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the Spire

May 2019



HERE I AM. SEND ME.
ISAIAH 6:8

**Are the following actions
on your faith path at MUMC?**

- * Be welcoming to everyone who enters our inclusive and nurturing MUMC family, in step with the beliefs of our welcoming statement. (See page 6)
- * Attend church in May to hear Pastor Sue's messages on living a resurrected life as Easter people.
- * Learn how to support those with memory issues. Come to the Parish Nurse program after church on Sunday, May 19.
- * Step up now to offer your support for our summer children's programs. (See page 4)
- * Feed the hungry — sign up to serve or provide food items for the mealsite on May 23 and 30.
- * Take part in the Lunch Bunch study about being an effective church member.
- * Enjoy the fellowship of Reflections (women's book group) at dinner out on May 9.



**Gardener God,
as resurrection bursts forth
in buds and blooms, help my
faith to fully flower as well.**

Pastor Sue's Message

On Easter morning, we talked about resurrection: victory over death and life after death. Yet, sometimes I wonder if we truly live a resurrected life in the way Jesus wants us to live. He said, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

One of the founders of our denomination, John Wesley, regularly asked a same question to his fellow Christians at their weekly meeting. The question was "How is your soul?" John Wesley was a man of brevity by asking this question, wasn't he? He didn't beat around the bush, but went to the straight to the point. Yet, that question may sound too raw or abrupt to some people today. So why don't I use a contemporary version? Today's version of the question would be "Do you live a resurrected life since the risen Christ lives in you?"

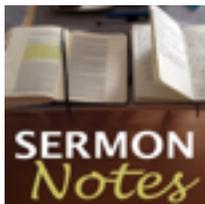
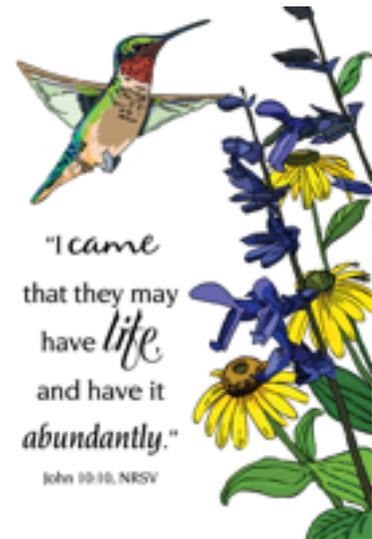
Friends, our Lord gave His life for us to live a resurrected life, which is free from the bondage of death, grief, bitterness, and whatever it is that holds us captive from living an abundant life. We don't wait the grave to live in the Kingdom of God. Whenever or wherever God's way/heart reigns our thoughts and decisions, we live in the Kingdom of God. Likewise, a resurrected life doesn't start in the grave, but the moment we accept the risen Christ as our Lord and Savior in our life. We become Easter people by living a resurrected life right now, right here.

During the month of May, we will have a new sermon series dealing with the topic: "Living a Resurrected Life." Come join me for this series to claim and live a resurrected life as Easter people!

May 5	A Healed Life
May 12	A Life Praying for Loved Ones
May 19	My Identity Found in Christ
May 26	How Do I See Myself?

He is risen indeed!

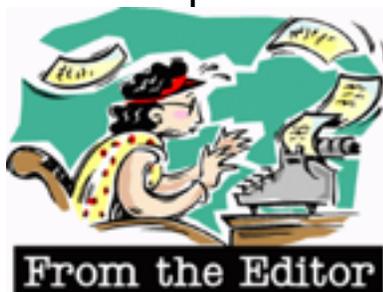
Sue Lee



Need some direction during Pastor Sue's sermons?

For those of you who would like a summary of the Sermon, we will now be providing Sermon Notes each week. You may pick up a copy from the ushers as you enter the sanctuary.

Remember that you can hear the complete worship service on the church website www.mequonumc.org under the "Sunday Worship" tab at the top of the home page.



Hello and Goodbye!

The transition begins! As Ginger says "goodbye" to *the Spire*, we are so excited to announce a "hello" from Marilyn Meyer who has stepped forward to take on the role of editor. Welcome, Marilyn!!!

The Marketing Team will be working with Marilyn to look into changes for the Spire — format, delivery, appearance. *The Spire* might even grow up and go electronic!!!

