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the Spire

April 2016

Welcome to Worship

And welcome to:

- Native American Ministries Sunday
- Youth Mission Trip Service
- Reflections book group
- Assisting our Family Promise guests
- Seeing photos and hearing stories from the travelers to Israel
- Tai chi
- Women's Choir
- Lunch Bunch
- A program on faith and scientific facts that answer "Why do you believe?"
- Prayer breakfasts
- Spring clean-up on a roadway
- The opportunity to expand the faith of our children by volunteering for VBS and Critter Camp

Welcome to all of these activities
at MUMC ... and many more!



Clouds come floating into my life, no
longer to carry rain or usher storm, but
to add color to my sunset sky.

—Rabindranath Tagore

Pastor Tim's Message



Well, another Easter is over. Another trip to the cross of Calvary completed. Another journey to the empty tomb finished. Another joyful day celebrated. However, Easter is not just about a day to celebrate and move on as if nothing happened, but about living a life renewed as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Easter is all about remembering the moment.

When we think about our life, very often it is divided up into moments. These moments that are short periods of time packed with meaning and importance. Think about the moments of history and where you were when you heard the news of the Pearl Harbor attack, or JFK's assassination, or when 911 happened. Because each of these moments in history have changed the course of this country and our world. Added to these historic moments are ones from our own lives. The moment when we find out about a death of a loved one, the moment we are accepted into a college of our dreams, or the moment we are married or become a parent for the first time.

These moments changed us because what came before was completely different than what happened next. As an Easter people, the empty tomb is our moment that continues to change hearts and lives because of what happens next. Where there was sorrow, now there is joy. Where there was fear, now there is courage and peace. Where there was despair, now there is hope.

Resurrection moments are happening all around us, every day. But are we open to them? Near the end of his life, an elderly Christian leader reflected on the moments of his life. He said, "When I was young, I wanted to change the world, but the world did not want to be changed. So, in discouragement, I decided to change my community; but to my disappointment, my community did not want to change. As I grew older, I decided that perhaps I could change my family, but alas I could not. Finally, at least I realized I could change myself with the help of God in my life and heart. That's the moment I realized that a change in me influenced my family, my family influenced the community, and the community began to change the world."

We are blessed with so many moments in our lives. May we be open to letting our hearts and lives be changed this day by the risen Christ as we grow deeper in our faith and let God into all the moments of our days so that a change in us can change our world.

In God's Love
Pastor Tim

Native American Ministries Sunday

Sunday, April 10

Join us for our annual Native American Ministries Sunday where we highlight the many gifts given to us through the Native American culture. This year we are pleased to welcome Shelly Cornelius-Roman, who will be presenting her knowledge of Native American culture. We will also take one of our special offerings to support the ministries of our Native American congregations in the Wisconsin Annual Conference and throughout the United Methodist connection.



NATIVE-AMERICAN
MINISTRY

Our guest speaker on April 10, Shelly Cornelius-Roman, is in her fifteenth year as a social worker at the Indian Community School. She has a BA in Psychology and

Philosophy from Alverno College and an MSW from UWM. In her role as social worker she offers programs to support students who may be struggling behaviorally, emotionally, or socially at school.

Youth Mission Trip Service

Sunday, May 1

Join our amazing youth as they lead our worship service to highlight their upcoming mission trip to Red Lake, MN in July. Invite a friend or two to join you in worship to be wowed by the awesome talent of our youth.



Reflections book for April —

A teenage boy in 1961, a Methodist minister father, and multiple tragedies

The Reflections Book Group will meet Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Our discussion book this month is *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger. Here's a summary of the book from amazon.com . . .

New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson's Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a

new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.

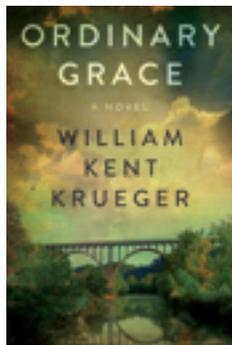
Frank begins the season preoccupied with the concerns of any teenage boy, but when tragedy unexpectedly strikes his family—which includes his Methodist minister father; his passionate, artistic mother; Juilliard-bound older sister; and wise-beyond-his-years kid brother—he finds himself thrust

into an adult world full of secrets, lies, adultery, and betrayal, suddenly called upon to demonstrate a maturity and gumption beyond his years.

Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

Reflections is a women's book discussion group that meets the second Thursday evening of each month, September through May. In addition to our book discussion, our meetings include fellowship and refreshments. New women are always welcome.

For information about the group, contact Barb Henneck @ 238-0707 or bhenneck@wi.rr.com



Walking Where Jesus Walked

Hear the stories and see the photos!

April 28, 7:00 PM

Sandy Christiansen, Glen Van Fossen and Pam & Jim Layton are looking forward to sharing their photos and memories (even a food memory) of their trip to the Holy Land. Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 PM in MUMC Fellowship Hall.

We'll share our photo's (actually a small percentage of the combined hundreds), tell you a bit about traveling with EO Tours and answer any questions you have — yes, we felt safe!



CARE.plants.HOPE

A fundraiser for homeless families in Ozaukee County
Planting seeds of hope through Family Promise.

April 20, 2016
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Columbia/St. Mary's Center
Ozaukee County Fairground
Cedarburg, WI



Featuring:

- Small plate stations
- Master of Ceremonies: Wayne Larivee, Voice of the Packers, WTMJ
- One Drum — musical entertainment
- Decorations of live trees by LaRosa Landscape Company

Tickets:

\$25/person or \$200 for table of eight
Sponsorships available — starting at \$250
Tickets from Marilyn Zwissler or online at <http://www.familypromiseozaukee.org>

**Religious faith and scientific facts:
what shapes your view of the world?**

- **Tuesday, May 3, 2016**
- **7:00-8:30 pm — Fellowship Hall**
- **Light desert followed by program and discussion**

Tradition, scripture and personal experiences influence not just what we believe but why we believe. But how does evidence and "facts" affect our views of the world? Can and should faith-based and fact-based beliefs be tested and proven? If so, what methods can we use? Ultimately, we live our daily lives based on faith, facts, or both. But is this a personal decision that we make independently?

Believe!

The program will be led by Pastor Tim, Bill Church and Joe Hill.

This program is part of a series of original adult programs designed to help us grow in mind body and spirit by connecting faith to daily life.

**Join the tai chi group —
we move for good health!**

The tai chi group meets in MUMC Fellowship Hall every Monday and Friday at 11:00 AM. Our morning routine starts with about 35 minutes of slow-moving, gentle stretching and balance exercises. We do some deep breathing and then move into an easy-to-follow tai chi routine. Our time together takes about 45 minutes.



Jacque Yedinak leads our class (in person during the summer and by video during the winter). She recently came across the following information about tai chi:

“Often called ‘moving meditation,’ tai chi is a gentle form of exercise that uses flowing motions accompanied by deep breathing. A 2012 study in the *Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease* found an increase in brain volume and memory improvement among seniors who practicing tai chi three times a week. ‘People also talk about experiencing a sense of calm and clarity as among the benefits,’ says the study.”

Join us! No pre-registration. Just show up and be prepared to move a little, smile a little, have a little camaraderie, and leave feeling much better!!!

Video on dementia now available

The Parish Nurse sponsored program, “Caring for Ourselves and Our Neighbors”, on becoming a Dementia Friendly Congregation is now available on video. There are two DVD’s available in Pastor Tim’s office. The video is also available on the homepage of the MUMC website at www.mequonumc.org. There are handouts from the presentation on the table in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Debbie LeRoy or Pastor Tim.

Attention — MUMC Teasel Weasels

Join Linda Mordy on Saturday, April 23, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, to help the HHS Interact Club remove teasel from Oriole Lane School grounds. We will be clipping off dead seed heads and cutting down dead teasel sticks. Bring hand held by-pass pruners and leather gloves. For more information, contact Linda at 262-242-8091.



**Interact Club schedules
TEASEL TAKE-OUT**

The Interact Club has partnered with the Ozaukee-Washington Land Trust to formulate recommendations and plans for eradication of teasel over time. It is important to note that eliminating teasel is a multiple-year effort regardless of treatment, since viable seeds persist in the soil for several years. However, the TEASEL TAKE-OUT serves as an essential starting point of further actions.

