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the Spire

November 2013

What We're **THANKFUL**



- ~ For our church, our church family, and our pastor
- ~ For our abundant blessings from which we may provide for others at the mealsite Thanksgiving Dinner and through the gifts of the Giving Tree project.
- ~ For fun and joy and fellowship -- such as joining together at the current Sunday church dinners or making pottery at the *glaze* workshop on November 17
- ~ For the freedom to worship together at the community-wide Thanksgiving Service on November 24
- ~ For our children as they study Thanksgiving through the Bible and as they prepare for their Christmas program
- ~ For the beautiful music made within the walls of our church sanctuary



*As we celebrate Thanksgiving,
generous God, make us
mindful of ways to use our
blessings to bless others.*

Pastor Tim's Message

As we come into this month when we gather with family and friends to give thanks, I wanted to share this poem I found on what it means to be thankful.



“Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.
Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.
Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.
Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.
Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.
Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.
It's easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who
are also thankful for the setbacks.
Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.”

My prayer for all of us is to have a continual spirit of being thankful as we approach life with a faithful positive attitude. As we open our eyes and hearts to realize how God is working in our lives, in small ways that we may not even notice and in sometimes very dramatic ways. In this time, let us be thankful for the opportunity we have to live out our faith through our daily prayers and our service to others.

As we approach this season, let us remember to give thanks long after Thanksgiving has ended. May we remember the words of the apostle Paul: Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is the will of God in Christ concerning you.

In God's love,
Pastor Tim

** URGENT **

DEADLINE FOR THESE TWO IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Toiletries needed for homeless vets by Sunday, November 10.

The Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative is in need of items for toiletry kits, which they give to homeless vets during their outreach and also give to vets they help to move into new homes.

Items needed:

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dental floss, Razors, Shaving cream, Deodorant, Bar soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hand cream, Combs, Mouthwash. Large and small sizes are needed.



A collection box is in the narthex.

Thanks for your help! Please see Peg if you have any questions.
The collection will end on Sunday, November 10th.

Thanksgiving Food Bags are due on Sunday, November 10.

The grocery bags that you have filled with nonperishable food donations for Family Sharing should be returned to MUMC by Sunday, November 10. Thank you for helping to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to an Ozaukee County family in need.



Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Vincent de Paul Mealsite

Thanksgiving Day, November 28
Serving at noon

As we have done for many years, MUMC is providing the Thanksgiving dinner for the guests of the St. Vincent de Paul Mealsite at St. Gall's church.

- ➔ We need turkey (baked and sliced) and ham and all the dishes that go with the dinner (stuffing mix, chicken broth, gravy mix, instant mashed potatoes, desserts).
- ➔ And we need a few volunteers to serve the meals.

Look for TWO sign-up sheet on the Mission Outreach bulletin board -- one for servers and one for food items. Call Ireene Sullivan to find out more (262-242-3832).

Thanks! At the last mealsite on October 31, we served 346 guests. Many thanks for your donations of dessert and fruit. And special thanks to the confirmands who enthusiastically served the meal!



*Thanksgiving
Dinner*

**Please help!
Lots of food is
needed for this
meal. Servers are
needed too!**

glaze Christmas Pottery Workshop Sunday night, November 17

Dinner at 5:30 PM

**Pottery Projects
from 6:00-7:00 PM**

On Sunday night, November 17, Kari Slater will once again provide a Pottery Painting Workshop for everyone at MUMC from 6:00-7:00 PM. Samples will be available for the next few Sundays so that participants can preorder the items they would like to paint (payment is due with orders, checks made out to MUMC). This is a great opportunity to make something special for Christmas – to give away or keep for yourself!

All ages and abilities are invited to participate, so please plan to come!



The Sisney Family will be preparing dinner that evening, which will be served at 5:30 PM, following the Children's Christmas Program rehearsal. Please see Peg or Kari if you have any questions or would like to help, and plan to attend. Bring a friend!

Join us for food and fellowship as we prepare for Christmas!

Sunday evening dinners:

Each Sunday night in November, the children will be preparing for the Christmas program with rehearsals reminiscent of "The Worst Christmas Pageant Ever" – which has a wondrous ending, as will the saga of MUMC rehearsals! It is a time of special joy, and you are invited to join them for dinner each Sunday night at 5:30 PM and help celebrate the wonders of our MUMC children.