In the immediate future:

- ➡ The deadline for the June issue will be May 21 to work around the Memorial Day holiday.
- ➡ Be alert for a reminder of the deadline — it will have a new email address for submission of articles.

"From Wishes to Promises"

Attend a luncheon
to support Family Promise

May 22, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Crossroads Presbyterian Church
6031 W. Chapel Hill Road, Mequon

A luncheon will be held on May 22 to benefit Family Promise. **Connect** with local, like minded community members who want to invest in households at risk of homelessness in Ozaukee County. **Learn** about the needs and services available in Ozaukee County. **Believe** in the generous hearts of our community turning "wishes to promises."

\$50 per person; \$500 for a table of eight. Register online at familypromiseoz.org or mail check to Family Promise of Ozaukee County, 136 Grand Ave., Port Washington, WI 53074.



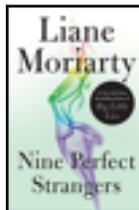
Reflections group dines out in May

The Reflections Book Group will celebrate completion of another year with dinner out in May. We'll be dining at Zarletti in Mequon on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. Our get-together will include an informal discussion of *Nine Perfect Strangers*, by Liane Moriarty.

Please RSVP to Barb Henneck at bhenneck@wi.rr.com by Tuesday, May 7th.

Our book group takes a break in the summer, but will resume regular monthly meetings in September with a discussion of *The Clockmaker's Daughter*, by Kate Morton.

Contact Barb for more information about the group or our May dinner out.



Caring for ourselves and our neighbors

What is (or is not) normal aging?

Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 AM
at MUMC

As we age, things that we ignored at 30 might make us pause at 50 or 60 and ask "is this normal?" When we talk to our spouse, parent or neighbor we may think "do they know I have heard that story a dozen times?" As a community, congregation or civic group we may wonder what our responsibility is to others who may be experiencing issues with their memory or problem solving.

Kathy Jeans Glaser, from the Aging and Disability Resource Center, will be presenting a program on brain health, brain changes with normal aging and what might be more of a concern. She will also be discussing how we as a faith community can better communicate with and support those around us who are experiencing the symptoms of dementia.

This program is sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministry Team. We hope you can join us for this informative discussion on brain health.

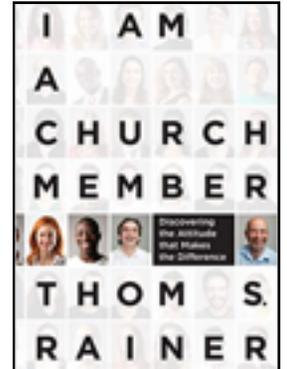


Lunch Bunch tackles a book about being a church member

Through the month of May, Lunch Bunch will be reading and discussing *I Am a Church Member*. This brief book is simple, easy to read, fun, powerful, deeply challenging, and practical. We've all read numerous "how to" books but never one like this on how to be a church member.

Join the gang at Lunch Bunch anytime. We gather every Tuesday in the parlor. Our discussion time, led by Pastor Sue, is 11:00 AM to noon. Then we gather around the table in Fellowship Hall for conversation and lunch of awesome homemade soup from Irene Sullivan.

Lunch Bunch takes a summer vacation. We will meet until May 28 then take off for June, July, and August. Watch for our Fall startup date which will be in early September.



SAVE THE DATE

"GOSPEL MASS" COMING TO MUMC ON JUNE 2

SO excited to announce that the Sanctuary Choir is doing Robert Ray's GOSPEL MASS at worship on June 2!

Our Sanctuary Choir will be joined by Homestead High School choirs and instrumentalists. And two incredible soloists, Alesia Miller and Tony Neal.

BE THERE to experience this wonderful event!!!



TWO opportunities for you to help our summer children's programs

1

Help us make Peace! (poles)

This year's Critter Camp Service Project is the creation of Peace Poles, to be installed on our church grounds as a reminder of our call to be peacemakers. We are hoping to assemble a team of people experienced with working with wood and outdoor installations, who can guide our children in painting and sealing these posts, and, if all goes well, perhaps even installing a few. Hopefully, the Peace Pole Team would take this entire project on – from the planning to the purchase of materials (reimbursed) to the final installations. Bruce Stern has already agreed to work on this – but he needs more help!

