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the Spire

May 2014



"Seek and you will find."
- Matthew 7:7. NIV

Seek at MUMC and you will find:

Opportunities to worship:

- Youth Mission worship - May 4
- Confirmation - May 18
- Hear our new "baby" piano

Opportunities to give:

- Your time and food items at the mealsite
- Peanut butter for hungry kids
- Your time or funds or a few "recycled" items for VBS and Critter Camp
- Your time and food for a Saturday meal for the homeless
- Your helping hands for church yard work
- Old athletic shoes (Really! See article inside.)

Opportunities to converse and learn:

- Lunch Bunch on Tuesdays
- Women's and Men's Prayer breakfasts — once each month
- Reflections women's book group

Read details of each opportunity
inside this Spire.



Don't judge each day by the
harvest you reap but by the
seeds that you plant.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

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



ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



Lunch Bunch

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.

Lunch – 12:00 noon

Come join us on Tuesdays for our Bible study at 11:00 a.m. and our delicious lunch including homemade soup at Noon. In May, we will be continuing with our study: *On Life: Answers and Insights to Your Most Important Questions*. Through this study we are dealing with those important and challenging questions we all ask about forgiveness, hope, meaning and our purpose in life. Come join us for a time to feed our bodies and our souls - you are welcome anytime, every time!

Learn
&
Grow

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, May 7th and June 4th

Women of all ages are invited to gather at 7:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, May 7th and next month, June 4th** 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, June 5th

Men of all ages are invited to gather at 7:00 a.m. on **Thursday, June 5th** 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.

May 4th: a lively Sunday at MUMC!

"The MUMC Golden Crosses" (AKA: MUMC Youth Worship Service)

May 4

The MUMC Youth will be doing
The MUMC Golden Crosses,
an award show theme worship service.
Don't miss this exclusive event!
Walk the red carpet and help support our Youth
as they raise money
for their 2014 Mission Trip to Parsons, KS.

Guatemala Mission Trip Presentation — May 4, after worship

In February of 2013 and 2014 Randy LeRoy participated in mission trips to Guatemala through local Rotary clubs.

Randy is also grateful to the MUMC Outreach Team for the financial support they provided in 2013.

Please join Randy after the May 4th worship service to hear about the issues facing the Guatemalan people and how the Common Hope organization is supporting the indigenous people surrounding Antigua, Guatemala.

Native American Sunday - May 25

MUMC will acknowledge Native American Sunday on May 25th, a day when we recognize and remember our native brothers and sisters. Native American Ministries Sunday reminds United Methodists of the contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering benefits Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans.

United Methodists relate to Native American Ministries Sunday by learning about and reaching out to Native Americans in their communities and by encouraging Native Americans to consider becoming pastors and nurturing them in their journey.

Please give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday. Your generous gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday support:

- Native American ministries within the annual conference
- Scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church (administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry)
- Strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural and urban congregations, ministries and communities (related to the General Board of Global Ministries)



Sunday School Teacher Appreciation May 18 (during worship service)

As our school year draws to a close, it is time once again to recognize the amazing individuals who give so much of themselves to the children of MUMC. We have an incredibly dedicated team of teachers, all of whom teach year after year. These caring teachers provide not only the content of their lessons, but a witness to their faith and what it truly means to be a Christian – sharing the good news with young people week after week. We cannot begin to express adequate appreciation for their dedication.

The teachers will be recognized during the worship service on May 18, but please take a moment to thank them yourself when you see them. They are one of the most important pieces in the ministries of our church. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our preschool-elementary-middle school teachers Gayle Meyer, Jeff Widder, Kari Slater, and Linda Mordy, and to our high school rock star Glen Van Fossen and his helpers Audra O'Brien and Ben Gruettner.

Thank you again, teachers, for your care for our children. We are honored to have you among us.

Reflections book group dines out — May 8th

The Reflections Book Group will dine out at Harvey's Central Grille (1340 W Towne Square Rd, Mequon) on Thursday, May 8th. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. Our May book is *Three Months in Florence*, by Mary Carter. Please RSVP by May 7th to Barb Henneck – 238-0707 or bhenneck@wi.rr.com.



