



The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church
December 2025

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Sermon Themes

Dec 7: Our Peace in Jesus Christ, *Isaiah 11:1-10*

Dec 14: Children's Christmas Program:
Joy

Dec 21: Our Faithfulness of Love toward
Jesus Christ, *Matthew 1:18-25*

Dec 24: Emmanuel, *Isaiah 9:6-7 & John 1:1-5 & 9-14*

Dec 28: Allison Tinsley-Fuller

Musical Gifts

Dec 7: Chancel Choir

Dec 14: Saydee Kallio

Dec 21: Chancel Choir

Dec 24: Praise Ensemble

Dec 28: JP Horcasitas



Calendar Highlights

Dec 2 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Dec 3 - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am

Dec 4 - Last Day to Give to the Giving Tree

Dec 4 - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am

Dec 4 - Advent Bible Study (zoom) -- 7:00 pm

Dec 6 - Hanging of the Greens -- 1:00 pm

Dec 7 - Youth Ice Cream Social -- 2:00 pm

Dec 8 - Confirmation Class -- 6:30 pm

Dec 9 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Dec 9 - Family Sharing Food Sort -- 1:30 pm

Dec 9 - Charge Conference -- 6:00 pm

Dec 10 - Reflections Book Club -- 6:00 pm

Dec 11 - Advent Bible Study (zoom) -- 7:00 pm

Dec 14 - Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal -- 8:30 am

Dec 14 - Children's Christmas Program -- 9:30 am

Dec 14 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

Dec 16 - [Lunch Bunch Blue Christmas](#) -- 11:00 am

Dec 16 - Fiber Arts Club -- 6:00 pm

Dec 18 - Advent Bible Study (zoom) -- 7:00 pm

Dec 19 - Youth Baking Evening -- 5:00 pm
Dec 21 - Youth Bake Sale -- 9:30 am
Dec 21 - Confirmation Class -- 10:45 pm
Dec 21 - Live Nativity -- 5:00 pm
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service -- 4:00 pm
Dec 25 - Merry Christmas!
Jan 7 - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am
Jan 8 - 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 ...

Pathfinders Christmas Giving Tree

Donate by December 4th

Once again, the Mission Outreach Committee is supporting the mission work of Pathfinders of Milwaukee. Outreach asks that MUMC members provide monetary donations and Committee members will do the shopping.

A donation in any amount of your choice is welcome and we are grateful for any amount you give to this worthy organization and the young clients they serve!



For online donations, go to www.mequonumc.org; click Donate; click Make An Online Donation; choose Christmas Giving Tree in the drop-down box.

For monetary donations, please make checks payable to MUMC with "Giving Tree" on the memo line. Leave your check in the secure box outside of the church office OR mail to:

MUMC
11011 N. Oriole Lane
Mequon, WI 53092

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 **Thursday, December 4.**

Reach out to [Lisa](#) (414-573-8018) with any questions you may have.

Live Nativity

December 21, 5-7 pm

Calling all shepherds, wise people, and stable hands!
Connect everyone at MUMC and the community to Jesus by being part of our all church LIVE nativity Sunday, December 21 from 5-7 pm. Enjoy the story of His birth, wander through the streets of Bethlehem shops, warm up to a bonfire, hot cocoa, a light meal and cookies and caroling. Invite your family, friends, neighbors - everyone!



We need helpers! Let [Gayle](#) know if you are able to help.

Mission Outreach Auction and Dinner

February 28, 5-8pm

Our 41st Mission Outreach dinner and auction on February 28, 2026 is honoring Repairers of the Breach for their work with the homeless and at risk adults in Milwaukee. Our guest of honor is Pastor James West, Executive Director. This organization is the only Milwaukee shelter that is open during the day. They provide meals, a medical clinic, an art therapy space, showers and clean clothing, employment assistance, computers, Bible study and prayer groups and a "living room" where people can relax and rest. Their mission is to "Combat homelessness by providing life-saving, life-sustaining, and life-restoring programs."



Come join us at Remington's River Inn on February 28, 2026, from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM to meet Pastor West and find out more about Repairers of the Breach.



