
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, March 14, 2021

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Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that this week marked the one-year mark since the Coronavirus pandemic broke out in the United States. For most of us, life as we knew it came to a screeching halt. This past year has been filled with grief and loss, frustration and pain, and the feeling of missing out. We've been waiting and longing for the return of the normalcy of life. And in our waiting, many of us have grown impatient.

In many ways, this mirrors the experience of the Israelites in the wilderness. After forty years in the wilderness, the Israelites were frustrated, filled with grief and loss, and waiting for some normalcy of life to come their way. Like us, they grew impatient.

Even in the midst of their impatience and complaining, God cares for them.

In worship this weekend, we will explore how God cares for us when we grow impatient. In the wilderness of our lives and in our growing impatience, we are not alone. Worship and connect with us this weekend and invite a friend. (It's as simple as sharing a link!)



With You,
Pastor Mikayla

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/48540342>

Join us for online 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 21 Modern Worship 9 AM](#)

[March 21 Traditional Worship 11 AM](#)

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:

Cleveland Clinic - Sarah Wade • TriPoint - Sally Carr

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • Beachwood - Bob Williams
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, Spike Sudekum, Russ Lancaster, John Hurley, Tom Knesbeck, Carl Snyder, Jeff Gray, Jeanne Babcock, Barb Zimmerman, Noel Barber, Joyce Ragan, Dale Snyder

Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is for children 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!



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 or phone 216-854-0149 if you are interested.

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 3 for the EGG-stravaganza!!!!

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

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Thursday, March 25 in the 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 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!

Youth Group In Person: Starting Today, March 14

Leah Nash is excited to share with you that we will be starting in-person Youth Group today, March 14. Please note that there has been a time change made from typical Youth Group. We will meet from **1:00-3:00 PM at MUMC** (unless otherwise stated).

You can [SIGN UP HERE](#) and read our safety guidelines that will be in place, as well as our alternative plan in case we exceed 15 students.

Middle School Mission Week: July 6-10

Mark your calendars for MSMW!

If you are interested in being part of the planning team, please join us online on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. Email lnash@mentorunc.org to join the meeting or with any questions.

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.

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.

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 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.

Facebook Bake-Off Result

Congratulations to Kat Fisher! Kat is the winner of the 2021 Mentor United Methodist Church Facebook Bake-Off! Kat's entry was selected as the winner for having the most reactions and comments. She won two \$25 gift cards. Thank you to all who participated and shared in the baking fun!



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.

Dear MUMC Families,

We are excited to kick off our Heifer Project this year with families donating to help end world hunger and poverty. Heifer International is a global organization that works to strengthen local economies by providing food security and nutrition as well as an increase in income and assets to families.

This year we will work toward purchasing a flock of chicks for families in need. For every \$20 donated, Heifer International will provide a family with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks, along with the training that will empower them to turn this one-time donation into a lifetime of opportunity. Each flock provides eggs and protein for nourishment, boosts income through sales of extra eggs and offspring, and ensures security for generations to come. Chickens require little space and can thrive on readily available scraps; this allows families to make money from the birds without spending much. And since a good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year, a flock of chickens provides a steady source of nutrition and income.

Our church goal is to raise enough money to purchase 50 FLOCKS (\$1,000 total) by April 3.

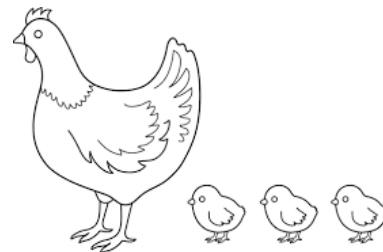
How you can participate:

Have your child(ren) earn money for Heifer International by doing any of the suggested chores listed on the Chore Calendar which can be found at www.mentorunc.org/heifer-project.

Bring any money earned to church on Saturday, April 3, 2021, between 10:00 AM and Noon, during the Easter Egg Hunt.

You will receive a special reward for all your hard work. Plus, other Easter treats will be distributed at that same time.

Tammy Palermo, Director of Children and Family Ministries



EASTER EGG HUNT

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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
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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