Join the April 23 workday sponsored by the Interact Club of Homestead High School at Oriole Lane Elementary School (10:00 AM-2:00 PM) for TEASEL TAKE-OUT. Learn what teasel looks like, and how to get rid of it while helping make Oriole Lane Elementary School a Teasel-Free Zone.

**Adult Spiritual Formation
Opportunities**

Lunch Bunch

Bible Study – 11:00 AM
Lunch – 12:00 noon



Come join us for our new study as we look at the Letter of James. This letter written by Jesus' brother and an early leader of the church addresses the practical issues of how to live our faith in the world. Come for our study and lively discussion. After our study we have lunch together which includes homemade soup each week. Come as you are able - you are welcome anytime, every time.

Prayer Breakfasts:

Women's Prayer Breakfast —
Wednesday, May 4
Wednesday, June 1



Men's Prayer Breakfast —
Thursday, May 5
Thursday, June 2

All ages are invited to gather at 7:00 AM for a simple breakfast, Bible study, and prayer. We conclude our time together with open Communion. Our breakfast lasts only an hour, so it is the perfect way to start your day and begin the month.

Spring Cleaning — MUMC's Adopted Roadways

Sunday, May 1 ~ ~ 1:00-3:00 PM

Mequon United Methodist Church is an official participant in the maintenance of God's creation, through our sponsorship of a roadway in our community. We are committed, through the city of Mequon, to twice-a-year clean-ups of two short segments of road – primarily Zedler Lane between Port Washington Road and Lake Shore Drive, but also a short spur of Port



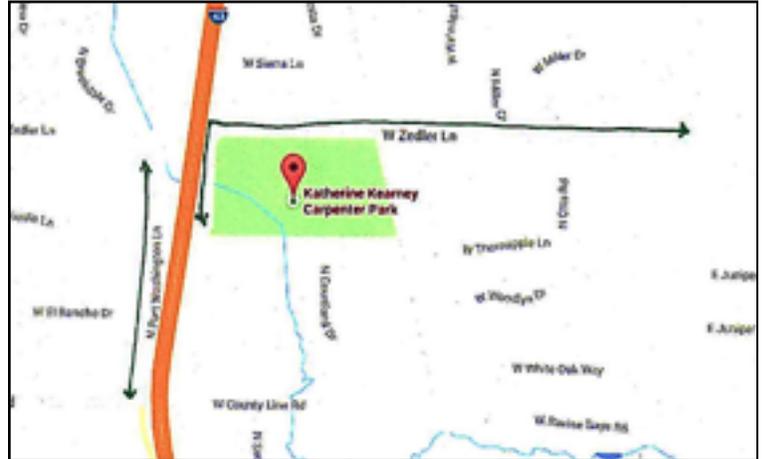
Washington Lane (see the map for details). The city provides all the equipment we need, and our filled trash bags can be left at the side of the road for crews to pick up later. Our church's name is on two permanent signs along the road. Our next date for clean-up will be **Sunday, May 1, at 1:00 PM.**

Lunch will be available at the church prior to the clean-up, so plan to join us at noon in Fellowship Hall if you can. Otherwise, we will meet in the north parking lot of Katherine Kearney Carpenter Park. Children under 11 need to clean up in the park only (they are not allowed along the roadways), but all older children, youth and adults are encouraged to come and help out. Please sign up in the narthex on Sunday morning and plan to come for as little or as much of the clean-up as you can.

We will plan childcare for the children in the park so that adults can help along the roadway if they'd like. Please

see Wendy Porterfield if you have questions about the event – and sign up today to be part of this important community service opportunity!

We will be out there rain or shine, so please plan accordingly!



Music notes

Music in worship:

- April 10 – Youth Choir
- April 17 – Sanctuary Choir
- April 24 – Women's Choir
- May 1 – Youth Choir



Calling all singing women!!!

It's YOUR turn!

Rehearsals are Sunday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

- April 3
- April 10
- April 17
- Then we sing on Sunday, April 24!!!



Thanks to ALL participants who made our PALM SUNDAY through EASTER services so appropriately music-filled!

Living with Arthritis

Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 PM

Arthritis is a disease that impacts more than 50 million Americans, making it the number one cause of disability in the country. You are invited to join Sue Baird Holmes, MS, RN, ONC; Clinical Nurse Specialist-Orthopedic/Surgical from Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare for an interactive discussion on arthritis. The presentation will include discussion on non-medication strategies to assist with managing arthritis pain as well as techniques to help protect your joints during work and activity.

