



# The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church  
March 2026

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

## Sunday Worship 9:30 am

### Sermon Themes

**Mar 1:** "Do this in remembrance of me."  
*Matthew 26:26-28*

**Mar 8:** Fast from Complaints and Give Thanks in All Circumstances, *Philippians 2:14-18*

**Mar 15:** Blessed Assurance, *Romans 8:1-17*

**Mar 22:** Breakthrough Prayer, 2  
*Chronicles 20:1-22*

**Mar 29, Palm Sunday:** Hosanna,  
*Matthew 21:1-11*

### Musical Gifts

**Mar 1:** Skylar Chrobak and JP Horcasitas

**Mar 8:** Chancel Choir and Amelia Spierer

**Mar 15:** Surprise Artists!

**Mar 22:** Another Surprise!

**Mar 29:** Chancel Choir



### Calendar Highlights

**Mar 1** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

**Mar 3** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am -- Creed

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

**Mar 5** - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am

**Mar 8** - Blood Pressure Monitoring -- 10:45 am

**Mar 10** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am -- Creed

**Mar 10** - Family Sharing Food Sort -- 1:30 pm

**Mar 11** - Reflections Book Club -- 6:00 pm

**Mar 12** - Group Bible Study (Zoom) -- 7:00 pm

**Mar 15** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

**Mar 17** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am -- Creed

**Mar 19** - Group Bible Study (Zoom) -- 7:00 pm

**Mar 22** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

**Mar 24** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am -- Creed

**Mar 24** - Fiber Arts Club -- 6:00 pm

**Mar 26** - Group Bible Study (Zoom) -- 7:00 pm

**Mar 29** - Palm Sunday

**Mar 29** - Youth Group Service Planning -- 2:00 pm

**Mar 31** - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am -- Creed

**Apr 2** - Group Bible Study (Zoom) -- 7:00 pm

**Apr 3** - Good Friday Service -- 7:00 pm

**Apr 5** - Easter Sunday

**Apr 5** - Alleluia Egg Hunt -- 10:30 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 ...

### **Alleluia Egg Hunt**

*April 5, 10:30am*

Join us as we celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. Church service begins at 9:30am followed by family fun as we search for colorful Easter eggs hidden throughout the church yard.



## Lenten Collection: 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.

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. 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.)

The last day to donate is **April 5th!** 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!

**March 10**

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, March 11, 6:00 pm*

The Reflections book group will meet Wednesday, March 11 at 6 pm at the Milwaukee Curling Club (Located at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds, W67N890 Washington Ave, Cedarburg). Our discussion book will be *The Lion*

### Roadway Clean Up

*Sunday, April 26*

Save the Date! Join Wendy and the rest of the clean up crew on Sunday, April 26. Tools are provided! Can't make the April meet up? Get the following dates in your calendar now: 6/21, 9/13, 10/25. Reach out to [Wendy](#)

*Women of Tehran*, by Marjan Kamali.

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 April discussion book will be *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, by TJ Klune.

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### **Tenorlude, A Crescendo Community Concert**

*Sunday, April 12, 3:00pm*



Save the Date! Join us for Tenorlude: Excursions with Classical Saxophone, Piano and Organ, right here at MUMC! We are thrilled to have Elna Hickson and Kevin Muse perform for our next Crescendo Community Concert. Buckle up for a thrilling classical duo that will take you on an extraordinary musical adventure.

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### **Mission Outreach Thanks You!**

Thank you to all who were able to join us for our Mission Outreach Dinner and Auction! Fun was had by all and we raised money so we can continue to support our Outreach Partners. We honored Repairers of the Breach as our Partner of the year. They are currently looking for board member, check out the Weekly blast for more info!

[Porterfield](#) if you have any questions.

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### **Fiber Arts Ministry**

*Tuesday, March 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!

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### **Lenten Bible Study**

*Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout Lent*

Our Lenten Bible Study will continue through the rest of Lent. We are working through the book *Creed - What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. There are zoom and in person time slots!

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### **JP: Live and in Concert!**

Can't get enough of our JP on Sunday mornings? He has 2 concerts this month! His solo piano recital is March 22nd, 2:00 pm at the Lion Performance Hall (1786 Wisconsin 175, Richfield, WI). He will be performing works by Granados, Chopin, Bach, Gershwin, Zyman, Piazzolla, and Ginastera. [You can purchase tickets here.](#)

Then JP will be performing with Charlie Rasmussen (Viola da Gamba) at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music (1584 N Prospect Ave, Milwaukee, WI). They will be performing works by Johann Christian Bach and Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach. [Click here for tickets.](#)

**Spring Bible Study**

Our final lunch bunch study before our summer break will be based on a video and book by Max Lucado. It is a 5 week study beginning on April 14th and ending on May 12th.

It is a 1 hour study beginning at 11:00 am in the parlor followed by an hour of fellowship and lunch. If you are interested in participating via zoom, please let Pastor Sue know.

It answers the question how to find calm in a chaotic world. To quote the author, "Life gives lemons to good people, bad people, old people, and all people. Life comes with lemons, but we do not have to suck them." It is perfect timing, I think for what's going on in the world right now. The author presents the material in a very down to earth way. This is a class for all who have a life. We all spend useless time worrying instead of asking for God's intervention and provision. The Holy Spirit is a gift from God for all of us.

If you would like more information about lunch bunch or this study, please contact [Jean Paulus](#). Lunch Bunch will resume in the fall.

## 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 3/29, 2:00 pm - Brainstorming Session for our Service - Pizza included!  
Something in April! - Youth Choice!

Sunday 5/3 - Youth Service - 8:15am - All youth going on the trip should try to participate. This is our largest fundraiser! Middle schoolers and confirmands are welcome to come help us out with the service!

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!

## SPRC Update: Pastoral Appointment

First and foremost, I want to thank Pastor Sue for leading our church for the last eight years. Her leadership has guided us through challenging times including leading our congregation through COVID. We have been blessed with her guidance and spiritual leadership through this journey.

The District Superintendent has informed us that effective July 1, Pastor Sue will have a new church appointment. That also means that MUMC will also have a new

Pastor appointment in July.

We will keep the congregation informed during this transition time.

Please keep Pastor Sue and our congregation in your prayers during this time.

Doug Burns  
Chair, SPRC

## From Pastor Sue

### Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

Kay Warren once said that she had felt cheated spiritually since there had been no observation of Lent in her faith tradition, the Southern Baptist Church. The reason she felt that way is that there are so many growth opportunities in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Grace during Lent *if we take Lenten practices seriously and put them into practice*. The Upper Room Devotion of Feb. 22 from Penny Wachira, Nairobi, Kenya articulates and explains so well what the Lenten Practices are all about:

During Lent, many Christians embark on a journey of spiritual growth and reflection, echoing Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. This sacred time invites us to deepen our relationship with God and others and prepares our hearts to remember Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. The story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness emphasizes the importance of self-control and relying on God's strength during tough times. In Matthew 6:16-18, Jesus teaches that fasting should be done humbly and without seeking praise from others. This reminds us that Lenten practices are not just outward acts but expressions of inner devotion and repentance. Lent also encourages reflection on Jesus' teachings about love for God and neighbor. Lent is an opportunity to examine our lives in light of Jesus' teachings and to seek forgiveness and renewal. Lent is a path toward spiritual growth and transformation and a deeper understanding of God's love and grace. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness, we can draw closer to God, allowing the Spirit to shape us into vessels of God's love.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

Have a blessed Lent,  
Sue

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

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