December 7th lunch:

On Saturday, December 7, the children and the Hanging of The Greens crew will gather for a scrumptious lunch at 11:00 AM, prior to the program's dress rehearsal. Please plan to be there for the fun and food! Our thanks to the generous cooks who will make our program possible:

- November 3: Shelley and Doug Burns
- November 10: Debbie and Randy LeRoy
- November 17: The Sisney Family
- November 24: Rose Dillon and Family
- December 1: Ireene Sullivan



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

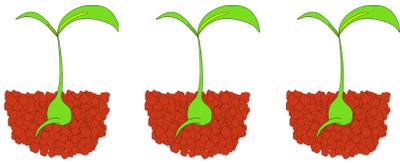
**Sunday, November 24
7:00 p.m.**

Crossroads
Presbyterian Church
6031 West Chapel Hill Road,
Mequon

**An offering will be taken to
support Family Sharing and
the Jewish Food Pantry**



Seeds of Faith schedule for November



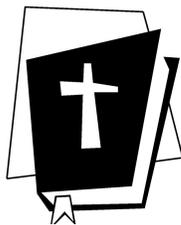
Our youngsters are enjoying their active investigations into the Bible! This month we are studying the Biblical concept of Gratitude with a Thanksgiving and Native American focus. Here is our schedule:

November 3 --
Family Sunday

November 10 --
Bible Buds – What’s Corny about Saying Thanks? Find out through stories, crafts, science experiments and more!

November 17 --
Food For Thought – help make desserts for the meal site, and Pumpkin Prayers

November 24 --
Food For Thought, Too – help make special treats to sell at our SERRV Craft Sale in December



Christmas Giving Tree

Our “Christmas Giving Tree” project will run **November 24th – December 8th**. The tree will be decorated with “wishes” for children and young adults. The Outreach Committee will be working with the Salvation Army, Northcott Neighborhood House Child Care Center and Ozaukee County Foster Care. If you would like to participate, here’s how!

- Toys (personally requested items) to total a value of \$25 per tag/child. **Please do not gift wrap, but securely attach the tag/id number.**
- Monetary donations to The Salvation Army supporting this project. Please make checks payable to MUMC with the memo designating this recipient.
- Gift cards of any amount to benefit young adults aged 14-19, in or recently independent from Ozaukee County Foster Care.
- For boys & girls sized 2-12 -- new t-shirts, underwear, socks, hats and mittens for pre-schools at Northcott. Do not wrap.

Please remember to mark the sign-up sheet with your name & phone number next to the tag number(s) you are taking. **Drop off items in the narthex no later than December 8th**, again marking the sheet indicating you have returned the gifts. Contact Karen Stern 262-242-7811 with questions.

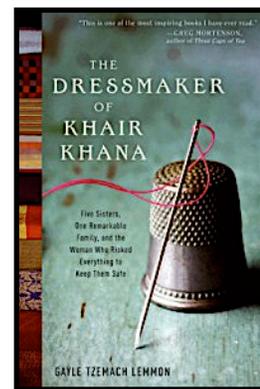
Thank you & Merry Christmas!

Reflections reads book set in Kabul

The Reflections Book group will meet Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. Our discussion book will be *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*, by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. Amazon.com offers this description:

The life Kamila Sidiqi had known changed overnight when the Taliban seized control of the city of Kabul. After receiving a teaching degree during the civil war—a rare achievement for any Afghan woman—Kamila was subsequently banned from school and confined to her home. When her father and brother were forced to flee the city, Kamila became the sole breadwinner for her five siblings. Armed only with grit and determination, she picked up a needle and thread and created a thriving business of her own.

Reflections is a women’s book discussion group that meets monthly on the second Thursday evening of each month. New women are always welcome. Contact Barb Henneck at 238-0707 for more information.



MUMC Church Conference

Wednesday, December 11th – 6:00 p.m.

A light supper will be served starting at 6:00 p.m.



Please mark your calendars and plan on attending our church conference on December 11th as we gather together as a community to do the business of the church. This is an important time for us to talk about our ministry and make decisions that will move the church forward. Pastor Tim states, “I hope you will take the time to come and be a part of shaping our mission and ministry as a church community.”

