



The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church
April 2025

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Sermon Themes

Apr 6: Peter's Denial of Jesus, *Luke 22:14-34*

Apr 13: Palm Sunday - Jesus is Our King, *Mark 11:1-11*

Apr 17: Maundy Thursday - A New Command, *John 13:33-35*

Apr 18: Good Friday - The Passion of Christ: MUMC Youth & Children

Apr 20: Easter - "Listen, I will tell you a mystery!", *1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-20, 35-38, 51-58*

Apr 27: "Follow Me!", *John 21:1-19*

Musical Gifts

Apr 6: Allison Tinsley-Fuller and Skylar Chrobak

Apr 13: Chancel Choir

Apr 18: Allison Tinsley-Fuller

Apr 20: Chancel Choir

Apr 27: Praise Ensemble



Calendar Highlights

Mar 30 - Lenten Bible Study (session 3) -- 11:00 am

Mar 30 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

Apr 1 - Lenten Bible Study (session 4) -- 11:00 am

Apr 2 - Women's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:30 am

Apr 2 - Lenten Bible Study w/ Dinner! (session 4) -- 6:00 pm

Apr 3 - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am

Apr 3 - Lenten Bible Study Zoom (session 4) -- 7:00 pm

Apr 6 - Lenten Bible Study (session 4) -- 11:00 am

Apr 6 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

Apr 8 - No Lunch Bunch

Apr 9 - Reflections Book Club -- 6:00 pm

Apr 13 - Palm Sunday -- 9:30 am

Apr 13 - Blood Pressure Checks -- After Worship

Apr 15 - No Lunch Bunch

Apr 15 - Family Sharing Food Sorting -- 1:30 pm

Apr 17 - Maundy Thursday -- 7:00 pm

Apr 18 - Good Friday -- 7:00 pm

Apr 20 - Easter Sunday -- 9:30 am

Apr 20 - Alleluia Egg Hunt -- After Worship

Apr 22 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Apr 22 - Fiber Arts Club -- 6:00 pm

Apr 27 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

Apr 27 - Road Clean Up Day -- 1:00 pm

Apr 29 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

May 1 - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am

May 4 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

May 4 - Latin Vibes - Crescendo Community Concert -- 3:00 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 ...

Repairers of the Breach Lenten Mission Project



There is 1 week remaining of our Lenten Mission Project! Please continue to bring in items from the list below so we can make donations before Easter to Repairers of the Breach.

Here is what we will be collecting for them:

- New underwear for men and women – all sizes, but especially larger sizes.
- New boxer shorts for men – again larger sizes.
- New T-Shirts for men and women.
- Clean Spring clothing: Do you have things in your closet that you know you won't be wearing this year? Then, think of Repairers of the Breach. The clothing can be worn for a job interview, or just to give someone something nice to wear!
- We are also collecting, laundry soap, deodorant, and shampoo.

Look for the collection box at the head of the stairs in the Narthex. That is where you can place the clothing. There will be bins beneath the Children's Ministry table for the laundry soap, deodorant and shampoo.

Bring your donations to church from **March 9th to April 6th**. We plan to deliver everything to the Repairers in time for Easter.

If you have any questions about what to donate, be sure to contact [Marilyn Zwissler](#).



Road Cleanups

April 27

1:00 - 3:00

To celebrate Earth Day (4/22), please join us to clean up our community. Meet at Katherine Kearney Carpenter Park, 801 W Zedler Lane, in the parking lot. All supplies are provided. The cleanup generally takes less than 2 hours. Participants must be at least 11 years of age, or in 6th grade to participate. If you would like to participate, or have any questions, contact [Wendy Porterfield](#). Come lend a hand! Future road clean ups will be June 22nd, September 14th and October 26th.



Family Sharing Food Pantry

Volunteer for Food Sorting

April 15

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex! We are also collecting egg cartons for Family Sharing. There is a collection box in the narthex. We will deliver the cartons monthly to Family Sharing. Thank you!

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

Come ~ Connect ~ Grow Community

Reflections Book Club

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 pm

The Reflections book group will meet on Wednesday, April 9th beginning at 6 pm. We'll be meeting at Ann Scherzinger's home. Our discussion book will be *The Briar Club*, by Kate Quinn.

Reflections is a women's book group that meets monthly for discussion and fellowship. Contact [Barb Henneck](#) for more information about the group or the April meeting.

Alleluia Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20, following worship service

Join us as we celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. April 20. Church service begins at 9:30am followed by family fun as we search for colorful Easter eggs hidden throughout the church yard. Invite your friends and family. For more information, contact [Gayle Meyer](#).