Confirmation Sunday May 18

Join with our confirmands and their families as we celebrate confirmation at MUMC during worship on May 18.



Programs for adults???

Who, what, where, when, how? Come for a discussion to explore all of these questions about activities and programs for adults at MUMC and in the community. Give your input and opinions.

Sunday, May 18
After worship service.
Led by Pastor Tim
and Joe Hill.

**TWO mealsite dates —
May 22 and 29**

MUMC will be serving at the meal site on Thursday, May 22 and on Thursday, May 29. Please sign up to volunteer to serve on May 22 or donate desserts or fruit for either day. The confirmation class will be serving on May 29. Servers leave the church at 4:30 PM and return around 6:00 PM. The sign up sheet is posted on the Outreach bulletin board by the church front door.

Reminder about food donations:

- Desserts can be bars, brownies, cakes, cupcakes, etc.
- Fresh fruit should be hold-in-your-hand items like bananas, apples, pears, clementines, etc.
- Food items should be left in the church parlor by 4:00 PM on mealsite day.



When MUMC last served in late March, the evening was cold and rainy but over 350 guests came out to dinner. With improved weather in May, there likely will be this many guests again, or possibly even more. Please continue your support of this mission project with either your time or donations of desserts and fruit.

NEEDED: Peanut Butter

The Hunger Task Force has issued an urgent appeal for peanut butter. All non-perishable food items are welcome but especially peanut butter right now. Your donations can be put in the Hunger Task Force box in the narthex. Please use the bags provided (hanging inside the box) since it is much easier to remove items from the box if they are in a bag.



**Saturday Meal
for the Homeless
at
Summerfield United
Methodist Church**

**728 E. Juneau Avenue,
Milwaukee 53202**

**Saturday, May 31
(3:00 - 7:00 pm)**



The Summerfield UMC in Milwaukee is now serving a Saturday evening meal for the homeless. Many of you know Bob and Robyn Blahut. Some of our younger members may remember him as Mr. Bob because Bob taught Sunday School for many years at MUMC. They along with their son Rob, have been instrumental in getting this meal site program going.

MUMC is helping in this effort in two ways. First, the Outreach Team donated \$1000 from the auction proceeds to help Summerfield UMC update their kitchen to accommodate this new mission.

Secondly, on May 31, MUMC will be providing a meal for approximately 30-60 people. We will provide a meal of ham, stuffing, green beans and applesauce, and cake for dessert! Would you like to help in this small but meaningful Outreach project with food donation, prepping, serving or fellowship?

For details or to sign-up, visit www.mequonumc.org, the Outreach board at church, or by contacting Karen Stern or Rick Gattoni. We're looking forward to this special Saturday Night Dinner Out!

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**Horsing around with
VBS Cow-horts
and
Critter Camp Co-horts**

**Sponsor a part of our
summer programs!**

Help us cover our SonWest and Critter Camp Costs! You can help us with this community outreach effort by sponsoring a small part. A

collection of horses, cows and woodland critters has been taped to the sanctuary windows. On each one is an item or items that you can donate funds to provide. Or



you can just donate any amount you'd like to the 2014 VBS/Critter Camp fund. We realize that not everyone has the time in their schedule to take a week off and come to help, but we are hoping that everyone will want to help us reach children at VBS, or connect with God's Creation at Critter Camp. So pick a cow, horse or woodland critter this week and help us make this summer's programs the best ever church experiences for all the children we can serve!

**Thank you!
Thank you!
For all the support you give
to VBS and Critter Camp!**





VBS Week at MUMC: June 23-27

- ◆ VBS for kids in the morning
- ◆ Critter Camp in the afternoon
- ◆ Adult study in the afternoon
- ◆ Field trip on Wednesday
- ◆ Chuckwagon Cookout for everyone, Wednesday at 5:00 PM

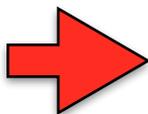
Sign up now to attend or help!!!