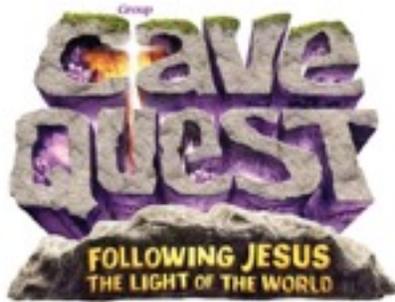
Refreshments will be served and there is no charge to attend. Invite your friends and family to attend with you. This program is sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministry Team.



Embark on a VBS Adventure That Will Light the Way

MUMC VBS 2016
July 11-15, 9:00 AM-Noon

Our dates have changed for this year's VBS, but it still promises to be an exciting one as we become spelunkers and head underground to explore the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times. Full of exciting adventures that your family won't want to miss, *Cave Quest: Following Jesus – The Light of the World* will take place Monday through Friday mornings, July 11-15, from 9:00 AM to noon. This program is designed for preschool through elementary aged children. Registration is now in progress, so sign up today!



➡ **Middle and high school youth** – we need you to lead our crews (great service hours, too)!

➡ **Adults, we need you to lead our program stations –**

- Imagination Station
- Bible Stories
- Games
- KidVid Missions
- Or lead our preschool crew, help out in the kitchen or with our opening and close.

There are all kinds of ways to be part of the fun, while doing the important work Jesus called us to do – witnessing our faith to his youngest disciples.

➡ Please see Peg soon and volunteer to lead one of our activities – there are easy to follow guidebooks and simple to find or create resources. You can do it – and our children need you! Please sign up today.

Critter Camp 2016

July 11-14, Noon-3:30 PM

Calling all elementary aged kids - your summer day at MUMC can be extended if you plan to join us for further explorations of the MarshMeadow this summer. We will meet Monday through Wednesday afternoons, and then go on an afternoon field trip to Riveredge and close with an evening all-church cookout on Thursday. Each day includes lunch for our campers and adventures in the woods.



Middle and high school students are invited to join us as helpers.

Adults are invited to join us as helpers as well - in the craft station, the woods, or the kitchen. Or plan to participate in the afternoon adult Bible Study, a “green” journey into scriptural connections in God’s creation. The Bible Study will take place at Riveredge on Thursday afternoon, a wonderful opportunity to enjoy and explore the beauty of our earth.

➡ **Critter Camp registration is limited, so sign up today!**

Are you skilled at marketing?

It's a brand new year and the MUMC marketing team is looking for ways to make an impact with its promotions and marketing in 2016. We want to be innovative and creative not only in how we market our church to the community, but also how we promote our monthly events, programs, and more!



Are you a creative person? Do you consider marketing one of your strengths? Then consider joining the MUMC Marketing Committee. We are looking for a few good people with some marketing background and know-how to join our committee and help propel our church forward in 2016!

If you are interested in volunteering your time, contact Herb Ayres at hayres@wi.rr.com or Pastor Tim.

Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness

With spring approaching in Wisconsin we look forward to green grass, blooming flowers, and warmer temperatures. With all of this also come the potential threat of severe weather and tornadoes. Last year 17 tornadoes touched down in Wisconsin. Governor Scott Walker has declared April 11-15 as Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness week. This is a great opportunity to review and discuss plans with your family should severe weather strike.

If severe weather or tornado warnings are issued while you are in our church building, we have a designated Tornado Assembly area located on the lower level which includes the north-south hallway and rooms #110 and #110A. A weather radio and flashlights are located on the shelf in room #110. Please check the church's Emergency Preparedness Plan for more detailed information on the process to follow in case of tornado. Preparedness saves lives!



Family Promise — updates

There is a change in the dates for our April hosting.

We will be hosting April 17-24 instead of the originally scheduled dates of April 24 to May 1.

Volunteers for our April Hosting week:

We have filled all of the volunteer tasks for our April Hosting week. Thanks to everyone who has given of their time and talents for this outreach program.

Overnight Hosts:

We would like to expand our number of overnight volunteers, both men and women. Currently, a few volunteers are staying multiple nights. Please prayerfully consider helping with this important task.