Hanging of the greens

Saturday morning - December 7

The hanging of the greens will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 9:00 AM -11:30 AM. There will be a light lunch to follow. We need volunteers to help put up all the trees, garlands, wreaths, candles, and trimmings. If there are any tall, strong people who want to come at 8:30 AM, we will need help pulling down decorations from behind the choir loft too. Please see Kristin Traut if you have questions.



Music notes



THANKS to the Sanctuary Choir, the Men's Choir, the Youth Choir, and the brand-new THE High School Choir and WIRED! for the music this fall!!!

We have some exciting musical weeks ahead of us!

Women's Choir --

Rehearsals begin Nov. 3 at 6:00 PM –
Try It You'll Like It!
Rehearsal again on Nov. 10 at 6:00 PM.
Rehearsal on Nov. 17 at 5:00 PM.
Sing at worship on Sunday, Nov. 24 –
call time 8:42 AM!

Additionally, the children are beginning rehearsals for their Christmas program, and the Sanctuary Choir has already begun rehearsals for their Christmas Cantata!

Upcoming music at worship:

November 10 – Ellen and Michelle
November 17 – Sanctuary Choir
November 24 – Women's Choir
December 1 – THE High School Choir
December 8 –
The Children's Christmas Program

SERRV Artisan Craft Sale

December 8 and 15

This year the SERRV sale returns to MUMC on December 8 and 16th following the worship service. Plan to stop by and do your Christmas shopping and help artisans from around the world at the same time. Your purchases will gift twice – once to your recipients and once to families who rely on the crafts they create for vital income. SERRV is associated with UMCOR, and their mission is to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. From the SERRV website:

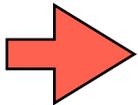


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At SERRV, every product has a true story behind it. These stories are uplifting. They are about freedom from poverty and achieving basic human rights, such as access to food, shelter, education, and basic health care. And they are stories about equality and dignity for all people.

For 63 years, SERRV has practiced core values that create positive change through lasting partnerships and trust. We believe in building environmental, economic, and social sustainability. We esteem culture traditions that nurture the human spirit. We aim for the highest quality of products and service, we invest in sharing information with those we serve, and we value our national network of volunteers who bring our mission to life.

SERRV works to eradicate poverty through our direct connections with low-income artisans and farmers. We market their crafts and foods, find joint solutions to their challenges, and help them grow and embrace the future. One of the first alternative trade organizations in the world, SERRV is a founding member of the World Fair Trade Organization (formerly IFAT) and a founding member of the Fair Trade Federation (FTF).



MUMC will also be selling our Fair Trade Coffees, Teas and Chocolates at the Craft Fair, as well as some special treats hand-crafted by the children of our Seeds of Faith class.

Tai Chi continues

The adventurous group that has met at MUMC for Tai Chi continues. Herb Ayres has filmed Jacquie leading the class and will use the same calming "Zen" music. The schedule is Mondays and Fridays at 11:00 AM in MUMC Fellowship Hall.

We start with simple movements that exercise each joint in the body and then we do a 20-step tai chi routine. We have a group of regulars and welcome any newcomers! Join us!!

Donate items for the auction now!

Please Save the Date!

The 8th Annual MUMC Outreach Dinner & Auction
Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at Ozaukee Country Club

Join us in supporting MUMC mission projects, enjoy the fellowship time and be prepared for lots of fun with our surprise celebrity game show hosts! Proceeds will be distributed locally, nationally and globally to help those in need.

To donate auction items, contact Lou Henneck at 262-238-0707.

What Does It Take To Make Beautiful Music?

It takes Music, Performers, Instruments and Support.

--- a message from the MUMC Music Staff ---

About our Music ...

We have many beautiful pieces on file – some purchased many years ago, a few recent purchases from within the limited budget. **NEW** music costs about \$50 to \$60 for enough copies of each new piece, and frequently comes from special church member gifts in memory or honor of loved ones, and such gifts are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

About our Performers ...

All our choirs and instrumentalists are dedicated, faithful and loyal volunteers -- a musical family that we all cherish at MUMC. **NEW** performers come as our greater church family grows and members bring friends to sing with them.

About our Instruments ...

