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the Spire

March 2017



*Activities at MUMC
for Lent and the month of March
offer something for everyone!*

- “24 Hours That Changed the World” –
Lenten Bible study, Wednesday evenings during
March
- The Lord’s Supper –
Lent event for everyone (kids and adults) with
workshops, activities, and a simple meal – March 19
- Blanket Sundays –
Easter cards plus blankets! – March 26 and April 2
- UMCOR Sunday – March 12
- Two mealsites in March –
need servers, desserts, and fruit

Looking ahead:

- Reflections book group changes April date to
the 6th
 - Wild Bird Workshop coming on April 22
 - Spring Cleaning of MUMC’s adopted roadway
on April 23
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*In the midst of winter’s
chill, as we grow
impatient for spring, fill
us with your warmth
and new life, dear Lord.*

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 March 1 to Good Friday on April 14 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.

- "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 5 minutes.
- Journey with Jesus. Read one of the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke or John from beginning to end during Lent and journey with him from the manger to the grave.
- Before meals invite those gathered to share one thing they are grateful for that day
- Start seedlings. Plant seeds in small jars and place them in the light. As they grow may they be physical reminders that we are a people of new life and hope. Offer a prayer each day to find some way to nurture hope in your daily life.
- Start a prayer journal (can be on a computer or in a paper notebook). Include prayers of joy, concern, or questions. Reflect on how God is speaking or touching your heart during your prayer time.
- Think of persons who haven't heard from you in a while. Give them a call, or send them a card. If there is something that needs mending in your relationship, take the first step.
- At the end of the day ask yourself, "Where did I see God today?" Make a list.

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



UMCOR SUNDAY — March 12 (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

On Sunday March 12, Mequon United Methodist Church will join United Methodist Churches everywhere by participating in a special offering that supports the vital work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) by covering the costs of doing business. This means that 100% of gifts designated to the specific UMCOR relief projects go to those programs.

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.

Jesus teaches us bring healing and restoration wherever we can. UMCOR relief does just that. UMCOR projects help build up farming communities, help workers to become self-sufficient and reconstruct places destroyed by disaster.

Please help UMCOR and the very important relief work that they do by contributing to UMCOR Sunday.



Lent Event 2017 – The Lord’s Supper Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 PM

➔ **Everyone is invited!!**

Join us as we learn about Lent through a series of hands-on workshops. We will explore the meal Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room through a giant board game, creation of a communion cloth, baking bread, watching a short film, washing feet, and finally sharing a simple meal together. This workshop is designed for people of ALL ages, and families are invited to experience this together. You do not have to have children to attend! Experience this critical event in our understanding of Lent in a new way – Sunday, March 19, at 4:00 PM.

Would you be willing to help with this event in any way? We are looking for soup, rolls, desserts and servers/clean-up for our meal, help with preparing the communion cloth projects, and set-up help on Saturday, March 18. Please contact Peg to volunteer.



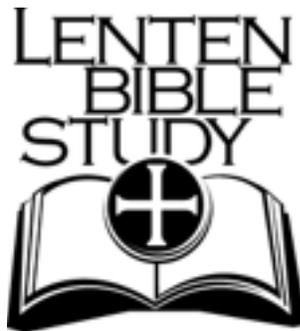
Easter cards give blankets

March 26 and April 2 are Blanket Sundays at MUMC. Mission Outreach will be selling Easter Cards, designed by our Sunday School youth and children, to raise donations for Church World Service blankets. Church World Service, founded in 1946, is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. In 2016, CWS distributed thousands of blankets around the world. Nearly 6,000 blankets were given to natural disaster victims in the US.



When you buy an Easter Card for \$10, you are buying a blanket and helping people around the world recover from disasters and get a fresh start. Stop by the Mission Outreach table in the Narthex on Blanket Sundays to select your Easter cards for friends and family and provide blankets for those stranded by manmade and natural disasters.

A blanket is a tent, a bed, a parka, a baby’s bassinet, a suitcase. Let’s blanket the world with love on Easter Sunday.



