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the Spire

February 2015



Aim for these events at MUMC!

- **Ash Wednesday, February 18** — Pancake Supper followed by worship. Get your hearts ready for Lent.
- ****NEW** Adult Programs** begin with an evening of dinner, fellowship, and contemplation of God's world. Come February 28 for lasagna dinner and program.
- **One Great Hour of Sharing**, Sunday February 15. Support the humanitarian work of UMCOR.
- **Lunch Bunch** — TWO pastors teaching! Come for a series on the life of the apostle Paul.
- **Facebook** — a workshop on February 17. Find out how to use this social media.



FOCUS:

Planning if an emergency happens at MUMC

Do your part. Learn the locations of fire alarms, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and the AED. See pages 7-9.



Thoughts for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug?

Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be - beautiful!

Pastor Tim's Message



Happy Lent!!! Not a phrase you are probably used to hearing very much. When compared with some of the other seasons of the church calendar like Advent, Christmas, or Easter, Lent is often the most overlooked. Lent does not have any presents, candy, or decorated trees associated with it. There is no jolly figures like Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny associated with it. Just think about the last time that you saw a Lent greeting card in the store?

Even though the commercial world does not recognize Lent, it is one of the most sacred times of the church year. During these next forty days from Ash Wednesday on February 18 to Good Friday on April 3 we prepare ourselves through deeper disciplines of prayer and fasting for the Good News of Easter.

Lent is a time for self-examination and renewal. A journey we take as people of God to re-energize our spirituality by setting aside time to be with the divine light in our lives. A time to truly stop for a moment and allow the power of God's Spirit to enliven us in new ways.

This Lenten season there are many opportunities for spiritual growth and transformation. Here is just a small sampling of some practices to help us on this journey of faith. Feel free to add to this list as we prayerfully move through this season and beyond.

- We all have nice things that we'd like to do, but never seem to make time to get to: write a letter to a friend, visit a lonely person, call a distant friend. At the beginning of Lent, write down 40 plus tasks, one per little slip of paper, and toss them in a jar. Then, each morning pull one out and do the task written there.
- "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) Turn off the TV, computer, phone and rest in the stillness. Even if it is just for 5 minutes.
- Prayer walk in your neighborhood (where you live or work). Simply walk around and pray for what you see, hear, touch, and smell.
- Read Matthew, Mark, Luke or John from beginning to end during Lent and journey with Jesus from the manger to the empty grave.
- At the end of the day ask yourself "Where did I see God today?" Make a list.
- Fast. The purpose of fasting is to support our prayers and heighten our awareness. Try fasting by giving up something other than food: our stuff. Take time to do some Spring cleaning asking "what don't I want" as well as practice asking "what don't I need?" Invite God into these questions and explore together a journey of letting go of the excess in our lives.

My prayer for this season of Lent is that it will be a reflective time as well as a time of reconnection as we journey with Jesus toward a deeper relationship with God and awareness of our hope in Christ.

In God's Love
Pastor Tim

**One
great hour
of sharing**

On Sunday, February 15th our congregation will be participating in One Great Hour of Sharing.

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in the special One Great Hour of Sharing offering, laying the foundation for UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee On Relief) ministry of relief and hope.

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR transforms and strengthens people and communities. Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

Donations that UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, 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, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds, so without your offerings, UMCOR would not exist.

Because UMCOR keeps operating costs under 10% of their total budget, undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR's administrative needs. When that happens, your support is channeled to under-funded programs, where they're most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised.





Ash Wednesday – February 18
Pancake Supper – 6:15 PM
Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday, is the first day of Lent, the 40 days that precedes Holy Week and Easter. In the Christian Scriptures the number 40 relates to the period spent in the Ark by Noah, the period spent by Israel seeking the Promised Land after the Exodus, and the amount of time Jesus was in the Wilderness after his baptism and prior to beginning his ministry. For us, the Season of Lent is an invitation to 40 days of renewal ("Lent" means "spring"), 40 days to prepare ourselves to take in the Good News of Easter through deeper disciplines of prayer, fasting, and service. And so we begin this holy time with Ash Wednesday. Ashes are the traditional sign of sorrow and repentance and are also a sign of our mortality.