VBS 2014
 SonWest RoundUp
 June 23-27
 9:00 AM - Noon

Registration is now in progress for a rip-roaring good time at this summer's VBS program. We'll be heading to the frontier to explore Bible stories, games, crafts, music and more, for kids in preschool through elementary grades. We will also have a special music time for toddlers, tots and their parents, as well as the little ones from Sonlight. Please sign up SOON so we can order supplies and make sure we have the help we need.



We hope everyone will join us as participants, helpers, station leaders or supporters. We'll have a Chuckwagon Cookout for the whole church on Wednesday, June 25, at 5:00 PM. Please let Peg know if you would be willing to help in any way as we put on our boots for a stompin' good time!



**Now recruiting
 volunteers
 for the following
 FUN things to do:**

- Help with Bible Stories (with Ardis Burke)
- Lead or help with crafts
- Help with games (with Ginger and Herb Ayres)
- Help with snacks (with Audra O'Brien and Shirl Campbell)
- Help with lunch (with Audra and Shirl)
- Help with music (with Schuyler Gardner)
- Lead or help with our Chuckwagon Cookout
- Help with skits, the open and close (with Gayle Meyer and Graycie Gardner)
- Help with our preschoolers

Critter Camp 2014
 June 23-27
 Noon - 3:30 PM



We'll take to the trails of the MUMC Marshmeadow once again this summer, as children in elementary and middle school are invited to join us in the great outdoors. Linda Mordy, our very own naturalist, will lead us in our journeys, with the able assistance of educator Schuyler Gardner, who will lead our youngest campers.

Lunch will be provided each day for children and adults, and we will have a field trip to the Riveredge Nature Center on Wednesday. There will also be a concurrent Bible Study for adults, so there is plenty for everyone.

If you would like to participate and/or help with any aspect of Critter Camp, please see Peg or Linda



Adult Bible Study

"The Gospel According to the Earth"

Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27

with a one day field trip to Riveredge Nature Center
 Lunch at Noon, study at 1:00 p.m.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is filled with instructions on how we can demonstrate our love for one another and God by how we care for the world around us. It is clear that every day our decisions make a difference for our well-being as well as for people across the world. As people of God our faith should play a part in all our choices even the simple ones we make every day like what we eat or drink, how we work and rest, and the importance of community.

Pastor Tim invites you to come to this Bible study, which will run alongside our Critter Camp for our kids, from June 23 to 27 as we use the book, "The Gospel According to the Earth" to raise our awareness and connect the scriptures to God's call to care for all of creation. We will begin our time together with lunch at Noon and then move into our discussion and activities. Following the Bible study you are invited to explore the church grounds for meditation, prayer, or fellowship.

On one of our days we will go on the road as we join the children from Critter Camp for a field trip to Riveredge Nature Center in Newburg, WI to participate in some nature studies. Following our return to MUMC, you are invited to stay for a cookout and evening sing-along.

Save the Date!
Missionary will be visiting MUMC
June 22

Our missionary Gordon Graner is coming to visit MUMC on Sunday morning June 22. The Outreach committee will be hosting a brunch right after the service so that we can all hear about Gordon's missionary experiences in Bolivia and the Dominican Republic. MUMC has sponsored Gordon for over 15 years. Two MUMC volunteer in mission trips were made to Bolivia when he was assigned to Thiu Rancho. Don't miss this great opportunity to hear his message.

Music notes

Music at worship:

- May 4 – Youth Mission Trip Sunday
WIRED! and Youth Choir
- May 11 – Mother's Day
Sanctuary Choir
- May 18 – Confirmation
Jennifer D'Alessio
- May 25 – Memorial Day
Rick & Michelle and the Shulers



New MUMC website

Visit www.mequonumc.org and see our new web site. Same web site address but a new look and feel. A few areas are still under construction but will be completed soon.

In the lower left corner of the web site you will see a "Church Members Only" listing which has the Ministry Teams and the Church Directory pages. A password is required to access these pages. To obtain the "Church Members Only" password please call the church office at 242-4770.



Why did we make a change? First, the new hosting location is FREE. The old web site had features we were paying for but decided not to use, so we are saving about \$250 per year. Second, the new hosting system is easier for our volunteer editors to learn and use. A big thank you to our web site editors for learning a new system.

