



# The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church  
June 2025

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

## Sunday Worship 9:30 am

### Sermon Themes

**June 1:** Practice Forgiving Others and Yourself, *John 8:1-11*

**June 8:** Every Nation, Tribe, and Tongue, Allison Tinsley-Fuller Preaching, *Acts 2:1-21*

**June 15:** Father's Heart, *Luke 15:11-32*

**June 22:** Demons Know Him, Pastor Carly Kuntz Preaching, *Luke 8:26-39*

**June 29:** Life with the Holy Spirit, *Acts 19:1-6*

### Musical Gifts

**June 1:** Allison Tinsley-Fuller and Skylar Chrobak

**June 8:** JP Horcasitas

**June 15:** Chancel Choir

**June 22:** Praise Ensemble

**June 29:** Allison Tinsley-Fuller and JP Horcasitas



### Calendar Highlights

**June 1-** Graduate Sunday -- 9:30 am

**June 1-** Summer Sunday School Starts -- 9:45 am

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

**June 4** - Women's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:30 am

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

**June 8** - **Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red -- 9:30 am**

**June 8-** Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

**June 8** - Blood Pressure Checks -- 10:35 am

**June 8** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal -- 11:00 am

**June 15** - Father's Day

**June 15** - Chancel Choir Warmup -- 8:30 am

**June 15-** Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

**June 17** - Family Sharing Food Sorting -- 1:30 pm

**June 22-** Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

**June 23** - Ad Council Meeting -- 7:00 pm

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

**June 29** - Kyle Daugherty Baptism -- 9:30 am

**June 29-** Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

**July 2** - Women's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:30 am  
**July 3** - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am  
**July 5-12** - Youth Mission Trip to WV!

### 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 ...

### Last Week!

#### Midwest Mission Collection May 1 - June 5

In advance of the Ingathering at the District Annual Conference in Madison (June 6-7), the conference has partnered with Midwest Mission Distribution Center to collect items for **Personal Dignity Kits** and **Home Care Kits**.

Midwest Mission distributes these items locally, nationally and internationally to those in need during time of crisis.

MUMC is a collection site for Midwest Mission. Please bring your donations to the church by **June 5**.



**Home Care Kits:** Liquid household cleaner, 56-80 oz., no spray bottles; dish soap, 42-64 oz.; liquid laundry detergent, 100-150 oz.; 1 scrub brush, 1 5-gallon round bucket with resealable lid.

**Personal Dignity Kits:** 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 toothbrush, 1 bar soap, 1 shampoo, 1 deodorant, 1 lotion, 1 one-gallon resealable plastic bag, \$2 donation for toothpaste and carry bag.

**Most needed items:** Gently used wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, splints, braces, boots. Onesies and sleepers, 0-6 mos. Contractor trash bags. Reusable Day and Night Pads.

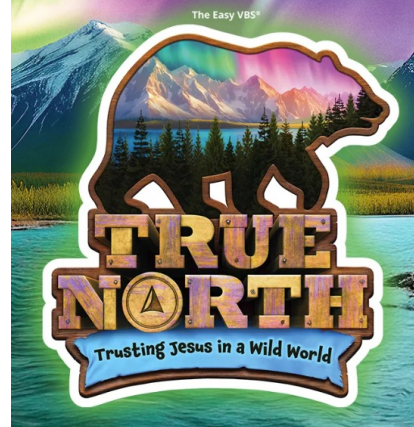
### VBS 2025: True North

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World  
**August 4-8, 9 am - Noon**

Mark your calendar now for MUMC's exciting and fun Vacation Bible School (VBS)! VBS will run Monday-Friday, August 4-8, 9 am to noon each day. VBS is always a highlight of the year. Come share the joy and your love of

Jesus with our youngest church children.

With our theme of True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World, we will learn that Jesus is our True North. Children will participate in Bible learning activities, sing songs, play games, enjoy treats, have Bible adventures, and perform science-y experiments. 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.

We need your help! Whether you love to teach, play, create, serve snacks, or just smile and offer encouragement, there is a place for you on our VBS team. We are looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in the life of a child—and it will make a difference in yours, too! VBS is open to all.

**Invite friends and family!** There are invitation flyers in the Narthex. For more information, or to volunteer, email Gayle Meyer at [childrensmin@mequonumc.org](mailto:childrensmin@mequonumc.org).



### Family Sharing Food Pantry

Volunteer for Food Sorting!

**June 17**

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.

## Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

Come ~ Connect ~ Grow Community

### Reflections Book Club

*Summer Break!*

The Reflections book group will be on summer break until September! Our September discussion book will be *The Frozen River*, by Ariel Lawhon.

Reflections is a women's book group that meets monthly for fellowship and discussion. New women are always welcome.