The children will be at camp to work on it from Monday, June 24, to Wednesday, June 26, with a back-up installation day of

Thursday, June 27, after 4:30 PM (when they'll be back from Riveredge). Please gather a group of your hearty, handy friends and take on this project for the children and the church!

Thank you!



One energetic volunteer has stepped up to help children make Peace Poles. Please join him to form a Peace Pole Team!!

2

Become a Serengeti Sponsor for VBS or a Critter Camp Cohort

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

We are hoping you can help us cover our ROAR VBS and Critter Camp costs this year. A collection of African animals 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 2019 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 project to support this week and help us make this summer's programs the best ever church experience for all the children we can serve!



YOU can be a volunteer! YOU are needed on Sunday mornings! YOU might even get a handshake or a thank you or feel a warm sensation!

There are blank spaces in the lists for liturgists, ushers, greeters, and altar flowers for some Sundays in May and many Sundays during the summer months. Please sign up by using the Sign-Up-Genius link that is emailed out by the church office. Or call the church office at 262-242-4770.

- **Liturgists** — help Pastor Sue during the worship by leading the call to worship, the opening prayer, the Bible reading, and assisting with communion on the first Sunday of each month.
- **Ushers** — hand out bulletins, help light candles, handle the collection plates, help people to their seat, and more!
- **Greeters** — warmly welcome everyone as they enter MUMC for Sunday morning worship
- **Altar flowers** — grace the altar, lend beauty and color to the sanctuary, and provide an opportunity for you to honor an anniversary, birthday, etc.

TWO mealsites in May

- May 23
- May 30

Warm weather is coming! It will bring out more guests and their families to the mealsite. Please sign up to serve at the mealsite or donate food items.

- Servers carpool from MUMC, leaving at 4:15 PM
- Desserts and fruit should be left in the church parlor before 4:00 PM. Desserts can be brownies, bar cookies, cupcakes, sheet cakes, cookies, etc. Fresh fruit should be things can be held in your hand (apples, bananas, pears, clementines, etc.)



Summer is coming!
The week of June 24 will be BIG at MUMC!
Register kids now for VBS and Critter Camp!
Adults and teens sign up now to help!

**"ROAR" VBS - June 24-28,
 9:00 AM-Noon**



Children in preschool through elementary school are invited to join us for a week of fun at MUMC's VBS! Each day will include music, stories, games, crafts, snacks and more! Come yourself and bring a friend! This is a great opportunity for grandparents, aunts and uncles to provide both great times and great Biblical learning for their grandchildren, nieces or nephews.

- **Kids** — reach out to your school and neighborhood friends and tell them about how much fun you have each summer at VBS. Please register soon so we can be sure to have enough materials available for everyone. You can do it on the MUMC website or by picking up a form in the narthex.
- **Teens** — we need your help as crew leaders.
- **Adults** — we need your help as station leaders.

We have a wonderful team in progress, with Gayle Meyer leading our opening, close, and preschool play station, Nikolai Gardner as our skit actor and preschool helper, Graycie Gardner leading music, our amazing nursery helper Skylar leading our MUMC preschool group and helping out with music, Nan Rilling helping out as a crew assistant, Ardis Burke leading Bible Stories, Wendy Porterfield, Patrick and Devin leading games, Pat Gattoni leading the Imagination Station, and Shirl Campbell handling snacks.

We still need leadership help with registration and KidVid (videos and Bible Buddies). And of course helpers of all sorts are always needed and welcome – from the kitchen to the playing fields. See Peg or Gayle to volunteer.

Please sign up as soon as possible to participate as a camper, or as a helper. Registration forms are available in the narthex or on our church website. The more the merrier as we Roar into a great summer of fun!



Critter Camp 2019
June 24 - 26, Noon-3:30 PM
June 27, Noon-5:00 PM

Living in Peace – How Natural Species Live in Symbiosis

Children in elementary school are invited to join us for afternoon fun at our outdoor Critter Camp, as we explore the ways that species in nature find ways to help one another. We will meet each day after VBS, starting with a picnic lunch outdoors – so bring your favorites in a bag lunch every day. MUMC will provide the beverages and desserts.

On Monday through Wednesday we will explore the MarshMeadow at MUMC from Noon-3:30 PM, and on Thursday we will journey on a school bus to Riveredge Nature Center for even more explorations outdoors, from Noon-5:00 PM. Our service project this year will be Peace Poles for the MarshMeadow and the church grounds, which promises to be exciting and fun. We will wrap up on Thursday with a dinner for the whole church at 5:00 PM – so please plan to attend!