Web site questions or comments? Contact Marcia Schwager at 242-2993 or mkschwager@sbcglobal.net.



The saga of MUMC's new "baby" in the sanctuary

Last year, when all the members of MUMC were invited to participate in strategic planning for our future, we first identified all those things our church is best known for, ministries that attract people to MUMC. Time and again, members said our Music Ministries are a special joy for everyone, and in dreaming and planning for MUMC's future, said we should host special music events that would bring new people to Mequon United Methodist Church. Our music staff, choirs and regular guest musicians were delighted by the congregation's compliments, but noted that in order to attract other musicians to participate in special concerts, MUMC would need to acquire a Grand Piano. The organ and electric piano simply cannot produce the quality of sound needed for concert-level performances. Still, the Church Council, responding in faith to members' hopes for MUMC's future, included in our current three-year Strategic Plan, a proposal for concerts to draw the community to our church.

FAITH PREVAILS! On Friday, April 4th, MUMC received a very surprising call from a generous couple

– Karen Guice and her husband Dr. Keith Oldham – totally unknown to our church who said they had a Baby Grand Piano, and wanted to donate it to MUMC if we could use it. They had learned about MUMC's dream of a grand piano from Ellen Shuler through her work at University School of Milwaukee. The only complication for the Gift-Givers was their immediate need for the piano to be moved from their home within 10 days.

A very generous offer indeed, but accepting gifts for the church (other than cash) is not a simple matter for any one individual to decide. Many things need to be considered before any gift of equipment can be accepted, including whether or not a church ministry needs and will use the gift, how/where it will be used, space required, potential for repairs if needed, future cost of upkeep, etc. A Ministry Team – in this case Music Ministry Team – must assess the gift's condition and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, who have the legal responsibility for all decisions about church property and assets.

Complicating the decision-making process about the baby grand piano were the gift offer made at the

start of a weekend, the 10-day move requirement, the fact that Music Directors Michelle and Rick Hynson were in Florida, and need to contact all the Trustees. But, through rapid collaboration among music staff Elna Hickson and Ellen Shuler, Trustees Dain Shuler and Connie Pukaite, Pastor Tim and Council chair Marcia Schwager, the piano was viewed, played, condition assessed, photographed for the Hynsons via cyberspace, and recommended to Trustees who voted immediately to accept the beautiful gift.

'Baby' was moved into the Sanctuary, tuned, used on Good Friday, and formally presented to the congregation at our joyous Easter Sunday worship with Michelle and Ellen's four-hand duet, accompanied by Elna on the organ, in celebration of our Lord Jesus. Neither this unexpected gift nor its maintenance were in MUMC's 2014 budget, so initial expenses such as moving, tuning, special cleaning products, secured lock system, humidity control mechanism, protective cover and more will need to be covered by special contributions. Anyone wanting to donate toward support for the baby grand piano should designate their check for the Music Fund.

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Emily Levine, Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin

Autism is a neuro-developmental disability that appears before age 3. It affects communication, behavior, and socialization.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta (CDC) announced in March that approximately 1 in 68 children now has an autism diagnosis. Early identification and treatment can improve outcomes, and can help everyone in the family by easing the worry that “something is not quite right” by giving it a name and giving parents a direction.

As part of a well-baby/well-child visit, your child’s doctor should perform a developmental screening, asking specific questions about your baby’s progress. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) lists five behaviors that warrant further evaluation:

- Does not babble or coo by 12 months
- Does not gesture (point, wave, grasp) by 12 months
- Does not say single words by 16 months
- Does not say two-word phrases on his or her own by 24 months
- Has any loss of any language or social skill at any age

Not all children who have developmental differences have autism, but any parent whose child’s development seems off track should seek help. Well-meaning family members and even doctors may tell you not to worry, to “wait and see.” This is not good advice, as early intervention pays big dividends. Children can get help through Birth to Three, a program for infants and toddlers in

every county in Wisconsin, and for children three and older, an evaluation can be requested from your school district. We recommend that families seek assistance from Birth to Three or their school district’s Early Childhood program while they are waiting for an appointment for a full developmental workup, since it can often take 6-8 months to get in to see a developmental pediatrician.

