



The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church
October 2023

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Sermon Spotlight

Oct 1: Galatians 3:28-4:7

God Sent His Son

Oct 8: Galatians 5:1-15

Freedom Calling

Oct 15: John 15:1-8

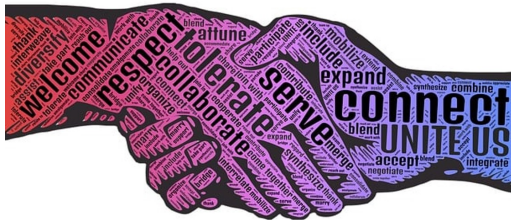
"I am the vine; you are the branches"

Oct 22: John 6:5-13

Sometimes, God Surprises Us

Oct 29: Matthew 16:21-28

"Follow Me and I'll Show You How"



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Music Spotlight

Oct 1 - Allison Tinsley-Fuller & Kristin Traut

Oct 8 - Allison Tinsley-Fuller

Oct 15 - Lori Ludwig, Flute & Elna Hickson

Oct 22: Elna Hickson, piano

Oct 29: Praise Ensemble

MUMC is looking for a Part-Time Pianist/Organist!

If you or someone you know would be interested in supporting MUMC with their musical talents, [please forward this brief job description here!](#) They can also reach out to office@mequonumc.org for more info or to apply!

Calendar Highlights

Oct 1 - World Communion Sunday

Oct 1 - SPRC Meeting 10:45

Oct 1 - Kids Picnic Out 11:00 am

Oct 1 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11 am

Oct 2 - Tai Chi 12:30 pm

Oct 3 - Lunch Bunch 11:00 am

Oct 4 - Women's Prayer B'fast 7:30 am

Oct 4 - Confirmation Class 5:45 pm

Oct 5 - Men's Prayer B'fast 7:00 am

Oct 5 - Lunch Bunch 11:00 am

Oct 6 - Tai Chi 12:30 pm

Oct 7 - Marsh Meadow Work 9:00 am

Oct 8 - Bread Sunday

Oct 8 - BP Screening 10:35 am

Oct 8 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11am

Oct 9 - Tai Chi 12:30 pm

Oct 10 - Lunch Bunch 11:00 am

Oct 13 - Tai Chi 12:30 pm

Oct 15 - Stewardship Sunday

Oct 16 - Tai Chi 12:30 pm

Oct 17 - Lunch Bunch 11:00 am

Oct 20 - Tai Chi 12:30 pm

Oct 22 - Stewardship Sunday

Oct 22 - All-Chrch Bible Stdy 10:45 am

Oct 23 - Tai Chi 12:30 pm

Oct 23 - Church Council Mtg 7:00 pm

Oct 24 - Lunch Bunch 11:00 am

Oct 24 - AllChrch Bible Stdy 11:00 am

Oct 24 - Fiber Arts Club 6:00 pm

Oct 26 - AllChrch Bible Stdy 7:00 pm

Oct 27 - Tai Chi 12:30 pm

Oct 29 - Stewardship Sunday

Oct 29 - AllChrch Bible Stdy 10:45 am

Oct 31 - Lunch Bunch 11:00 am

Oct 31 - AllChrch Bible Stdy 11:00 am

Nov 1 - Women's Prayer B'fast 7:30am

Nov 2 - Men's Prayer B'fast 7:00 am

Nov 2 - AllChrch Bible Stdy 7:00 pm

Nov 5 - Return Thanksgiving Collection

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MUMC Outreach - Bread Sunday & Food Collection

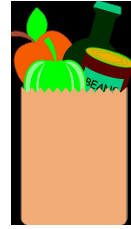
**Bread
Sunday!
Bake &
Buy!
Sunday,
October
8**



The Mission Outreach Committee is beginning the Thanksgiving season and the start of the Thanksgiving food collection for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County with Bread Sunday on Sunday, October 8. **Bread Sunday** is an annual MUMC tradition. We donate the funds raised from the sale of these breads to Family Sharing of Ozaukee County, allowing us to support our local community and Ozaukee County individuals who are in need.

Bake a loaf or two of bread and bring your delicious, wrapped and labeled breads to church on Sunday, October 8. Mission Outreach Committee members will display the breads and collect donations. In addition to baking and donating your breads, purchase a loaf or two to take home for your enjoyment. Favorite past bread or muffin flavors have included Zucchini, Apple, Banana, Pumpkin and Cinnamon Streusel. Gluten free breads would be welcome for those who are on restricted diets.

**Thanksgiving Food
Collection for Family
Sharing of OzCounty!**



**Pick Up Your Empty
Grocery Bags**

Empty grocery bags will also be distributed on Sunday, October 8 for our annual Thanksgiving food collection for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. Attached to each bag will be a list of items that are especially needed by Family Sharing for the Thanksgiving holiday and for residents' daily needs. All donations are welcome.

Return Your Filled Grocery Bags

Your filled bags can be returned to church on Sundays or during the week thru November 5. Family Sharing will be picking up your donations on Tuesday, November 7.

