
Mentor United Methodist Church

WEEKLY UPDATE

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January 2, 2022

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).

"So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 1 Corinthians 5:17

It is hard to believe that it is already 2022! Today marks one year since I have been appointed to serve at Mentor United Methodist Church. What a year it has been! With every New Year comes new beginnings and new opportunities. As followers of Jesus Christ, we do not just find new beginnings and new opportunities in the New Year. Each and every day we are reminded that we are a new creation in Christ Jesus and that the old has passed away. Friends, all things are made new in Christ Jesus, even us. The past does not define us and our future is not based on our history.

As we step into 2022, we have many possibilities before us as individuals and as a community of faith. We must decide if we will step into these new beginnings and how we will engage these new possibilities. My prayer for us as individuals and as a church is to remember that we are made new in Christ Jesus. I also pray that we find the confidence and the assurance to live out our faith in new and exciting ways in our lives, our church, and our community.

This New Year, may we take the opportunity to grow in our faith, in our relationship with Jesus Christ, and in our service to God. I invite you, today, to consider joining a Journey Group, signing up for a new ministry, or volunteering in one of our many mission projects. Behold, Christ is making all things new, even us and even our church!

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Mikayla

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available in the Arcade. If you do not currently use envelopes but would like to, please contact the Church Office.

YouVersion

The YouVersion link for this week is <https://bible.com/events/48816864>.

Town Hall Meeting

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, January 19, at 6:30 for our first "Town Hall" gathering. We will gather to explore our church's vision, and find ways to grow our ministry in the new year. All are invited to this informative meeting, but leaders are especially encouraged to attend. Many of our committees will then meet at 7:15 to discuss their monthly business.



Congregational Care

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

Members admitted to the Hospital: Lake West - Chuck Tice

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 - 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, Spike Sudekum, Karen Mancini

As Carolyn Nagy and Teresa Simons move on to new opportunities, they would like to thank the congregation of MUMC for all their support, love, and friendship over the years. Teresa will continue with MUMC as her church home. MUMC is very dear to Carolyn and her boys and she will be back for worship and ministry once her replacement has settled in. Thank you, and as the French say, "à bientôt", "see you soon."

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 REMAIN IN worship with their families.
 - **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.

MOPS & MOMSnext meets Friday, January 14 from 9:30 AM to noon at MUMC.

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.

Usher Needed

There is a need for an usher in the Modern service at 9 AM. Please contact Kurt Hinkley if you are interested at kcaptains03@gmail.com or 216.854.0149.

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!

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is in desperate need of men's warm winter jackets. Please drop them off in the bin in the Community Center. Thank you!

Food Collection

The Food Ministry is in need of specific items for the March distribution. We are collecting the following items in January:

- paper napkins
- paper plates
- 4 lb. bag of sugar
- zipper (not fold) sandwich bags
- zipper quart freezer bags
- 150 sq. feet aluminum foil
- 300 sq. feet plastic wrap
- 13 gallon trash bags

Please place your donations in the bin in the Community Center through January 31. Keep an eye out for our February list coming next month!

Blood Drive

MUMC will host a Red Cross blood drive on January 18, from 9 AM to 3 PM. To sign up, make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org.