The organ and piano in the sanctuary are the principal ones, but there are two pianos in Room 108 and Fellowship Hall as well. We also benefit from many personal instruments that members and guests play when they share their many talents in worship. A **NEW** grand piano would be a welcome addition to our Sanctuary -- and with a grand piano we could fulfill the wishes expressed by a number of church members in recent focus groups that MUMC host a Concert Series to attract new people to our church. Reality is, a grand piano would be required for a quality Concert Series if we want professional musicians to perform. As with **new** music, a **new** piano would be a welcome and appreciated special gift.

Now to the reality of our current Sanctuary instruments.

Last spring we had a costly malfunction with the ability to create different sounds on the organ. In September, the Kurzweil piano needed service to repair a malfunctioning connection that caused “chatter” and static in the sound system.

Necessary repairs were made; and professional technician, Mark Snyder of Music Solutions, recommended a plan for optimal service to protect organ, piano keyboard and the sound from antiphonal speakers. Mark assured us that our instruments remain in good condition, and do not require replacement anytime soon. However, the protection plan includes an initial cleaning and adjustment of all the organ parts, which will likely cost between \$400 and \$500.

And, there is an annual cost to properly maintaining these instruments, which must either be budgeted, or will require special dedicated gifts to implement the protection plan. After the organ has been cleaned and repaired, we will be able to calculate an estimate on the annual cost for maintenance of all the pianos and the organ.

In conclusion ...

Beautiful music will continue to be made at MUMC with the sheet music, performers and instruments we have. With modest **SUPPORT** from the annual budget and special dedicated gifts to the music program, we will be able to **grow** our repertoire, **increase** our numbers, and **expand** our community outreach so that the greater Mequon population can share in the gift of MUMC’s beautiful music.



Adult Spiritual Formation Opportunities

Lunch Bunch

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.

Lunch – 12 p.m.

Our study, *Jesus Revealed: Encountering the Authentic Jesus* is continuing throughout November. In this study we will take a new look at Jesus through the use of dramatic reenactments watched on a DVD, reading the Gospels, and through our discussions. As we take a fresh look we will peel away the safe and sanitized view of Jesus to answer the question: Is he the Jesus we think we know?

After our study we will gather together in Fellowship Hall for a delicious lunch of homemade soup, rolls, and a delicious desert. I hope you will come on out for this time of feeding our bodies and our souls.

Come as you are able – you are welcome anytime, every time!



Women's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, November 13

****Date change for this month only****

Women of all ages are invited to gather at 7:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, November 13** 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, November 14

****Date change for this month only****

Men of all ages are invited to gather at 7:00 a.m. on **Thursday, November 14** 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.



What Does Stewardship Mean to You?

-- a message from MUMC's Finance Team --

This isn't to question the definition of stewardship. Most of us can agree that stewardship is the caring and nurturing of something we find important to our lives. In our Church life, that "something" is our church, and our Methodist ministries that we assist on a statewide, national, and global basis.

But what does good stewardship mean to your life? What part of your Methodist life is cared for and nurtured by the support you are able to give? Whether it is the Sunday service centering, the children's programs, or the work we do locally, there is a reason that you provide support to the Methodist church. For others, the fellowship and the MUMC community that surrounds them is the catalyst for their support. For some, it is what we do throughout the world as Methodists.

That support can be given in a number of ways: from providing your expertise and your time, to making monetary commitments to your Church, or both.

We will be asking for your support this month. Whether it is a pledge of time and expertise, or a pledge of money, the support shown this month will dictate what we can do as a Church and as Methodists in 2014.

So as you prayerfully consider what contribution you will be able to make to the coming year, keep one question in mind: What does stewardship mean to you?

Why Do You Give?

-- a message from Pastor Tim --

Why do you give? Why do you give your time to volunteer when your life is so hectic? Why do you give your money when your budget is tight?

For many of us, we give because we want to help, we want to give back, and we want to leave this world a little bit better. We all want our lives to matter. We need as human beings to know that our lives have meaning and purpose. That we have given our time and money to the things that will make a difference.

Our giving, then, is a visible statement of our priorities, our values, and our faith. In scripture, Jesus tells a parable of giving help to the hungry, the needy, and the stranger and then puts a twist on it by saying, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to me."

In other words, when we give we are participating in the larger ministry that Jesus Christ calls us to as his disciples. Our giving breaks us out of our narrow world view to be connected to a larger vision, to each other as a community, and most importantly to the love of God.

