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# Mentor United Methodist Church

## WEEKLY UPDATE

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Sunday, June 6, 2021

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This week, our new sermon series begins: Summer Road Trip! I hope you will join us as we travel with Jesus. We also hope you will consider how you invite Jesus to be a part of your summer travels. Whether taking “Flat Jesus” along (Have you picked yours up?) or simply pausing to watch for God at work – this is a summer to celebrate God’s presence among us.



We all have a hometown – a place of beginning. Perhaps your summer travels will take you to visit family you haven’t seen in a while. Perhaps you will find ways to share stories from the past of how you were nurtured and by whom. Your hometown is part of your story. Jesus was from Nazareth in Galilee.

As we think about places of beginning, how can Mentor UMC be more than a simple dot on a map? How can we be a place that helps people find their identity in Christ? A place that encourages and nurtures and shapes lives. A place where all are welcomed at Christ’s table. A place that finds ways to weave Jesus’ good news into the lives of all people – babies being baptized, families mourning, couples being married, students graduating, neighbors, strangers, friends. A place that is defined by Jesus’ story.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we acknowledge that our lives are defined by Jesus’ story and thus, we are connected to each other. We are family. Wherever we travel, may we celebrate that Jesus is along for the journey! And, let us joyfully discover who else is a part of Christ’s family.

With you on the journey,  
Pastor Sondra

### **Sunday Morning Services**

The YouVersion link for this week is  
<https://bible.com/events/48707742>

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 on the website and app for more details.

### **Mentor Mondays**

Our prayer focus this week is our graduates.

### **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 the Hospital: Lake West - Gloria Novak

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, Ken Pleska, Nancy Stack,  
Shirley Drobnick, Ed Rhoades

Congratulations to Matt and Amy Miley on the baptism of Noah John today.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Derek and Rachael Jividen on their marriage at MUMC on June 4.

## **Blood Drive**

Our next blood drive is June 15. Register for an appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**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**

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

## **Food Ministry**

Thank you to all who contributed and volunteered for our May food distribution. 83 local families in our program were served.

## **Evangelism Training**

Join us for an evangelism training event on Sunday, June 27, at 4 PM in Fellowship Hall as we explore ways to positively witness. Learn about opportunities this summer to make connections with the Mentor community and take part in collaborative workshops to create conversations focused on sharing your faith. No sign up required. This event may be attended in person or via Zoom at [this link](#) or contact Sarah Ring at [sring630@gmail.com](mailto:sring630@gmail.com).

**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.

There is still a need for **LEADERS** sign up or email Tammy at [tpalermo@mentorumc.org](mailto:tpalermo@mentorumc.org)

9 AM: 3 leaders needed  
11 AM: 5 leaders needed

FAMILY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. Children and Youth are encouraged to [sign up](#) to be an active part of worship

**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](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)

**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.

