
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

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December 19, 2021

Traditional Worship at 9 AM and 11 AM

Modern Worship at 9 AM

The Gathering 11 AM, Fellowship Hall, mask required

Worship with us online every Sunday at 9 and 11 AM at mentorumc.org, [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mentorumc), and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/mentorumc).

As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of love. In our English language, we use "love" for a variety of things: potato chips, ocean breezes, sports teams, Christmas lights, and family members. In the Greek language "love" is described in different ways – which is important to consider when thinking about what God has done through a baby named Jesus.

The Christ child is agape love – God's unconditional, full revelation of love for humanity. God becomes human in order to connect with humanity. This is because God desires to be in relationship with every person. With you.

As the holy week of Christmas unfolds, we pray you will be surrounded by all that you love. But most importantly, that you experience anew the depth of love God has for you. Christ's birth reveals God's love – yet many people refuse to acknowledge the gift or unwrap and allow the gift to impact them.

The true impact of God with us ... Emmanuel ... Jesus ... will be in our response to Christmas. Let us be those who do not simply prepare for a day, but those who invite God's love to impact and transform us into agape-believing, agape-yielding Christ followers.

We invite you to join us in person or online for Christmas Eve worship. As we welcome God into our lives, we pray that God's love will so transform us that others will know we are Christ's followers by our love.

May you know God's love this Christmas, and always.
Pastor Sondra and Pastor Mikayla

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/48812746>.

Christmas Eve Schedule

We are so pleased to return to our Christmas Eve service schedule of
3 PM Traditional Worship - Communion • 5 PM Children-led service (mask required)
7 PM Modern Worship • 7 PM Traditional Worship - Charter Members
9 PM Traditional Worship - Hallelujah Chorus • 11 PM Traditional Worship
The 7 PM Modern and 9 PM Traditional services will also be livestreamed

Congregational Care

In our prayers today and in your personal prayer time, please remember the following:

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

Aberdeen Crossing - Barbara Bradarich • The Enclave - Kay Disbro, Jeanne Babcock
Vista Springs - Audrey Arslanian • Concord Village - Mary Jane Scott
Continuing Healthcare of Mentor - Virginia Gilman, Doris Sturm
Parker Place - Opal Pinasky, Bill Owen, Bob and Sandy Linsell
Danbury Senior Living - Kathryn Bevacqua, Hugh Samson
Maple Ridge Sr. Living - Bob Chamberlin • Brookdale Wickliffe - Fran Rose
Tapestry Senior Living - Gloria McFeely • Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher, Ann Shetler

Members who are home or homebound:

Karen Mancini, Karen Scott, Ruth Johnson, Noel Barber, Dale Snyder, Dick Smith, Mike Toth, Carol Tidy, Kathy Rippin

Children & Family Ministries

www.mentorumc.org/children

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MUMC Sunday Morning Kids' Journey Groups, mask required in Education Wing and Early Childhood Area

- 9:00 AM at MUMC
 - 0-2 year old & 3-4 Year old sign in at the Early Childhood Area prior to service
 - Kindergarten through 6th grade begin worship with their families. You will be dismissed from there to go to the Education Wing.
 - **Leaders are still needed in the 5th & 6th grade group** Her is the [Winter Sign Up](#). Please note that all leaders are asked to wear a mask as we LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE.
- 11:00 AM The Gathering (mask required)
 - Interactive, Intergenerational, and Intentional worship service

Pre-Registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year for **MUM Preschool**. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool next fall, please share the mentorumc.org/preschool website.

Youth 712 Ski Trip - MLK Weekend

January 14 - January 16, the Youth Group will be heading to the slopes of Peek 'N Peak. There are several ski packages available, including learning to ski options for students who have never been! Students are VERY welcome to BRING A FRIEND.

We are looking for adult drivers/chaperones, who are welcome to participate in the skiing but are not required. Students who are coming MUST plan on skiing/snowboarding.

If you think you might be interested, please [RSVP HERE](#).

For information about agenda and trip costs, please contact Leah Nash at lnash@mentorumc.org.

Disaster Relief for Kentucky Tornado Victims

Donations can be dropped in the offering plate, mailed in, or sent online through the website or MUMC app. Checks can be made out to MUMC. Please include Advance #901670 in the memo line or mark UMCOR US Relief. 100% of your donation will be used for direct relief.

More Than A Meal

The next date for More Than A Meal is January 29. It will be drive-thru pick up of a complete meal. Please let anyone in need know that this is a free meal to our community. If you are interested in helping, see the SignUp Genius at [this link](#) or call the Church Office at 440.255.3496.



The poster features a dark blue background with a bright starburst light at the top center. Below the starburst, the text "Blue Christmas" is written in a large, elegant white script font, with "a service of healing and hope" in a smaller, white sans-serif font underneath. To the right of the text are several white silhouettes of birds in flight. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of overlapping circles in shades of blue, purple, and pink.

Blue Christmas
a service of healing and hope

Monday, December 20th, @ 7:00 pm

Please gather in the chapel for worship as we remember loved ones who are no longer physically present with us. On the eve of the shortest day of the year when darkness lingers, and with a mix of sadness and gratitude for them, the light Christ will illumine our path as we make our way through the holidays. Come, behold the Light of the world!



In the rising of the sun and its going down, we remember them.
In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.
In the opening of the buds and the rebirth of spring, we remember them.
In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.
In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.
In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.
When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.
When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.
When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.
So long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.



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