



The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church
October 2025

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Sermon Themes

Oct 5: Our Answer to God's Question,
Jonah 4:1-11

Oct 12: "so that they may worship me",
Exodus 10:1-3

Oct 19: Treasures in Heaven, *Matthew*
6:19-24

Oct 26: Following Jesus in all Seasons,
John 6:60-71

Musical Gifts

Oct 5: Chancel Choir

Oct 12: Allison Tinsley-Fuller and JP
Horcasitas

Oct 19: Praise Ensemble

Oct 26: JP Horcasitas



Calendar Highlights

Oct 1 - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am

Oct 2 - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am

Oct 2 - What it means to be human Zoom -- 7:00 pm

Oct 5 - World Communion Sunday -- 9:30 am

Oct 5 - Celebration of Life for Allen Caucutt -- 11:00 am

Oct 7 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Oct 8 - Reflections Book Club -- 6:00 pm

Oct 12 - Blood Pressure Screening -- 10:35 am

Oct 12 - From the Caribbean to Patagonia - A Crescendo Community
Concert -- 3:00 pm

Oct 14 - Last day to return food collection bags!

Oct 14 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Oct 14 - Family Sharing Food Sort -- 1:30 pm

Oct 21 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Oct 24 - Fall Fest -- 6:00 pm

Oct 28 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Oct 28 - Fiber Arts Club -- 6:00 pm

Nov 4 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Nov 5 - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am

Nov 6 - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am

Remember!

Can't make it in person? MUMC Services are livestreamed on the [MUMC YouTube channel](#) at 9:30 am every Sunday - we'd love to see you there!

You can also watch any of our services at any time on our YouTube channel.

MUMC Community Connections

To be the bridge to community connection and collaboration ...

From the Caribbean to Patagonia - A Crescendo Community Concert

October 12, 3:00pm



Join pianist Elena Abend and clarinetist Orlando Pimentel for a fun and inspiring afternoon of Latin American Music. This vibrant program celebrates the rich musical voices of South America, featuring works by Paquito D'Rivera, Pablo Ziegler, Pedro Laurenz, Astor Piazzolla, Icli Zitella, Sebastián Díaz Peña, and Ernán López Nussa. Blending classical traditions with spirited rhythms and soulful melodies, this performance offers a journey through diverse soundscapes from the Caribbean to Patagonia.

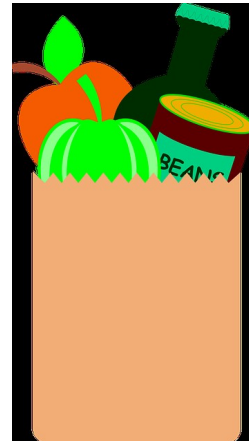
The concert is free and open to the community; everyone is welcome!

There are cards promoting the concert on the table in the narthex. Take as many as you wish, and share with your neighbors and friends!

Thanksgiving Food Collection

Now until October 14th

Pick Up Your Empty Grocery Bags: Empty grocery bags are available in the narthex for our annual Thanksgiving food collection for Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. Attached to each bag will be a list of items that are especially needed by Family Sharing for the Thanksgiving holiday and for residents' daily needs. All donations are welcome.



Return Your Filled Grocery Bags: Your filled bags should be returned to church on **Sunday, September 28, or October 5 or 12**, or anytime during the week. Family Sharing will be picking up your donations on **Tuesday, October 14**.

Needed Thanksgiving Items:

- Cream of mushroom soup
- canned gravy
- canned sweet potatoes or yams
- fried onions
- Mashed potatoes (boxes or packets)
- Cranberry sauce (canned)

The MUMC Mission Outreach Committee thanks you for your generosity as you help serve the needs of low-income, elderly, and disabled residents of Ozaukee County. If you have questions, contact [Debra Belter](#)

Fall Fest

Friday, October 24, 6-8pm

Join us for a light dinner, crafts, games, and decorated door treating. Bring a bag of candy and a family friendly costume. Each family can decorate a door in the church. We will have supplies to use or bring your creative touches. The children will visit the doors and receive a treat. Please RSVP to ensure we have the right amount of food and supplies. Childrensmin@mequonumc.org



Family Sharing Food Pantry

Volunteer for Food Sorting!

October 14

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex! We are no longer collecting egg cartons!

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

Come ~ Connect ~ Grow Community

Reflections Resumes

Wednesday, October 8, 6:00 pm

The Reflections book group will meet on Wednesday, October 8 at the home of Renee Quick. Our discussion book will be *Dust Child*, by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. It's a suspenseful and moving saga about family secrets, hidden trauma, and the overriding power of forgiveness. Please RSVP to [Renee](#) if you are planning to attend.

Reflections is a women's book group that meets monthly for

Marsh Meadow Workday

Saturday, October 18, 9:00am-12:30pm

Two we will be removing buckthorn from the Marsh Meadow!! Bring work gloves and loppers. Water and snacks will be available. The second workday will be Saturday, November 8. If there are any questions, contact Linda Mordy, 262-252-8091

Youth Group!

