



# The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church  
November 2025

*Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.*

## Sunday Worship 9:30 am

### Sermon Themes

**Nov 2:** We fix our gaze on the things that cannot be seen, *2 Corinthians 4:5-18*

**Nov 9:** Give thanks in all circumstances, *Jeremiah 29:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:16*

**Nov 16:** Pastor Carly Kuntz

**Nov 23:** Glen Van Fossen

**Nov 30:** Our Hope in Jesus Christ, *Isaiah 2:1-5*

### Musical Gifts

**Nov 2:** Allison Tinsley-Fuller and JP Horcasitas

**Nov 9:** Chancel Choir

**Nov 16:** A Surprise Guest!

**Nov 23:** JP Horcasitas

**Nov 30:** Praise Ensemble

### Calendar Highlights

#### **Nov 2 - All Saints Sunday**

**Nov 2** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

**Nov 3** - Confirmation Class -- 6:30 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

**Nov 8** - Marsh Meadow Workday -- 9:00 am

**Nov 9** - Chancel Choir Warmup -- 8:30 am

**Nov 9** - Blood Pressure Checks -- 10:35 am

**Nov 9** - Youth Craft Afternoon -- 2:00 pm

**Nov 11** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am -- Advent Study Begins

**Nov 11** - Family Sharing Food Sort -- 1:30 pm

**Nov 12** - Reflections Book Club -- 6:00 pm

**Nov 14** - JP's Recital @ Wilson Center -- 7:30 pm

**Nov 16** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

**Nov 17-21** - Family Promise Meal Week

**Nov 18** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

**Nov 18** - Fiber Arts Club -- 6:00 pm

**Nov 23** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

**Nov 25** - NO Lunch Bunch

**Nov 27** - Thanksgiving

**Nov 28** - Advent Bible Study (zoom) -- 7:00 pm

**Nov 30** - Advent Kid's Connection -- 11:00 am  
**Nov 30** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am  
**Dec 2** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am  
**Dec 3** - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am  
**Dec 4** - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am  
**Dec 4** - Advent Bible Study (zoom) -- 7:00 pm

### 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 ...

### Family Promise Week

*November 17-21*

MUMC's week to cook evening meals for Family Promise's shelter for homeless households will be November 17 to 21. We sure could use additional volunteers to help by preparing a side dish, a dessert OR a main dish.



The shelter currently is full to capacity with 21 individuals, eleven are children, ranging in age from 1 year to 16. Homemade meals that church members prepare are a touch of home that helps create a sense of normalcy in lives that are feeling very uncertain.

Call Pam Layton (262-290-1448) OR Connie Pukaite (262-242-2778) if you can help.

### Pathfinders Christmas Giving Tree

*Coming Soon*

MUMC' will be partnering with Pathfinders again this year to continue our annual tradition of the giving tree. We will request donations and then our Outreach Team will purchase gifts on the gift list.

Reach out to [Lisa](#) with any questions you may have.



### Family Sharing Food Pantry

Volunteer for Food Sorting!

**November 11**

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 Book Club**

*Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 pm*

The Reflections book group will meet on Wednesday, November 12 at Pam Layton's House. Our discussion book will be *My Friends*, by Fredrik Backman Que Mai. Please RSVP to **Pam** if you are planning to attend.

Reflections is a women's book group that meets monthly for discussion and fellowship. New women are always welcome.

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### **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.

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### **Fiber Arts Ministry!**

*Tuesday, November 18, 6:00 pm*

NEW DATE! Because of the holidays we will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of November and December! Bring your most recent WIP and join us! We will have snacks and good company! If there are any suggestions for our

### **Marsh Meadow Workday**

*Saturday, November 8, 9:00am-11:30pm*

We will be removing buckthorn from the Marsh Meadow!! Bring work gloves and loppers. Water and snacks will be available. The last workday was a great success! If there are any questions, contact Linda Mordy, 262-252-8091

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### **Songs and Dances from Around the World**

*Friday, November 14, 7:30pm*

Join JP Horcasitas at his upcoming solo recital at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center as part of their 2025-2026 season.

