



MEDINA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Loving, Living, Sharing
The Message of Jesus Christ

CONNECTIONS

Palm Sunday

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Children's Palm
Parade @ 10:30 a.m.



MAUNDY
Thursday

April 2
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday
April 3, 2026
7:30 p.m.

"Who Is Jesus?"

Presented by MUMC
Music Ministries

*Easter
Egg Hunt*

Saturday, April 4
10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Egg Filler Donations Needed & Volunteers for Hunt on April 4

Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Outside Sunrise Service

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

10:30 a.m. Praise Service

*Nursery available 9:00 a.m. for Infants-5
Nursery available 10:30 a.m. for Infants-3,
Pre-K/K in Room 211*



LEADERSHIP BOARD NEWS

Your Leadership Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17th. Highlights are as follows:

- Spiritual Formation led by Pastor Tal
- Leadership Equipping led by John Dunn
- Reviewed and further developed 2026 Goals
- Reviewed Congregational Survey for Children's Ministries
- Approved purchase of a Grill for church functions - paid for by donations
- Scheduled "Listening Posts" for April 19, July 12 & October 25. Details to follow

A special "Thank-You" to everyone who participated in Sunday's All-Church Gathering! The Fall All-Church Gathering is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2026.



Operation: Fair Gate!
August 3-9th, 2026

Watch for more info and sign-up opportunities in May!



Monthly Financial Update

Below you will find a monthly snapshot of our current financial picture through the end of February. As you process the numbers, keep in mind that our income and expenses vary each month - sometimes like a roller-coaster. Through it all, we thank you for your faithfulness as we press on in the making of disciples for the transformation of the world.

February Income	February Expenses	Income through 2/28	Expenses through 2/28
\$56,166	\$63,859	\$113,058	\$111,872

2026 BUDGET: \$847,430



Medina UMC Congregation,

On behalf of the Kenmore Free Store Staff and leadership, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your donation of truckloads of men's clothing, coats, boots and other clothing. We are overwhelmed by your abundant giving. Our men's department has never been completely filled as it is now!

A little bit about the Kenmore Free Store. In May we are beginning our 12th year of helping clients in the Kenmore area! Isn't that amazing!! In 2025, we served 3,798 households, accepted 1,670 new individual shoppers and checked out 92,201 items for our shoppers. As you can see, we serve many people in need. We are thankful that God has lead us here to help others.

We also have a sack lunch and blessing bag ministry. We served 20,322 sack lunches to our shopper and gave them 1859 blessing bags (hygiene bags) in 2025. We are so thankful that God has blessed us with people like you who are willing to donate so that we can meet the needs of the Kenmore and surrounding area people.

Our shoppers often tell us how blessed they are by our presence in the Kenmore area. We are blessed by your contributions to The Kenmore Free Store.

May God continue to bless you, Thank You!

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Gesaman, Director

Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Register now and make camp a part of your Summer 2026 plans!

Logos include: East Ohio Conference, Exploring God's Nature, and a QR code.





MUMC GOLF League 2026

May 18 until August 17

mumcgolf.com

2 Person Teams

To register contact Alan Penn at alanpenn99@gmail.com

Golf Includes: 9 holes of Golf, prizes and awards dinner. Payable to MUMC by check or online thru the Church website. Designate payment to MUMC Golf.

- ✓ Register and pay by May 1st
- ✓ Form your two-person team or sign up and we will assign you to a team.
- ✓ A Fun and Fellowship league with lots of skill prizes. Scramble and Awards dinner on August 17th

Where? Ridge Top Golf Course on Monday afternoons

Times

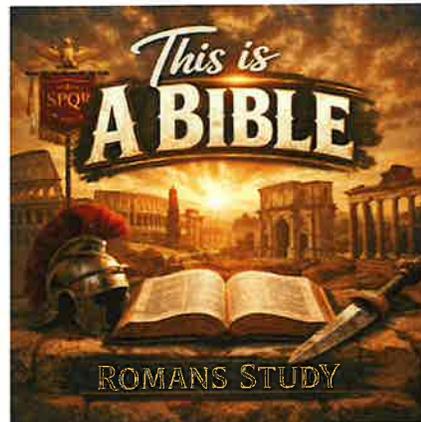
- 2:00 to 2:20 Tee times for Early Birds
- 5:15 to 5:45 Tee time for Night Hawks

Why Join the MUMC League?