Normally before Ash Wednesday, there would be a celebration where people would gather to eat up all the foods (which would include eggs, dairy products, and sugar) that would be refrained from during the fasting in Lent. On this night, we eat

pancakes as a way to honor this tradition as we get our hearts ready for Lent. I hope and pray you will come on this holy night as we remind ourselves that in the midst of our fragileness and mortality, we are held up in the hands of God's grace and love.

Facebook????
What is it, how do you use it,
what are the warnings???



A workshop for you!
Tuesday, February 17 – 1:00 PM
at MUMC

Are you on Facebook? Are you on — but don't really know how to use it? Why you may want to use the "like" and "share" buttons and what are the differences. What does it mean to tag someone? In this workshop, Pam Layton will walk you through many of these issues. Bring your laptop or tablet.

Please reserve your spot by contacting Pam at chocchic@wi.rr.com. And if you have a specific question or concern let her know in your RSVP.

NEW Adult Programs Launch
on Saturday, February 28

Witnessing God's World:
What I Saw on My Summer Vacation

Saturday, February 28, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Program + Dinner

MUMC Fellowship Hall

On Saturday, February 28, a series of new adult programs begin with an event that provides an opportunity for fellowship, education and faith exploration. The program begins at 6:00 PM with a lasagna dinner, followed by two brief presentations.

Topic: Ireland

Presenters: Joe & Eileen Hill

Description: This presentation is based on a concert tour with friends and alumni of West Virginia University. The beauty of the Irish countryside is the backdrop. Dotted within the landscape are ruins of hundreds of small cottages. These were homes to Irish peasants who either lost their farms or lost their lives during the Irish famine from 1845-1849. We will explore the fate of these peasants and who they believed to be responsible: God or Man.

Topic: Alaska

Presenters: Randy & Debbie LeRoy; Herb & Ginger Ayres

Description: The grandeur, size, and magnificence of Alaska is well known. See and hear from the LeRoys and Ayres as they describe where they felt and saw God's world through the glaciers, whales, sled dogs, and more!



There will be an opportunity to share our own experiences and reflect at a personal level. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors.

A free-will offering will be requested to off-set the cost of the meal. In order to plan the catering, please RSVP by Sunday, February 22, to either of the following:

Church Office: 242-4770, office@mequonumc.org
Joe Hill: 242-9275, jhill@mcw.edu

A brief comment on Adult Programs ...

New adult programs (APs) were identified as a need in MUMC's 2014-2016 Strategic Plan. These programs will leverage, support and integrate with other MUMC activities and ministries. Moreover, these programs will be aligned with the goals of a "larger church," recognizing our demographics to serve new people and collaborate with other churches. To share your ideas about adult programming, contact Joe Hill (jhill@mcw.edu) or Pastor Tim (pastor.mumc@gmail.com).

Sunday, March 8

A Morning to Focus on Mental Health:

Messages from the Bible with Insights on How to Create Inclusive and Supportive Homes and Faith Communities

Pastor Tim will share the Biblical context to help guide our understanding of mental health, illness and our call to respond in his morning sermon. Sue McKenzie, Co-Director of Rogers InHealth, will facilitate the follow-up conversation from 10:45-11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Topics to be addressed include: Mental health, mental illness, trauma, stigma, the call to the faithful, resilience and recovery.

Childcare will be provided.

Sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministry Team



Focus on Mental Health

**Diversity Sunday
Sunday, March 1**

On Sunday, March 1 we will hold our third annual Diversity Sunday by welcoming two representatives from Diverse and Resilient. The purpose of Diversity Sunday is to highlight people from our Welcoming Statement which is printed on the back of our weekly Sunday bulletin. By raising awareness and gaining understanding of different people's stories and history we move closer to being a truly welcoming faith community. The representatives from Diverse and Resilient will share some of their personal stories known as acceptance journeys.

Here is a little bit of information about this group.