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

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### **Save the Date! Outreach Dinner and Auction**

*Saturday, February 28, 5-8pm*

You are invited to MUMC's Outreach Dinner and Auction! Invites will go out in the coming months, but make sure to get this in your calendar!

Fiber Arts, let [Jenna](#) know. All levels of crafters are welcome!

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## Thanksgiving Food Drive Thank You!

A BIG thank you to all who were able to fill 35 grocery bags and five boxes of requested food items to Family Sharing. There has also been a good amount of cash donations. Everything is so appreciated! We appreciate your selfless generosity of helping to provide food for those in need.

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## Thank You Fiber Arts!

This past week our Fiber Arts team and the Fiber Arts group at Newcastle donated 49 large scarves, 6 small scarves, 2 cowls, 3 baby blankets, wrist warmers, 5 headbands, 3 small hats, 18 adult hats, and 30 lap blankets. We dropped off donations at Pathfinders and Rooted and Rising. Both groups were very happy to receive these items before the winter months.

## Advent Bible Study

Christians believe a lot of crazy things—including that God showed up in a human body and lived among humankind.

Why would God want to become one of us and live in a world of anxiety, chaos, and heartache?

Why would God leave the comfort and recognition of heaven to live in this world?

In this four-session video study, Andy Stanley targets these perplexing questions.

This study will be offered on Tuesday mornings in the parlor at 11:00 on the following dates:

11/11, 11/18, a break Thanksgiving week 12/2, 12/9.

Pastor Sue will offer this study via zoom at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

11/28 (Friday), 12/4, 12/11, 12 /18 (Thursdays).

If you are going to participate via zoom, please provide your name and email address on the sign up sheet in the Narthex, or email Pastor Sue.

## Kid's Korner

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

## Youth Yodel

All youth are invited! We are looking at having some more youth group activities this year! Any high school aged youth are welcome to attend feel free to bring a friend. We know there are some middle schoolers that might like to join, and they are definitely free to come to activities throughout the year, they just might not be able to come on the mission trip in the summer. Reach out to [Patrick and Jenna](#) if you have any questions!

Sunday 11/9, 2:00pm - Craft Afternoon!

Sunday 12/7, 3:00pm - Ice Cream Social

Friday 12/19, 5:30pm - Cookie baking and Christmas Movie

Sunday 12/21, after church - Youth Bake Sale

And for those who have been working on their chili all year, we will be doing a chili cook off again! Save the date, it'll be the weekend between the end of football playoffs and the Super Bowl.

## From Pastor Sue

### Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

A heartfelt prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord is only possible if we have eyes to see the gifts we have received freely from heaven. Without seeing those gifts we already have in our lives, most likely we would pray a prayer of empty words or a prayer said by Charlie Anderson, who is a cantankerous widower with a family of grown children during the Civil War in the movie Shenandoah. His deceased wife had told him to raise the children with faith, so he takes them to church and prays before meals, but he makes it clear to the Lord who is doing all the work. This is his prayer for their Thanksgiving dinner: "Lord, we cleared this land. We plowed it, sowed it, and harvested it. We cook the harvest. It wouldn't be here, and we wouldn't be eating it if we hadn't done it all ourselves. We worked dog-bone hard for every crumb and morsel, but we thank you, just the same anyway, Lord, for the food we're about to eat, amen."

But when Charlie was finally able to see his life, his family, and his children not as possessions but as gifts from the Lord, he was able to join his fellow Christians in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" with his joyful heart.

As we enter the month of Thanksgiving, may the Lord open our eyes to see many generous gifts we have freely received from heaven and others so that we may be able to pray this prayer from our hearts:

For food in a world where many walk in hunger,  
For faith in a world where many walk in fear,  
For friends and family in a world where many walk in alone,  
We give you Thanks O Lord.

With a grateful heart,  
Sue

**Our Vision:**  
**To be THE bridge to community connection, collaboration,  
and common ground through Jesus Christ**

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- a community member looking for service opportunities
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10:30am Fellowship

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