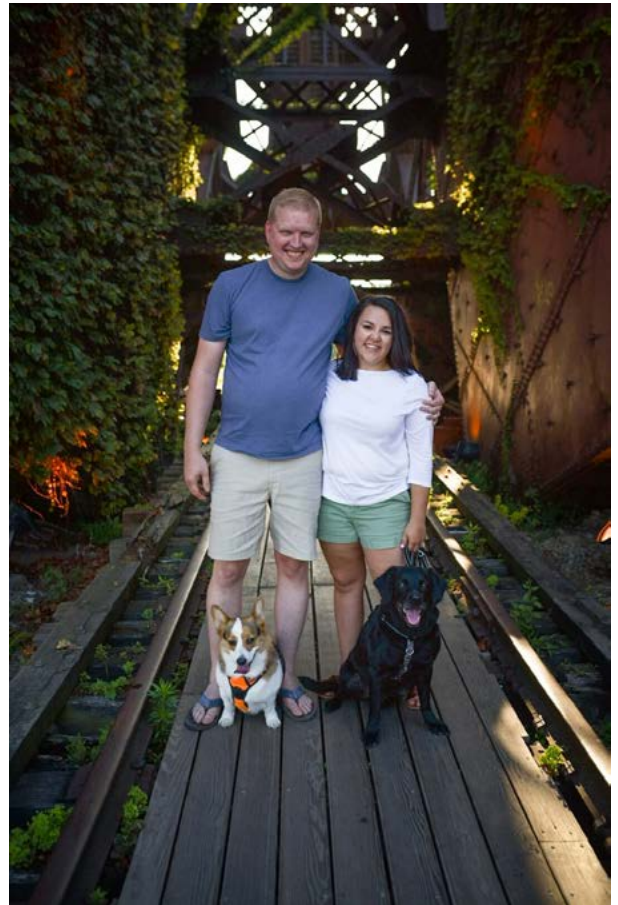
Message from Mentor UMC Staff Parish Relations Committee

The Mentor UMC Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to announce that Bishop Tracy Malone intends to appoint Pastor Mikayla Kovacik as an Associate Pastor to Mentor UMC, effective early January 2021.

Pastor Mikayla received her undergraduate degree in Religious Studies and Music, from the University of Mount Union. She received her Master of Divinity from the Pittsburg Theological Seminary, where she focused on intercity ministry and outreach, as part of her studies. After graduating Seminary, she served as the pastor for two separate rural churches in Mahoning County, prior to her current appointment. Pastor Mikayla is currently serving as the Pastor of Pleasant Hill UMC in Middleburg Heights. Within the last month, Pastor Mikayla became a newlywed as she married Robert Doepker.

Pastor Mikayla has amazing spiritual gifts to help this church continue to live into our church's mission of leading all onto a path of Christ-centered discipleship. She has an affinity for both modern and traditional types of worship services, loves planning worship services, and preaching passionate messages. Pastor Mikayla has a truly genuine passion for Jesus, as well as the thoughtful approach on how to reach out to the community to bring others to know the love of our heavenly father.

In the coming weeks, please join us in praying for Pastor Mikayla and Robert, as they go through a transition and move during the ongoing pandemic. Also, please pray for the Pleasant Hill UMC congregation who also receives this appointment news today. We are excited to welcome Mikayla and Robert to Mentor UMC in January 2021, and see what God has in store for this church in the new year.





ORDER FORM 2020

It is a tradition at MUMC to place poinsettias on the altar at Christmas in the memory or appreciation of a loved one(s) or for the glory of God. Plants are \$7 each. Please indicate if you will be picking up or donating them to the church. Checks can be made out to MUMC or Mentor United Methodist Church with "Poinsettias" as the memo. Please return form and check to:

Mentor United Methodist Church
c/o The Altar Guild
8600 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, Ohio 44060

You may fill out an online form at this link <https://bit.ly/3jq10dG>
Online payment can be made at the following link <http://mentorumc.org/onlinegiving>. Choose the fund "Poinsettias".

I will be picking up my plants Please donate my plants to the church

(PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT YOUR INFORMATION)

NAME OF PERSON ORDERING _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN APPRECIATION OF _____

TO THE GLORY OF GOD _____

FLOWERS ARE DESIGNATED FOR ___ SANCTUARY ___ FELLOWSHIP HALL

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED _____ X \$7 EACH = \$_____

___ CASH ___ CHECK