

SPIRE Newsletter



November 2022

Our Mission

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another

Our Vision

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

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Oct. 30: Chancel choir rehearsal, 11 am

Nov. 1: Lunch Bunch's study of Moses resumes, 1 pm

Nov. 2: Women's Prayer Meeting, Parlor, 7:30 am

Nov. 3: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Parlor, 7 am

Nov. 5: Kids' Day Out, Ozaukee Skateland, 1 pm

Nov. 6: Daylight Savings Time ends

Nov. 6: Chancel choir rehearsal, 11 am

Nov. 7-20: Pastor Sue will be out of the office

Nov. 8: Election Day

Nov. 10: Reflections Book Group, Parlor, 7 pm

Nov. 14: Christmas Giving Tree campaign begins

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 27: First Sunday of Advent

Dec. 1: Charge conference at MUMC, 6 pm

Dec. 5: Christmas Giving Tree

Mission Outreach's Holiday Campaigns for 2022

Family Sharing

Our annual Thanksgiving food collection for Family Sharing **ends soon**. Pick up an empty grocery bag (with an attached list of needed items) in the Narthex and return the filled grocery bag before Tuesday, November 1, when Family Sharing will be picking up our donations.

Needed Thanksgiving Items:

- Boxed Stuffing Mix
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Pumpkin
- Seasonal Ground Spices (cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, cloves, pumpkin pie spice, sage)
- Boxed Pie Crust Mix (not refrigerated or frozen)

Greatly Needed Items:

- Canned Tuna, Canned Chili, or Canned Stew
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper

campaign ends

WORSHIP SERMONS

Oct. 30: Ephesians 5:21,
Colossians 3:12-14, Relationships
between husbands and wives

Nov. 6: Ephesians 6:1-4,
Relationships between parents and
children

Nov. 13: Marcia will preach

Nov. 20: Glen will preach

Nov. 27: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122,
Hope

WORSHIP MUSIC

Oct. 30: Praise Ensemble

Nov. 6: Allison Tinsley-Fuller and
Elna Hickson

Nov. 13: Praise Ensemble

If you have questions, contact
Susan Yorio (262-853-3933;
susanyorio9113@gmail.com).

Thanksgiving Meal Site

This year, the Meal Site will serve
their Thanksgiving meal on
Thursday, November 24, 2022. Due
to COVID-19, MUMC's part in this
year's Thanksgiving meal will again
be limited to providing food for the
Meal Site. We will not be preparing
food on-site or serving food on-site.

There will be no sign-up sheet like
we have used in the past. If you
would like to participate, the
following is a very specific list we
were given of the food being
requested.

Cooked Meat, Either Turkey or Ham:

Turkey

- one whole turkey or two turkey breasts
- cooked then sliced and packed into gallon Ziploc bags
- any multiple of this quantity is acceptable (two whole turkeys or four turkey breasts, for e.g.)
- place the Ziploc bags in the church freezer by no later than **12 noon on Wednesday, November 23**



Ham

- one ham
- cooked then sliced and packed into gallon Ziploc bags
- any multiple of this quantity is acceptable (two hams, for e.g.)
- place the Ziploc bags in the church freezer by no later than **12 noon on Wednesday, November 23**

Food Staples/Non-perishables:

- stuffing mix, such as Stove Top, 2 boxes, 10 servings per box
- chicken broth, 2 cans (6 cups per can) or 3 boxes (4 cups per box)
- powdered gravy mix, enough to make 1 gallon
- instant mashed potatoes, 1 large box
- any multiple of these items is acceptable
- place items on the bench inside the front door of the church by no later than **12 noon on Wednesday, November 23**

Desserts:

- cookies or bars, nothing sticky or gooey
- place 3 cookies or 2 bars in small Ziploc bags
- any number of bags is acceptable
- place the Ziploc bags on the bench inside the front door of the church by no later than **12 noon on Wednesday, November 23**

Call Irene Sullivan if you have questions, 414-418-3832 (cell) or 262-242-3832 (home).

Christmas Giving Tree

MUMC Mission Outreach Committee's Christmas Giving Tree for 2022 supports Pathfinders of Milwaukee by sharing the gift of Christmas with those in need.

This year, we at MUMC will once again support the mission work of Pathfinders of Milwaukee. Please visit their website at pathfindersmke.org to understand the vast array of services they provide for Milwaukee area youth and young adults.

As we have done the past two years, the Mission Outreach Committee is asking members to provide monetary donations and Mission Outreach Committee members will do the shopping. A donation amount of your choice is welcomed, and we are grateful for any amount you give to this worthy organization and the young clients they serve.