"Diverse & Resilient is a 20-year old public health non-profit organization in Milwaukee's Riverwest neighborhood, serving the LGBT community. There are six areas that Diverse & Resilient focuses on: (1) acceptance (2) cultivating leaders (3) mental health (4) sexual health (5) partner & community violence and (6) substance use. The issues are addressed through means such as community engagement, evidence based curriculum and programming as well as presentations."



**LENT EVENT –
Sunday, March 15
4:00-7:00 PM**

This year families will have the opportunity to learn about Lent and Easter during one very special afternoon and evening. On Sunday, March 15, all are invited to come to our village of Jerusalem to experience the stories of Holy Week through hands on activities that will include crafts, games and music. There will be activities for the whole family, including dinner for everyone with a short film to follow.

Plan to join us from 4:00-7:00 PM for this very special event.

Helpers are always appreciated – for our activities or for our meal. Please see Peg Gardner if you would be willing to assist in any way.

Wear your name tag, please!

MUMC has several new members and some visitors who want to know who we all are. Additionally, some of us are too embarrassed to admit we don't know everyone's name. Please wear your name tag every Sunday.



Kindness Counts – Loving Our Neighbors

➡ **Sunday afternoon – February 8th** ⬅



In conjunction with our study of Matthew 22:39 (Love your neighbor as yourself), Children's Ministries is launching an initiative to spread some love in our community just in time for Valentine's Day. We invite all members of the congregation to join us – this isn't just for kids!

We started on February 1 with a craft workshop right after church, where we created Valentine Decorations for doors or windows of the residents' rooms at Meadowmere, an eldercare facility here in Mequon. On February 8th we will deliver those decorations and spend some time visiting with the residents. We will gather at the church at 3:00 PM and then carpool to Meadowmere to deliver our premade decorations and to make a Valentine's Day card with any of the residents who are interested, or just stay and visit for a while with new friends. We will come back to the church at about 4:30 PM so that the children can go to choir practice, and the adults will spend some time in Fellowship Hall as we prepare a simple meal to share together. If you would like to help with this meal, please see Audra O'Brien for more details.

Our bishop has asked us to move our ministry beyond the walls of our church, and these are a few baby steps of beginning for our children, their families, and the congregation that supports them. We hope you will plan to join us!

Reflections reads book set during the occupation of Paris in the second World War

The Reflections book group will meet Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Join us for a discussion of *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure. Amazon.com offers this description . . .

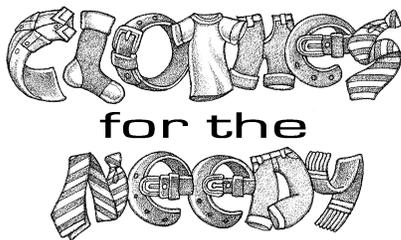
In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money - and maybe get him killed. But if he's clever enough, he'll avoid any trouble. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist.

But when one of his hiding spaces fails horribly, and the problem of where to hide a Jew becomes terribly personal, Lucien can no longer ignore what's at stake. The *Paris Architect* asks us to consider what we owe each other, and just how far we'll go to make things right.

Written by an architect whose knowledge imbues every page, this story becomes more gripping with every soul hidden and every life saved.

Reflections is a women's book group that meets monthly for discussion and fellowship. New women are always welcome. Contact Barb Henneck at 238-0707 or bhenneck@wi.rr.com for more information about the group.

LOOKING AHEAD . . . Our March discussion book will be *The Orphan Master's Son*, by Adam Johnson.



Mission Outreach Clothing Collection

Mission Outreach has an ongoing clothing collection of gently used clothing. If you have clothing that you would like to donate, place bagged items in the cabinets downstairs just outside of fellowship hall.

The clothing donations will go to Solomon Community UMC or Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. Solomon Community UMC is located on Martin Luther King Drive in Milwaukee. This very active Methodist Church serves the needs of their community with a food and clothing pantry which is open on Thursday and Friday mornings.

Family Sharing of Ozaukee County uses your donations in their resale shop located in Grafton. Proceeds from the resale shop go toward supporting their food pantry.

We will be temporarily suspending the clothing collection for the Transitional Living Center but will let you know if that need changes.

Thank you to everyone who has or will be donating clothing to these organizations who provide so much for those in need.

Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunities

- ➡ Are you an adult?
- ➡ Are you looking for opportunities to learn, converse, and have fellowship?
- ➡ Are you available mid-day on Tuesdays and/or one early morning a month?
- ➡ Then YOU can come to these activities!!
- ➡ We'll be looking for you!

Lunch Bunch

Bible Study – 11:00 AM

Lunch – 12:00 PM

Come join on Tuesdays for our Bible study at 11:00 AM and our delicious lunch including homemade soup at Noon. Starting on February 3, our new study will be looking at the life of Paul using the video: *Peter and Paul* to help us understand the times that Paul lived in. We will also be studying some of Paul's most famous letters preserved in the New Testament. This new study will be jointly led by Pastor Tim and Bill Church, who has recently joined our church as a retired United Methodist pastor. Come join us for a time to feed our bodies and our souls - you are welcome anytime, every time!

Pastor Tim and retired Pastor Bill lead new study on the life of Paul. Everyone come!

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, April 1

Women of all ages are invited to gather at 7:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, April 1st** 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, April 2

Men of all ages are invited to gather at 7:00 a.m. on **Thursday, April 2nd** 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.

MUMC WEB SITE FACT:

Did you know you can make a donation online via the MUMC web site with a credit card? Go to www.mequonumc.org and click on **Donate** in the menu at the top of the page and simply follow the instructions.

Dreaming of summer and the joy of warm sunny days?

How would you like to spend a little bit of time in the sun and serve our church as well?

MUMC has been fortunate in years past to have just one or two volunteers each summer who dedicated themselves to keeping garden beds weeded and lawns cut around the church. Dick Vogel, who recently passed away, dedicated himself every summer for many years to cutting all the church grass with only occasional help from others, while Audra O'Brien has maintained lawn around the Parsonage. Jayne Micheln, and more recently, Connie Pukaite planted and weeded flowers and shrubs with little help. Neither can physically do that work alone any longer.

The workload is not great if many hands each do a little. **Members of all ages** can help maintain our church property, and help avoid the budgetary cost of hiring professional services.

For lawn mowing, Trustees are seeking just five teams of two volunteers each. Each Team would need to cut lawn only once every five weeks during the growing season ... less if there are dry spells in the summer. Trustees will provide orientation/training for use of lawn care equipment.

For maintaining and enhancing garden beds, Trustees are recruiting volunteers who enjoy gardening to be 'Gardening Angels' at MUMC. This year, a small team including master gardeners Jim Layton and Linda Mordy will be reviewing gardens, and provide guidance for low-maintenance improvements we may be able to make. Volunteers will be needed to help weed and plant. A little weeding or planting each week by even two or three individuals, especially at the start of the growing season, would keep our church looking beautiful. Trustees will provide guidance for willing garden volunteers.

Are YOU willing and able to give just two hours a month of your time, at your convenience, to help keep our church yard beautiful? Contact Connie Pukaite at 262-242-2778 or pukaite@sbcglobal.net.



MUMC's financial status summary

2014 Recap

- The Church is fiscally sound. We ended the year with a balanced budget. And we have a bank balance of over \$63,000 (mostly assigned to dedicated accounts). This is due to the generosity of our Church family, and not spending what we don't have.
- We budgeted a little over \$17,000 to apportionments, but were able to pay over \$31,000 which represents about 85% of our annual amount. We asked for additional apportionment gifts from our members and your response allowed us to pay well above what we had budgeted. Each year our goal is to pay 100% of our obligation.
- The funds raised in the Capital Campaign funded a number of capital improvements to our Church over the last few years. In 2014, the final projects were funded, and that account is closed. Once more, this campaign showed what our congregation can accomplish when asked.
- In October, Sonlight, our daycare/preschool ministry, completed repayment of the start-up advances made from the general operating fund.