Non-flannel sheets:

Thank you to those who donated over a dozen non-flannel twin sheet sets. This will be wonderful for both our Overnight volunteers and for our guests in the summer months.

Current families:

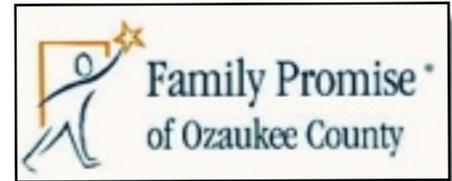
We could have 2 families for our April week. Hopefully, Kelly and Cameron will have secured housing by then. We will have a new family: Georgina, her 6 year old son Leonardo, and her mother Virginia. They are primarily

Spanish speaking, and will only be in the program until May. Georgina and her mother are on temporary lay-off, and will have housing provided for their jobs again in May.

Network update:

The Case Manager at the Day Center has passed along that she has sent 33 letters out to Ozaukee County agencies and organizations explaining the Family Promise services, and 13 different Ozaukee County agencies have received the new brochures.

Lana has been getting 8-9 referral calls per month since the first of the year. With the exception indicated above, she has referred those individual to other appropriate agencies, since they did not meet requirements for Family Promise. Lana did have one interview that did not return for the second entrance interview.



For more information:

Contact MUMC's Volunteer Coordinators, Ross and Jean Paulus, at tango2nite@wi.rr.com.

April is National Stress Awareness Month

Stress is usually not something we have to be reminded about. We know it is there. However, taking a step back and acknowledging the stress (or its impact) is a healthy habit to form. With this knowledge, we can figure out ways to reduce the effects.

So what can we do? While we cannot avoid stress altogether, we can take measures to reduce the impact it has and prepare ourselves to deal with the stress at hand. Take five and consider these "tips to tame stress" and improve quality of life.

1. Just Breathe

Sounds simple enough, but it is surprising how often we are constricting our oxygen intake with shallow breathing. When you feel stress creep in or begin to feel overwhelmed, step away for a moment and take a few big, slow, deep breaths. Your body and mind will thank you.

2. Get Moving

Yes, by just moving you are relieving stress, and regular exercise will help your body in more ways than one. With physical activity you increase your feel-good endorphins and these enhance your overall sense of well-being. By getting up and moving, you increase mental focus and you are giving yourself permission to let that stress go while you exercise.

3. Laughter is Good Medicine

Humor can help melt away stress and bring a positive vibe to your day. Laughter actually helps to cool down your stress response. So read some jokes (endless supply online), go to a comedy club, or watch a funny movie with friends.



4. Get Connected

You may typically be a social butterfly, but stress can make the most friendly person want to wrap themselves up in a cocoon. If you feel like this is your reaction to stress, take a moment to give a friend a call or schedule a time to meet with someone you can talk to. Often if we just get out and escape the stress for a bit, we can come back to it and be in a better state-of-mind to deal with it.

5. Assert Yourself

The word "no" can be one of the most powerful words. When you say yes, it may seem like the best solution to prevent conflict or get the job done right. But the internal conflict this may cause can lead to additional stress, as well as anger and resentment. Before you give an answer to a request for your time, make sure you give yourself time to consider how the commitment will impact you.

So, in honor of Stress Awareness Month, take some time out to get more informed and become better aware of how stress is impacting you. We hope these suggestions can be of help as you figure out ways to reduce stress in your life.

If you have questions about stress, please contact your primary care provider or a Parish Nurse.

Resources:
Mayo Clinic
Health Resources Network

This article is provided by the MUMC Parish Nurse Team.

What Is General Conference?

Meeting this year in Portland, Oregon ~ ~ May 10 – 20, 2016

In The United Methodist Church, we are governed by two essential books: the Holy Bible and the Book of Discipline. Granting greater weight to Holy Scripture to define and describe us, we acknowledge the need for some guidelines and structure by which to do our work. The Bible says who we are and whose we are; the Book of Discipline lays out how we will work together to fulfill our scriptural mandate to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” (Matthew 28:19-20; Book of Discipline ¶120.)