In the past, the average donation amount has been \$40 - \$50 per MUMC members who donated. For Christmas 2021, MUMC members' donations equated to providing gifts to Pathfinders of Milwaukee at a total value of \$2335!! Amazing!

Instructions:

Starting Monday, November 14, donations may be given online or by check. For online donations, go to www.mequonumc.org, click on Donate, then click on Make an Online Donation, then choose Christmas Giving Tree in the drop-down box.

For monetary donations, please make checks payable to MUMC with "Giving Tree" in the notation line. Leave your check in the secure box outside of the church office or mail to: MUMC, 11011 N. Oriole Lane, Mequon, WI 53092.

In order to allow time for the Mission Outreach Committee members to shop and have gifts ready for Pathfinders for Christmas giving, we would appreciate receiving your donations by **Monday, December 5**.

Questions? Contact Karen Stern, phone 262-227-7811, or Susan Yorio, phone 262-853-3933.

Smile and know you just made Christmas brighter for a Milwaukee area youth or young adult! Thank YouMerry ChristmasGod Bless You!

From the Pastor

I once heard a very good question. The question was: "If you define yourself by things that you own or the people you are associated with, when you lose them, then who are you?" More than often, our hearts become blind to the amazing blessing that we never lose and is far greater than anything in this world. That is the provision of God Himself; His constant presence in both good and hard times, and the relationship with Him that goes through all eternity.

What am I grateful for? Most likely, this is the question we will ask and think about this month as Thanksgiving Day approaches. To answer that question, let's lift up our hearts to see above and beyond things in this world so that the eyes of our hearts may see the Lord who is the very source of our existence, and gives Himself to us; His life in exchange for ours. With that fact alone, friends, no matter what we

lack in our lives, we have the reason to give thanks to the Lord at all times.

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD. I will be joyful in God my Savior.” Habakkuk 3:17-18

With a grateful heart for Jesus Christ,
Sue Lee

Announcements

November Prayer Meetings

The Women’s Prayer Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 am, and the Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be held Thursday, November 3 at 7 am. Both will be held in the Parlor. All are welcome!

Kids’ DAY Out! Saturday, November 5, from 1-3:30 pm, roller skating at Ozaukee Skateland, 7084 Sycamore Drive, Cedarburg. The cost is \$9 per person plus \$3 skate rental. Come join the fun!



Pastor Sue will be out of the office from November 7-20. In her absence, emergency pastoral care will be provided by Pastor Lourdes Magalhaes of Cedarburg Community United Methodist Church. She may be reached at her office at 262-377-3832, by cell phone at 973-856-4072, or by email at pastorlourdes@cedarburgcumc.org.

The annual charge conference is scheduled for December 1 at MUMC at 6 pm.

The Mission Outreach Committee asks everyone to Save the Date for MUMC’S Mission Outreach Auction & Dinner on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Sommer Pavilion at River Barn Park, 9808 N. Cedarburg Road 44W, Mequon, WI 53092.

Watch for more information and details in the upcoming editions of the Spire, the weekly Sunday bulletins, and the weekly Thursday blasts.

MUMC's 2023 Stewardship Campaign Continues

Thanks to those of you who have sent in your pledge cards for the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. We are in the process of preparing the budget for 2023 and it would be helpful to have all of the pledges collected so we know where we stand going into the new year. Please let us know as soon as possible what your intentions for 2023 are.

There are several ways to send in your pledge:

1. mail it into the church
2. place it in the locked box outside the church office door
3. send it via email to finance@mequonumc.org

4. access a commitment card at the church website, <http://www.mequonumc.org>

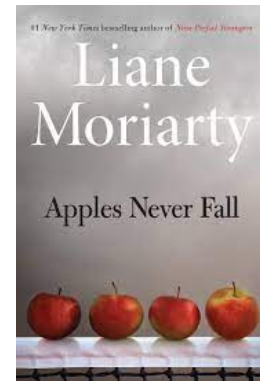
Thank you for your commitment to our church,

Mike Debbink and the MUMC Finance Committee

Reflections Book Group

NOVEMBER REFLECTIONS

The Reflections book group will meet on Thursday, November 10. We begin at 7 pm in the Parlor. Our November discussion book is *Apples Never Fall* by Liane Moriarty.



