



The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church
May 2025

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Sermon Themes

May 4: Youth Mission Trip Sunday

May 11: Practice Praying Continually,
Matthew 21-28

May 18: Practice Trusting in the Lord with
All Your Heart, *1 Samuel 24:1-7*

May 25: Practice Rejecting Darkness
Together, *Luke 5:17-26*

Musical Gifts

May 4: Allison Tinsley-Fuller and Saydee
Kallio

May 11: JP Horcasitas

May 18: Chancel Choir

May 25: Praise Ensemble

Calendar Highlights

May 4 - Youth Mission Trip Service -- 9:30 am

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

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

May 6 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

May 7 - Women's Prayer Breakfast -- **CANCELLED**

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 11 - Blood Pressure Checks -- 10:35 am

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

May 13 - Lunch Bunch -- 11:00 am

May 13 - Family Sharing Food Sorting -- 1:30 pm

May 14 - Reflections Book Club -- 6:00 pm

May 18 - Chancel Choir Warmup -- 8:30 am

May 20 - Lunch Bunch on Summer Break

May 25 - Blood Pressure Checks -- 10:35 am

May 25 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

May 26 - Memorial Day

May 27 - Fiber Arts Club -- **CANCELLED**

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 ...

Latin Vibes - featuring Mitchell Shiner, Joey Sanchez, and Hannah Johnson
Sunday, May 4th, 3:00pm

Join us for our second concert in the series! Mequon United Methodist Church is hosting Crescendo Community Concerts - a series of performances for those who love music - both performers and listeners! Mitchell Shiner Latin Vibes is a Latin Jazz band from Milwaukee, WI, USA that is made up of Mitchell Shiner (vibes), Joey Sanchez (bass), and Hannah Johnson (drums). Exploring the music of Cuba, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Spain, and Brazil, Latin Vibes blends popular and folkloric grooves with contemporary jazz. This trio brings creativity, virtuosity, and "el espíritu del Caribe" to life. This is a free concert for the community, invite your friends!



Parish Nurse Survey - We Need You!

Thank you to the 17 individuals that completed our survey, but we need input from all of you!! It's 5 questions, please help.



National Healthcare Decisions Day was April 16. It's an annual reminder from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, encouraging all of us to develop our personal Advance Care Plan/Advance Directive.

- Have you completed yours??
- Have you selected a proxy (person to speak for you)?
- Have you had a recent conversation with your proxy?
- [Here is a video link about selecting a proxy.](#)

The Parish Nurses and having conversations about what matters most. Surveys are in the Narthex. Place the completed survey in the **BLUE BIN**.

Family Sharing Food Pantry

Volunteer for Food Sorting!

May 13

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.



Midwest Mission Collection May 1 - June 5

We're collecting Home Care Kits, Personal Dignity Kits and most needed items for disaster victims and those in need. The donated items will be loaded into MUMC's Midwest Mission trailer and taken to Conference for Ingathering on June 6.

[Please see this PDF for goods that are needed.](#)

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

Come ~ Connect ~ Grow Community

Reflections Book Club

Wednesday, May 14, 6:00 pm

The Reflections book group will be meeting for dinner at Zarletti's Mequon (1515 W Mequon Rd) on Wednesday, May 14. We have a 6pm reservation. Please RSVP to [Barb Henneck](#) by Tuesday the 13th if you are planning to attend. No book discussion this month.

Reflections is a women's book group that meets monthly for fellowship and discussion. However, we do take the summer off. New women are always welcome. Contact Barb for more information about the group.

Looking ahead.... our September discussion book will be *The Frozen River*, by Ariel Lawhon.

Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, May 11 and 25

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

Fiber Arts Ministry!

(Will meet again in June)

We will not meet in May since it's so close to a holiday. See you in June! If there are any suggestions for our Fiber Arts, let [Jenna](#) know. All levels of crafters are welcome!

Mother's Day Photos

To honor our mothers (and the mother figures in our lives) on Mother's Day, we will be featuring

Family Promise Meals

We need cooks the week of May 19-23! These meals are very appreciated by the residents at Family Promise. Recently, Portlight has been at full capacity of 20 guests! You can either provide a full meal or a component. If you want to prepare a meal and deliver it, that's great. If you can only cook or delivery, that's fine too. Contact Pam Layton or Connie Pukaite if you'd like to help.

Family Promise Help

If cooking isn't your thing, you're in luck! Family Promise is looking for volunteers to help with garden bed preparations at both the office and Portlight Shelter. Once the fencing project is complete, they will need help with landscaping around the fences. [Sign up here!](#)

Little Library

Don't forget about borrowing a book from our Little Library! It is fully stocked with both adult and children's books! When you are done reading the book just bring it back and take another one!