Looking into 2015

- The MUMC budget for 2015 will be \$326,000. This budget was approved at the all-church meeting on January 24, 2015. This budget will allow us to fund all of our ministries that we are involved in as a congregation, including a 2-3% increase in salary for our dedicated church staff. The complete budget with all the details is available at the church office for your review.
- The 2015 budget presented to you is balanced. The Finance team is committed to recommending a budget that keeps our expenses in line with our revenues.
- The ability to balance the budget is dependent on controlling how much, and when, apportionment is paid. This year's budget is based on about \$27,000 of apportionment to be paid. This is about 73% of our 2015 obligation. If the remainder is to be paid, it will be from the generosity our Church family, and the additional gifts you make.



MUMC Drive-in Movie Night Appreciation Awards

Our family night at the movies was once again a success, with about thirty happy viewers munching on delectable drive-in dinner and

popcorn. Thanks to Shelley Burns for cooking up our delicious dinner, to Audra

O'Brien for popping up the popcorn and helping out in the kitchen, and to Doug Burns, Peter Gardner, and Alex Burns for setting and cleaning up the tables. Wendy Porterfield and Devin Curran, along with Alyssa, Connor and Madelyn O'Brien and Nikolai Gardner also helped with clean-up. Our amazing wait staff for the evening was Alex Burns, Cole Stephany, Philip and Ethan Shuler, and Devin Curran. They kept all of our guests well-fed and happy. Our thanks to all who came out and supported our movie night. It is a wonderful way for people of all ages to get together in fellowship and fun. We hope to see more of you at our next event!

— Music Notes —

Music in worship

- Feb. 8 – The Blazers – a male quartet from University School!
- Feb. 15 – Sanctuary Choir
- Feb. 18 – Nikolai Gardner – Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 22 – Bill Church on clarinet – come early for special prelude music!
- March 1 – Youth Choir

Women's Choir — Get Ready!!

Rehearsals from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM on:

- February 15
- February 22
- March 1

SING MARCH 8! – come early for special prelude music!





Awareness = Preparedness

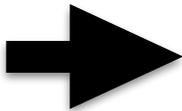
It is difficult to turn on the news and not see a report of some natural disaster or unexpected emergency. Fires, tornadoes, medical emergencies, and violence are examples of unexpected situations that can impact a community – and churches are not exempt from these unwelcome tragedies.

Last fall a team of church members created and introduced an Emergency Response Plan to provide information on what to do in the case of an emergency. The plan addresses situations such as a medical emergency, fire, utility malfunction, tornado, violence and bomb threats.

One important part of this plan is everyone's awareness of what is available in the building and where to go in case of an emergency. In the church office you will find a map of our church building with information on where to go in case of a tornado or where everyone should assemble outside the building in the case of an evacuation. There are also symbols of where to find fire alarms, fire extinguishers, first aid kits and our AED (automatic external defibrillator). How many times have you found yourself in a very familiar place and noticed something that you've never seen before - yet it's been there all along? Take some time to study the map and become aware of what to do and what is available in the building.

Our ever-changing world now requires everyone to be prepared for an emergency. All members of MUMC have a role in being prepared and it starts with being aware.

If you have questions or would like to know more about the Emergency Response Plan, contact one of the team members - Marilyn Thiet (Chair), Peg Gardner, Patti Gattoni, Pastor Tim, Jean Paulus and Mary Sisney.



Floor plans of MUMC showing locations of fire alarms, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and an automatic external defibrillator may be obtained in the church office. Please get a copy and take time to familiarize yourself with these locations.



January 16, 2015

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung Announces New Cabinet Appointments for Wisconsin Annual Conference, Effective July 1

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung today announced his new Assistant to the Bishop and the District Superintendents (DS) for the five new Districts within the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church. All of these appointment changes are effective July 1, 2015.

Rev. Dan Dick, currently serving as Director of Connectional Ministries, will be appointed as Assistant to the Bishop. The five District Superintendents will be Rev. Kate Croskery Jones in the North West District, currently pastor at New London; Rev. Forrest Wells in the North Central District, currently lead pastor at Janesville Cargill; Rev. Sue D'Alessio in the North East District, currently serving as DS in the Nicolet and Winnebago Districts; Rev. Deborah Thompson in

the South East District, currently serving as DS in the Metro Districts; and Rev. Scott Carlson in the South West District, currently lead pastor at Sun Prairie.