Lenten Bible Study

“24 Hours That Changed the World”

Begins March 8

Wednesday’s at 7:00 PM

**Class Dates: March 8, March 15,
March 22, March 29**

As we journey through Lent, Pastor Tim invites you to this study where we will walk with Jesus through the last day of his time in Jerusalem. We will follow along to gain new insights as Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in Gethsemane, is arrested and crucified. Through the video component of this study, we will see and experience the actual places in Jerusalem where these momentous events took place over this life changing 24 hour period of Jesus’ life. Pastor tim hopes you will come for this inspiring study as we journey to the cross and beyond.

TWO mealsites in March

Thursday, March 23

Thursday, March 30

Sign up to help ...

or sign up to donate food ...

or sign up for both!

Helpers leave church at 4:30 PM, carpool to the mealsite near MLK Drive and Locust St., and serve the meal to the guests along a cafeteria-style line.

Food items that are taken to the mealsite for the meal include desserts and fresh fruit. Desserts can be brownies, bar cookies, cookies, cake, cupcakes, etc. Fresh fruit should be something that can be held in the hand like apples, bananas, clementines, pears, etc. Fruit should be left on the table in the parlor before 4:00 PM on mealsite day.



Music Notes

Music in worship:

March 12 – Ellen Shuler
March 19 – Brett Hanisko
March 26 – Sanctuary Choir
April 2 – Sam and Penny Laferriere
April 9 - Palm Sunday! – Joyful Noise Choir,
Youth Choir, Sanctuary Choir



Calling ALL singers:

It is never too late to join choir!!!

We have a very dedicated group of singers for each choir, but there are times when we have absences: there are circumstances for our singers coming up that include a hip replacement, a jaw surgery recovery, a different jaw surgery, a trip, and then there are sick kids, sick adults...

In particular, we could use MEN (but would also welcome more WOMEN) singing from now through Easter.

**Special call
for men
singers!!!**

Upcoming rehearsal and worship singing timetable:

- Rehearse Sunday, March 19 at 7:00 PM
- Sing at worship and rehearse afterward: Sunday, March 26
- Rehearse Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 PM
- Sing at worship (Palm Sunday) and rehearse afterward: Sunday, April 9
- Sing at worship (Good Friday): Friday, April 14 at 7:00 PM
- Sing at worship (EASTER): Sunday, April 16
- PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU CAN!!!



** NEW ** MUMC Picture Directory

We have a new updated MUMC directory complete with photos and the latest contact information. Thank you to all of you who updated your information and provided a picture or had one taken after worship.

The directory will be available on line through the MUMC website mequonumc.org. To find it, go to the bottom of the home screen and under Members Only click on Church Directory. You will need to enter your MUMC password, which is 4MUMC.

For those of you who would like a printed copy of the new directory, look for a table in the narthex with new directories on Sundays March 12, 19, 26. If you are not able to attend worship on those Sundays and would still like a printed copy please let DeWayna know and she can hold one for you.

If your contact information changes in the future please inform our Office Manager DeWayna so she can keep our files updated and also keep the online directory updated.



Watch your gift grow

You can help strengthen the capacity of Family Promise to provide professional counseling, food and shelter to homeless women and families in Ozaukee County by making a donation to **PromiseMatch** Ozaukee 2017 on or before Match Day, Thursday, March 23.

Simply visit www.familypromiseoz.org, to make a gift to Family Promise and you'll make a difference in the lives of families in need in Ozaukee County. All **PromiseMatch** gifts will be doubled, thanks to a pool of matching funds generously donated by local foundations; and will



help women and families in our community meet their basic needs at a most difficult time in their lives.

Help spread the word. Tell your friends and family why you think they should help us with their donations to PromiseMatch. Be our champion, and help our Family Promise network strengthen our capacity to serve!

Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunities

Lunch Bunch

Bible Study – 11:00 AM

Lunch – 12:00 noon

Come join on Tuesdays for our Bible study at 11:00 AM and our delicious lunch including homemade soup at Noon.

Throughout the month of March we will be wrapping up our study of Old Testament history and prophecy. Pastor Tim hopes you will come for the discussion and fellowship. Come join us for a time to feed our bodies and our souls — you are welcome anytime, every time!