### Blood Pressure Checks

*Sunday, June 8*

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

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### Father's Day Photos

To honor our fathers—and the father figures in our lives—on

Contact Barb for more information about the group.

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## **Congrats Graduates!**

Congrats to Allison Tinsley-Fuller, who is receiving a BA in Music Therapy from Alverno College, her second Bachelor's!

Congrats also to Scarlett Kallio, who is graduating from fifth grade at Donges Bay Elementary School. Scarlett will attend Lakeshore Middle School this fall.

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## **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!

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## **Summer Sunday School**

*Every Sunday during Sunday Worship*

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.

Father's Day, we will feature favorite photos of them in a slideshow during our worship service. If you sent us a photo of your Dad last year, we'll use that one. But if you haven't submitted a Dad photo in the past, or would like to submit an updated one, just send it to Carol Bayne at [office@mequonumc.org](mailto:office@mequonumc.org), or text it to her cell phone at 414.491.1430. The deadline for submitting photos is Tuesday, June 10. Please include your father's name and yours.

After the worship service, the celebration continues at coffee hour, where we'll have Donuts with Dad, a yummy assortment of tasty and colorful donuts for a sweet treat as you visit with your MUMC Family. Join us in Fellowship Hall!

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## **Fiber Arts Ministry!**

*Tuesday, June 24, 6:00 pm*

We are back! Join us on the 24th and work on your current WIP! See you in June! If there are any suggestions for our Fiber Arts, let [Jenna](#) know. All levels of crafters are welcome!

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Scan this QR code for more information about our Children's Ministries!

## **A Note from the Parish Nurses**

Our team conducted a survey to identify how members/friends of MUMC have prepared for managing the end of life. We have completed gathering data. Here are some of the results from the survey.

Question 1 asked if you have an advanced directive/proxy/agent

- 27 completed the survey
- 23 have a healthcare proxy/agent/medical power of attorney
- 4 do not have an advanced directive/proxy/agent

Question 2 asked if you desired more information about advanced directives

- 16 do not desire any further information
- 8 selected “yes” they would be interested in learning more about advanced directives
- 3 did not answer this question

Question 3 offered some resources; select what would help you

- 11 have interest in other resources

The nurses will review the information received from your input and consider next steps. You are always welcome to ask us questions. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR SURVEY. June 8 the nurses will be checking Blood Pressures.

Hope to see you there, everyone is welcome.  
Sue Solverson and Lisa Gorski

## 2025 Apportionment Appeal

The following poem I feel illustrates so perfectly how our apportionment payments “Impact so many lives” locally, statewide, nationally and around the world! The poem is titled:

“THE IMPACT OF ONE LIFE” (or for our purposes, one donation)

By Roy Lessin

“When a stone is dropped into a lake, it quickly disappears from sight- but its impact leaves behind a series of ripples that broaden and reach across the water. In the same way, the impact of one life lived for Christ will leave behind an influence for good that touches the lives of many others.”

Your Apportionment monies get combined with apportionment funds from all the other Wisconsin Methodist churches as well as those across the entire United States. Those apportioned funds go towards helping so many people and organizations accomplish our church’s Mission: Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Our Pastor and our local church staff are supported by Conference Staff, whose salaries and benefits come from apportionments. Operations of our United Methodist church camps and retreat centers at Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne, are funded by apportionments. Health and welfare agencies like the Northcott Neighborhood House and UM Children’s Services in Milwaukee as well as the Harbor House, a homeless shelter in Superior, are all funded with apportionment

payments. Nationally and Internationally apportionments help support the Black College Fund and Africa University.

As you can see your “stone dropped in the lake” (your donation to apportionments) can be what MUMC’s Vision is: To be the bridge to community connection, collaboration, and common ground through Jesus Christ.

Winston Churchill said: We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give! In Galatians 6:2 Paul wrote” Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

We ask that you prayerfully consider responding to this year’s Apportionment Appeal. By funding our apportionments, we are investing 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.

You should have already received a letter indicating the ability to donate online, by indicating member apportionments, or by sending a check to the church and indicating that it is for the 2025 Apportionment Appeal.

Thanks, you for your consideration and may GOD bless you.  
MUMC Finance Team

## From Pastor Sue

### Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

Mark Twain once said, “When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.”

I suspect that all of us know what Mark Twain was trying to say. I’m so glad and grateful that we celebrate Father’s Day that gives us an opportunity to show respect and love to fathers who have supported their family with hard work and led their family through life’s challenges with wisdom, perseverance and most of all, faith in Jesus Christ. This day also gives us an opportunity to express our gratitude and love to those, though without children of their own, who like fathers have nurtured and cared for us in our lives. So, on Father’s Day this year, why don’t we write a letter to our father or father figure in our lives to express our respect, love and gratitude?

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*(Book of Blessings, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)*

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?**

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- 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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10:30am Fellowship

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