
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday, May 30, 2021

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Greetings Friends,

This weekend in worship we will celebrate the ministry of our Change the World Day which was Saturday May 22, 2021. Our Missions Team, along with many volunteers, came out and participated in flower planting and delivery, making cards, and a prayer walk. Each of these activities was designed to connect us with our community. This work, however, is not relegated to one specific weekend of the year.



As followers of Jesus, this is the call of our everyday living. In the United Methodist Hymnal there is a hymn entitled, "Pass It On." Its words proclaim, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on." Each one of us carries inside of us a spark of God's love. Our challenge this day and every day is to share that spark with others that we might get a fire burning. If we want the world to experience God's love, we must get to work sharing love and caring for our neighbor. I challenge you this week to consider one way that you can share God's love with others in your life. By sharing God's love and caring for your neighbor as yourselves, you can CHANGE THE WORLD.

"I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found; you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain-top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on." (United Methodist Hymnal #572)
Let's pass it on,

Pastor Mikayla

Sunday Morning Services

The YouVersion link for this week is
<https://bible.com/events/48699831>

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 Memorial Day.

Annual Conference

Please see [this link](#) for the Annual Conference website. The conference is June 16 - 19, 2021, and will be streamed from the John S. Knight Center in Akron OH.

Congregational Care

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro
Mentor Ridge - Gloria Meyer, Joan Barnum • 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, Nora Kieser • 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, Shirley Drobnick

A Celebration of Life for James Reed will be held on June 5, 2021, at MUMC. Visitation will be at 10 AM with the memorial service at 11 AM. Jim's family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and messages that were received since his passing.

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is June 15. Register for an appointment at 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.

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 for all the details! There are openings for 3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds, and PreKindergarten.

Community Service Opportunity

The Royal Family Kids auction is online June 7-19. See our website at mentorumc.org/community-service-opportunities.

Merkel Library

The library is now open for your use. We have many items that are now "missing" from 2019 and 2020. Would you please check your home and if you find any DVD's or books, return them to the blue box by the desk in the Library. Thank you! Come in and see all the wonderful items you can sign out.

MUMC Family Style Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups

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

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

Children and Youth are encouraged to [sign up](#) to be an active part of worship.

June 13 - Return to In Person Sunday Mornings

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

YOUTH 56 will meet at Veterans Park on Sunday, June 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM for the Hello/ Goodbye Party for current 4 through 12 grades. See [the website](#) for the remaining dates and details!

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Friday, June 11, at 9:00 AM and Thursday, June 24 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.

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](#)



July 6-10

Middle School Mission Week

[Sign up at this link.](#)

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

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 ≥ 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

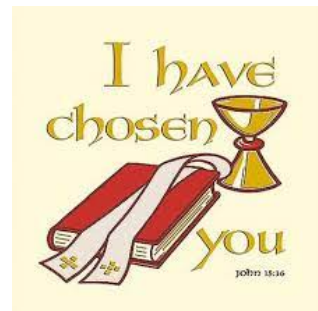
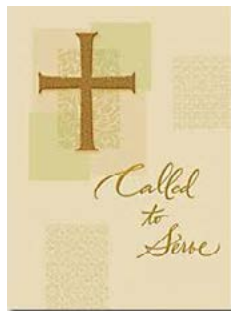
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*As a member of Mentor UMC, Jennifer was affirmed and sent into the ministry from our congregation. She is currently serving as a chaplain at Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

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



Global Ministries

The United Methodist Church