If you have a family member who has autism or another disability, it is important to remember that the diagnosis does not define the person. Children with disabilities are like other children. They may have some “special needs,” but they mostly need what every child needs: love, acceptance, and nurturing.

For more information, feel free to talk to me, or visit the Autism Society of America website, www.autism-society.org.

This information is presented by the MUMC Parish Nurse Team.

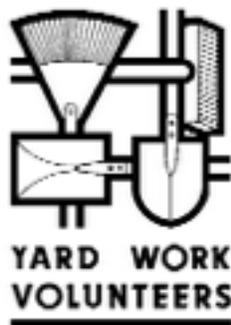
“MUMC Parish Nurse Ministry promotes wellness, healing and wholeness of body, mind and spirit within our church family through health assessment, counseling and education.” [Parish Nurse Mission Statement]



TRUSTEES' REPORT ... Things Unseen

Trustees have been busy monitoring, repairing, replacing and upgrading equipment and furnishings to keep God's House in quality condition.

1. The elevator – critical for providing access to all levels of our church for people with mobility limitations – developed a cracked roller that stopped the elevator on the 4th level. It was fixed, inspected and everything is working well again.
2. The big refrigerator in the kitchen – used for storing food for multiple meals every week and for Outreach Meal Site service – stopped cooling and switched to heating. Trustees arranged repairs, and it’s in working order again.
3. The 22+ year old water tank that provides hot water to restrooms, Parlor and Kitchen stopped heating; and at the Spire’s press time, is scheduled to be replaced. Minor plumbing leaks and other issues will be repaired as well.
4. All the doors and door-frames in the Education Wing have been repainted.
5. Two aged furnaces that serve the upper level classrooms, Youth Room and Offices were replaced, and upgraded to include air conditioning to make those areas much more conducive for summertime programming and office work.
6. Worn carpeting on the front entrance stairs, which was beginning to buckle and create a tripping hazard, has been replaced.
7. And, loose vinyl tile and a wall heater located in the rear stairwell of the education wing will be replaced soon.



NEEDED

Trustees could use some helping hands to share the growing season work load of picking up tree branches broken in winter, raking leaves from garden areas, weeding, planting flowers around the street-side sign and front entrance gardens, and mowing lawn. Contact Connie Pukaite (262-242-2778) if **YOU can help** once or twice between now and Fall clean up.

Estate Planning, Planned Giving, and MUMC

By using proper techniques, you can pay less taxes, while being able to give more to your church. We will explore the strategies in detail going forward, but we wanted to share part of an article on the subject written by Greg Ring for Church Business magazine in the February 2006 issue:



A critical feature of stewardship in the local Church is estate planning. It harnesses some portion of the 41 trillion dollars that would have otherwise been lost to income taxes, capital gains taxes or estate taxes, and then redirects it to the Lord's work.

God is doing things today that can be likened to what was happening in the first-century church. If you look at Acts chapter four, you'll see in the first part of that chapter that people are being healed and saved, and lives are being changed for eternity.

In Acts 4:36, Barnabas recognized that God was doing something unique, and he got involved by "selling a field he owned" and bringing the proceeds to the Apostles.

We, however, live in a more complicated day. If Barnabas were to follow that pattern now, he would sell the field, pay capital gains tax, and then give the after-tax money to the Apostles.

Then again, Barnabas could also give the field to his Church and pay no capital gains at all.

Through proper planning — whether it's done during life or upon death — people like Barnabas can get involved in what God is doing in the most efficient way possible. They can pay fewer taxes and give more from the same base of resource. It becomes a win-win situation for both the donor and the ministry receiving the gift.

With sympathy

- ◆ The MUMC congregation extends sincere thoughts and prayers to the family of Jean Richards as they mourn her passing. We will remember Jean's happy smile when she and her husband Harry attended church.
- ◆ Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Peg Gardner and her family. Peg's sister Jan Arkkelin died unexpectedly on April 27th at her home in Valparaiso, IN. Many in our congregation reached out to Jan when she was a recent patient at Froedtert Hospital.