Blood Pressure Checks

Family Promise Thank You!

Many thanks to those who served meals in March. Your food got rave reviews and was very much enjoyed. Our next week to take meals to Family Promise Portlight Shelter guests is May 17. Your help with this ministry is very much appreciated.

Youth Mission Trip

Jenna and Patrick are leading a Youth Mission Trip this year. July 5-12 we will be going to West Virginia to help the community there. This trip is open to any youth who are either 14 years old or starting 9th grade in the fall. Please let us know if you have someone interested in coming. We are trying to finalize numbers soon. Reach out to Jenna and Patrick at mequonumcyouth@gmail.com. All youth are welcome!

UMC Market Powered by iGive

Here's an easy way to donate to MUMC every time you shop online! Just log on to iGive.com, choose Mequon United Methodist Church as your recipient, and shop at nearly 1,700 retailers, from Chewy to Walmart, Kohls and Land's End— even Burpee's seeds.

A percentage of your purchase price will be donated back to MUMC. It's that simple. Just remember to log on to iGive first, and navigate to your favorite retailers through their website.

iGive is currently offering a \$5 bonus donation for those who sign up by March 31 and shop within 30 days. Use this link: www.igive.com

Sunday, April 13

Blood pressure checks are before and after Worship. Keeping your blood pressure in check is a key component to good health.

Fiber Arts Ministry!

Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 pm

Grab a kit or bring a WIP and join us! If there are any suggestions for our Fiber Arts, let [Jenna](#) know. All levels of crafters are welcome!

Crescendo Community Concert

*Saturday, May 4,
3:00 pm*



Please join us for our second Community Crescendo Concert! Mitchell Shiner Latin Vibes is a Latin Jazz band from Milwaukee, WI. Exploring the music of Cuba, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Spain and Brazil, Latin Vibes blends popular and folkloric grooves with contemporary jazz. Bringing creativity, virtuosity, and "el espíritu del Caribe."

Please invite your friends! This is a free concert for our community!



LENTEN ALL CHURCH GROWTH GROUP STUDY

THE CASE FOR EASTER: A JOURNALIST INVESTIGATES THE EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION

For just a couple more sessions, our Lenten All Church Growth Group Study will continue.

It will be a 4 week study, offered four times each session:

- Tuesday mornings at church at 11:00 am beginning March 11th.
- **NEW!** Wednesday evenings at church at 6:00 pm beginning March 12th. Soup, bread and dessert will be served at 6pm in Fellowship Hall, followed by the study in the Parlor!
- Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm via Zoom, beginning March 13th.
- Sunday morning after church beginning March 16th.

Sessions last one hour. That is only a 4 hour commitment to grow your faith and seems very little when compared with Christ's sacrifice so that all who believe in him will receive salvation and the gift of eternal life.

National Healthcare Decisions Day

Did you know that National Healthcare Decisions Day is April 16?? The Institute for Healthcare Improvement encourages all of us to develop an Advance Care Plan.

Where are you in this life journey?

Talking with important people in our life can bring us together. It can also help us to create the foundation of a care plan that is right for us—a plan that will be available when the need arises.

Who would you trust to make decisions for you if you were unable to do so in

a crisis? What conversations with that person or your support system have you had so far? The Parish Nurses would like to support our congregation with considering personal healthcare preferences and having conversations about what matters most...conversations with loved ones and healthcare teams.

We will have a survey at our next scheduled BP screening day April 13. We need you to help us identify what you need and how we can best support you.

Check out this video from [The Conversation Project here](#).

From Pastor Sue

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

The Easter season we're about to enter reminds us of our reason for the peace of God that passes all human understanding. Though everyone is sure to have trouble on earth, believers are born above can rest in God's peace no matter what.

The very first word the risen Christ gave to the frightened disciples was "Peace be with you!" He didn't mean any peace but the peace He had mentioned to His disciples at their last meal. On the night before He was crucified, Jesus said to His fearful and anxious disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

Friends, nothing in this world can compare to the peace we've received from Jesus. We're living anxious times. But our Lord wants His followers to claim and dwell in His peace, not because there are no storms in our lives, but despite the storms. We can dwell in God's peace by knowing and acknowledging His never-failing presence with us. Jesus is risen and we are Easter people. So do not be anxious about anything but let us claim God's peace in our lives day by day or moment by moment and rest in it today and tomorrow and all eternity.

He is risen!
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?

Like, follow and repost MUMC Social Media -



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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9:30am Worship Service

10:30am Fellowship

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