
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, February 28, 2021

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Our Lenten journey A Way in the Wilderness.... continues this week as we think about direction. Don Moen wrote, "God Will Make a Way when there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me." How are you trusting God to be your guide? Our journey with Christ does not leave us stranded on a No Outlet street. Instead, God provides direction. Join us for a look at Genesis 17 as Abram and Sari receive new names, and we discover the newness and possibilities of following God's directions.

Throughout the pandemic we have sought to follow God's direction. We have sacrificed being together, yet found ways to grow in our faith and serve our community. During the past months we have sought to ready our facility for the return to in-house worship, while still providing online opportunities. The health and safety of all remains our priority because we love one another.

We will resume in person worship on March 7, 2021, 9 AM Modern and 11 AM Traditional. Safety protocols will continue to be followed, and I remind you that things will be different. Although we look forward to gathering in person, I encourage you to make wise decisions based on your comfort level. Our online worship services will continue, and I encourage you to connect with us via the miracle of technology. If you are ready to return to the facility, we have taken steps to create as safe a worshiping environment as we can. However, remember as the pandemic continues there is always a risk when in a public place.

Whether you worship with us online or in person, we are the church together! We must continue to be patient and loving, hopeful and encouraged because God is leading us. Jesus is our guide, and newness and possibility are promised.
Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/48536318>

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

Sign Up Genius Links for In-Person Worship March 7

At this time, one service will be offered in each space, Modern Worship at 9 AM and Traditional Worship at 11 AM. You must register per Sign Up Genius through our website or Church App or call the church office at 440-255-3496. We are limiting the amount of people in each space. When using Sign Up Genius, click the box "Sign Up", then scroll down and click "Submit and Sign Up". Then, you will be able to add your name, email, how many people are attending, and then click "Sign Up Now". You will receive a confirmation email when your sign-up is complete. Please keep in mind that we are livestreaming and, if you attend in-person, you may be filmed.

Sign up at these links:

[March 7 Modern Worship 9 AM](#)

[March 7 Traditional Worship 11 AM](#)

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:
Cleveland Clinic - Noel Barber, Bob Williams

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich
The Enclave - Kay Disbro • Brookdale Mentor - Norma Kuzik
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer, Carole Leland • Parker Place - Opal Pinasky
Danbury Senior Living - Ross & Kathryn Bevacqua
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely • Western Reserve Hospice - Phyllis Melchreit
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Art Sydow • Heartland of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

Members who have returned home or are homebound:
Dale Snyder, Linda Leach, Karen Mancini, Val Hardy, Sarah Wade, Spike Sudekum,
John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Carl Snyder, Jeff Gray, Jeanne Babcock, Barb Zimmerman

Drive-Thru Communion March 7

Next Sunday, March 7, from 12 PM – 1 PM, will we host Drive-Thru communion. We will greet you under the Gallery portico. That day, you can also pick up a Maundy Thursday Worship kit as we prepare for the holy observance on April 1.

Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is for women everywhere. If there is a video for Mentor Mondays, it will be posted on Monday on our website, social media, and app.

The Not-So-Big Event: Entertainment Tonight

The Members of YSP 2021 invite you to partake in their online silent auction and a night of Virtual Entertainment to learn more about their upcoming service trip to Camp Asbury.

The “Not-So-Big Event” fundraiser will take place on March 21 at 6 PM and will be an online-only event on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website home page. Join us to get to know the Youth Service Project mission group, learn about the work they do, and buy some baskets! There will be a link provided to a secure auction site where you can bid on and purchase baskets. If you would like to make a donation, use online giving and choose “YSP” as the fund or note your check “YSP”. Thank you in advance for supporting Youth Service Project!



YSP Fruit Sale

Thank you to everyone who purchased items for our YSP Fruit Sale! We appreciate the continued support from our congregation for this ministry which allows us to give back to others in so many ways.

-The YSP Team

MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups are 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 Eliana Palermo & Ryan Poje
5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

Candy Donations

The Children's Ministry Team is asking for donations of individually wrapped candy that will fit inside a plastic egg for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop it off as soon as you are able. More details about our EGG-stravaganza will be available soon!

