

SPIRE Newsletter



September 2023

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

SUNDAY
BACK TO SCHOOL



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SERMON SPOTLIGHT

Sep 3: Deuteronomy 34:1-8

"His eyes were not weak nor his strength gone."

Sep 10: Galatians 1:13-24

A Freedom Story in Christ

Sep 17: Galatians 2:11-21

Free to Oppose

Sep 24: Galatians 3:13-14 & 23-27

Receiving God's Life

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sep 1: 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

Sep 4: 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

Sep 6: 7:30 am -

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Sep 7: 7:30 am -

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sep 8: 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

Sep 10: BP Checks b4 Worship

Sep 10: Rally Sunday!

Sep 10: 10:45 am - BP Checks

Sep 11: 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

Sep 12: 11 am - Lunch Bunch

Sep 13: 6 pm - Confirmation Orient.

Sep 15: 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

Sep 17: 3 pm - Pet Blessing

Sep 18: 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

Sep 19: 11 am - Lunch Bunch

Sep 22: 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

Sep 25: 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

Sep 25: 7 pm - Church Council Mtg

Sep 26: 11 am - Lunch Bunch

Sep 26: 6 pm - Fiber Arts Minidtry

Sep 29: 12:30 pm - Tai Chi

Oct 1: 11:00 am Kids Picnic Out

Rally Back to Church (& Sunday School!) Day

Sunday, September 10
10:45 am - 1:00 pm

Come together with friends, family and neighbors for an unforgettable potluck filled with food (of course!), games, laughter, connections and FUN!



You're encouraged to bring your special pot-luck dish to share however if you don't have one, just come! Methodist = always plenty of food!

[Click here to sign up for the Rally Day potluck!](#)

Announcements



Concordia Research Study Seeks Volunteers 60+

Concordia University is launching a research study on fall risks for those 60+. They hope to learn if frequent falls are linked to the onset of dementia or if falls are the results of dementia; identify other conditions that trigger falls; and how to predict and prevent falls.

They need volunteers over 60, who can walk at least 50 feet, are free of orthopedic injury within the past 6 months and have had no heart problems within the past 3 months. The researchers want a wide range of volunteers who live a variety of lifestyles to participate in the study. ([see flyer here](#) or use the QR code above)

Susan Solverson, chair of MUMC Parish Nurses, encourages MUMC members who meet the criteria to volunteer. In addition to furthering

Blood Pressure checks resume!

The Parish Nurses will resume blood pressure checks before and after service on

September 10th. And then will continue on the second Sunday each month.



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. Contact the [church office](#) to serve!

Lunch Bunch!



understanding about the aging process and how to prevent falls, this is an opportunity for MUMC to make community connections in keeping with our Transforming Church goals.

Questions? Call Susan or contact Concordia!

MUMC is looking for a Part-Time Pianist/Organist!

Ana Fau has resigned her position as she has relocated to Argentina. If you or someone you know would be interested in supporting MUMC with their musical talents, [please forward this brief job description here!](#) They can also reach out to office@mequonumc.org for more info or to apply!

Calling all Horticulturists!* Marsh Meadow Workdays! Saturday, October 7 Saturday, November 4 9 am - Noon

We will be removing buckthorn - arch-nemesis of the Marsh Meadow! Please bring leather gloves and loppers. Water and snacks will be provided - *it wouldn't be a Methodist event without snacks!* Questions? Call Linda "Marsh Lady" Mordy at 262-242-8091.

**Not really - you don't need to be an expert to help cull the buckthorn!*

Sunday School!

We will be holding Sunday School each Sunday, after Children's Time (aka Whiskers!). The first Sunday of every month is Communion Sunday and Sunday School will be shortened so the children can join their families for Communion. The nursery and Wiggly Room will be available too!

Lunch Bunch will resume on **September 12th**. See you then!



Fiber Arts Ministry
Tuesday,
September 26th
6 pm
in the Parlor
(with Colonel Mustard and a knitting needle!).

Can't make it? No worries, catch us again next month. If you would like to receive reminders and tips from the Fiber Arts Ministry, [click here](#).

Confirmation Classes **September 13 6:00 pm**

Confirmation 2023-24 classes will begin in September for those who are eligible to be confirmed in May 2024. The MUMC Confirmation Study will:

- Help confirmands explore the foundations of our faith as they compare and contrast Christianity's main beliefs to other world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam
- Teach who they are in Christ and what following Jesus means by utilizing, [3 Big Questions That Change Every Teenager](#), by Kara Powell and Brad Griffin

MUMC Confirmation is for 8th graders and older. Questions? Contact Pastor Sue at pastor@mequonumc.org

Kids Night Out - Ch-ch-ch-Changes!