Prayer Breakfasts:

**Women's Prayer Breakfast –
Wednesday, April 5**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast –
Thursday, April 6**

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.

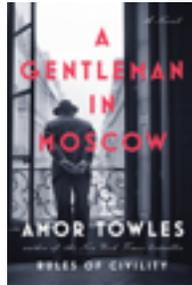


**** Coming in April ****

Reflections book group looks ahead! Date change — April 6

The Reflections book group will meet next on Thursday, April 6. We have moved our meeting date to the first Thursday evening of April due to Maundy Thursday. We begin at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. Our April discussion book will be *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles. Here is a description of the book from amazon.com . . .

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.



Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

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

Wild Bird Workshop

**Saturday, April 22
10:00 AM - noon
MUMC Fellowship Hall**

- **Bird identification**
- **How to attract birds**
- **Types of food**
- **The right feeder**
- **Hands on: Build a Bluebird House or a Hummingbird Feeder**

This workshop will be taught by MUMC's premier resident naturalist, Linda Mordy, with help from MUMC Green Team members.

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

RSVP: to Herb Ayres at hayres@wi.rr.com or 262-242-7703 by April 20. RSVP is mandatory, unless you find out that you can come at the last minute! A reservation guarantees supplies for you to make a birdhouse or feeder.



Betty K. Wheeler Mequon United Methodist Church Youth Mission Trip Scholarship Fund

Over many years, my mother, Betty K. Wheeler, was extremely involved with many organizations that supported children and youth. As a child, I have many memories of her involvement and leadership within our church and community that benefitted children's lives.

When my brothers and I were young, Sunday mornings often found Mom teaching Sunday School in one of our classes when we lived in Lakeville, Connecticut and also, after moving to Corning, New York. Throughout the years in Corning, she volunteered as the Cub Scout den mother for my brothers, the Brownie leader for me, and then transitioned to the role of Girl Scout troop leader for my friends and me. I also have vivid memories of the many hours and several years she served as the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) president for the elementary school my brothers and I attended.

In addition to the organizations already mentioned, my brothers and I were involved in many activities; baseball, wrestling, cheerleading, piano recitals, school choral groups, church choir, band concerts, orchestra concerts, school plays, etc. Mom never missed one of our events or performances.

Therefore, determining the purpose of the donations many of you generously gave, in memory of Mom following her death on September 6th, led our family to look back to her many years of dedication to organizations for youth. We agreed to honor Mom's memory by establishing this scholarship for the Mequon United Methodist Church youth and their annual mission trips.

Most sincerely and with much appreciation,
Susan Wheeler Yorio and family

Youth Mission Trip Scholarship — application process

On behalf of our church family, we thank the Yorio family for their generous and faithful gift in establishing the Wheeler Scholarship Fund for our youth. For those families that want to apply for this scholarship please contact Pastor Tim (pastor@mequonumc.org) or our youth director, Olivia Peters (olivia.bedran@gmail.com). We will schedule a brief meeting to assess the need and the amount we can help with. The purpose of the scholarship is not to fully pay the cost of the mission trip but to provide some financial help toward meeting those costs.

Coming — Summer 2017!!!



Inventions and Imaginations Abound!

VBS 2017

June 19-23 — 9:00 am - Noon

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Our VBS this year will spark creativity with interactive decorations and experiences. Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School will transform our church into a place buzzing with excitement! This year's VBS promises to be full of hands-on fun that your family won't want to miss—so mark your calendars now for Maker Fun Factory—MUMC's 2017 VBS, Monday through Friday at 9:00 AM, for preschool through elementary aged children. Middle and high school youth – we need you to lead our crews!