We need campers to register soon so we can start preparing our materials, and we need teens and adults to join us as helpers. Assistance is needed for snacks, crafts, our service project and outdoor supervision as the children play in the woods. Please plan to be part of this wonderful opportunity to share God's creation with our little ones. Registration forms are available in the narthex or on our church website.

Community Gardens — soon growing!!

All of our community garden plots have been spoken for the 2019 growing season. Anyone still interested should contact Jim Layton to be put on a waiting list.

As the gardening season begins, watch the gardens grow! They are located on the west end of the parking lot. Last year was a trial year with two gardens. This year the community gardens project went public. There will be ten gardens growing!



Our missionary will be visiting MUMC this summer

Please add a "save the date" for an evening with Gordon and Ardell Graner on Wednesday, August 21st. This is the date they have for us during their visit to the US. Because it is a Family Promise week at MUMC, we may schedule a dinner offsite. Place TBD! They will bring us up to date with a short presentation and fellowship.

A message to the MUMC Congregation regarding the recent vote on human sexuality by the UMC Special Conference

April, 2019

Dear Mequon United Methodist Church Members,

In light of the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference votes on human sexuality in February and the resulting reactions in the global Church, your Administrative Council has been actively engaged in ways we can provide both a vehicle for your input, and guidance to you as an individual member and as part of our church community as we move forward.

One of those ways was the listening session on the topic for the congregation after the April 14 service. It was well-attended and a number of you shared your concerns, questions and suggestions. Thank you! Everyone's input is truly important.

Also, at our April 22nd MUMC Council meeting we decided to clarify our position on two important points.

First, we believe it is important to reaffirm our status as a reconciling congregation, now and in the future. MUMC has been a reconciling congregation for a number of years, without controversy. We believe it is a valuable part of our local church as we live out our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Special Conference votes do not change the MUMC Council's views. As part of that, we are evaluating ways we might increase the visibility of our reconciling status in the community.

Second, given the ongoing nature of the discussions and actions taking place within the United Methodist Church, now and throughout the year as well as potentially at next year's General Conference, we also agreed that there is no immediate need for more drastic decisions as to our participation in the global church. We will continue to evaluate the situation as it develops. Although controversial, the Special Conference decision was mostly a status quo decision to retain two long-standing rules in church doctrine. We also recognize that as part of the worldwide Church there is value and power in our unity. After all, regardless of our particular views on the topic, we all need and seek God's guidance through Jesus Christ.

During this time, communication is important, so we will strive to share helpful, relevant information with you. We also encourage and welcome your thoughts. Please reach out to Pastor Sue or MUMC Council members so that your input is counted.

God Bless!
MUMC Church Council



We Welcome You

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.

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



The United Methodist Church — what/who are we?

The recent issue of human sexuality and the decisions being made have left people doing some basic head scratching over the structure of the United Methodist Church. While the following information may make for some dry reading, it is enlightening for those who wonder what is the larger UMC beyond the walls of MUMC.

Polity

No person or organization except the **General Conference**, which convenes every four years, has authority to speak officially for the denomination. General Conference, the denomination's top policy-making body, has a maximum of 1,000 delegates half clergy, half lay, from around the world. The conference revises church law and the "**Social Principles**" (related to a wide range of social and economic concerns) and adopts resolutions on various current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for churchwide programs for the next four years.

Bishops

The United Methodist Church has 46 active bishops in the United States and 20 active bishops in Africa, Europe and the Philippines. Bishops in the U.S. are elected every four years and serve until retirement. Each bishop supervises a specific geographical area of the church and annually appoints all ordained ministers in that area. **The Council of Bishops** supervises and promotes the temporal and spiritual interests of the entire church.

History

The United Methodist Church was formed in 1968 with the union of the former **Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church**.

The Evangelical United Brethren Church, established in 1946, resulted from the union of two U.S.-born denominations: the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. These two churches originated among German-speaking people during the great spiritual awakening in the late 18th century.