Our giving is a bold statement of faith. As we journey through our stewardship campaign I hope you are hearing all the ways our giving of time and money flows through our various ministry teams out to touch our local community and communities around the world. Our giving does make a difference. As we come to our Commitment Sunday on November 24, I invite you to pray about why you give, how this church has and is continuing to touch your life, and how through your giving you can expand our ministries to reach even more people with the Good News of our faith. Finally, I urge you to pray about making a financial gift to the larger ministry and vision we have as a church community to "Make God's Love Real."



MUMC Children's Christmas Program 2013 "The Night Shift Before Christmas"

Christmas Program Rehearsals are now underway, but we are still short some actors! Please consider asking your friends to join the fun as we celebrate Christmas in this very special way! Rehearsals are each Sunday night from 4:30-5:30 PM, with dinner to follow.

November 3	Christmas Program Rehearsal	4:30-5:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30-6:00 PM
	Youth Choir – Full Ensemble	5:45-6:00 PM
November 10	Christmas Program Rehearsal	4:30-5:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30-6:00 PM
	Youth Choir – Full Ensemble	5:45-6:00 PM
November 17	Christmas Program Rehearsal	4:30-5:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30-6:00 PM
	Youth Choir – Full Ensemble	5:45-6:00 PM

November 24	Christmas Program Rehearsal	4:30-5:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30-6:00 PM
	Youth Choir – Full Ensemble	5:45-6:00 PM

December 1 (Thanksgiving weekend)	Christmas Program Rehearsal	4:30-5:30 PM
	Dinner	5:30-6:00 PM
	Youth Choir – Full Ensemble	5:45-6:00 PM

Saturday, December 7
Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
(Includes lunch at 11:00 am)

December 8
Children's Christmas Program 9:30 AM
Presentation in Worship
(Children, please be at the church by 8:15 AM)

Thank You! THANK YOU!

Thank you for caring

The MUMC Outreach Team really appreciated your participation on Bread Sunday. With the help of bakers and buyers, as well as those who like donating to a great cause, we were able to raise \$315 for CROP Hunger Walk. THANK YOU!



Thanks for “walkers” and volunteers

Thank you to everyone involved with the Ozaukee County CROP Walk held at MUMC in October. With the help of 72 walkers from 12 area churches and 22 volunteers we raised over \$8,000 to help fight hunger here and around the world. 25% of the proceeds will go to Family Sharing of Ozaukee County.

This was a huge effort and the Outreach Committee could not have done it without all of your hard work and financial support. Many Thanks!!

Thanks from MUMC's Welcoming Connection Team

Well, Halloween came and went, in our area any way. The costumes were beautiful, and it was a gorgeous evening.

Thank you to all of you who made the coffee and provided the refreshments for the recent social times after Sunday morning worship: Tom and Carrie Ellis, Pat and Rick Gattoni, Herb and Ginger Ayres, Fran and Susan Yorio, and Ireene Sullivan and Cindy Gallun. It wouldn't happen without you, and we appreciate you.

Thank you also to the greeters who help us all to feel welcome. Isn't this church just a wonderful place.

New visitors to MUMC.

We've enjoyed seeing all the new visitors these last few weeks and especially seeing them surrounded by members who want to talk with them. If you see someone you don't recognize, be sure to say hello and, before you know it, you will have a new friend.

Christmas Poinsettias

Help beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas week with the purchase of poinsettias, which you may take home anytime *after the last service on Christmas Eve*. These are large beautiful plants that often last weeks after Christmas if kept well watered and cool. **AND, the prices this year remain the same as the last THREE years!**

A single large plant in a 6.5 inch pot with gold pot cover may be purchased for **\$10.00**. Double-sized plants in 7.5 inch pots with gold pot covers may be purchased for **16.00 each**.

Note: Greenhouse supply of “Shimmer Pink” may be limited. If you choose pink, please provide a second choice in case pink is unavailable.

Order forms, along with payment, may be placed in the collection plate or mailed to the Church. Please make checks payable to “**M.U.M.C. - poinsettias**”. (Please return this order blank to MUMC with payment.)