This is a golf league for players of any skill level. We have rules that make your round enjoyable while reducing the number of strokes you normally would have when you play.

Open to men and women. MUMC members and friends.

MUMC Golf League 2026
Phone: 330-421-3283 | Email: alanpenn99@gmail.com



**SIGN UP TODAY!
DR. DAVE'S
THIS IS A BIBLE
ROMANS STUDY**

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 p.m.
Beginning April 8
Or
THURSDAYS @ 10:00 a.m.
Beginning April 9



Tender Hearts CARE TEAM

In every season of life, God calls us to walk with one another in love, compassion, and prayer. Our Tender Hearts Care Team is here to support you and those you care about.

Do you need prayer?

Do you know someone who could use a visit?

Is there someone who needs a bit of encouragement?

Please reach out, sometimes it makes all the difference to have someone come alongside us on our journey.

If you or someone you know would be blessed by this ministry, let our team know.

And if you feel called to serve with a compassionate heart, we would love to have you join us! For more information or to get involved, contact Diana Mershon at 330-256-1640.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

**Sign Up at the Connections Table,
to help our neighbors in need!**

**April 14, 2026
5:15 p.m.**



April 26 at 11:45 a.m.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Marge Woodward
Linda Lambert
Van Wilson
Beth Ellison
Mary Anne Rodgers
Howard Bratt
Kathy Naliboff

Lily Woods
Barb Rak
Chad Houseman
Lynette Ziol
Carol Starrick
Richard Spieth
Cathy Gearhart

Rich Sponseller
Diana Rabung
Donna Phillips
Judy Smith
Jan Pilat
Calvin Whipple
Harley Wheeler

Renee Blackford
The Hutchinson Family
Brandon Keck
Clay Smith
Gayle McCormish
Marilyn Bratt
George Ulrich

Lisa Henriksen
Sylvia Mollohan
Phil Gehring
Doris Williams
Susan Hewitt
Charlotte Sponseller

Sympathy to Annette Robson, family, and friends on the loss of Terry Robson.

Prayers for our military & civilian personnel & families

Joseph Fetterman (OK)
Mark Hornfeck (VA)
Randy Clutter

Adam Finger (TN)
Tom Skinner (SC)
Frank Hutchinson

Jessica Mock (Japan)
Erin Skinner (SC)

Jonathan Meier (NC)
David Michael Houglund (Poland)
Jonathan Handwerk (TX)



Sunday Worship

9:00 AM (Traditional)

10:30 AM (Praise)

This Service Livestreamed
(Facebook or YouTube)

10:30 AM Kids in Faith

Phone: 330-725-4943



This Month, we joyfully welcomed Machia Wheeler to our Ministry Staff as our new Youth Ministry Coordinator, and we could not be more excited!

Machia and his family have long been part of the MUMC family, making him a familiar and beloved face in our church community. Over the years, he has faithfully served in many ways, volunteering with our Youth Ministry, VBS, and helping with worship from the sound booth on countless Sundays.

After prayerful consideration and listening for God's guidance, Machia felt called to step into this new role of leading and walking alongside our youth in faith. We are grateful for his servant heart, his passion for young people, and his willingness to follow where God is leading.

Fun facts about Machia: His name (pronounced Mu-KYI-uh) comes from a prophet who had a very brief cameo in 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles. Machia's fast way of talking comes from being the middle child of seven and his sense of humor comes from being a PK (Pastor's Kid).

Please join us in welcoming Machia, offering your encouragement, and keeping him and our Youth Ministry in your prayers as this new chapter begins.