



The Spire

The Newsletter of the Mequon United Methodist Church
August 2025

Connecting people to Jesus Christ and to one another.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Sermon Themes

Aug 3: Go and Do Likewise, *Luke 10:25-37*

Aug 10: VBS Sunday!

Aug 17: The Works of God Should be Revealed in Him, *John 9:1-11*

Aug 24: Until the Harvest, *Matthew 13:24-30*

Aug 31: What does the Lord Require of You?, *Micah 6:1-8*

Musical Gifts

Aug 3: Skylar Chrobak

Aug 10: Allison Tinsley-Fuller and JP Horcasitas

Aug 17: Praise Ensemble

Aug 24: Saydee Kallio

Aug 31: JP Horcasitas

Calendar Highlights

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

Aug 10 - Video Bobbie Jo: Under the Influence -- 11:00 am

Aug 12 - Family Sharing Food Sorting -- 1:30 pm

Aug 17 - Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

Aug 17 - Video Bobbie Jo: Under the Influence -- 11:00 am

Aug 24 - Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 am

Aug 26 - Fiber Arts Club -- 6:00 pm

Aug 31 - Summer Sunday School -- 9:45 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

VBS 2025: True North

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



VBS is getting closer and closer! 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. Come share the joy and your love of Jesus with our youngest church children. The theme this year is True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World, where we will learn that Jesus is our True North.

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 open to all! Invite the children in your life, neighbors, sports teams, etc. Grab some flyers in the Narthex to put in paper boxes!

We need your help too! 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! We are also looking for financial support.

It's not too late to join the fun and follow our True North...Jesus. Reach out to Gayle at childrensmin@mequonumc.org.



Family Sharing Food Pantry

Volunteer for Food Sorting!

August 12

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

Fiber Arts Ministry!

Tuesday, July 22, 6:00 pm

Blood Pressure Checks

Resuming in the fall!

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!

Bobbi Jo: Under the Influence

Sunday, August 10 or 17, 11:00 am

One of the most inspirational stories you will ever hear. For 25 years, Bobbi Jo Reed has rescued thousands of addicts. But before she could help others, she needed to help herself. This true-life story takes an honest look into the world of alcoholism and addiction and provides keys to long term recovery in Kansas City's most dangerous neighborhood. Join us to watch this life-transforming story.

Noisy Collection

God's children are all around us, and waiting for us to go beyond the walls of our church. As part of their VBS fundraising project, our MUMC Children are collecting coins during VBS week, for Operation Kids to Kids to support children in Ghana.

The Noisy Collection will continue through VBS Sunday. SO empty your piggy banks, pockets and coin purses and give generously to our Noisy Collection! Quiet donations (bills or checks) are also allowed!

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

Family Promise Thank You

Many thanks to those who provided or served meals for residents of the Portlight Shelter during our last Family Promise week. Your help with this important ministry is much appreciated.

We are always looking for more MUMC families to help with this worthwhile ministry. You needn't prepare an entire meal - if you can offer a salad, side dish or dessert, it would be appreciated! Our next Family Promise week is September 22-26. Please let Pam Layton know if you are willing to help.

Family Promise Request

Man The Portlight Shelter is also in need of the following items for residents:

- Gift cards - Walmart, Amazon, grocery stores, Dollar Tree, & fast food
- Women's deodorant
- Women's disposable razors (3 blade)
- Pizza cutters
- Men's shampoo/body wash
- Laundry detergent pods
- Plastic shower curtain liners
- toilet paper

2025 Mission Trip Recap

July 5-12 the MUMC Youth travelled to West Virginia to help the community of East Bank. We were part of a group of 300 campers that travelled from 16 different

churches across the country. We worked at 29 different sites and completed 100% of our projects for the week. All together we completed 8310 hours of service. This trip would not have been possible without all of you, thank you for all of your support! Here's how each of us saw God at work during our trip.

Brinya

This mission trip was a once in a lifetime experience and I loved every part of it- even the extreme heat and the early wake up calls. Being able to see how others live and being able to assist them in their housing needs, helped everyone involved. The residents got their home repaired and I got to serve others through God's love and will. I saw God moving in many ways during this week but the one that sticks out the most to me is when I felt the Holy Spirit take over me and give me the right words to say in order to benefit a struggling friend. I will forever be grateful for this trip and everyone involved.



Elysia

Thank you so much for supporting our group so then we could go to East Bank, West Virginia for our mission trip! I had such an amazing time while on our trip. With the help of my crew I was able to build a porch and paint the front door for a homeowner in need. I really love the experience that the project gave me. I am also really thankful for the friendships that I made while on this trip.



Thank you so much for helping me have this wonderful experience!

