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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, May 23, 2021

[www.mentorumc.org](http://www.mentorumc.org)

Christians have been marking Pentecost Sunday for thousands of years. Some bake a birthday cake for the church, others stream red and orange crepe paper throughout the sanctuary, and others have their children sing special songs or make paper chains out of red construction paper. As a child growing up, I can remember every Pentecost Sunday donning my one red dress shirt and going to worship to blend into the sea of red shirts, jackets, and ties that folks sported.



Though these are ways that lead us into the celebration of this important day, it mustn't stop there. Pentecost is about the transformational experience of the Holy Spirit that the first disciples had and that we, as present day disciples, are called to have too. The Holy Spirit transforms both our inward and outward selves and sends us into the world in mission and ministry.

So on this Pentecost Sunday, I challenge you to open yourselves to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit and allow both your inward and outward self to be changed. As the Holy Spirit indwells in each of us, let us go into the world to share the love of God and to announce the good news of Jesus Christ to all.

With Pentecost Fire,

Pastor Mikayla

### **Sunday Morning Services**

The YouVersion link for this week is  
<https://bible.com/events/48652128>

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

There is no longer a need to preregister to attend in-person services. Please join us at 9 AM for Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall and 11 AM for Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary. Please see the revised Building Reopen Strategy in this Weekly Update for more details.

### **Mentor Mondays**

Our prayer focus this week is for school staff, students, and the end of the school year.

## Congregational Care

### Members admitted to the Hospital:

Tripoint - Shirley Drobnick, James Cornelius

### 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, Bill Owens  
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 • Kirtland Rehab - Nancy Markell  
Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman

### Members who have returned home or are homebound:

Karen Mancini, John Hurley, Dale Snyder, Joan Evans, Noel Barber, Glenn Beaver,  
Joyce Ragan, Bob Williams, Spike Sudekum, Marty Ellsworth, Nora Kieser, Ken Pleska  
Nancy Stack

## Blood Drive Results

Thank you for your participation in the blood drive on May 11. We had 35 donors register and collected 31 pints, with the potential to help up to 93 patients in need! Our next blood drive is June 15. Register for an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Hiking Journey Group

Start your Saturday mornings with a hike and Bible study. The Hiking Journey Group, led by Kate Colbow, will begin meeting on June 5 from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please see the location schedule below.

The study is The Rewritten Life: When God Changes Your Story by Jessica LaGrone. It looks at people from the Bible whose lives were rewritten by God's love and will help us see God's hand in our life stories. It's published by Abingdon Press and can be purchased from Amazon. For more information, contact Kate Colbow at [kate\\_colbow@yahoo.com](mailto:kate_colbow@yahoo.com).

June 5 - Lakeshore Reservation	June 12 - Environmental Learning Center
June 19 - Claridon Woodlands	June 26 - Indian Point Park
July 3 - Mentor Marsh	July 10 - Chapin Forest

**MUM Preschool** is currently taking registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Please contact Colleen Judson at [Judson.preschool@mentorumc.org](mailto:Judson.preschool@mentorumc.org) for all the details! There are openings for 3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds, and PreKindergarten.

## Community Service Opportunity

See our website at [mentorumc.org/community-service-opportunities](http://mentorumc.org/community-service-opportunities) for two new volunteer options: Painesville City Schools Summer XP Program and Hospice of the Western Reserve.

### MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups

May 23, 10:10-10:50 AM. Check your email for login details or contact Tammy at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org).

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

May 30 - NO MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups

June 6 - FAMILY SUNDAY, NO MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups

June 13 - Return to In Person Sunday Mornings

PLEASE refer to an email sent from Tammy and/or the website for details.

**YOUTH 56** meets **today** from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. See [the website](#) for the remaining dates and details!

**MOPS & MOMSnext** meets 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](mailto:mops@mentorumc.org) for more information.

### Summer 2021:

June 28-July 2  
Vacation Bible School &  
Get Out Doors (G.O.D.) Camp

July 12-16 & 19-23  
Theatre Arts Camp



July 6-10  
Middle School Mission Week  
[Sign up at this link.](#)

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN

### A Message From Tammy Palermo about Flat Jesus

Our upcoming series is Summer Road Trip which will focus on Jesus' travels in the Bible. As we travel and visit this summer, it will be fun for every family to have a Flat Jesus to take along. Many of your kids and grandkids may have participated at school in the Flat Stanley project, based on the book by Jeff Brown. Instead of mailing away our Flat Jesus, everyone is encouraged to snap pictures with him on their summer adventures.



We will have a map to chart all the places Flat Jesus has been and will add up his miles traveled. Instructions for sharing your photos are printed on the back of your Flat Jesus. They can be shared through social media or emailed to me by July 31. You can pick one up this morning after worship today, or drop by the church during the week. Contact me, Tammy Palermo, with any questions. Please join in the fun this summer as we travel with Jesus and appreciate that we can once again take a Summer Road Trip!

- Tag your Flat Jesus photos to Instagram @MentorUMChurch
- Post your Flat Jesus photos to Mentor United Methodist Church Facebook page
- Email your Flat Jesus photos to Tammy at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org)

May 18, 2021  
Revised Version

Dear Mentor UMC Members and Friends,

Thank you for your on-going prayers, and continued support of our church's ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to navigate through unprecedented times. Even as the CDC announces changes, we are all left to determine what is best for our lives, including the safe return to our church facility.

