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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, March 7, 2021

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I remember a day, not all too long ago, when there were no apps for directions, no GPS devices, or navigation systems built into cars. If and when you needed directions, you had to use a map to find your way. My family had a large atlas that was bound together and when it was unfolded it took up nearly the entire front dashboard. That atlas gave us direction, helped us stay on our path and aided us in reaching our destination.

It's easy to get lost in the wilderness of life. There are so many things that distract us, that beg for our attention, that fill our thoughts and we lose our way. This week in worship, we will be reminded that when we find ourselves lost and wandering around God gives us direction. And the direction that God gives leads to life. The words of Psalm 32 remind us of this, it says, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." Yet, each of us has to decide for ourselves whether or not we will follow God's map.



My prayer for all of us is that we hear God calling out to us and giving us direction and that we chose to follow. May we decide to follow Jesus today and every day!

With Love,  
Pastor Mikayla

### Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is  
<https://bible.com/events/48538069>

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

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 14 Modern Worship 9 AM](#)

[March 14 Traditional Worship 11 AM](#)

March 14 we "spring forward" so remember to reset your clocks!

## Congregational Care

### Members admitted to the Hospital:

Cleveland Clinic - Noel Barber, Bob Williams, Dale Snyder

### 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 • 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:

Linda Leach, Karen Mancini, Val Hardy, Sarah Wade, Spike Sudekum, Russ Lancaster, John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Carl Snyder, Jeff Gray, Jeanne Babcock, Barb Zimmerman, Carole Leland

Our sympathy to Ruth Christofer in the passing of her brother Charles on March 4.

## **Drive-Thru Communion Today March 7**

Today, March 7, from 12 PM – 1 PM, will we host Drive-Thru communion.

We will greet you under the Gallery portico. 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 Girl Scouts. 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!



## **Easter Flowers - Last Day to Order is Today, 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.

**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  
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. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 3rd for the EGG-stravaganza!!!!

**YOUTH 56** meets on March 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM AT MUMC!!! IN PERSON!!!

**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@mentorunc.org](mailto:mops@mentorunc.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://mentorunc.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@mentorunc.org](mailto:Scholarship@mentorunc.org).

### **Modern Worship Ushers Needed**

The Modern Worship Service needs two ushers. As of right now, two ushers are needed at the 9 AM service. When we get back to two services at each time, one usher would be at the 9 AM and one at the 11 AM service. Please contact the Church Office or head usher Kurt Hinkley at [kcaptains03@gmail.com](mailto:kcaptains03@gmail.com) or phone 216-854-0149 if you are interested.

### **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.

## **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](mailto:bholzhauser@mentorumc.org).

## **Congratulations to Pastor Mikayla**

We extend our congratulations, and pray God's continued blessings on Pastor Mikayla Doepker – who was affirmed by the East Ohio Conference Board of Ministry for ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church; and on Rev. Jennifer Lam – who was affirmed by the East Ohio Conference Board of Ministry for ordination as a deacon in the United Methodist Church. The service of ordination will occur on June 16, as part of Annual Conference, and will be livestreamed (more details to follow).

## **General Conference**

The United Methodist General Conference, the denomination's highest lawmaking assembly, has been rescheduled for August 29 – Sept. 6, 2022. The global gathering of United Methodists was to occur in May 2020, but due to the pandemic was postponed until August 2021. Due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic, General Conference has been further delayed.

A special one-day General Conference will be held on May 8, 2021 to deal with 12 specific items of legislation.

East Ohio Conference will host an Information Forum about General Conference Saturday, March 13 from 1 – 3 PM to learn about the postponement and the Special Called Session.

The Conference Council on Ministries, members of the East Ohio General Conference delegation, and Bishop Tracy S. Malone will give leadership to this forum, which will provide information about:

- why the 2020 General Conference has been postponed, and
- why the implications of further delaying General Conference warrants the need for a Special Called Session of General Conference.

The information forum will be livestreamed on the East Ohio Conference website: [www.eocumc.com](http://www.eocumc.com) There is no registration for this forum, which will consist of presentations of information and a Question & Answer session. Instructions will be given during the livestream explaining how you will be able to ask questions remotely during the forum.

## **YSP Registration Due Today**

General Information:

If you are still interested in going, but would like details of the trip, please see that below. <http://bit.ly/38aZc5m>

If you have not submitted your statement of intent and deposit, please click below. This is due by March 7. Space is limited to around 30 people for this trip so please sign up. <https://forms.gle/ErBKfCVsGkqNSoxYA>

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Mentor United Methodist Church

Saturday April 3, 2021, 10 AM to 12 PM

participate in a story walk,  
have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny,  
and get candy-filled plastic eggs for  
your own egg hunt at home!

See our website at  
[mentorumc.org](http://mentorumc.org)  
for the clues and  
all the information!



Beginning Sunday, March 28, families will have one week to go on an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt throughout the city of Mentor.

Following the clues provided on our website, families will drive to 12 different locations to find 12 large decorated egg signs.

Copy the letter found on each giant egg and then unscramble all 12 letters to find the secret word.

On Saturday, April 3 between 10 AM to 12 PM, come to Mentor UMC and claim your prize for unscrambling the letters correctly.

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