----- Christmas Poinsettia Order -----

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

(As you wish to be listed in the Bulletin)

SIZE	PRICE	COLOR			TOTAL ORDER
		RED	WHITE	PINK	
Large, 6.5” pot	\$10.00 each				# of Plants \$ _____
Double, 7.5” pot	\$16.00 each				# of Plants \$ _____

IF choosing pink-color, what is your second choice if pink is unavailable? _____



The **LAST DAY** to order is
Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

Thank you!





Protecting Yourself From Telemarketing Fraud

-- information from the MUMC Parish Nurse Team --

Many legitimate companies and charities solicit consumers by phone and consider it an effective way to raise money or increase company business. Unfortunately, others are simply up to no good.

According to the Federal Trade Corporation, nearly 25 million Americans are victims of consumer fraud each year. Senior citizens continue to be a rapidly increasing segment of the population, and that makes them a prime target for con artists and thieves.

Studies have shown that senior citizens are more at risk to be targeted by telemarketing scams than other age groups, and fraudulent telemarketers direct anywhere from 56 to 80 percent of their calls at older Americans. These con artists believe that senior citizens are vulnerable and more susceptible to their tricks.

The National Crime Prevention Council offers these tips to keep in mind:

- Offers too good to be true usually are. Ask to receive the “unbelievable deal” or the “amazing prize offer” in writing so you can read it carefully before making a commitment.
- Never give out your personal information over the phone or Internet unless you have initiated the contact. Legitimate business callers will never ask you for this information over the phone.
- If a caller asks you to pay for an offer in advance or asks for your credit card number or Social Security number, tell the person you don’t give out personal information over the telephone.
- Remember that legitimate telemarketers won’t be turned off if you use these techniques. They will appreciate dealing with an educated consumer.

Medical alarm scam.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is also warning seniors and their families or caretakers of a medical alarm telemarketing scam that has been sweeping the nation this year, including Wisconsin.

The BBB advises consumers to hang up if they receive unsolicited calls for medical equipment from unfamiliar

companies. In many cases, these robo-calls are fraudulent attempts to obtain financial information that can be used to commit identity theft or that result in recurring charges to a victim’s credit card or bank account.

Some of the automated calls ask consumers to “punch 1” if they wish to order a device or want further information. Do not press any keys to verify information or speak to an operator. In other cases, salespeople told consumers that they were eligible for a free system or that a system had been paid for on their behalf and the salesperson needed to confirm shipping instructions. The BBB believes that consumers who are receptive to the sales pitch will be asked for financial information to cover a monthly monitoring service fee.

The BBB warns consumers to beware of the following red flags:

- Free offers: Be wary of “free” offers that require you to pay a handling charge or other fees. In the case of medical alert systems, ask if there are additional monthly service charges. If the telemarketer says a friend or family member bought the unit, ask for the name of the person and verify the payment with that person before agreeing to anything.
- Scare tactics: Being trapped in your own home with no way to call for help can be a scary situation for anyone, but for many seniors, it can be a realistic scenario. Don’t fall for scare tactics.
- Calls for immediate action: If the caller says, “This offer is good for today only,” hang up.
- Implied endorsement: If a seller claims its product has been endorsed by another reputable organization, check directly with that organization to verify the endorsement.
- Refusal to answer questions: If the caller is evasive or refuses to provide contact information or complete offer details, tell them you will not provide any information or make any decisions until you get all details in writing.

If you have received a call of this type and want to report it, you can file a complaint with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection at 800-422-7128 or on their website <http://datcp.wi.gov> or call your local law enforcement agency.



NEW Coffee!

Coming soon to MUMC!

- Fair-trade coffee soon will be used at Sunday morning coffee time and other church events.
- Fair-trade coffee helps small-scale family farms escape poverty.
- United Methodists are encouraged to support social justice to positively impact the world’s most vulnerable people.
- More information on fair-traded coffee will be shared as we phase in its use at MUMC.

Sonlight Scoop
November 2013

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



← The **Doggies Room** works very hard to keep their toys spic and span – and the kids are great helpers! **Jimmy** is very busy washing his fire truck, while **Hayden** looks on.

Fall brings in a wonderful Apple harvest. The **Bunnies Room** had a great time making home-made applesauce! They were great helpers cutting up the apples, which went into a crockpot for the morning. Everyone had a taste of the result... NUMMY!!!