I continue to ask for your patience and understanding as we inch forward. We are not all in the same place; we do not all have the same feelings or opinions. I recognize and have experienced that any decision made will be applauded by some and scrutinized by others. Yet we are Christ's Church; brothers and sisters in Christ. It is my earnest prayer that we will continue to be a community centered on Christ and a true reflection of Christ's love. This is evidenced in our worship and fellowship and mission. Our community is watching us. We are watching out for each other. Please ... let us be a community that is patient with one another, willing to do what is best for one another, and quick to extend the love of Christ regardless of any circumstance.

Through prayer and research, following conversations with our staff, and after seeking input from our Administrative Council, attached is our revised "Building Reopen Strategy."

We continue to find ways to be in ministry together, and encourage each other to remain centered and focused on Christ. I encourage you to remain engaged in our ministry and pray about how you can help our ministry continue to grow and reach people for Christ. You are an important part of what Christ is doing and will do through Mentor UMC.

May God guide us, and be honored because of us!

*Pastor Sondra Snode*



[Click here to view Pastor Sondra's video message or see our website and app.](#)

**Mentor United Methodist Church**  
**Building Reopen Strategy**

- I. If for any reason you are uncomfortable worshipping in person we encourage you to engage with us online.
- II. Those considered to be “at risk” are encouraged to continue to stay home and worship online. This includes those with cold or flu-like symptoms or a temperature  $\geq 100.4$ .
- III. Through August 2021, there will continue to be two in-house worship services: Sunday: 9 a.m. Modern Worship in Fellowship Hall  
11 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

Online worship will continue to be livestreamed at 9 and 11 on our church website @ mentorumc.org; YouTube channel; and Facebook page. The service will then be posted on each venue for viewing at other times.

- IV. Effective May 24, 2021 preregistration for worship services will no longer be necessary. (Please note that Sign-up Genius will continue to be utilized for some children and youth activities.)
- V. Through the month of June, while in the worship services everyone ages 4 or older will be asked to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth. Those who do not have a mask will be provided one.
  1. This will allow children who are not yet vaccinated to safely return to our facility.
  2. This will enable singing to resume.
  3. This will help us create a welcoming space for all.
- VI. Congregants are asked to take responsibility for social distancing. You are encouraged to be sensitive to those around you. Please be aware when interacting with others that everyone is at a different comfort level – thus, ask permission prior to shaking hands, hugging or sharing the peace.
- VII. Traffic flow in hallways, as well as for entering and exiting worship spaces, will be clearly marked.
- VIII. There will be no fellowship hour until further notice.

- IX. Beginning June 13, 2021 **Children ages 3-5 and current kindergarteners** will meet on the playground (weather permitting). They will stay there for the duration of the worship service. **Children in grades 1 through 6** will begin in the worship service with their parent(s). They will engage in worship for the first ten minutes and then be released to go to their group outside at a designated, secured part of the parking lot. **Children two and under** will remain with their families for worship.
- X. Offering Boxes will be available at each exit for envelopes and prayer cards.
- XI. Bathroom usage will be limited to one person at a time (children and a parent will be considered one unit and remain together)

#### Communion

The elements will be individually prepared and distributed  
Online “blessing of the elements” will continue

#### *Groups may schedule a gathering at the church facility*

- All gatherings must be approved by the church office
- Participants must practice social distancing
- Only the space reserved is to be used
- Wearing face coverings is encouraged, but will be optional
- The group leader will wipe down used surfaces at the end of gathering: tables, door handles, light switches, and flip the sign on the door to indicate the space has been used
- All areas will be disinfected by staff in between usages



**Help us to Celebrate  
Pastor Mikayla Doepker and Rev. Jennifer Lam  
On their Upcoming Ordinations**

**Let's shower them with words of support,  
congratulations, and recognition  
Please consider mailing a card to them and/or putting a comment  
on the MUMC Facebook page during that week**

Their ordinations will take place on *Wednesday, June 16th*, 3 PM, at  
conference. Use this link <https://www.eocumc.com/eoac21/index.html> to  
watch virtually. Pastor Mikayla is being ordained as an Elder  
Rev. Jennifer is being ordained as a Deacon

Our church family will present them a gift  
And pray over them in person  
on Sunday, June 20th, at each service

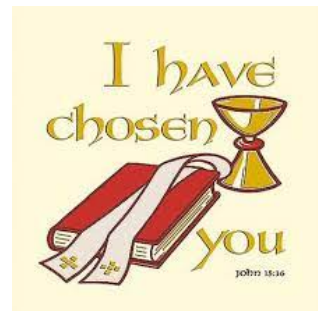
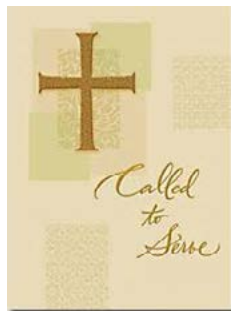
Pastor Mikayla Doepker  
7441 Murray Ave.  
Mentor, OH 44060

\*Rev. Jennifer Lam  
1865 Beechwood Ave NE Apt B11  
North Canton, OH 44720

\*As a member of Mentor UMC, Jennifer was affirmed and sent into the ministry from our congregation. She is currently serving as a chaplain at Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

John 15:16

**16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.



# Meet Me in June!



## Helen Roberts-Evans

Missionary serving as Associate Director for Supervision for the Department of General Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia working to support and monitor UMC Schools.

Join the conversation on Thursdays at 1p.m. EST:

***June 3: What do I do in Liberia?***

Presentation with Q&A

***June 10: Walk with me!***

A visual journey of one typical day in Liberia

***June 17: Voices Speak Out***

Stories of God's work through access to education

***June 24: Personal Spiritual Growth***

My testimony of new relationship with God

All are welcome. Join by clicking on the Zoom link below.

Registration is not required.

**TO ZOOM**



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