Calling all high school aged youth!

discussion and fellowship. New women are always welcome.

2025 Church Conference

Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 pm

The 2025 Church Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th. Pastor Kyabuntu from Community United Methodist Church (Cedarburg) will preside.

Fiber Arts Ministry!

Tuesday, October 28, 6:00 pm

Bring your most recent WIP and join us on the 23rd. We will have snacks and good company! If there are any suggestions for our Fiber Arts, let [Jenna](#) know. All levels of crafters are welcome!

Thank you, Mary!

The season has turned from summer to fall, and Mary Unkel's flower garden in the MUMC Community Garden is still yielding a bounty of colorful and fragrant flowers.

The MUMC congregation would like to thank you, Mary, for your "Green Thumb!" Because of your gardening talents and your generosity, our altar has been warmly graced each Sunday over the past few weeks with your beautiful flowers. We deeply appreciate you and your selfless giving!

We are starting up youth activities for the year. We are looking at activities, fundraisers and eventually another mission trip! If you are or have a youth that would like to be involved this year, please reach out to Jenna and Patrick at mequonumcyouth@gmail.com. Send us an email to be included! Any high school aged youth is welcome! Bring friends!

Save the Date: Songs and Dances from Around the World

Friday, November 14, 7:30pm

You are invited to JP Horcasitas' upcoming solo recital at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center as part of their 2025-2026 season. The concert will be themed "Songs and Dances from Around the World," and it will feature a mix of beautiful pieces, including Bach's Chaconne in D minor arranged by Ferruccio Busoni, works by three Spanish composers, and a transcription of Gershwin's "Someone to Watch Over Me" by Keith Jarrett, among others.

The performance will take place in the Dawes Studio Theater at the Wilson Center. You can purchase tickets [online through the Wilson Center](#).

Kid's Korner

Friday October 24, 6-8pm: Fall Fest Kids Connection Light dinner, crafts, games and decorated door treating.

Sunday, November 30, after church: Advent Kids Connections. Pack a lunch ad

stay to create an Advent keepsake to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

Sunday, December 14, during church: Children's Christmas Program. Arrive at 8:30am to practice!

Sunday, December 21, 6-8pm: Live Nativity and the Shops of Bethlehem

Wednesday, December 24, 4pm: Christmas Eve Service

2026 Stewardship Campaign

As the apostle Paul planted churches around the world, he spoke about giving. His encouragements on giving were based on three pieces to New Testament giving. Giving generously, consistently, and joyfully.

Giving Generously

As Paul encouraged the church in the city of Corinth, he shared how generous the Macedonian churches were giving. He says, "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability," (2 Cor. 8:3). He then follows up his encouragement by saying, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Cor. 9:6).

Give Consistently

One goal of giving is to reorient the giver's heart to the things of God over the things of this world. It's a declaration that God is first in our lives, before anything else. For this declaration to be effective, one should give consistently.

In Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, he writes, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income" (1 Cor. 16:2). The church was encouraged to set aside an amount of money to give each week. The goal is not for this to be a new rule every church goer must follow, but a general principle to encourage consistent giving. But the way we give also matters.

Give Joyfully

If God desires a person's heart, then the heart with which a person gives matters. Paul again writes, "Each one must give as they have decided in their heart, not "reluctantly" or "grudgingly", for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). The joyful giver understands that this earth is not everything. This why Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). Givers understand the value of investing in the kingdom of God and the work of the local church.

As you prayerfully consider your pledge to MUMC for 2026 I hope you will remember to give generously, consistently, and above all joyfully! Our 2026 Stewardship campaign will run three Sundays starting October 12th and ending Oct. 26th with Commitment Sunday.

Thank you in advance for your generous, consistent, and joyful giving to MUMC.

Mike Debbink

From Pastor Sue

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

One of the greatest joys and privileges I have here at Mequon United Methodist Church is teaching children during our annual Vacation Bible School. One of the lessons we shared this summer was the difference between being a smart/intelligent person and being a wise person. It seems that these days, we often idolize smart/intelligent people and equate them with wise individuals. However, there is a significant distinction between a smart/intelligent person and a wise person, according to Jesus, our Lord.

This is what he said as the conclusion of his sermon; the sermon on the Mount:
²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”
(Matthew 7:24-27 NIV)

Our Lord said that simply having the information or knowledge doesn't make people wise, but those who put it into practice are wise. In fact, those who know but do not put it into practice are foolish, according to Jesus. So, may we build our “house” on the rock, Jesus Christ, by putting His commands into practice.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:9-10 NIV)

In Christ Alone,
Sue

Spire Info

Hello, I just want to take a minute and thank everyone for their continued support of the Spire Newsletter! Please email news@mequonumc.org with any stories or items you'd like included in the Spire on the 25th of each month. If you have any suggestions, let me know. And If you'd like to be included in the reminder email I send out every month, please reach out to news@mequonumc.org.

Jenna

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To be THE bridge to community connection, collaboration,
and common ground through Jesus Christ

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