
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

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December 26, 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).

Dear Friends in Christ,

The end of a year provides opportunity to reflect and remember. As the apostle Paul often wrote, "I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

We began 2021 with hope that the pandemic would end and life as we knew it would return. Yet as the year ends, COVID cases are on the rise, and we are continually adapting and discovering new ways to do things. But we are okay. God is faithful, and we have discovered Christ is "able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...." (Ephesians 3:20)

Thank you to our staff. Mentor UMC staff has served in ways that many do not recognize - adapting, creating, navigating, persevering, serving, growing and stretching.

Thank you to our worship leaders. Worship does not just happen. It takes an extraordinary amount of planning, preparation, and commitment to provide meaningful and engaging worship – including livestream offerings.

Thank you to our volunteers. As we relaunched our vision - Connect, Reach, Engage, Welcome – we discovered the dedication of many who are willing to be a part of Mentor UMC CREW. In challenging times, leaders are needed; volunteers are essential; faithful practices are fundamental. We are the church, together.

As we turn the page to 2022, I give thanks for God at work in our midst. And, as we look forward let us prayerfully, expectantly, and faithfully trust "God with us." Christ is able to do more than we dare to dream ... 2021 has shown us! So, here's to the next chapter!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sondra

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Arcade. If you do not currently use envelopes but would like to, please contact Teresa in the office and she will get them for you.

The Christmas Offering Designation

Local Missions: 1/6 to Little Annie's Hope Train, 1/6 to Project Hope for the Homeless

National Missions: 1/3 to McCurdy Ministries Community Center, Española, NM, a National Mission Institution of the United Methodist Church

International Missions: 1/3 to World Gospel Mission for Morning Star Christian Horse Ranch in Hungary, Mark and Eszti Landerholm

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/48816313>.

Congregational Care

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

Members admitted to the Hospital: Lake West - Spike Sudekum

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 • Grand River - Doris Aplis
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, Opal Pinasky

Members who are home or homebound:

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.

Do you have a 3 and/or 4-year-old and is potty trained? Would they benefit from a preschool experience? Consider enrolling in the Young 3's class starting in January at Mentor UM Preschool. Contact Tammy for more details at TPalermo@mentorumc.org.

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.

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.

Old Calendars Needed

Here is a great way to recycle old calendars with pictures: "look books". Caring Servants would like to take your old calendars with nice photos and illustrations and make look books for some of our Saints. Just drop them off in the Church Office. Thank you and Happy New Year!