Kids Night Out will change to a monthly picnic on the first Sunday of the month from 11 am - 1 pm. Pack a picnic lunch and join us for adventures and fun! We will provide a refrigerator (if needed), beverages and dessert. The first picnic is Sunday, October 1 at 11:00 am!



Children's Ministry News!

Click the icon to the left to see all the important news and dates from Children's Ministry! Here are just a few of the exciting events we have planned!

- Fall Fest - Friday, October 27
- Children's Christmas Pageant - Sunday, December 10

Save the Dates - All Church Bible Study *Because of Bethlehem*

Join us for a 4-week, all-church Bible study! ***Because of Bethlehem*** by Max Lucado will be offered 3 times each week so everyone can attend at the times best for them!

- Beginning Sunday, October 22nd after church at 10:45 am. Childcare will be provided. [Register for Sunday, 10/22 here.](#)
- Beginning Tuesday, October 24th at 11:00 am (lunch bunch). Lunch will be served at noon. [Register for Tuesday, 10/24 here.](#)
- Beginning Thursday October 26th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. [Register for Thursday, 10/26 here.](#)

Have friends or neighbors who would like to join us? Please forward this email and ask them to register with the links above!

Per Max Lucado, "Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. The child in the cradle becomes the King on the cross. Because of Bethlehem, we have a Savior in heaven. These are the heart-shaping promises of Christmas. Long after the guests have gone home. And the lights have come down, these promises endure."

Our goal as a church is for each of us to continue to grow spiritually. The two all-church Bible studies we have each year enable you to stop and reflect on the fact that the God of the universe came to be near you in all seasons of your life.

Getting to Know ... Your Church Committees! The Marketing Team

This is the second in our monthly series on how "church works" by highlighting our church committees, their purpose, members, and the excellent work they do!

The Marketing Team and its responsibilities are an outgrowth of our TCI work as a church. Our work includes developing our digital and print communications (bulletin, Spire, brochures, etc.); managing our social media presence; and planning and marketing events to connect MUMC to the community, thus supporting the MUMC Vision - To be THE bridge to community connection, collaboration and common ground through Jesus Christ.



Recently, we marketed the Billy Jo Valentine Concert (we learned a lot about social media advertising!), and developed new physical marketing materials including business cards, stickers, bulletin, postcards, letterhead and the Welcome brochure.

We are currently working on streamlining and standardizing our communication platforms and tools, refining/improving our communication sites/materials (always a work in process!) and drafting policies/procedures for marketing efforts and use of public postings.

[Click here to meet the Marketing Team!](#)

Of course, if you have suggestions, questions or would like to join us, reach out to any Marketing Team member!

A Note From Our Pastor

My husband Chris and I visited Israel in 2017. The garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives was one of the places we appreciated the most. We were emotionally and spiritually touched by being there in person as we stood at the very site of a great spiritual battle that our Lord faced on the night before His arrest. The story of Jesus pleading with His Father is extremely meaningful to His followers because His humanity is so evident. We can see that Jesus, the God-man, experienced fear, anxiety, and dread as He prayed. He responded to his imminent cross with feelings we are able to relate to and understand. Our Lord experienced the world as we do. And he won the great spiritual battle on His knees at Gethsemane. He prayed until His will was fully surrendered to the Father. Jesus left the garden as a prisoner, but at the same time He walked out the garden as the victorious Savior even before the resurrection because He had surrendered to God's will and left all consequences in God's almighty hands. May we win our battles on our knees as well as we follow our Lord's example day by day.

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who has been tempted in every way,
just as we are—yet he did not sin.
Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
(Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV)*

In Christ,
Sue Lee

Wisconsin Conference Devotions

Weekly Devotion for August 28, 2023, by Scott Carlson

Called

When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' and Moses said, 'Here I am.' Exodus 3:5).

Have you ever wondered who was going to solve a problem that was so obvious to you? I think when we see a problem before us, a challenge before us, and we feel a burning that this challenge has to be addressed, somehow! I believe this is the seed that God uses to tap us on the shoulder. This tap is the calling that God gives to us.

[Click here to read the rest of Scott Carlson'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?

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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1pm / Closed Fridays

Sunday Schedule:
9:30am Worship Service
10:30am Fellowship

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