



The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church
July 2025

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Sermon Themes

July 6: The Holy Spirit Prays for Us,
Psalms 46:1-11 and Romans 8:26-27

July 13: The Holy Spirit Directs Us, *Acts*
16:6-10

July 20: The Holy Spirit Gives Life and
Bears Witness, *Romans 8:9-17*

July 27: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit,
Galatians 5:13-26

Musical Gifts

July 6: Allison Tinsley-Fuller and Skylar
Chrobak

July 13: Allison Tinsley-Fuller and JP
Horcasitas

July 20: Praise Ensemble

July 27: JP Horcasitas

Calendar Highlights

July 2 - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am

July 4 - Happy Independence Day

July 5-12 - Youth Mission Trip to WV!

July 6 - Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

July 8 - Family Sharing Food Sorting -- 1:30 pm

July 10 - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am

July 13 - Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

July 20 - Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

July 21-25 - Family Promise Meal Week

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

July 27 - Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

Aug 3 - Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

Aug 4-8 - True North VBS! -- 9:00 am

Aug 6 - Women's Prayer Meeting -- 7:30 am

Aug 7 - Men's Prayer Breakfast -- 7:00 am

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.

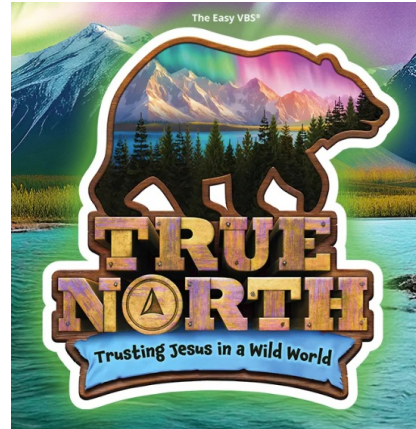
MUMC Community Connections

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

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.



Midwest Mission Collection

We would like to thank you all for your incredibly generous donations for our Midwest Mission Collection. MUMC collected approximately 9 home care kits, 14 dignity kits, and 1 box of miscellaneous dignity kit supplies. We also collected 3 walkers, 5 large boxes of 1 yd amounts of fabric, and 2 big boxes of medical supplies. Thank you all for your continued support.

The Outreach Team

Family Sharing Food Pantry



Volunteer for Food Sorting!

July 8

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex! We are no longer collecting egg cartons!

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

Come ~ Connect ~ Grow Community

Clothing Donations

We collect clothing throughout the year, that we take to Family Sharing regularly. Currently there are some slightly outdated outfits that the fabric is brand new and can be repurposed. The donor of the outfits would love if someone would repurpose them, take a look at the rack outside of fellowship hall!



Blood Pressure Checks

Resuming in the fall!

We are taking a break in July and August. Our first check back will be September 14th.

Fiber Arts Ministry!

Tuesday, July 22, 6:00 pm

Bring your most recent WIP and join us on the 22nd. 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!

Advanced Healthcare Directives and The Conversation Project

It is not possible to plan for everything. But we can talk about what is most important to us, in our life and in our health care.

Having conversations with the important people in our life can bring us closer together. It also helps to create the foundation of a care plan that's right for us — a plan that will be available when the need arises.

The Conversation Project wants us to talk about the care we wish for through the end of life. We need to make certain our wishes can be understood and respected. By sharing your personal wishes with a proxy, you can have a say in your health care — today and tomorrow.

Advance Care Planning discussions are impactful but they can feel uncomfortable. Here are some topics to consider discussing with your proxy (the person or people) you have chosen to make decisions for you when you are unable to speak for yourself.

Here are some ideas, consider what matters most to you...

- what does a good day look like for you?
- what or who supports you during difficult times?
- try finishing this sentence: What matters to me through the end of life is...

The Conversation Project has a very robust website with many resources.

<https://theconversationproject.org/>

Parish Nurses have a wide range of experience and expertise. Feel free to ask us any questions. You may also request our support through the connection cards in the Sunday Worship Bulletins.

The Parish Nurse Team

2025 Apportionment Appeal

Alternative Ways of Giving

How much do you feel called to return to God to say "thank you" for the blessings you've received? In Reviewing your finances and taxes for the year ahead, we invite you to consider the following creative options for meeting your charitable giving goals.

Your Gift	How to Make that Gift	Your Benefits
Appreciated stock, securities, or other assets	Donate stock, securities, or mutual fund shares through the Foundation at no fee	An income tax deduction and avoidance of capital gains tax. This allows you to make a larger gift than if you made it with cash.
Direct gift of up to \$108,000 from Traditional or Roth IRA	If you're 70-1/2 or older, ask your IRA administrator to make a gift directly to the church or another charity from your Traditional or Roth IRA	You can make a generous gift that is tax-free and can count for the mandatory minimum withdrawal from your IRA. It is a direct gift to charity, which means you do not pay income tax on the withdrawal. Nor does it affect your Social Security income.

Deferred Gift from an IRA or other Retirement Plan	Name the church or another charity as a beneficiary of the remaining assets after your lifetime	You'll be able to leave your less heavily taxed assets to your family and others that you love
Real Estate	Donate property to the church through the Foundation	Avoid capital gains taxes, receive an immediate charitable deduction, and possibly establish a life income trust

For ideas on how to maximize the impact of your giving contact Rev. Krystal Goodger, President, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at 608-837-9582 or email kgoodger@wumf.org.

From Pastor Sue

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

It seems to me that so much of life in the world today revolves around competition and comparison in treating human beings only as consumers of whatever it may be: who's got a higher income, a bigger house, a fancier stuff and so on. But here is the thing. Comparing yourself and what you have to others only leave you miserable or even bitter because there is always someone who has "bigger or fancier" things than yours.

As Jesus' followers, we have a different perspective and value. In Jesus, we are all branches of the same vine as he said in John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." In Jesus, we are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other without separation, division and exclusion. We are not just consumers of the grace of God but a channel of God's grace to others who don't know the LORD and His love yet.

So, in this world that encourages competition, division and exclusion, let us use our God-given strengths and gifts as ways to bless and help others who are weak and marginalized. Let's use our strengths and gifts generously to embody the heart of God in this world that hungers for kindness, grace and justice. And let's make our Heavenly Father smile as He sees what we are doing in Jesus' name. That's the pathway to the true and abundant life you have been called to live with the Holy Spirit on this planet.

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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9:30am Worship Service

10:30am Fellowship



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