Our Bible comes to us through the divine inspiration of God’s Holy Spirit, but where does the Book of Discipline come from? Well, hopefully, it is inspired as well, but in the most practical terms, the Book of Discipline is the product of the serious and dedicated efforts of United Methodist men and women, clergy and laity, young and old, to establish the guidelines, governance and protocols by which the church lives its faith in each community and throughout the world.

Every four years, individuals, small groups, agencies, annual conferences, and caucuses draft petitions for legislation to modify, improve, amend, add to or eliminate sections of our Book of Discipline which clarifies our Constitution, our Doctrinal Standards, our Theological Task, our Social Principles, our Mission and Purpose, and provides the guidelines and standards for doing the work of the church at all levels. In a very real sense, the Book of Discipline explains what it means to be United Methodist, and by God’s grace and guidance the people called United Methodist continuously attend to the discernment of God’s Holy Spirit to adapt the Discipline to the ever-changing demands to be a faithful and effective church.



The petitions that are drafted to make changes to the Book of Discipline are collected in preparation for General Conference every four years. They are assigned to a wide-variety of legislative committees that work diligently during the General Conference sessions to perfect language and ensure clear meaning and ease of understanding. The General Conference delegates vote on the proposed legislation, codifying the Book of Discipline for the coming four years. In addition to this work, the delegates will also make changes to our Book of Resolution, adopt a budget for the world wide church, elect members to the Judicial Council and members to the University Senate that will oversee our United Methodist seminaries and universities. The work of General Conference is often criticized for being less than perfect, but it is our best effort to be inclusive, egalitarian, open, and honest as we seek to live together in unity of purpose and commitment to our task of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, our Bishop of the annual conference, has asked the people of our church to please pray throughout the month of April into May for the six members of our Wisconsin delegation as they join 864 others from around the world to move our church forward in its mission and ministry.

2016 Wisconsin General Conference Delegates: Lisa King, Barbara Dick, Gail Burgess, Dan Dick, Sam Royappa, Steve Zekoff

MUMC Trustees' Report



Have you noticed that the Lamp Posts along the driveway in front of MUMC have been lit 24 hours a day since January? Or, have you noticed the paint peeling from the wall in Fellowship Hall? The Trustees surely have noticed!

The purpose of this report is to respond to questions members have had about why the lights are always on, and why we haven’t done something about the peeling paint. Trustees have been working to determine the sources and depth of those problems, and to find solutions.

We know there is an underground break in the wiring linking all the lamp posts. We could only ‘patch’ the system during the winter to keep lights on since frozen ground would not allow us to completely rewire everything. Now Trustees are determining first if the exterior lighting needs to be increased, or if we should simply rewire the existing lamp posts. We plan to do whatever needs to be done later this Spring or early Summer.

About that peeling paint ... we know the cause is moisture seeping through the foundation. Professional advisors are helping us determine why and what to do about moisture collecting on the outside of the foundation. The solution to *this* problem is likely to be more complicated and more expensive than rewiring lamp posts; but it, too will need to be done soon to avoid bigger issues down the line.

Trustees will report again as soon as we have determined the best courses of action, and can give you more detail about when, how and how much it will cost to correct the problems.



Celebrate Mother's Day with flowers!

Buy flowers for the sanctuary — then enjoy them at home

Mother's Day is **JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY!** Order Hanging Flower Pots to beautify the Sanctuary on **Sunday, May 8**, and after worship that day, take your hanging pots home for a summer filled with that lingering beauty.

Complete the bottom portion of this form to place your order. Please make checks payable to: *MUMC – Flower Baskets*

***** LAST DATE TO ORDER: APRIL 27, 2016 *****

BUT, the earlier we place our orders, the more likely the greenhouse can supply our choices

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone number** _____

Flowers are in Memory or in Honor of:



Plant	Price per pot	Number of pots	Total cost
Super Petunias — multi-colored	\$15		
Ivy Geraniums	\$15		
Dragon Wing Begonias	\$15		
Reiger Begonia (double blossomed, non-stop)	\$15		
Sun Impatiens ... shades of pink, salmon, red	\$15		
Fuchsia .. brilliant pink	\$15		

Multi-variety Combo Basket - each basket will have a mix of two or more of the plant varieties above	\$18		

Grand total for order: _____

Your check number: _____

- ➡ **Please include payment with your order**
- ➡ **Send order and check to MUMC or place in the Sunday collection plate**

***** NO orders after Wednesday, April 27 *****

Take your plant(s) home after Mother's Day worship, May 8.