Kids' Camp

June 19-23

Noon-3:30 PM

This summer elementary-aged children will have a new opportunity to explore each day following VBS as we dive into the arts and science through daily hands-on activities. Each day will start with lunch, and then we'll create individual and group magic through nature, music, painting, sculpting and science experiments. Our service project will be the creation of an outdoor "concert corner," where we'll first build and then play a colorful xylophone, craft trash can drums and cymbals, ice cream tub banjos and shoe box guitars. On Thursday we will travel to the Riveredge Nature Center to explore nature in art, followed by an all-church dinner for the whole family.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to make our children's programs possible, we need the help of many volunteers. Many hands make light work, and your hands are just what we need. Please consider volunteering to work with children from our church and community for one day, two days, or more, helping them to experience God's love first hand as you share yours. Please see Peg if you can help in any way with any of our camps.



We need adults of ANY age (seniors, we need you!) as well as teens of all ages to lead our crews and building projects. No helpers = no programs. We can't do it without you!

How to prepare for "SOMEDAY" ...

*(from Connor O'Brien, Young Disciple,
and Connie Pukaite, Chair of Trustees)*

In the Fall of 2014, a special Emergency Preparedness Committee appointed by the MUMC Board of Trustees produced an Emergency Response Plan for our church that recommended what we should all do in case of different kinds of emergencies ... fires, tornado, unexpected violence and more. The Committee worked with Trustees, church staff, Mequon's Fire and Police Department to make sure they had as much input as possible. It was, and still is, a great plan ... the only one completed by any house of worship in Mequon.

Since that Emergency Plan was published, MUMC's Sonlight Child Development Center has regularly scheduled periodic surprise drills so that all our little children and staff will automatically respond to any kind of emergency IF ever there is one. But, now our church leaders wonder how worshipers would respond if there were an emergency during a worship service. One of MUMC's Young Disciples suggested that if the children can do drills to prepare themselves, maybe our older worshipers should prepare themselves, too.

So, we are encouraging all church members whenever you come to the church to take a few minutes, look around and make mental notes about where all the exits are. Think about which exit you would use and where you would go if there were a fire or a tornado, or what you would do if there were a sudden report of unexpected violence.

BE READY! "Someday" there might be a real emergency ... or, a practice drill to prepare us all to respond quickly if ever there were a real emergency. Prepare yourself!



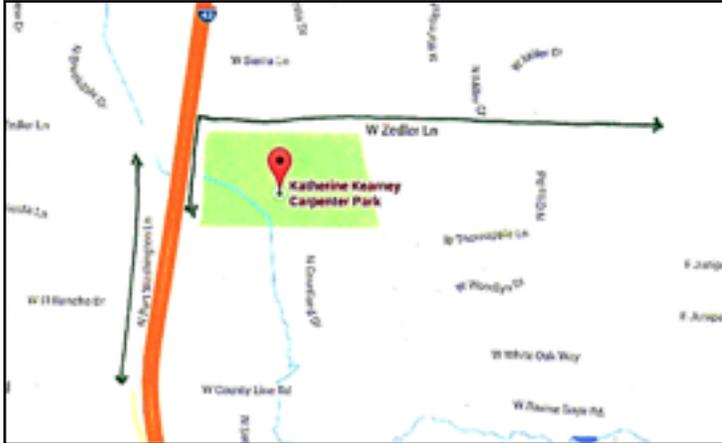
Spring Cleaning – MUMC’s Adopted Roadways

Sunday, April 23
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, April 23, 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!

Expedition Norway Thank You’s

Our adventures in Norway have ended, and we are extremely grateful to all those who made it possible.

First and foremost, we thank our Norwegian expert, **Ireene Sullivan**, who shared artifacts, food and experiences from her family’s homeland. The children were so excited to taste the wonderful foods she made, and to learn all about the place they came from.

Thanks also to our helpers, **Linda Mordy** and **Amber and Eric Rydholm**, and those who provided dinner—**Audra O’Brien** and **Jenni Bertolino**.

Expedition Norway wound up with a wonderful night at the movies, as 48 people enjoyed watching *Frozen* and dining on an incredibly delicious array of “drive-in” delicacies cooked up by the talented **Shelley Burns**, and served by our youth—**Devin Curran**, **Kaitlyn Sisney**, **Maddie Laferriere** and **Calista Sims**. An **amazing crew** helped us clean up in record time.

Thanks to everyone who made our program possible.