In addition, he announced that, with the consent of the Conference Personnel Committee, Rev. Sam Royappa will be appointed as the Director of Connectional Ministries. Sam has served as DS in the Capital and Coulee Districts for the last eight years.

In making the announcement, Bishop Jung shared that he is very much looking forward to working with the current and new Cabinet during this important transition time and in the ongoing work of implementing the "Imagine Wisconsin Anew" plan for new congregations initiatives and revitalizing existing Wisconsin congregations. Bishop Jung said, "The addition of a District Superintendent and the configuration of the five new districts will improve our ability to connect with each other to build vital outreach to the people of Wisconsin. This team will provide both ongoing and new leadership to help guide our Conference into the future."

Rev. Ann Spindt Henschel, Heartland and Chippewa District Superintendent, will be leaving the Cabinet after six years of service effective July 1 to take a family leave. Rev. Steve Polster, currently serving as Assistant to the Bishop, will retire July 1.

For more information about the new Redistricting Plan, go to: <http://www.wisconsinumc.org/connections/conference-news/latest-news/1378-redistricting-plan-announced>

Mequon United Methodist Church — 2015 Ministry Teams

Church Council:

Chairperson - Marcia Schwager
Vice Chair - _____
Secretary - Shirley Campbell
Financial Secretary - Kay Schroeder
Treasurer - Doug Zwissler &
Ed Mordy (helping with transition)
Lay Leader - Glen Van Fossen
Lay Members to Annual Conference -
Doug Zwissler
At Large - Susan Caucutt
Newsletter Editor - Ginger Ayres
Chairs or representatives from the following teams

Worship Team:

Chair - Kristin Traut
Joan Buschman, Bill Church, Barb Henneck,
Katie Jackson
Liturgist Coordinator - Marilyn Cullinan
Flowers and Altar Decorations -
Katie Jackson, Eleanor Moe, Connie Pukaite,
Communion Stewards - Judy Vogel (chair),
Sandy Christensen, Pat Gattoni, Pat Stapelkamp
Ushers - Barb Henneck
Music Team - Rick Hynson, Michelle Hynson,
Ellen Shuler, Elna Hickson

Children's Ministry Team:

Chair - Audra O'Brien
John Baker, Shirley Campbell, Linda Mordy,
Wendy Porterfield, Nan Rilling
Children's Ministry Director: Peg Gardner
Children's Ministry Support Team: Gayle Meyer,
Kari Slater, Jeff Wider

Youth Ministry Team:

Chair - TBD
Ellen Shuler, Ned Sisney, Lynda Stephany
Ben Gruettner -- Youth Ministry Director

Outreach Team:

Co-Chairs - Betty Draughon, Irene Sullivan
Cheryl Bair, Rick Gattoni, Lou Henneck,
Joel & Karen Huffman, Jim Layton, Karen Stern,
Jean Storer, Marilyn Zwissler

Welcoming Connections Team:

Chair - Marilyn Thiet
Nancy Gruner, Katie Jackson, Mavis Luther, Ann Miller,
Susan Ryan

Sonlight Child Development Center Board:

Operations Co-Chair - TBD
Financial Co-Chair - Ed Mordy
Pastor - Tim O'Brien
Director of Children's Ministry - Peg Gardner
Members at Large - Pat Dillon, Pat Gattoni,
Steve Gattoni, Katie Jackson, Pam Layton,
Ross Paulus

Staff Parish Relations Team:

Chair - Pam Layton
Janice Church, Patrick Curran, Joe Hill, Erin Maris,
Lauren Schreiner, Doug Zwissler,
Lay Leader - Glen Van Fossen

Lay Leadership Team:

Chair - Pastor Tim O'Brien
Susan Caucutt, Sandy Christensen, Ann Miller,
Scott Solverson
Lay Leader: Glen Van Fossen

Trustees:

Chair - Connie Pukaite
Doug Burns, Busch Buschman, Tom Ellis, Ed Mordy,
Jeff Nowak, Dain Shuler, Bruce Stern
Audio-Visual Team: Herb Ayres, Patrick Curran,
Peter Gardner, Dain Shuler, Peter Storer