The **Methodist movement** began in England in the early 1700s, under Anglican minister John Wesley and his followers. Wesley and his brother Charles brought the movement to the colony of Georgia, arriving in March 1736 as Church of England missionaries. The U.S. Methodist

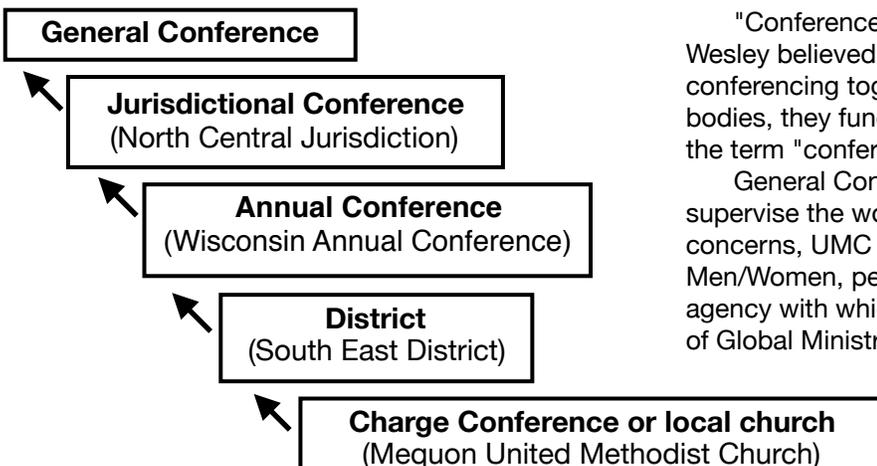
Episcopal Church was organized in 1784. The denomination grew rapidly and was **known for its "circuit rider" ministers** on the advancing frontiers. A split in 1828 formed the Methodist Protestant Church, and in 1844, over the issue of slavery, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The North and South factions reunited in 1939 (as The Methodist Church), but retained racial segregation. That separation ended in 1968 with the merger of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches.

Structure (see accompanying chart below)

The United Methodist Church does not have a central headquarters or a single executive leader. **Duties are divided among bodies** that include the General Conference, the Council of Bishops and the Judicial Council. General agencies are primarily accountable to the General Conference rather than to the Council of Bishops. Boards of directors, who are lay and clergy elected jointly by General Conference and regional organizations, govern their staffs.

Each church in the United States is part of a district, an administrative and program grouping of 40-80 churches with a full-time superintendent. **Districts** are grouped into annual conferences, regional bodies that meet yearly for legislative purposes. **Annual conferences** approve programming and budget, elect delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences, and examine and recommend candidates for ministry. **Five geographic jurisdictions** (divisions) in the United States include 8-13 annual conferences each. Jurisdictional conferences meet simultaneously every four years to elect and assign bishops and some members of general church agencies, and, in some cases, to develop jurisdictional programs. Each local church is governed by a **charge conference** with a church council as the year-round supervisor. The church council plans and implements the programs and ministry of the local church as well as oversees the administration of the church.

Source: umc.org, administration



"Conferences" actually are geographical regions. John Wesley believed that all church work should be done by conferencing together. So, while these are structural governing bodies, they function through regular conference meetings so the term "conference" is used as the descriptive term.

General Conference oversees 13 general agencies which supervise the work of the global church including social concerns, UMC communications, race relations, Methodist Men/Women, pensions, finance, archives, and more. One agency with which we are most familiar is the General Board of Global Ministries which supervises UMCOR.

Celebrating Nurses!

Nurses celebrate National Nurses Day and Week in May so it seemed fitting to highlight a bit about our profession. In the United States, Gallup Poll findings show that Americans have ranked nursing as the most honest, ethical profession for the past 16 years. This column is dedicated to my fellow parish nurses, nurses in our congregation, and nurses everywhere. Our parish nurse team is diverse in where/how we practice. Debbie LeRoy and Sue Solverson have pursued specialty education specific to parish nursing practice and issues. Collectively our group represents hospital, community-based care, and management positions in nursing and healthcare.

Since the mid-1950s, National Nurses Day is celebrated on May 6 to raise awareness of the important role nurses play in society. It marks the beginning of National Nurses Week, which ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale. Nurses Day is celebrated internationally as well, including a candle lamp service in the Westminster Abbey on May 12. In her lifetime, much of Ms. Nightingale's published work was concerned with spreading medical knowledge. She was a pioneer in effectively using graphics to present statistical data. Today, we commonly use data, for example infection rates, to measure the impact of our practice and make needed practice changes; research drives our work. Her book, *Notes on Nursing*, is timeless in many messages relevant to clinical practice today -- addressing such issues as the importance of cleanliness, nutrition, promoting rest and reducing noise during patient recovery.