Amazon.com offers this summary:

The Delaney family love one another dearly—it's just that sometimes they want to murder each other. If your mother was missing, would you tell the police? Even if the most obvious suspect was your father? This is the dilemma facing the four grown Delaney siblings. The Delaneys are fixtures in their community. The parents, Stan and Joy, are the envy of all of their friends. They're killers on the tennis court, and off it their chemistry is palpable. But after fifty years of marriage, they've finally sold their famed tennis academy and are ready to start what should be the golden years of their lives.

The four Delaney children—Amy, Logan, Troy, and Brooke—were tennis stars in their own right, yet as their father will tell you, none of them had what it took to go all the way. But that's okay, now that they're all successful grown-ups and there is the wonderful possibility of grandchildren on the horizon.

One night a stranger named Savannah knocks on Stan and Joy's door, bleeding after a fight with her boyfriend. The Delaneys are more than happy to give her the small kindness she sorely needs. If only that was all she wanted. Later, when Joy goes missing, and Savannah is nowhere to be found, the police question the one person who remains: Stan. But for someone who claims to be innocent, he, like many spouses, seems to have a lot to hide. Two of the Delaney children think their father is innocent, two are not so sure—but as the two sides square off against each other in perhaps their biggest match ever, all of the Delaneys will start to reexamine their shared family history in a very new light.

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

Looking ahead—our Christmas celebration is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 at the home of Susan Caldwell.

From the Wisconsin UM Foundation

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"God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible – what a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves." – A.W. Tozer

I recently ran across a story that highlights the power of partnership. In the latter part of the nineteenth century, when the Methodist church was holding its denominational convention, one leader stood up and shared his vision both for the church and society at large. He told the ministers and evangelists how he believed

someday men would fly from place to place instead of merely traveling on horseback. But it was a concept too outlandish for many members of his audience to handle.

One minister, Bishop Wright, stood up and angrily protested, “Heresy!” he shouted. “Flight is reserved for the angels!” He went on to elaborate that if God had intended for man to fly, God would have given him wings. Clearly the bishop was unable to envision what the speaker was predicting.

When Bishop Wright finished his brief protest, he gathered up his two sons, Orville and Wilbur, and left the auditorium. That’s right. His sons were Orville and Wilbur Wright. And several years later, on December 17, 1903, those two sons did what their father called impossible. They made four flights that day. The first lasted only 12 seconds, but the fourth lasted 59 seconds and took them 852 feet. Soon the Wright brothers had built the first practical airplane, the Flyer III, and by 1908, the brothers had demonstrated an improved model in France that flew 60 miles in less than two hours.

The brothers partnered together to accomplish the impossible – and in the process, they changed the world.

Rev. Jason Mahnke
Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

From the Wisconsin Conference

Weekly Devotion for October 3, 2022, by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

“We Can”

Ministry in the pandemic has required a capacity to pivot through unknowns to bring our purpose forward. Living in an age of disinformation requires that we be clear about who we are so that we do not mindlessly follow the scripts of Babylon. Jeremiah arrives in the lectionary this week with good counsel in chapter 29:5-7 for the exiles who will remain in Babylon for an unknown time:

Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.
Jeremiah 29:5-7

We continue to be who we are in this place, unknown as it may be. We continue to plant gardens and families, and we continue to seek the welfare—the Shalom—of where we are, because collective well-being will be our well-being.

We live lives of mutual benefit because that is who we are. Focus on the mission is clarifying and our authentic best.

We will continue to be Wesleyan Christians: a biblical, grace-centered, justice-seeking, mission-driven global movement to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. Remember, most will want to remain so.

More deeply, we are people of hopeful imagination, looking to the harvest and choosing to bless until the seventh generation. Sometimes we are tempted to

remain stuck, that we cannot decide to act until the new pastor comes, or the General Conference decides, but we can increase racial justice and radical inclusion now. We can baptize today. We can wage communion. We can live the means of grace because we must center ourselves as people of grace. We can live out a social holiness that increases climate justice even if others respond after us. Can we live faithfully until exile ends? We can.

In the autumn the milkweeds remember to spread their seeds because new ground will come. I appreciate your steadfast faithfulness and work for the gospel. Thank you for your support of UMCOR. Thank you for your generous support of the apportionment. Thank you for your witness. Know that I am praying for you.

Peace,
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Christian Symbol of the Month

Bell—A bell symbolizes the call to worship, reflected in the ringing of bells in many churches to announce or open the worship service. A bell also symbolizes the proclamation of the gospel to the world: hence, the ringing of church bells at the close of some services as worshipers depart to spread Christ's good news in their daily lives.



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