Finance Team:

Chair - Scott Reed
Pappy Draughon, Barry Snoots, Jean Storer
Treasurer - Doug Zwissler &
Ed Mordy (helping with transition)
Financial Secretary - Kay Schroeder
Lay Leader - Glen Van Fossen
Church Council - Marcia Schwager
Trustees Chair - Connie Pukaite
SPRC Chair: Pam Layton

Parish Nurse Team:

Chair: Debbie LeRoy
Sandy Christensen, Lisa Gorski, Nancy Gruner,
Eileen Hill, Randy LeRoy, Kathy Morgan, Mary Sisney,
Sue Solverson

Marketing Team:

Chair: Herb Ayres
Ginger Ayres, Doug Burns, Pam Layton,
Marcia Schwager, Marilyn Thiet

Family Promise Task-group:

Anne Bingham, Katie Jackson, Ross & Jean Paulus,
Connie Pukaite, Karen Stern, Marilyn Zwissler


**Thanks,
Everyone!**

For all of your time and service to MUMC in 2014, you are thanked. To everyone, to anyone – for a small task or many small tasks, for a large task or many large tasks. You are thanked for being on a team, for any help with children and youth, for any help with Sunday morning worship, for help with the church finances or buildings/properties, for help with events and activities, for help with mission projects, and for care and attention to each other within this community of faith. May our prayers be answered as we ask for help undertaking these same tasks (and more) in 2015.

Sonlight Scoop – February 2015

Sonlight Child Development Center, established by and operated as a ministry of Mequon United Methodist Church, is open to children from infant through 5 years old, including K2, K3, and K4 programs.

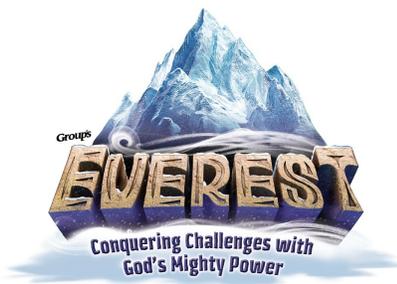
Sonlight had a COLD January with not many days where they could be outdoors. The children took it in stride, playing in the gym (Fellowship Hall) and doing extra activities in their rooms.

One special week was TEDDY BEAR WEEK, where the children brought in their favorite teddy bears and did special “Teddy Bear” activities. On Thursday, January 22, the Center celebrated Pajama Day, and everyone came in their pajamas! The children all got to watch part of a movie that morning (which only happens once a year), and snack on Teddy Grahams!



Looking forward to February, Sonlight will be celebrating RED, WHITE AND PINK DAY on February 12. The children will have fun sharing valentines and eating red, white and pink treats!

Cheers!
Kathy and Sue



VBS and Critter Camp dates announced! July 6-10, 2015

Mark your calendars now for this special week of activities for young and old. Our VBS campers will be exploring God's power through a wintery theme, and our Critter Campers will once again explore the MarshMeadow and take a field trip with our adult Bible Study to the Riveredge Nature Center. We'll need lots of participants and lots of helpers. Please plan to join us, and bring a friend!

With sympathy

The congregation at MUMC is saddened to learn of the death of Bonnie Stipe. Bonnie came here from her home in Texas to live near her daughter. She greatly enjoyed worshipping at MUMC before she moved into an assisted living home. Bonnie was buried next to her husband in Texas. Our sympathies go to Bonnie's family.



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***Prayer for
One Great Hour of Sharing***

Loving God, we live in a world of great need.

In our own neighborhoods and globally, the oppressive crushing force of poverty looms large.

War and conflict have driven thousands from their homes.

The right to go to school, to choose a mate, to enter into a meaningful vocation are absent for many girls and women.

Access to clean water and sustainable nutritious food is a constant struggle for many.

Yet, you have called us to be people of hope, agents of your healing and wholeness.

We are grateful that through the gifts given to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, UMCOR is able to be present in the lives of the most vulnerable.

Thank you for all those who give and that through this gift lives are being changed.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

—Rev. Dr. J. Denise Honeycutt, Deputy General Secretary, UMCOR