Through the work that I do, I have been afforded the opportunity to travel within the United States as well as globally, educating and interacting with nurses and physicians to discuss and promote best clinical practices in my area of expertise. This spring, I visited 7 countries and 10 cities in Africa and the Middle East. For some of these countries, resources are extremely limited, salaries are very low, and supplies are less than desirable compared to what we use in the United States. For example, a group of nurses from Kenya shared a stunning lack of adequate numbers of nurses to deal with an incredibly high number of patients — yet these dedicated nurses strive to do the best with what they have, grow their education, and try to implement the best in research-supported care. For nurses in the United States, we are quite blessed with the availability of sophisticated supplies and equipment yet in an era of burgeoning health care costs, we have to use our resources wisely and appropriately.

National Nurses Week is a time for everyone — individuals, employers, other health care professionals, community leaders, and nurses — to recognize the vast contributions and positive impact of America's 4 million registered nurses.

Happy Nurse's Week to all my fellow nurses. I'm proud to be one of you!

Reference: <https://www.nurse.com/blog/2018/01/15/nurses-celebrate-being-members-of-most-ethical-profession/>

Submitted by Lisa Gorski Connors MS, RN, FAAN.
Member of MUMC Parish Nurse Ministry Team



Music Notes

Music in worship —

May 5 — Marcia Schwager

May 12 — Moms and kids,
Ellen Shuler

May 19 — Sanctuary Choir

May 26 — Special Music

June 2 — GOSPEL MASS

See the details of Gospel Mass —
go back to page 3!



Hosting Family Promise — possible through work of many volunteers

As *the Spire* goes to print, MUMC is hosting three families in the Family Promise program. To provide for these families is a challenge for many volunteers — providing meals and groceries, being at church to be evening or overnight hosts, and more. However great the challenge is for MUMC to provide a week of hosting, it pales by comparison to the life these families are living as they try hard to find stable jobs and housing.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way toward this host week whether by your time or donations. And thanks to all of MUMC for supporting Family Promise of Ozaukee County.

The United Methodist Bible Quiz



1. Who were Adam's children?
 - Cain and Abel
 - Cain, Abel, and Seth
 - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
 - Cain, Abel, Seth and other sons and daughters
2. Which son of Abraham's name means "laughter"?
 - Ishmael
 - Isaac
 - Esau
 - Elmo
3. Does The United Methodist Church have an official translation of the Bible?
 - Yes
 - No
4. In a Protestant Bible, how many books are in the Old and New Testaments?
 - 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament
 - 66 books: 27 in the Old Testament, 39 in the New Testament
 - 73 books: 46 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament
 - 73 books: 39 in the Old Testament, 34 in the New Testament
5. Which book of five poems was written in response to the capture and destruction of Judah?

Exodus

 - 1 Chronicles
 - 2 Chronicles
 - Lamentations
6. Joseph was Jesus' earthly father. In Matthew's gospel, what was Joseph's father's name?
 - Zechariah
 - Joe Sr.
 - Jacob
 - Ezekiel
7. Which of the following words is used to describe a heavenly being in the Bible?
 - Cherubim
 - Seraphim
 - Angel
 - All of the above
8. Which angel visited Mary in Nazareth?
 - Clarence
 - Michael
 - Malachi
 - Gabriel
9. Which of these miracles is recorded in all four gospels?
 - Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead
 - Jesus feeds the multitude bread and fish
 - Jesus walks on water
 - Jesus turns water into wine
10. Which disciple said to Jesus, "No, you shall never wash my feet"?
 - Thomas
 - Judas
 - Peter
 - Ralph

Answers to the United Methodist Bible Quiz

1. Who were Adam's children?

The correct answer is Cain, Abel, Seth and other sons and daughters. "When Adam had lived one hundred thirty years, he became the father of a son in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth. The days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years; and he had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred thirty years; and he died." (Genesis 5:3-5)
2. Which son of Abraham's name means "laughter"?

The correct answer is Isaac.
3. Does The United Methodist Church have an official translation of the Bible?

The correct answer is no. When it comes to United Methodist teaching resources published by The United Methodist Publishing House, the Common English Bible (CEB) and the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) are the preferred texts for curriculum.
4. In a Protestant Bible, how many books are in the Old and New Testaments?