Norwegian Table Prayer

(sung to the tune of the Doxology, Hymn #95)

In Jesus’ name to the table we go
To eat and drink according to his word.
To God the honor, us the gain,
So we have food in Jesus’ name.
Amen.



Save the earth — suggestions from MUMC's Green Team

Going green is easier than you think. There are little things you can do every day to help reduce greenhouse gases and make a less harmful impact on the environment. In that spirit, your **Green Team** suggests ways you can help save the earth.

- **Pay attention to how you use water.** The little things can make a big difference. Every time you turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth, you're doing something good. Try drinking tap water instead of bottled so you aren't wasting all that packaging as well. Wash your clothes in cold water when you can. Fix a Leak Week is celebrated in March each year as a time to remind Americans to check their household fixtures for leaks. The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year [source: EPA].
- **Leave your car at home.** If you can stay off the road just two days a week, you'll reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 1,590 pounds per year [source: EPA]. Combine your errands -- hit the post office, grocery store and shoe repair place in one trip. It will save you gas and time.
- **Walk or ride your bike** to work, school and anywhere you can. You can reduce greenhouse gases while burning some calories and improving your health. If you can't walk or bike, join a carpool. Every car not on the road makes a difference.
- **Recycle.** You can help reduce pollution just by putting that soda can in a different bin. If you're trying to choose between two products, pick the one with the least packaging. The more recycling you do will reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills, as well as the greenhouse gas emissions that result from processing of raw materials [source: EPA].
- **Compost.** Think about how much trash you make in a year. Reducing the amount of solid waste you produce in a year means taking up less space in landfills, so your tax dollars can work somewhere else. Plus, compost makes a great natural fertilizer. Composting is easier than you think.

Taking care of the Earth is not just a responsibility -- it's a privilege.

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"Fix a Leak" Week — March 20 - 26, 2017

THE FACTS ON LEAKS

- 10** percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day
- A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than **3,000 gallons** per year
- Did you know?** Minor water leaks account for more than **1** trillion gallons of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in **11 million homes**
- A shower leaking at **10 Drips** per minute wastes more than **500** gallons per year
- REPAIR** leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary
- Replace old toilets with WaterSense labeled models & save **13,000** gallons of water savings for the average family
- Homeowners can save **10 percent** on their water bills
- Look for **WaterSense** Meets EPA Criteria

EPA epa.gov/watersense

Eat Less Sodium: Quick Tips

Nine out of 10 Americans eat more sodium (salt) than they need. Too much sodium increases your risk for health problems like high blood pressure. Use these tips to help lower the amount of sodium in your diet.

Know your sodium limit.

Ask your doctor how much sodium is okay for you.

The general guidance is:

- Healthy adults and teens age 14 and older need to limit their sodium intake to no more than 2,300 mg a day (about 1 teaspoon of salt).
- Some adults, including people with high blood pressure, need to limit their sodium intake to 1,500 mg a day.
- Children need no more than 1,500 to 2,200 mg a day of sodium, depending on how old they are.
- To eat less sodium, you don't have to make lots of changes at once. If you cut back on sodium little by little, your taste for salt will change with time.



Check the label.

- Use the Nutrition Facts label to check the amount of sodium in foods. Try to choose products with 5% Daily Value (DV) or less. A sodium content of 20% DV or more is high.
- Look for foods labeled “low sodium,” “reduced sodium,” or “no salt added.”

Shop for low sodium foods.

- Load up on vegetables, fruits, beans, and peas, which are naturally low in sodium. Fresh, frozen, and dried options are all good choices.
- When you buy canned foods (like vegetables, beans, or fish), choose ones with labels that say “low sodium,” “reduced sodium,” or “no salt added.”
- Compare the sodium in prepared foods like bread, soup, and frozen meals.

Choose the ones with less sodium.

- Limit processed meats – especially ones that are salted, smoked, or cured, like hot dogs, bacon, and deli meats.

Prepare your meals with less sodium.

- If you use canned foods that aren't low in sodium, rinse them before eating or cooking with them. This will wash away some of the salt.
- Use unsalted margarine or spreads with no *trans* fats.
- Don't add salt to the water when you cook pasta or rice.
- Try different herbs and spices to flavor your food, like ginger or garlic.
- Take the salt shaker off your table.