Needed Thanksgiving Items:

- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Mixed Fruits
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Carrots
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Instant Mashed Potatoes

Greatly Needed Items:

- Adult and Children's Toothpaste
- Bar Soap

The MUMC Mission Outreach Committee thanks you for your generosity as you provide support and help alleviate hunger for low-income, elderly, and disabled residents of Ozaukee County. Questions about Bread Sunday or Food Collection? Contact Susan Yorio (262-853-3933; susanyorio9113@gmail.com)

2024 Stewardship Campaign

As the apostle Paul planted churches around the world, he spoke about giving. His encouragements on giving were based on three pieces to New Testament giving. Giving generously, consistently, and joyfully.

Giving Generously

As Paul encouraged the church in the city of Corinth, he shared how *generous* the Macedonian churches were giving. He says, "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability," (2Cor. 8:3). He then follows up his encouragement by saying, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Cor. 9:6).

Give Consistently

One goal of giving is to reorient the giver's heart to the things of God over the things of this world. It's a declaration that God is first in our lives, before anything else. For this declaration to be

effective, one should give *consistently*.

In Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, he writes, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income" (1 Cor. 16:2). The church was encouraged to set aside an amount of money to give each week. The goal is not for this to be a new rule every church goer must follow, but a general principle to encourage consistent giving. But the way we give also matters.

Give Joyfully

If God desires a person's heart, then the heart with which a person gives matters. Paul again writes, "Each one must give as they have decided in their heart, not "reluctantly" or "grudgingly", for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). The joyful giver understands that this earth is not everything. This is why Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). Givers understand the value of investing in the kingdom of God and the work of the local church.

As you prayerfully consider your pledge for MUMC for 2024 I hope you will remember to give generously, consistently, and above all joyfully! Our 2024 Stewardship campaign will run three Sundays starting October 15 and ending Oct. 29.

Thank you in advance for your generous, consistent, and joyful giving to MUMC.
Mike Debbink
Finance Chair

Around the Church



To help with December busy-ness, the Education Committee is providing an All-Church Bible Study pre-Advent. This 4-week study lasts 1 hour and will be offered 3 times each week: (Click the session you'd like to join to register!)

Sundays, beginning October 22 after worship. Childcare and activities will be provided so parents can attend!

Tuesdays, beginning October 24 at 11:00 am (Lunch Bunch). Lunch will be served at noon.

Thursdays, beginning October 26 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

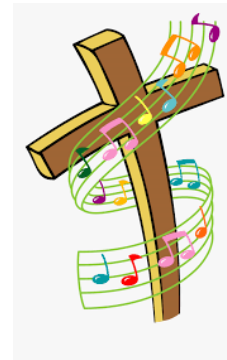
[Click here to learn more about the All-Church Bible Study!](#)

Lunch Bunch meets every Tuesday at 11am. We are working on a study on the Lord's Prayer, based on the book by Adam Hamilton. Everyone is welcome

Potpourri of Favorite Musical Duets!

*October 21 2:00 pm Fifth Avenue
United Methodist Church, West Bend*

Come hear some of MUMCs favorite musicians play their favorite music! Everyone is invited - bring your friends!
Elna Hickson, organ
Lori Ludwig, flute
Deanna Gibeau, piano & English Horn



Choir rehearsal starts this week!

October 1, after worship, at 11am. We would love to have more people join the choir— the only qualification is that you love to sing! All your favorite people are in the choir, so come sing with us!

Check that Blood Pressure!

Lisa Gorski will be leading blood pressure checks after service, October

to join. The Lunch Bunch began this study on September 26 — but it's not too late to join! The study will run for six weeks. The book, which is optional, is available on Amazon.

8, 10:35am, be there or be square.

For November, Susan Solverson will offer BP screening before and after service.

Vaccination Clinics are Sunset

During the pandemic, members of the Mequon United Methodist church were honored to host a dozen vaccination clinics over the course of two years, delivering well over one thousand Covid vaccinations.

Now that the emergency phase of the pandemic is over, vaccinations are widely accessible and insurance companies have changed their benefit and reimbursement policies. **We have made the difficult, but timely, decision to sunset our vaccination clinics until further notice.** Should you need a Covid vaccination or flu shot, please contact your health provider or local pharmacy, or contact [Susan Solverson](#) (click her name to send her an email!)

Thank you to our parish nurses and all of the dedicated volunteers who helped connect to one another through Jesus Christ and this important ministry!



Road Crew Removes Trash!

Our wonderful road cleanup volunteers collected 6 bags of garbage. What a way to make a beautiful impact on our community. Thank you to everyone who volunteered on September 24th!



Fiber Arts Update

During Covid the Fiber Arts club was busy! We made prayer shawls that will finally be donated this week. Want to continue the ministry? Grab some yarn from the narthex and start your next project that we can donate to someone in need. Want more structure? Knitting/Crochet kits will be making a return! Let Jenna B know if you have anything you want a kit for! Fiber Arts Club will meet every 4th Tuesday at 6 pm! Light refreshments are served! See you October 24th!