The correct answer is 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. These books were written over a 1000-year period in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic (the language Jesus spoke), and Greek. More than 100 million copies of the Bible are sold each year.
5. Which book of five poems was written in response to the capture and destruction of Judah?

The correct answer is Lamentations.
6. Joseph was Jesus' earthly father. In Matthew's gospel, what was Joseph's father's name?

The correct answer is Jacob. "...and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations." (Matthew 1:15-18).
7. Which of the following words is used to describe a heavenly being in the Bible?

The correct answer is all of the above.
8. Which angel visited Mary in Nazareth?

The correct answer is Gabriel.
9. Which of these miracles is recorded in all four gospels?

The correct answer is Jesus feeds the multitude bread and fish.
10. Which disciple said to Jesus, "No, you shall never wash my feet"?

The correct answer is Peter. "'He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!'" (John 13:6-9)

Sonlight Scoop May 2019

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 K2, K3, and K4 programs.



Welcome to Spring! The children of Sonlight have finally been able to go outside without snow pants and boots... Each of the classrooms have enjoyed creating art projects and reading stories about the true meaning of Easter. The Center was also visited by the **Easter Bunny** on April 18! The children enjoyed parading around the Fellowship Hall for their parents and other visitors in their Easter finest...and then the Easter Bunny joined them! (Can you find him among this smiling crowd?)

To all of you Mothers and Grandmothers out there, **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!** Thank you for your wonderful love and care for these dear children.

**Sunshine Days to Come...
Marie and Sue**



A message from Ruth Janusiewicz ..

Ruth and her family express appreciation for your many cards, contributions to Stan's memorial, help with the memorial service, help with the reception following the service, and all the wonderful desserts at the reception. Special thanks are extended for your kind words and offers of support.



Thanks from Sammy

I wanted to thank everyone for their donations and support in my fundraiser bake sale, with your help, I was able to raise over \$400 towards my goal!

*Thank you again,
Samantha McKee McLaughlin.*

Editor's note: Sammy is Nancy Gruner's granddaughter. She holds M. Ed BCBA (board certified behavior analyst). The money that was raised by her bake sale at MUMC will go toward her volunteer mission trip to Ecuador with the Global Autism Project which works to spread awareness and education for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

MUMC's most requested recipes

Jean Paulus made these bars that were served recently at MUMC. But she gives full credit for the recipe to Ross' Mom, Marian Paulus.

Chocolate Raspberry Bars

2 cups flour
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup butter or margarine
1 egg beaten
1 tsp. almond extract
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of seedless raspberry jam
1 package of milk chocolate chips
1 cup sliced almonds

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1 cup of powdered sugar
1 to 2 T. milk

Grease a 13 x 9 inch pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Blend flour, butter, and sugar until it resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in beaten egg and almond extract until ingredients are just moistened. Set aside 1 cup of dough. Press remaining dough into pan. Spread the jam evenly over the dough. Combine 1 cup dough, chocolate chips and almonds. Mix well and sprinkle over jam. Bake 25 to 30 minutes. Cut into squares while still warm. Drizzle icing over bars in pan.

Healing hospitality

Repeated headlines about violence can make us “feel like locking our doors and never entering society again,” writes pastor and author Max Lucado. After another mass shooting, he penned an online opinion piece that urged people to do the exact opposite by opening their doors, their hearts and their circles.

“It’s no accident that *hospitality* and *hospital* come from the same Latin word,” Lucado writes, “for they both lead to the same result: healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: ‘You matter.’”

Because daily life is filled with rejections, extending an invitation – even to a simple meal – can be life-altering, Lucado contends. What you think is a messy house might be a sanctuary to someone else, “and to those who eat alone every night, pork and beans on paper plates tastes like filet mignon.” Our kitchen tables are “God’s secret weapons in the war on fear,” Lucado says. “We never know what one meal will do.”



- In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together and the music that brings harmony. –Eva Burrows
- God of life and love, thank you for the mothers who gave us birth and for all women with mothering hearts.
- To the world you are a mother, but to your family you are the world. – adapted from Dr. Seuss
- Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease. –Lisa Alther
- If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been. – Robert Brault



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An Easter Prayer for United Methodists

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.

Your love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.
Amen.

Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" – and a sticky kiss.