Sonlight Scoop
April 2016

Sonlight Child Development Center, established by and operated as a ministry of Mequon United Methodist Church, is open to children from infant through 9 years old, including before/after school care.

Sonlight enjoyed a few Spring days in March, then late Winter set in for another week...complete with snow! Now, the Center is coming out of the cold once again!

Sonlight's Easter Celebration came on Thursday, March 24. All the children came dressed in their Easter finest! The parade this year was in the gym. A number of parents and grandparents came to watch the children circle around the gym twice, and the Easter Bunny joined the parade! Most of the children enjoyed his visit... After the parade, each class had their own party with their classmates – complete with Easter egg hunts!

The next date on Sonlight's celebration schedule will be June 30, for the Fourth of July Parade and Party. Vacation Bible School and Critter Camp is scheduled for July 11-15. Information will be coming out for each of these events prior to their happening!

Happy Spring!
Kathy and Sue



Welcome Nursery Care Provider

We are pleased to welcome Skylar Chrobau as our new Nursery Care Provider. Skylar is a recent Homestead Grad who was very active in the music program there. She has been a visitor to our church building on numerous occasions thru the music connection but also remembers going to preschool here. We welcome her as a new member of our church family. Also please note - our nursery has moved back upstairs to the first room just south of the church office.



**TWO upcoming
music events at MUMC**

Homestead Chamber Orchestra

Tuesday, April 26
7:30 PM
In the MUMC Sanctuary

Bel Canto Boy Chor

Saturday, April 30
7:00 PM
In the MUMC Sanctuary

THANK YOU!!!

Blanket Sunday thanks

Thank you for your generous donations of \$1163 toward Blanket Sunday. These funds will go to Church World Service to buy emergency blankets for refugees and the homeless in areas hard hit by natural disasters.



Lent Event thank you's

On March 13, families came to the catacombs at MUMC for our annual Lent Event. Great fun was had by all as we created crafts for Holy Week, followed by dinner and a special movie about Jesus and the events preceding and including Easter – from The Story Keepers. Children explored and then dined in our paper bag catacombs.

This event would not have been possible without the help of our cooks, clean-up and set-up helpers: Debby and Randy LeRoy, Jen and Doug Bertolino, Nancy Gruner, Audra O'Brien, Wendy Porterfield, Patrick and Devin Curran, Linda Mordy and Peter and Nikolai Gardner. Thank you from our children!

Mealsite thanks

On Thursday, March 31, MUMC volunteers served 220 guests at the mealsite. Many thanks to those who served. And many thanks to everyone who made desserts and donated fresh fruit for the meal.

The new mealsite location is working out well. When you volunteer to serve you will see all the new equipment that is "state of the art" and great new storage areas that are easily organized.

Next mealsite date: May 26

One Great Hour of sharing — Thanks!!

Thank you for your financial donations totaling \$605 to the special collection, One Great Hour of Sharing. Donations that UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) receives through this offering cover their costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects their donors specify.



"Having finished the children's sermon, I now invite anyone over 55 to come forward for our senior sermon."

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Sunday schedule:

9:30 AM: Worship Service

First Sunday - Family Sunday
(no Sunday School)

9:45 AM: Sunday School

10:30 AM: Fellowship for all

Everyone is welcome!

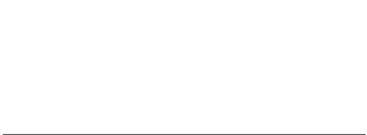
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Of greatest worth

Not what I get, but what I give,
this be the gauge by which I live.
Not merely joys that come my way,
but the help I give to those astray.
Not the rewards of money and fame,
but the loads I lift in mankind's name.
This be the pay at the end of the day,
not what I keep, but what I give away.

—Author unknown

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Mequon United Methodist Church affirms that all people are created in God's image and are of sacred worth. We affirm Jesus' example of love without reservation and we sacredly promise to deal compassionately and justly with one another. Therefore, this inclusive and nurturing community of faith openly invites and welcomes persons of every age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, physical or mental ability, ethnic origin, socioeconomic status, marital status -- any and all diversities -- as full participants in the life and work of this reconciling community.