

# SPIRE Newsletter

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June 2023

Our Mission: Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.



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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

**June 1:** 7:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast

**June 2:** 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

**June 2:** 6:00 pm - Kids' Night Out

**June 4:** 9:45 pm - Summer Sunday School Begins

**June 4:** 10:30 am - Pancake Breakfast and Plant Sale

**June 5:** 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

**June 6:** 11:00 am - Lunch Bunch Summer Break Begins

**June 7:** 7:30 am - Women's Prayer Breakfast

**June 9:** 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

**June 12:** 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

**June 16:** 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

## Support our Grads!

Graduation is a rite of passage to be celebrated. Our students have worked hard to complete their studies. Let's celebrate them all here at MUMC—with photos of all of our graduates—from grad school all the way to kindergarten! Sons and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Send the photos of your graduates to Carol Bayne at [office@mequonumc.org](mailto:office@mequonumc.org). Don't forget to include your graduate's name, and their school name. The deadline for submitting photos is Wednesday, May 31.

The photos will be shared in the insert, and during Sunday Worship on June 4.

**June 16:** 7:00 pm - Bobby Jo Valentine Live in Concert!  
**June 18:** All day - Father's Day  
**June 19:** 12:30 pm - Tai Chi  
**June 23:** 12:30 pm - Tai Chi  
**June 26:** 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting

### **SERMON SPOTLIGHT**

**June 4:** Communion Sunday: Psalm 122:1-2 "Let Us Worship God"  
**June 11:** President of Council of Bishop's message: Church's Renewal  
**June 18:** Father's Day: Mark 12:41-44 "My Two Cents"  
**June 25:** Ephesians 2:8-10 "What Can I Do for You, Lord?"

### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

**June 4:** Allison Tinsley Fuller  
**June 11:** Chancel Choir



## **Bobby Jo Valentine Free Concert**



Friday June  
16, 7:00 pm

**Join us! All are  
welcome!**

Mequon United Methodist Church is celebrating Pride Month by sharing Bobby Jo Valentine's message of love and inclusivity, focusing on cultivating a larger, kinder, more welcoming, faith for everyone.

Bobby Jo is a masterful storyteller - he's an accomplished TEDx speaker - and he weaves his stories into his award-winning music that will touch your heart and soul. Born into a Baptist church of strict lines and sharp edges, and coming out of that culture to discover who he really is, Bobby is now a believer in a larger sense, in the wild, strange, mystical nature of the world and the beauty that can be found underneath almost any tragedy. Faith has come to mean something much deeper and more generous than where he started. We are honored to present his philosophy of enlarging faith to include everyone. [Click to hear a sample of his music.](#) Check out more of his [biohere!](#)

**Looking forward to seeing you on June 16!**

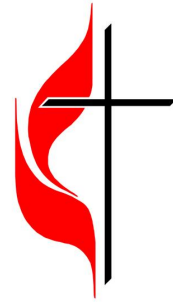
Bobby Jo's Socials



# Apportionment Appeal Campaign

Dear MUMC Family,

MUMC recently affirmed Our Vision: To be THE bridge to community connection, collaboration, and common ground through Jesus Christ. We also affirmed as Our Mission: Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another. I can't think of a better way to put those affirmations into effect than through sharing our good fortune with others in need. Funding our apportionments in full which are an investment in building the realm of God and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. Lives are changed, faith is shared, and hope is raised. By our giving, we participate in the saving of lives as well as souls.



With the funds we raise through our apportionment appeal we have been able to fulfill our ability to support over 800 ministries covering local, conference-wide, nation-wide, and globally through United Methodist giving. In Wisconsin, our apportionments fund fifteen health and welfare ministries. We fund two camps and dozens of camp programs. We help fund five campus ministries. We support ministries that fight domestic violence, racism, sexism, economic injustice, alcoholism, gambling, drug abuse, educational inequality, and bullying. We support efforts to combat hunger, homelessness, mental illness, and violence. We champion and support efforts to defend the elderly, the disabled, and challenged, the marginalized, and the oppressed. Through our apportionment giving, the state of Wisconsin is transformed in meaningful and positive ways.

We ask that you prayerfully consider responding to this year's apportionment appeal with suggested gifts of \$200 per person or \$500 per family. We know this is not possible for everyone. Some will be able to give more and that extra will be a gift on behalf of those who cannot. Please donate online under member apportionments or send a check to the church indicating 2023 Apportionment appeal.

In God's Abundant Grace and Love,  
Your Finance Team:

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## Announcements



### Sunday, June 4th

Join us Sunday, June 4th, after Worship in Fellowship Hall for a

pancake breakfast and plant sale! There will be a variety of plants available for sale including herbs, native perennials, house plants, flowers, and even veggies started by the children in our garden club! Pancakes will be available for a free

### Controlling Blood Pressure is Key!

The Parish Nurses will be checking blood pressures before and after service on June 11. BP Screenings are typically on the second Sunday of the month after worship.



will donation. Come for a tasty breakfast, grab some plants, and help our MUMC gardens grow!

If you have any perennials or plants you'd like to donate to the sale please speak to Cassie Anderson.

### **Walking, Fresh Air, Fellowship!**

Parish Nurses are sponsoring three walks

this summer to help keep you healthy in Body, Mind and Spirit. Locations are TBD, but add 4:00 pm on June 11, July 9 and August 13 to your calendar to take a walk with friends and commune with God's creation.



### **Ways to make a difference!**

MUMC welcomes people to serve as Ushers, Liturgists, Sunday School helpers, Coffee Hosts, and Volunteers on all ministry teams! Our church community grows stronger when we all share our gifts with one another. Call the [church office](#) if you need ideas and contacts!



## **News From Children's Ministry**

### **Friday Kids Night Out**

Join us Friday, June 2 from 6-8pm. We will enjoy dinner and fellowship. Invite friends and family. All are invited. We are all kids at heart. Can't make it but want to help by providing a dish? Let us know. Please RSVP to Gayle [childrensmin@mequonumc.org](mailto:childrensmin@mequonumc.org).

### **Summer Sunday School - First & Third Sundays beginning June 4!**

Back by popular demand, we will offer Summer Sunday School on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of each month. There will be child care available on the other Sundays as well as Children's bulletins for those children that will remain in the Sanctuary during the service.

## **VBS Blasting Off Soon!**

### **Join Us for Vacation Bible School! All Are Welcome!**



Get ready to blast off with an amazing outer space theme. Lift off is July 24-28 from 9am to Noon.

We will have out of this world fun while we learn to shine Jesus' light. Enjoy amazing projects, surprising adventures, creative games, incredible music, and super fun snacks while you make new friends and learn about Jesus's love.

**Invite** your friends and family to join us as we go to infinity and beyond![Download](#)



[the registration form here!!](#)

**Participate!** Our space team is looking to expand its crew. If you want to soar with us and shine your light on God's youngest astronauts, please email Gayle at [childrensmin@mequonumc.org](mailto:childrensmin@mequonumc.org)

## From the Wisconsin Conference

### Weekly Devotion for May 29, 2023, by Hee-Soo Jung

#### Prayers & Reflections

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. "All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-13).

[Click here to read the rest of Hee-Soo Jung's weekly devotional.](#)

To subscribe to the Weekly Devotion from the Wisconsin Conference, [click here](#).

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

#### How can YOU help MUMC achieve our vision? Forward this newsletter to:

- a friend or neighbor looking for community and connection
- a family whose children would love VBS or our awesome Children's Ministries
- a community member looking for service opportunities
- anyone who loves Jesus!

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10:30am Fellowship

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