Naomi

This mission trip really opened up something in my heart. This was my second mission trip ever but my first time working on someone's home and own space. It all felt really personal and just being able to help a child of God in need was such a blessing. It was a beautiful experience that I truly loved. I saw God in so many ways on this trip and one way I saw Him was when we didn't have the right supplies to work on our tenants house, her brother brought us a power washer and a 40 foot ladder. It was a real God sighting because it reminded me and my group that God will always provide in every circumstance.



Saydee

I feel so blessed that I had the opportunity of going on this trip. It was so exciting going somewhere I had never been before, but the real treasure of this trip were the friends I made and

the memories I now have. I loved becoming closer with my friends from home, and I really enjoyed meeting people from all over the country (and Canada). My crew worked so hard but it hardly felt like work because we just had so much fun laughing and admiring my amazing DJ skills. I think my favorite parts were our devotions after the evening programs. I truly saw God working this week through all of our hard work and connections made. I know we made a difference in the community. Thank you to all of you who helped to make this trip possible; I truly will never forget this incredible experience.



Alex

I have always loved going on these trips and they will always be a highlight of summer. My favorite part was spending so much time with my sister and I'm thankful she put together the trip for us all. I am glad I got to connect with the youth and see them grow in their faith.



Devin

This was my 6th mission trip. I was on a single crew painting and installing a drop ceiling. We finished up on Wednesday. Then got sent to a different site with a different crew who was struggling to build a 2nd story deck. I had a good time on this trip. Also had very great youth directors Jenna and Patrick. I saw God at work through all the kids there that might not know what they are doing but they sure try to help. Over all a great trip. Again a huge thank you to Patrick and Jenna for being the best youth directors



Jenna

These trips have truly shaped my belief system. Every trip provides a small glimpse into other people's lives. Whether that's the people you work with, the people you help, or the people you travel with. I have grown so much in my faith on each trip I've been on, and for that I am grateful. This trip specifically, it was so amazing to watch each of these youth work, grow, and truly enjoy the work we did. I loved getting to hear their beliefs and have discussions on our faith. It was inspiring to see God work through them this week.



Patrick

Every time I get the opportunity to go on one of

these trips it recharges my faith meter. Getting the opportunity to help our group see a part of the world they have not had the opportunity to see before all while helping a community in need is the ultimate reward. I see god in each and every one of them each day they woke up to eat a subpar breakfast after spending the night on a classroom floor with a air mattress only to go out in 95 degree heat to help some people in need. My favorite bible quote is James 2:14-17. **14** What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? **15** If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, **16** and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? **17** Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.



From Pastor Sue

Connecting with Jesus Christ and One Another

We named one ministry we are doing here at Mequon United Methodist Church on each Sunday for 52 Sundays from June 30, 2024 to June 22, 2025.

Here are the 52 ministries we named to celebrate:

1. Noisy Collection for Operation Kids to Kids
2. Family Promise
3. Prayer Ministry
4. Parish Nurse
5. Meals on Wheels
6. Music Ministry
7. Community Gardens
8. Food Pantry Sorting Service
9. Coffee Fellowship
10. Marsh Meadow
11. Youth Ministry
12. Children's Sunday School
13. Youth Sunday School
14. Bread Sunday
15. Lunch Bunch: Weekly Growth Group Study
16. Family Sharing
17. Support United Methodist Committee On Relief: UMCOR
18. Advent Study
19. Community Concert
20. Fiber Arts
21. Midwest Mission
22. Giving Tree: Pathfinders
23. Thanksgiving Food Collection
24. Transforming Church Insight: TCI review
25. Youth Mission Trip
26. Ushers for Sunday Worship
27. Liturgist for Sunday Worship

28. Human Relations Day
29. Annual Auction
30. Ministry through Apportionment
31. Old Plank Farm
32. Children's Sunday Celebration
33. UMCOR Sunday
34. Lent Study
35. Men's Monthly Prayer Meeting
36. Ash Wednesday
37. Repairer of the Breach
38. Maundy Thursday
39. Good Friday
40. Easter Egg Hunt
41. Interfaith Ministry
42. Native American Sunday
43. Community Concert
44. Trustees in Ministry
45. Mother's Day Flower Dedication
46. Church Facebook/Social Media
47. Volunteers to church
48. Vacation Bible Study: VBS
49. Father Day Celebration
50. Apportionment in UMC Connectional Ministry
51. Women's Monthly Prayer Meeting
52. Communion Stewards

Your faithfulness in doing all the ministries is simply amazing. Thank you for your faithfulness to connect people to Jesus Christ and one another in all seasons!

*His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant!
You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.
Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:21)*

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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