Native Perennial Prayer Garden Takes Root

One of MUMC's Strategic Priorities of Transforming Church Insight (TCI) is: Creating a Community Gathering Place to Meet the Emotional, Physical and Spiritual Needs of People in Our

Family Promise Host Week October 16-20

The Portlight Shelter, the Family Promise emergency shelter building in Port Washington, is now open. MUMC volunteers are cooking and serving meals at the shelter, for families in

Region. MUMC's Meditation/ Perennial Garden is a fruit of this TCI Priority. The garden will serve MUMC's mission of connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another through the experience and stewardship of God's creation in nature. And now, the vision of a MUMC Meditation/Perennial Garden is becoming reality before our eyes! The structure of the garden is in place, with a path down the center and the first of the perennials and shrubs planted. More plantings, meditation benches, tree stump stools to create a "classroom" setting, and signs with QR codes that link to MUMC's website, our Sunday Worship live stream, and to daily devotions are coming soon.

Ozaukee county who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This important outreach ministry continues, as does the need for volunteers. Our next Family Promise Host Week is next week: Monday, October 16 through Friday, October 20. Please contact Pam Layton (p.layton90@gmail.com) or Connie Pukaite (pukaite@sbcglobal.net) if you can help cook or serve!



October 7 | 9:00 am

Marsh Meadow Workday! Bring work gloves and a pair of pruners or loppers. Water and snacks will be provided. Questions? Contact Linda Mordy at lmordy@sbcglobal.net

Kid's Korner

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 1 10:45am-1pm Kids Sunday Picnic in Fellowship

Hall Join us for a picnic! Children pack a lunch and bring it before church(refrigerator available) Drink and dessert provided. Following church we will enjoy God's great outdoors, weather permitting. We will have our lunch, a project, music, games, and fun while connecting to Jesus and one another. Please RSVP with the link! (or don't and send an email to childrensmin@mequonumc.org)

RSVP



Friday, October 27 Fall Fest 6-8 pm in

Fellowship Hall. Join us for dinner, crafts, pumpkin decorating, games, AND a costume parade. Please RSVP using the link or send an email to childrensmin@mequonumc.org

RSVP

Sunday, November 5 10:45am-1pm Kids Sunday Picnic in Fellowship Hall.

**RSVP for Nov 5
Picnic**

On Words of Hope & Grace - from Pastor Sue

One of my favorite movies is Seabiscuit. In this movie, there is a line that has given hope and some perspective to many people whose souls are crushed by the unfairness of life. That line is *"You don't throw a whole life away, just because he's banged up a little."* What a line!

Words have the power to give life and hope when we use them right. And we all need to hear and say the words that breathe life and give us hope. The good news is that we are pretty capable of building life and hope in somebody's soul by our words. We can breathe the breath of life into someone's lifeless heart by words inspired by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. We can breathe the breath of comfort into someone's disheartened heart by our words guided by the Holy Spirit.

A person with a harsh tongue has an angry heart, but a person who speaks graciously has a grateful heart. A person with a negative tongue has a fearful heart, but a person who speaks encouraging words has a loving heart. A person with a bully tongue has an insecure heart but a person who speaks gently has a patient heart. May we become a channel of God's grace, encouragement, and gentleness to others daily with our words with the help of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,
Sue

Getting to know your ... Trustee Committee

Are the lights on? Grass mowed? AC and heat working? Thank a Trustee! The Trustees manage our facilities to ensure they are well-maintained and safe for our congregation and visitors who seek to know Christ with us. They perform regular maintenance, cleaning and lawn care/landscaping, as well as researching, scheduling and overseeing repairs and enhancements. Recently they have worked on a proposal to replace the aging sign in front of the church, replaced a water heater in the education wing, repaired parts of the church roof, built the Bill Jackson Memorial Pergola in the Community Garden, replaced the roof on the parsonage and prepared the site for MUMC's new pollinator garden. They are working with a contractor to remove poisonous water hemlock recently discovered in Marsh Meadow. They maintain the playground equipment to keep up our certification to provide childcare. Their good work impacts every one of us and keeps our buildings in tip-top condition so that MUMC gets the most out of our physical assets as we pursue our mission.

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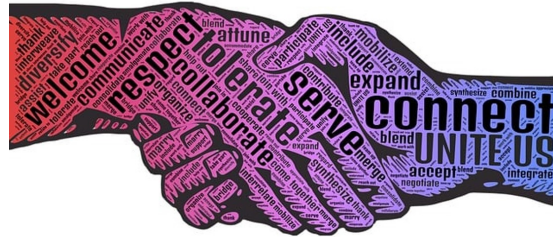
Wisconsin Conference Devotions

Revolutionary Forgiveness, 9/25 by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

For us, as Christians, reconciliation is a deeply spiritual matter, for the Bible challenges us with ways of healing and being that often run contrary to the teachings of our culture. In Matthew 5:43-48, Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

To read the rest of the devotion, [click here!](#)

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Our Vision:

To be THE bridge to community connection, collaboration, and common ground through Jesus Christ

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Forward this newsletter to:

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- a family whose children would love our awesome Children's Ministries
- a community member looking for service opportunities
- anyone who loves Jesus!

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