



The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church
February 2026

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Sermon Themes

Feb 1: "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" *Mark 12:28-32*

Feb 8: It's Between You and God,
Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-21

Feb 15: Children's Sunday!

Feb 18, Ash Wednesday: Repent and Believe the Gospel, *Psalms 5:1-17*

Feb 22: God's Faithfulness Fuels our Prayers, *Luke 18:1-8*

Musical Gifts

Feb 1: JP Horcasitas

Feb 8: Amelia Spierer & Catherine Regner

Feb 15: Saydee Kallio

Feb 22: Surprise!



Calendar Highlights

- Feb 1** - Chili Cook Off -- 11:00 am
- Feb 2** - Confirmation Class -- 4:30 pm
- Feb 3** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am
- Feb 4** - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am
- Feb 5** - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am
- Feb 5** - Group Bible Study (Zoom) -- 7:00 pm
- Feb 8** - Blood Pressure Monitoring -- 10:45 am
- Feb 8** - Confirmation Class -- 10:45 am
- Feb 10** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am
- Feb 10** - Family Sharing Food Sort -- 1:30 pm
- Feb 11** - Reflections Book Club -- 6:00 pm
- Feb 12** - Group Bible Study (Zoom) -- 7:00 pm
- Feb 15** - Confirmation Class -- 10:45 am
- Feb 17** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am -- Lenten Study Starts
- Feb 18** - [Ash Wednesday Service](#) -- 7:00 pm
- Feb 19** - Group Bible Study (Zoom) -- 7:00 pm
- Feb 22** - Confirmation Class -- 10:45 am
- Feb 22** - Surprise Youth Activity -- 2:00 pm
- Feb 24** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am
- Feb 24** - Fiber Arts Club -- 6:00 pm

Mar 3 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Mar 4 - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am

Mar 5 - 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 ...

Mission Outreach Auction and Dinner

February 28, 5-8pm

RSVP now! There is a table set up in the Narthex every Sunday to return your cards and to check out the auction items. 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.

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. See below for more information on Repairers of the Breach.



Lenten Collection: Repairers of the Breach

**REPAIRERS
OF THE BREACH**

In this season of Lent, we are remembering the homeless and at-risk adults in Milwaukee who seek shelter at Repairers of the Breach on Vliet Street.

Repairers is one of the 24-hour warming centers in the winter. They are the only daytime shelter open year-round for homeless and at-risk men and women.

Their mission is to provide life-saving, life-sustaining, and life-restoring programs.

It is an inclusive society whose members all have adequate food, housing, health care, a support system, literacy, and an empowered voice.

Repairers, which is also our Community Leadership Awardee, is a place where those who live on the streets can find a nutritious meal, take a shower, be given clean clothes, receive medical help, job skill development, and encouragement to climb out of their situation to a stable life. It is an

organization that averages thousands of visits each month. Many former members return to volunteer and help others.

Lent is a season that moves from Winter to Spring. That's why we collect clothing and hygiene items that transition from cold to warmer weather. Look for bins in the Narthex starting on **Sunday, February 22**, where you can place your donations. Here is what Repairers of the Breach needs:

- New underwear for men and women. Large sizes are especially in demand.
- Personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, razors and lotions.
- Clothing suitable for job interviews, such as new/like new shirts and pants for men and new/like new dresses, dress pants, blouses, and purses for women. (Again, large sizes are needed.)

If you have any questions, contact [Marilyn Zwissler](#)

"What you have done to the least of these, you have done for me." (Matthew 25:40)



Family Sharing Food Pantry

Volunteer for Food Sorting!

February 10

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex!

What is Lent?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. (*United Methodist Communications*)

Reflections Book Club

Wednesday, February 11, 6:00 pm

The Reflections book group will meet Wednesday, February 11 at 6 pm at the home of Ann Scherzinger (12409 N Crane Bay Ct, Mequon). We will be joined virtually by the author of our February book, *What We Wished For: An Adoption Story*, Lisa Crawford Watson. Please remember to bring you MUMC Outreach Auction Basket donations. RSVP to [Ann](#) if you are planning to attend.

Reflections is a women's book group that meets monthly for fellowship and discussion. New women are always welcome. Contact [Barb Henneck](#) to learn more about the group.

Looking ahead . . . our March discussion book will be *The Lion Women of Tehran*, by Marjan Kamali.