2014 Critter Camp "project-with-a-purpose"

NIKE Reuse-A-Shoe

Turn your old athletic shoes into places to play. We will be collecting used and worn out athletic shoes during Critter Camp to donate to Nike's recycling program. The collected shoes are part of a "closed loop" project that keeps products out of landfills. Nike uses them to make "Nike Grind" which is used all over the world to create play surfaces for kids, from playgrounds to running tracks and horse trails.



Critter Camp Wish List

The following items are needed:

- 15 - 6 inch clay posts — used or new
- 20 used CD roms
- 8 clean Pringles cans, with lids
- clean juice cans (from concentrate) with METAL lids, include lids



Please place the items in the Critter Camp Wish Box in the MUMC narthex. Any questions — call Linda Mordy at 262-242-8091.





Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I know you are joining me in prayer for the families and friends in my native country of South Korea as we mourn the loss of so many lives following the terrible ferry accident this past week. I know you share tears and grief over the terrible loss, and all our hearts are heavy with sadness.

In this Easter season as we celebrate God's love in Jesus Christ and the hope of Easter, we are reminded again of the power of love and life over death and loss. And when we gather for worship and prayer in the days ahead, remember those who are so deep in grief and sadness. We pray all those who are sad and overwhelmed with grief will find God's comfort, strength, and hope in the presence and support of others.

In times like this, we are reminded that to have faith when all is going well is much easier than when we are faced with great tragedy and loss. Our hearts are breaking with the families who have learned of the death of their children and for so many others who have yet to learn but fear the worst has happened. And we pray for the crew of the ship and others whose actions and failure to act are being scrutinized. This accident is a terrible burden to bear for all involved.

But, we do see God at work even in the most difficult circumstances. We see God in all the ways people from around the world reach out willing to share and willing to help, encourage, and lift up those who struggle.

This day and every day we claim again the promise, God walks with those who feel forsaken and brings comfort to the broken hearted. That is what Jesus promised when he said, "How blessed are *those who mourn*, because it is they who will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hee Soo Jung".

Hee Soo Jung, PhD
Bishop

Thanks! **THANKS!** *Thanks!* **Thanks!** *Thanks!*

Book Fair Fiesta tops \$2000!

Our very first Book Fair was a huge success, making over \$2000 in sales. Ten books were donated to every SCDC classroom thanks to the generosity of our church and school communities. A special Thank You to Linda and Ed Mordy, who donated a large amount of those books. The best news of all is that we will be taking more than \$1300 worth of books to the homeless children served by Santas Without Chimneys — thanks to all of you.



Special thanks to our set-up and operating crew, who worked long hours for us: Barb Henneck, Linda Mordy, Gayle Meyer, Audra O'Brien, Herb Ayres and Peter Gardner. Thanks to Nan Rilling, too, for help with clean-up.

And warm and wonderful thanks to Shelley Burns, who cooked up a fabulous feast for us, and Nancy Gruner, Wendy Porterfield, Debbie and Randy LeRoy, Patrick Curran and Audra O'Brien who helped clean up.

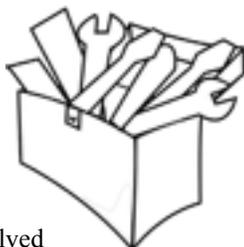
Children's Lent Program Thanks

Our children's program this Lent was highly successful once again. More than two dozen children from our church and preschool participated in active learning about Moses and the Exodus. Our thanks to our talented teachers Gayle Meyer and Linda Mordy, who were absolutely amazing every week on Sunday nights and Wednesday mornings, and to the wonderful cooks who provided our meals: Debbie & Randy LeRoy, Marilyn Thiet, Irene Sullivan, Mary Sisney and Shelley Burns. A special thanks also to Nancy Gruner, who brought her visiting grandchildren and stayed to help out.



Many, many thanks to Clary and Ruth Groth!

Ruth and Clary recently traded in their lovely single family home of many years for their new care-free dwelling place with perks at Meadowmere North. The move involved down-sizing, and dismantling Clary's extraordinary workshop.



Clary and Ruth – always thinking about our church and its needs – donated much-needed tools to fully outfit a tool chest for use by Trustees as they work to maintain God's house. What a joy!