Get less salt when you eat out.

- When you order at a restaurant, ask that salt not be added to your food.
- Choose low-sodium options when you can – like dishes that are steamed, broiled, or grilled.

Add more potassium to your diet.

- Eating foods with potassium can help lower your blood pressure. Good sources of potassium include potatoes, cantaloupe, bananas, beans, milk, and yogurt.

Source: <https://healthfinder.gov>



“MUMC Parish Nurse Ministry promotes wellness, healing and wholeness of body, mind and spirit within our church family through health assessment, counseling and education.”
[Parish Nurse Mission Statement]

With sympathy

Our hearts, prayers and sympathies go out to three MUMC families who are mourning the death of loved ones.

- To the Reed family — Scott's mother, Beverley Reed, passed away on January 31 at age 85. She had lived in Sturgeon Bay. Her interesting life had included living in Africa, twice in Nigeria and then in Botswana. Sympathies to Scott and Sheryl and their family.
- To the Schreiner family — Lauren's mother, Suzanne Woods, passed away on February, 15. She lived in Basking Ridge, NJ. Sympathies to Lauren and Jim and their family.
- To the Zwissler family — Doug's brother, Jim, passed away February 19 after a brave struggle with advanced cancer. Sympathies to Doug and Marilyn and their family.





Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Buy Spring flowers now for Easter, April 16!

Spring plants are available.

Order now to fill the sanctuary.

Then enjoy them at home after Easter worship services.

Order by April 2.

Name: _____

Email: _____ **Phone number** _____

Plant – large pots	Price per pot	Number of pots	Total cost
Easter Lily (2 plants per pot)	\$15		
Hydrangea (_____ pink) (_____ blue)	\$15		
Azalea (shades of pink, red, salmon)	\$15		
Begonia (large double-flowered)	\$9		
Kalanchoes (red, succulent plant)	\$9		
Daffodils (large, yellow)	\$8		
Daffodils, Miniature <i>Tete-a-tete</i>	\$5		
Tulips	\$8		
Hyacinths	\$8		

Grand total for order: _____

Your check number: _____

➔ Please include payment with your order

***** NO orders after Sunday, April 2, 2017 *****

Orders and payment may be placed in collection plate during Sunday worship or mailed to church office (MUMC, 11011 N. Oriole Ln., Mequon, WI 53092)

*Take your plant(s) home after Easter Sunday worship, April 16.
If you will be out of town, please arrange for plant pick-up by Saturday, April 22.*



Pastor Tim's Birthday
March 12

Sonlight Scoop
March 2017

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 Center had a great celebration for Red, White and Pink Day! Children came in appropriate colors, and parents sent along treats of the same colors. Valentines were shared in the older classes, where children also participated in their classroom parties.



Here are our two oldest classes, sporting their red, white and pink colors!

(** See note below.)

In March, Sonlight celebrates GREEN DAY, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Wonder what color you'll see if you stop in on March 16??? Of course, all are hoping that the grass and trees will begin to green up for the coming Spring...

Happy Spring!
Kathy and Sue

** To see these children in their bright reds and pinks instead of black and white, go to "the Spire" online at www.mequonumc.org then click on "About Us" tab to "SPIRE Newsletter."

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and Sunday School

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(no Sunday School)

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Stop, look and listen

Lent, the season of the church year that's associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday. While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions.

Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

- It causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile," as well as "Stop doing wrong."
- It tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.
- It tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.



Stop, look and listen. These three words aren't only important for our safety in travel; they're also helpful for our journey through the 40 days of Lent.

Feeding the hungry

To allow the hungry to remain hungry would be blasphemy against God and one's neighbor, for what is nearest to God is precisely the need of one's neighbor. It is for the love of Christ, which belongs as much to the hungry as to myself, that I share my bread with them and that I share my dwelling with the homeless. If the hungry do not attain to faith, then the guilt falls on those who refused them bread. To provide the hungry with bread is to prepare the way for the coming of grace.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