The books are provided by Reflections Book Club and are changed out occasionally by its members!

“The Wisdom of our Mothers”, along with favorite photos of them, in a slide show during our service.

Most of us recall a piece of sage advice that our mother or mother figure shared with us. **Please submit yours to the office by Tuesday, May 6.**

In the past, we collected photos of moms which we used for Mother's Day slide shows. **We have these photos on file**, and can use them again this year. If you would prefer that we use a **new** photo of your mother, or if you have not submitted a photo before, please send them

to office@mequonumc.org. **The deadline for submitting new photos is Tuesday, May 6. Please include your mother's name and your name as well.**



Mission Outreach Thank You

To everyone who supported our Fortieth Anniversary Fundraiser:

As members of the Outreach Leadership team, we salute you, we honor you, and we thank you!

On February 8, 2025, we made history with the most successful event ever — not just in fund-raising, but in fun-raising! The air was electric with joy, excitement, and camaraderie for our cause: to help those in our community who are less fortunate, who struggle with food and shelter insecurities. We all pitched in to make this a success, whether we planned, organized, ate, sang, or participated in the auctions.



We at MUMC are indeed a “Small and Mighty” * group of concerned, generous people. You made it possible for us to significantly increase our support of several missions. Again, we thank you.

And we give thanks to God for helping us to discern the best way to invest our resources as we continue to connect people to Jesus Christ and each other.

*From your Outreach Leadership Team,
Katie Jackson, Susan Yorio, Jenna Burns, Marilyn Zwissler, Jim Layton, Lisa Gorski, Kim Waters, Joel Huffman*

**The Small and the Mighty by Sharon MacMahon is a book about American heroes, small but mighty, who made remarkable contributions to the lives of others — well worth your time to check it out! Ask Katie about it.*

Kid's Korner



Alleluia Egg Hunt Recap

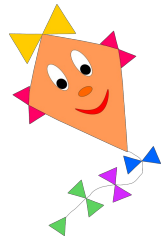
Our celebration service of the resurrection of Jesus was concluded with our annual Alleluia Egg Hunt. We shared the joy of Risen Lord with 22 children in addition to 6 youth. Thank you all.



Sunday School Ends and Summer Sunday School Starts

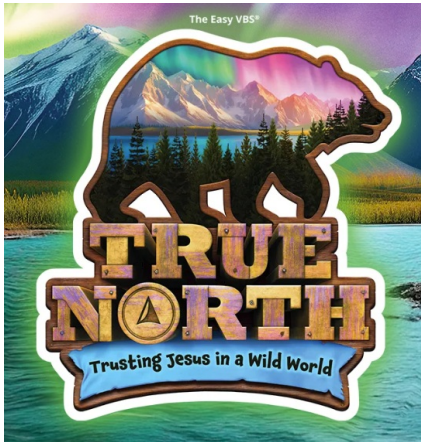
School Year Sunday School ends on Sunday, May 18. Summer Sunday School begins Sunday, June 8. The theme for this summer is "Cinema Sundays." We will be diving deep into bible stories, create scenes, film

productions with the children using puppets, Legos, blocks, and more. We will then share it on our website for all to enjoy.



Kite Flying

Watch for the date and time in June for a fun day of kite flying and rocket launching.



Vacation Bible School

True North Vacation Bible School is set for August 4-8 from 9AM-noon. We will learn that Jesus is our True North. We will have after lunch activities until 3 pm for those that want to pack a lunch and extend their day. VBS is offered to children ages 3 through 6th grade. Youth, grades 6th through 12th, are included as part of the very important leadership team.

VBS is always a highlight of the year. Come share the joy and your love of Jesus with our youngest church children.

VBS is open to all. Invite friends and family. There are invitation flyers in the Narthex. For more information email childrensmin@mequonumc.org



More Children's Ministry Information

Scan the QR code for more information

From Pastor Sue

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

I once read a story: When a group of students from Harvard came back to the

school to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their graduation, the alumni association put together a booklet with photographs of the students and their comments about where their lives had taken them over the previous 25 years. In one of those books, next to the picture of a handsome young man, were written the simple words, "Making ten million dollars before I was 40 didn't turn out to be as wonderful as I thought it was going to be."

I suspect that in that simple statement, he was trying to say that he found out that life does not consist in an abundance of possessions as Jesus had said a long ago. Friends, there's more to life than money. In fact, our life is never about stuff but relationships; relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and others: family, friends, neighbors and strangers. May we build our lives on a trusting, gracious and generous relationship with the Lord and others so that we may take hold of the life that is truly life.

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. (1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV)

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?

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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