Please stop in at any Sonlight room whenever you are at church. The art projects and room decorations are fun to experience. And the children are very proud of their rooms!

Sonlight Center's Harvest Fest was held on October 24, complete with a parade and treats! Many families came to cheer on their children. Here are pictures from the day.



*Thank you to the MUMC congregation,
Having completed treatment for pancreatic cancer for the past year, which appears to be very successful, I am most grateful for your support through your prayers for my return to good health, for driving me to Froedtert, and for meals and visits.*

I am so fortunate that Connie Pukaite arranged for my 8 loyal drivers to Froedtert this past year, until I could drive myself. My family and I are most grateful!

*Thank you to all!
Nancy Gruner*

With sympathy

The MUMC congregation extends sincere condolences to Tom Mohr's family. Tom passed away on October 25. Tom was active in community organizations. He was a long-time member of MUMC.

A memorial service for Tom will be Saturday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. at MUMC.



My Father's World - by Ginger Ayres

How or why or when do you read your Bible? I recently asked this question on a survey to everyone at MUMC. If you don't remember the survey, that's because it only happened in my dream! But you gave really good answers in my dream!

Here, in no particular order, were your top ten answers. (1) You've read the Bible, like any good book, from page one of Genesis to the very end of Revelations. (2) You've gone back often to read favorite passages or stories.

(3) You've read a particular Bible story because you realized you didn't know much about it when your child brought comments home from Sunday School. (4) You've read that same Bible story because you were the Sunday School teacher preparing to teach about it. (5) When you feel blue, you've gone to the Bible for comfort. (6) You've read the Bible at Christmas because your family's tradition is to gather around to hear you read the story of Jesus' birth. (7) In times of sorrow or crisis, you've read the Beatitudes. (8) When you have felt warm and loving, you've wrapped yourself with the words of love from 1 Corinthians 13. (9) You've really liked Pastor Tim's sermon so you have re-read the Gospel from which he preached. (10) You've had to read the Bible because you were the liturgist at Sunday morning worship.

I've just realized another reason to read the Bible. On any day, you just may need some good thoughts. So, in need of inspiration for this column, I'm going to close my eyes, open my Bible, and put my finger on a verse. Whether in or out of context, something good is surely there. Ready? Here I go.

(Pause)

Aha!!! This is an absolutely great verse. Job 8:21 -- "He will yet fill your mouth with laughter And your lips with shouts of joy." Obviously, I've been given the charge to make you laugh. I may or may not be successful at this!

Q. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

A. No, just an apple

(Stop groaning. It was a little funny.)

Q. Why didn't Noah go fishing?

A. He only had two worms.

(A little better ... I hear a giggle.)

Q. What did Moses do for the headache he got on Mount Sinai?

A. He took two tablets.

(A smile? A soft laugh? I can't predict what you think is funny. So just laugh at all the rest from here on!)

Q. What's the Two-minute Warning?

A. The point at which you realize the Sunday morning church service is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father ... and unto the Son ... and into the hole he goes."

From church bulletins:

- Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please admit that you laughed just a little! And your lips were filled with joy!!!

Two concluding thoughts come to mind. First, any reason for reading the Bible is a good one. So keep your Bible handy. Second, I bet you feel a little better now which means laughter truly is good medicine. Even the Bible tells us to laugh. So go share something funny with your family and friends!

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A Veterans Day prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country ...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips



VETERANS DAY

My thankful heart

Making the stuffing for Thanksgiving dinner helps restore my heart to gratefulness. First I cut bread into cubes to dry out. Has it really been a year since I thanked God for the simple things of life? Dear God, thank you for my daily bread.

Next I boil giblets for the tasty broth. When did I last express thanks for my body – even the oft-forgotten parts? Thank you, God, for creating and sustaining me.

Then I dice onions and celery, adding them to the mixture. That reminds me to thank God for abundant harvests. Finally I measure raisins, nuts, sage and salt into the stuffing, as scents fill the air. Lord, help me not grow weary of the interesting “spices” that fill my life.

As the stuffing goes into the oven, warm air wafting into the kitchen, I remember to thank God for providing my home. Here relatives and friends gather, often an odd combination. Yet when we bow our heads in thankfulness, we’re an unbeatable mix.

—MaryAnn Sundby