Family Sharing Food Pantry

Volunteer for Food Sorting!

December 9

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

Come ~ Connect ~ Grow Community

Reflections Book Club

Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 pm

The Reflections Book Group will

Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 16, 11:00am

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing

celebrate Christmas at the home of DeWayna Cherrington on Wednesday, December 10. The festivities begin at 6:00 pm. Those attending should bring a wrapped gift for our Christmas gift exchange (up to \$25 value). Please RSVP to [DeWayna](#), and let her know if you will be able to bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share. We will also be collecting donations again this year for [Life Navigators](#). No book discussion in December. Looking ahead, the January book will be *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans.

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



with grief and loss make holiday celebrations bittersweet for many people in our community. Blue Christmas is a way to honor how our sadness mingles with and can overshadow the joy of the Christmas season. Scripture and music of comfort will be shared.

Please reach out to Emily Levine if you have any questions, 414-915-7693

Fiber Arts Ministry!

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 pm

NEW DATE! Because of the holidays we will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of December! Bring your most recent WIP and join us! 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!

Youth Bake Sale

Sunday, December 21, after church

The youth will be selling baked goods after church on the 21st to help raise money for the mission trip. Get excited for some nearly professionally made goods! The youth will be baking the 19th to prep for Sunday.

New Year Bible Study

FIVE THINGS GOD USES TO GROW YOUR FAITH

In accordance with our mission to connect people to Jesus Christ and each other, please prayerfully consider joining our lunch bunch bible studies. We meet once a week on Tuesday at 11:00am, followed by an hour of a light lunch and fellowship.

This study will be a 6 week DVD study led by Andy Stanley. He is considered one of the most influential pastors in America. This study will begin on January 6th and end on February 10th.

The break in the relationship between God and man began when Adam and Eve refused to trust God. Our faith in Jesus Christ as our savior is based on trust. In this study Andy Stanley explores the ways we can strengthen our faith through our relationship with God.

During these sessions you will watch the video component each week in preparation or as part of the discussion and explore and share what you are learning with other people in a conversational environment.

Sessions include:

- Practical biblical teaching - reading the bible, group bible studies.
- Relationships - with people of faith.
- Private disciplines.
- Personal ministry - serving others.
- Pivotal circumstances - good or bad, such as marriage, birth of a child, illness, death of a loved one, loss of a job.

If you have any questions regarding lunch bunch, please feel free to contact [Jean Paulus](#).

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 12/7, 2:00pm - Ice Cream Social

Friday 12/19, 5:00pm - Cookie baking and Christmas Movie

Sunday 12/21, after church - Youth Bake Sale

We are registered for another mission trip! The youth group will be going to Winchester, Kentucky July 4-11, 2026. If you know a youth that might be interested, click this [link for our FAQ](#) and share it with them.

From Pastor Sue

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

When we were little children, Christmas presents were the highlight of the season of Advent. For some of us, the joy of giving and receiving gifts has not waned. So we may ask why we give gifts so generously during the Christmas season. Some people wonder what all this has to do with celebrating Christ's birth. But actually, there is a connection – although nothing came wrapped in paper like we do today. The extravagant generosity of God for us marked the occasion, as John 3:16 powerfully put it: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that*

whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

God gave His only begotten Son out of His immeasurable generosity for us. This was the greatest gift ever given to the world, because His precious son was the only one who could save us from the condition that separates us from God. To respond to the gift from God, the main characters in the Christmas story gave their gifts to God according to their abilities: Mary gave her body and reputation, Joseph gave his trust and obedience, the shepherds gave their testimony about the birth of Christ, and the magi gave their gifts of gold, frankincense, myrrh, and worship.

Let's remember the true generosity that is at the heart of Christmas as we worship and praise together for the greatest gift ever given to us, Christ the Lord, Emmanuel, in this season of Advent.

In Christ,
Sue

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

How can YOU help MUMC achieve our vision?

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Forward this newsletter to:

- a friend or neighbor looking for community and connection
- a family whose children would love our awesome Children's Ministries
- a community member looking for service opportunities
- anyone who loves Jesus!

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Sunday Schedule:

9:30am Worship Service

10:30am Fellowship

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