Chili Cook Off

Sunday, February 1, 11:00am

The 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off is NOW! Join us after church on Sunday, February 1st to crown our next best Chili Chef! If you would like to make a chili, please let [Jenna or Patrick know](#). If you don't want to make chili, we need tasters! Everyone can participate in voting. All proceeds will go towards the Youth Mission Trip this summer.

Fiber Arts Ministry

Tuesday, February 24, 6:00 pm

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!

Choir Starts!

Sunday, February 15, 11:00am

Now that Amelia has settled in, choir rehearsal will be starting back up on February 15th at 11am. New members are welcome as well! Join us!

Lenten Bible Study

CREED - WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE AND WHY TO GROW YOUR FAITH

This year's Lenten study is based on the book and DVD *Creed - What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. The study will begin on

Tuesday, February 17th and end on March 24th

The study will be held in the Parlor at 11:00 and last for one hour followed by a light lunch and fellowship if you would like to stay. If you cannot attend but would like to participate in the evening via zoom, please let Pastor Sue know so that she can send you the link.

Our most important beliefs, whether expressed in the Apostles' Creed or in other ways, affect our understanding of what it means to be human and our convictions about values, morality, and relationships. Ultimately our most deeply held beliefs or convictions shape our goals, ambitions, hopes, and dreams. These kind of convictions are seldom scientifically verifiable, nevertheless we should carefully consider and question them and should be able to make a compelling case for them. In the end, belief is a decision of the will. I choose to believe certain things.

For Christians, the beliefs expressed in the Apostles' Creed are foundational. In this study we'll consider those beliefs and begin a conversation about what Christians believe, why they believe it, and why it matters.

If you are interested in purchasing the book, it can be purchased on ebay for about 5 dollars. If you would like more information about lunch bunch or this study, please contact [Jean Paulus](#).

Youth Yodel

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 2/1, 11:00am - Chili Cook Off (Youth to sell tickets)

Sunday 2/22, 2:00 pm - Surprise Activity

Sunday 3/29, 2:00 pm - Brainstorming Session for our Service

A Sunday in May - Youth Service - 9:30am - All youth going on the trip should try to participate. This is our largest fundraiser.

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. You do not be a member of the church to come on the trip!

Repairers of the Breach

Meet Reverend James West

This year, Mission Outreach is awarding Repairers of the Breach the Community Leadership Award. Reverend James West, Executive Director, will receive the



award at our annual Dinner/Fundraiser on February 28th.

Reverend West became Executive Director in 2014 and established the vision of “each individual will have adequate food, a home, healthcare, a support system, literacy, and an empowered voice.”

He stepped into this role to serve the most vulnerable in Milwaukee. He evaluated the literacy, employment readiness skills, and women’s safe haven programs to increase the success rate of homeless and at-risk individuals’ employment and housing opportunities.

Under his leadership, Repairers of the Breach offers medical care, meals, showers, counseling, and a computer lab. He also addressed the leading causes of health issues among the homeless, such as diabetes and hypertension with healthy low salt/low sugar meal options.

From Pastor Sue Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 18th this year. Lent is a time of prayer, worship, studying the Word of God, and walking with Jesus and fellow Christians to the cross to deepen our relationship with Him and with one another. An Upper Room Devotion talked about how we Christians can strengthen our spiritual muscles:

I saw a commercial on TV advertising an exercise gadget. It showed models with perfect abdominal muscles and promised that I, too, could get in great shape if I bought his little contraption and used it –just five minutes a day, twice per week. For 15 years, I’ve exercised two hours a day, five days a week, so I know there’s no quick and easy way to get in shape. This reminded me of how, after becoming a Christian, I thought all I had to do was go to church on Sundays, and that would get my life in shape. But after years of doing this, I saw no real result. I still behaved mostly the same. I still had little peace and joy. And when going through hard times, my faith would crumble. I realized that simply going to church isn’t enough to build my faith. I need to exercise it daily by praying, reading, and studying the Bible, and putting Christ’s teachings into practice in my life.

Lent is a wonderful time to do the “exercise” through prayer, worship, and studying the Word of God together to strengthen our spiritual muscles. So please join us in the Special Lenten services and the growth-group study of *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. Let’s grow together in Christ during this Lenten season as we worship, study, and pray together!

In Christ,
Sue

Our Vision:

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

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- 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
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10:30am Fellowship

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