



The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church
April 2026

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Sermon Themes

Apr 2, Maundy Thursday: "Wash One Another's Feet," *John 13:1-17*

Apr 3, Good Friday: The Passion of Christ: A Service of Tenebrae

Apr 5, Easter Sunday: He is Risen! *John 20:1-10*

Apr 12: The Prophets, the Universe, & the Messiah, Glen Van Fossen speaking

Apr 19: Pastor Carly Kuntz speaking

Apr 26: "Just as Christ God Forgave You," *Ephesians 4:20-32*

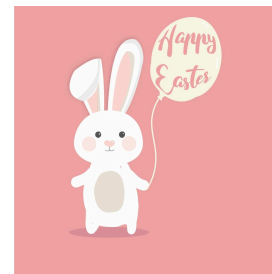
Musical Gifts

Apr 5: Chancel Choir

Apr 12: JP Horcasitas

Apr 19: Surprise Artists!

Apr 26: Linda Korducki on the Flute



Calendar Highlights

Apr 1 - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am

Apr 2 - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am

Apr 2 - Maundy Thursday Service -- 7:00 pm

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

Apr 5 - Easter Sunday

Apr 5 - Alleluia Egg Hunt -- 10:30 am

Apr 7 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Apr 8 - Reflections Book Club -- 6:00 pm

Apr 12 - Blood Pressure Monitoring -- 10:45 am

Apr 12 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

Apr 12 - Tenorlude: A Crescendo Community Concert -- 3:00 pm

Apr 14 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am -- New Study Starts!

Apr 14 - Family Sharing Food Sort -- 1:30 pm

Apr 16 - Zoom Bible Study -- 7:00 pm

Apr 19 - Youth Brunch -- 11:00 am

Apr 19 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

Apr 21 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

Apr 23 - Zoom Bible Study -- 7:00 pm

Apr 26 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am
Apr 28 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am
Apr 28 - Fiber Arts Club -- 6:00 pm

Remember!

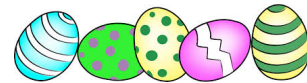
Can't make it in person? MUMC Services are livestreamed on the [MUMC YouTube channel](#) at 9:30 am every Sunday - we'd love to see you there!
You can also watch any of our services at any time on our YouTube channel.

MUMC Community Connections

To be the bridge to community connection and collaboration ...

Alleluia Egg Hunt

April 5, 10:30am



Join us as we celebrate the Risen Lord this Sunday, Easter Sunday, April 5. Church service begins at 9:30 am, followed by family fun at 10:30 am, as we search for colorful Easter eggs hidden throughout the church yard. Invite your friends and family! All are welcome!

Coffee Hour will be held in the Parlor so all can enjoy the Alleluia Egg Hunt on the front lawn.

Tenorlude: A Crescendo Community Concert

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.

Thank you! Lenten Collection: Repairers of the Breach



Thank you for supporting our Lent Mission Project for Repairers of the Breach. In his Community Partner Award acceptance message, Rev. James West, Executive Director, expressed his gratitude for the years we have supported Repairers. Everyone at Repairers is thankful for our support. The clothing, hygiene supplies, and donations are always needed, and as he shared with us, it is through love that we serve God and one another. Repairers is blessed because people are willing to give of themselves. This is what God calls us to do, and it is organizations like ours that make it possible for Repairers to help people move out of homelessness to self-sustaining lives. Thank you for your LOVE.

Just because the Lent project is over, doesn't mean we have finished our work with Repairers for the year. If you have items to donate, please bring them to church and place them in the bins downstairs across from the elevators. Be sure to label them for Repairers.

Repairers has several projects underway. If you would like to donate time or perhaps a skill, contact [Reverend James West](#)



Family Sharing Food Pantry

Volunteer for Food Sorting!

April 14

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, April 8 at 6 pm at the home of Kathy Potos (13205 Birch Creek Road, Mequon). Our discussion book will be *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, by TJ Klune. Please RSVP to [Kathy](#) 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 May dinner out will be Wednesday, May 13. We take a break during the summer months, so our next book discussion will be in September. Our September book will be *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi.

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 Porterfield](#) if you have any questions.

Fiber Arts Ministry

Tuesday, April 28, 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!

Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, April 12

Keep on top of your numbers. Stop in and see our Parish Nurses

Mission Outreach Dinner Auction Videos

[The Mission Outreach](#) page on our website has been updated with Katie Jackson's Outreach Dinner welcome, Pastor West's acceptance message and photos from the dinner. Thank you for supporting MUMC's missions!

Easter Message

Check out Bishop Schwerin's Easter message [here](#).



for a blood pressure check.

MUMC Services YouTube Channel has Songs to Sing

Check out our YouTube Channel playlist, [“Hymns To Sing With”](#), where you will find some of your favorite hymns. We are adding more hymns all the time, so be sure to visit this channel often and enjoy the music!

Other playlists on this channel include:

- Mequon UMC Music, with recordings of special music performances
- Advent and Christmas, for Christmas music and carols
- The Passion and Easter, for performances by our choirs and soloists and Easter Hymns.

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.

The season of lent brings many topics for us to reflect upon. From Ash Wednesday, human sin, Jesus suffering, His crucifixion, death and our own human mortality. As Christians we have the Easter miracle of Jesus resurrection and faith for life after death.

Adam Hamilton's book/DVD study Creed was offered for Lent. He wrote "Death is the one shared experience of all human beings. We will bury people we love. We will wrestle with our own mortality." Our human bodies have a finite life on Earth. So perhaps you have decided upon all aspects of your funeral service and have finalized all of the arrangements. But what about the time on earth when your body is not what it once was. Our bodies wear out, body systems fail, and our mental clarity fades. This reality is difficult. So now what...

Modern medicine offers LOTS of medical technology to support our human body. Is that technology what you want? If you are blessed to achieve the twilight years... how do you envision these days? Does your vision match your physical body and mental capacity?

Last year in March and April the Parish Nurses asked members

- do you have an Advanced Directive?
- have you appointed a health care agent? (legal representative to make decisions when you are not able)
- have you had a conversation with your physician regarding goals of care?

National Healthcare Decision Day is April 16, 2026. The Conversation Project is an initiative of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. They have a [robust website](#) with FREE resources.

As a gift to your loved ones...take the time to self reflect on your current health status. Are there new conditions, medical diagnosis, or personal values that need to be considered?

You can impact decisions based on your personal situation and values.
Happy Easter...He is Risen

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!

April 19, After Church - Brunch and Last Writing Session
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!

A Note from Finance

Starting with What We Have

In a Lenten devotional I read recently, Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail reflected on the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. When the disciples saw the crowd gathering, they immediately began doing the math. There were simply too many people and far too little food. Their focus was on the problem. But Jesus started somewhere else. Instead of beginning with what was missing, Jesus began with what was already present: five loaves and two fish. What seemed impossibly small to the disciples became the starting point for a miracle in the hands of God. Churches can fall into the same pattern of thinking. We sometimes begin by naming everything we lack — too few volunteers, tight budgets, or not enough people in worship. Scarcity can shape the way we see our future. But the Gospel story reminds us that God does not begin with scarcity. God begins with what we have. I once heard a pastor describe stewardship this way: imagine placing everything your church has on a table — your people, your ministries, your building, your finances, your passion for serving others. It might not look like much compared to the needs of the world. But that is exactly how the miracle of the loaves and fishes began. The miracle did not start with abundance. It started with a small offering placed into Jesus' hands. And that is often where God's work begins today as well.

This reflection was inspired by a devotional by Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail in the Sanctified Art Lenten devotional *The Good News Is... Together, the Impossible Is Possible*.

The Finance Team

From Pastor Sue

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

As we approach Easter, I believe that every Christian must ask this question, if they have not done it yet: What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to me? It is sad and heartbreaking to see that for some Christians, the resurrection of Jesus Christ has practically nothing to do with their lives, even when they walk through the valley of the shadow of death, except for a symbolic meaning or Easter dinner with their family.

Friend, what does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you who follow Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? The resurrection of Jesus means death is not the end of your life, because Christ is risen. And sufferings of the innocent and the colossal injustice and tragedies created by human greed and selfishness on this planet do not have the last word, but Christ has, because He is risen.

One of my favorite hymns is Hymn of Promise. It says,

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

May the Easter this year turn every pain in your life into joy, every darkness into light, and every despair into a Hallelujah as the Holy Spirit opens your eyes to see and feel the hope that the resurrection of Jesus Christ has given you!

In the risen Christ,
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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