Thank you, Clary and Ruth.

- ❖ **Thanks to Greeters and Coffee Hosts!**
- ❖ **Thanks to Marcia!**
- ❖ **Welcoming Team is seeking new members!**

Thank you to all of our great MUMC volunteers who helped provide warm hospitality to MUMC visitors and members during Lent and Easter by hosting our coffee hour after worship and by serving as greeters.

Coffee hour hosts were Kathy Jones, Ross and Jean Paulus, Pam and Jim Layton, and Doug and Marilyn Zwissler.

Serving as greeters were Ned and Mary Sisney, Randy and Debbie LeRoy, Lynda and Jeff Stephany, and Rick and Pat Gattoni.

Thank you for helping make MUMC more welcoming to all!



Thank you Marcia! The Welcoming Connections team also wants to recognize and thank Marcia Peterson for all of her work and leadership on this committee for the past several years. We wish her well as she moves to California. We will miss you Marcia!!



What does Welcoming Connections Team do? Our team is looking for someone to join us in welcoming people to our church and helping keep members connected who are unable to attend. The work we do includes greeting visitors to worship and providing a follow up call or visit the following week, arranging for coffee hosts and greeters, and reaching out to members who are no longer able to attend worship due to health or other issues. Welcoming people and keeping them connected is a very important mission for our church and the time commitment is fairly minimal. Please contact Marilyn Thiet (414-807-7877 or mthiet@wi.rr.com) or Pastor Tim if you would be willing to serve on the Welcoming Connections Team.



You know you're a Mom when:

1. Your feet stick to the kitchen floor....and you don't care.
2. When the kids are fighting, you threaten to lock them in a room together and not let them out until someone's bleeding.
3. You can't find your cordless phone, so you ask a friend to call you, and you run around the house madly, following the sound until you locate the phone downstairs in the laundry basket.
4. You spend an entire week wearing sweats.
5. Your idea of a good day is making it through without a child leaking bodily fluids on you.
6. Popsicle become a food staple.
7. Your favorite television show is a cartoon.
8. Peanut butter and jelly is eaten at least in one meal a day.
9. You're willing to kiss your child's boo-boo, regardless of what body part it happens to be on.
10. Your baby's pacifier falls on the floor and you give it back to her after you suck the dirt off of it because your too busy to wash it off.
11. Your kids make jokes about farting, burping, pooping, etc., and you think it's funny.
12. You're so desperate for adult conversation that you spill your guts to the telemarketer that calls and HE hangs up on YOU!
13. Spit is your number one cleaning agent.
14. In your bathroom there is toothpaste on the light fixtures, water all over the floor, a dog drinking out of the toilet and body hair forming a union to protest unsafe working conditions.
15. You buy cereal with marshmallows in it.
16. The closest you get to gourmet cooking is making rice krispie bars.
17. You're up each night until 10:00 PM vacuuming, dusting, wiping, washing, drying, loading, unloading, shopping, cooking, driving, flushing, ironing, sweeping, picking up, changing sheets, changing diapers, bathing, helping with homework, paying bills, budgeting, clipping coupons, folding clothes, putting to bed, dragging out of bed, brushing, chasing, buckling, feeding (them, Not you), PLUS swinging, playing baseball, bike riding, pushing trucks, cuddling dolls, rollerblading, basketball, football, catch, bubbles, sprinklers, slides, nature walks, coloring, crafts, jumping rope, PLUS raking, trimming, planting, edging, mowing, gardening, painting, and walking the dog. You get up at 5:30 AM and you have no time to eat, sleep, drink or go to the bathroom, and yet ... you still managed to gain 10 pounds.
18. And for many Moms ... you do all of this AND work at a job outside your home.



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9:45 AM: Sunday School

10:30 AM: Fellowship for all

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Memorial Day prayer

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who gave the last full measure of devotion - their very lives - for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

MUMC is a Reconciling Congregation

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.



As we journey towards reconciliation, we proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination. We are a church community seeking to embrace you and celebrate with you in God's redeeming love for all.

All this from God, who reconciled usthrough Christ, and who gives us the ministry of reconciliation.
II Corinthians 5:18