
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 9, 2021

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ,

As we continue our Journey with John in these post-resurrection days, we consider what it means to “abide in love.” This week, I encourage you to reflect on John 15: 9 – 17. Jesus said, “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

We first come to know Jesus’ love, and then we get to work showing others Jesus’ love. It’s easy to love our close circle – family and friends. Easy to love those who view things the same as us – cheer for the same team and vote for the same candidate and like the same worship style. The challenge of Jesus command to love is to understand and experience grace – unconditional love. This is the DNA that Jesus extends to those who abide in him.

Jesus’ love – his DNA – is that you are loved. You being “YOU”! Anyone who has breath ... Jesus lays down his life for all. No need to hide your brokenness and pain or view yourself as unworthy. Jesus loves you, and offers restoration and life!

A faith community centered on such DNA seeks to extend this grace. If we are not intentional about abiding in Christ we will fail to love as Christ loves. God’s Kingdom does not allow division to define us, hatred and mistrust to take up residence in us, or anger and selfishness to guide us. Christ’s faith community is driven by love – we listen and learn from each other; we care for one another even when we disagree; we extend mercy and love to those who are undeserving. Because this is Jesus’ love for us, and his command to follow.

We celebrate the many who help us know this love – this weekend giving thanks for mothers who gave us birth or women who nurtured us in the faith.

My prayer is that you know Jesus’ love.
And, that you go share it with the world.

Pastor Sondra

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/48652109>

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

Sign up at these links or call the Church Office at 440.255.3496.

[May 16 Modern Worship 9 AM](#)

[May 16 Traditional Worship 11 AM](#)

Mentor Mondays

Our prayer focus this week is our Girls On The Run team. All are welcome to cheer them on as they run their 5K on Saturday, May 15, at 10 AM at the Mentor high school stadium.

Congregational Care

Members admitted to the Hospital:

Cleveland Clinic - Nancy Stack • Lake West - Nancy Markell

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro
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 • Lake Med - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher • Concord Village - Bill Owens
Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Karen Mancini, John Hurley, Sarah Wade, Dale Snyder, David Wilson, Joan Evans,
Carl Snyder, Barb Zimmerman, Noel Barber, Glenn Beaver, Margaret Sanders
Joyce Ragan, Bob Williams, Spike Sudekum, Ken Pleska, Tom Erbaugh, Marty Ellsworth,
Jon Yagoda

Our sympathy to family and friends of Norma Kuzik in her passing on May 5.

Blood Drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at MUMC on May 11. Sign up at redcrossblood.org.

Graduating Seniors

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we want to honor those who are graduating both in our service on June 13 and with a gift. If you or your student is graduating high school, college, or graduate school, let us know!

Please fill out this [FORM](#) to make sure we have all the needed information. If you have questions, you can email Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org or call her at the church at 440-255-3496 extension 114. We can't wait to share in this exciting time with you!

Community Service Opportunity

See our website at mentorumc.org/community-service-opportunities for all the information about Royal Family Kids Camp. There are many ways you can help.

Girls on the Run

MUMC is proud to support our Girls on the Run team: Olivia, Brooklin, Renee, and Paige! Thank you to coaches Lynn, Claire, Bev, and Ken. Cheer on our team as they complete their 5K on May 15 at 10 AM at Mentor High School Jerome Osborne Stadium.

This is not a "race" but a celebration of all they have learned and trained for this season. They will put their training to the test and compete against themselves to finish. Let's cheer them on! Admission is free and the stadium is large to allow for distancing.

If you have any questions, contact Bev Lee at beverly.k.lee@gmail.com. We will have teams in the fall so watch for sign-up information later this summer.



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 at tpalermo@mentorumc.org.

PS, K, 1st gr led by Kate & Abby Colbow
2nd, 3rd, 4th gr led by Tammy Palermo / Amy Markijohn
5th & 6th gr led by Barb Brown & Leah Nash

YOUTH 56 meets May 16 and all youth in grades 5-12 are invited to meet at Chip's Clubhouse to putt-putt at 1:00 PM. See [the website](#) for the remaining dates and details!

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Friday, May 14, at 9:00 AM and Thursday, May 27, at 8:00 PM. 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

[REGISTRATION IS OPEN](#)



Change the World Day will be Saturday May 22. We will meet at Mentor UMC at 9 AM to gather in our groups and end around 12 PM. This year, we will hold a prayer walk in our community, plant flowers and deliver planters, and create cards for our shut-ins. A Signup Genius is available at [this link](#). We look forward to you changing the world with us! If you have any questions, contact Bill Mueller at 440-463-5540 or bil.mueller.home@gmail.com.

Food Ministry Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with the Food Ministry Drop Off. Bringing the listed items is helping our team tremendously! We have fulfilled many of the items and have less to shop for. For instance, we needed 107 brownie mixes and 107 were donated. Thank you for your generosity as you bless local children.

AmazonSmile in the Amazon App

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Mentor United Methodist Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Mentor United Methodist Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app