YOUTH 56 meets on February 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm via Zoom.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Friday, March 12, in the morning and Thursday, March 25, in afternoon. 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.

For those who like to plan ahead, here are the dates for Summer 2021:

June 28-July 2 Vacation Bible School & Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp
July 12-16 & 19-23 Theatre Arts Camp
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

MUMC Scholarship Opportunities

Please see our website at this link <http://mentorumc.org/post-secondary-scholarship> to see the new form and apply for scholarships. The deadline is Friday, April 9, by 3:30 PM for your complete submission. If you have any questions, please contact Tami White at Scholarship@mentorumc.org.

Youth Prayer Calendar

Click here <https://bit.ly/3k2hSJp> for a Lent calendar to pray for our youth by name each day in Lent.

Lent Devotions to Download

The Lent devotions are online at this link: <http://mentorumc.org/current/ash-wednesday1>.

Caring Servants

Caring Servants are lay people who serve as an extension of the pastoral care ministry at Mentor United Methodist Church. They provide visitation, phone calls, and notes to people in the congregation as a means of staying connected to shut-ins, those in care facilities, in rehab, or recently home from the hospital; those who have recently celebrated weddings or births and those who are experiencing illness or grief. Caring Servants bring a special ministry of compassion and empathy vital to meeting the ongoing needs of congregational care for our members. Caring Servants will make friendly visits to many in our church family as they represent the Body of Christ.

If you would be interested in learning more about becoming a Caring Servant, please contact Pastor Barb at bholzhauser@mentorumc.org or call the Church Office.

Vaccine Registration Assistance

We are excited that the COVID vaccines are finally available, but recognize the supplies are limited. If you are struggling with the technology needed to register online, we are here to help you.

If you have already registered and are on a list, please be patient and wait for the notification of your appointment. Pastor Barb and others are here to assist you with REGISTERING via the computer. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call 440-255-3496, extension 106, Pastor Barb and leave a message or email bholzhauser@mentorumc.org.

Easter Flowers - Due March 7

It is a tradition at Mentor United Methodist Church to place spring flowers on the altar for Easter services in the memory or appreciation of a loved one(s) or for the glory of God. Plants are \$7 each.

To order, see the Google form at this link <http://bit.ly/3d6X020>, the app or website. Payments may also be dropped off at the church office or mailed to "MUMC c/o Altar Guild Easter Flowers", 8600 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060". There also is a 2-page printable form at the end of this Weekly Update.

Modern Worship Usher Needed

The Modern service has a need for one usher. When things get back to normal, that usher could choose either the 9:00 AM service or the 11:00 AM service though right now there is only the 9 AM Modern Service. Please contact the Church Office or head usher Kurt Hinkley at kcaptains03@gmail.com or phone 216-854-0149.

Joseph Ministry

Do you have a small home repair project that is too small for contractors? Maybe you have a leaky faucet or a bad light switch or perhaps need a railing or a shower bar installed. We have a team of volunteers on call for your minor fix-it project. The Joseph Ministry is ready to help. Contact the Church Office at 440-255-3496 and let them know what you need, and we may, with some exceptions, be able to help.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS 2021



Tulip, Daffodil, Lily, Hyacinth \$7 each

Please make your check to MUMC
or Mentor United Methodist Church
and note "Easter Flowers" .

Checks and forms can be mailed to:
The Altar Guild c/o Mentor United Methodist Church
8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor OH 44060.

The last day to order will be March 7 so we can place our order
and they can be delivered for Easter.
Your plants may be picked up noon to 1 PM Easter morning, April 4.
Please indicate how many of each type you would like:

___ Tulip (\$7) ___ Daffodil (\$7) ___ Lily (\$7) ___ Hyacinth (\$7)

Total \$ _____

(PLEASE PRINT NAMES)

Name of Person Ordering as you want it to appear _____

How we can best contact you (email, phone) _____

In memory of _____

In appreciation of _____

To the Glory of God

Place my flowers in: Sanctuary Fellowship Hall some in both

I will pick up my flowers Please donate my flowers

My form of payment: check mailed check/cash dropped off online