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Messenger

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY OF FAITH IN MEDFORD AND RIB LAKE WISCONSIN

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Attendance Numbers

Date	Rib Lake	Medford
11/27	11	32
12/4	16	34
12/11	9	48
12/18	14	65
12/24	21	31
12/25	13	15

WINTER LIFE GROUP

"The Triumph of Christianity"



Begins Thursday, January 12
9:00 a.m. - Medford UMC
6-week Study

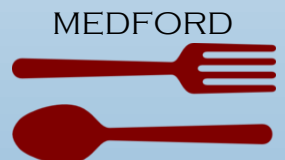
No Books!
No Homework!
Come with a learning heart!



Life Groups: we talk about God, Faith, and Life.
We are *learning together*.



Love. Grow. Serve.



MEDFORD
POTLUCK LUNCH
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE | JANUARY 29

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."
--Ecclesiastes 3:1

What does this verse mean to you?

Early in my ministry, I would tell the people that we would never close church. However, over the years, I have learned that there are times when we do need to close church. We are experiencing a very snowy and cold period. As I write this, we are under a winter storm warning, and tomorrow we will be under a blizzard warning. If this were a Sunday, we would probably close church, for we would not want people's lives in danger. God would not want us to put people's lives in danger. So you see, when the verse says everything, God means everything. There is even a time when we should close church.

There is a time for everything--joy or concern, happiness or sadness, study or leisure, etc. We should not judge others on their behaviors, for maybe it is the time for that behavior. It is up to God to judge that behavior. What we should do is, like Jesus, be available to anyone in need. When we see a need, we should do our very best to meet that need. Jesus did not judge, he helped whenever possible. That is what we should do, as well.

We are in the new year. A new year is often a time for a fresh start. Let us make a fresh start with God. Let us reaffirm our commitment to God and to the life of Jesus Christ, our model for living. Let us do our best to live that life in the world we live. Let us be the best disciple we can be in the here and now.

We are in the cold period of life. Let us keep warm with Jesus in our hearts and in our lives.

God's blessings and a happy new year,

Pastor John

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 12 noon



If anyone contacts you through texts or emails claiming to be Pastor John and they ask you to send money or buy gift cards of any kind, PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THEIR REQUEST. IT IS A SCAM.

For some time now these types of scams have become more prevalent and more sophisticated in their making the request look real. Most times the request states that Pastor is visiting someone in the hospital and the person needs a gift card to help them buy things during their stay. AGAIN, THIS IS A SCAM. DO NOT SEND ANYONE MONEY OR GIFT CARDS THROUGH TEXT OR EMAIL. Please contact Crystal if you have any questions.

MEDFORD and RIB LAKE EVENTS of JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Epiphany Sunday (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	2	3 (M) 6:00 pm Lay Servants / Worship Team	4	5	6 Office closed	7
8 Baptism of the Lord Holy Communion (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	9 Office closed	10 (M) 6:00 pm SPRC	11 (M) Keenagers (M) 5:00 pm Confirmation	12 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group</u> : "The Triumph of Christianity"	13 Office closed	14
15 2nd Sunday after The Epiphany (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	16 Office closed	17 (M) 6:30 pm SALT	18 (R) 9:00 am Food Pantry (R) 2:00 pm Ad. Council (R) 4:00 pm Food Pantry (R) 5:00 pm Confirmation (M) 6:00 pm Choir Practice	19 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group</u> : "The Triumph of Christianity"	20 Office closed February Newsletter Pictures and Articles Due	21
22 3rd Sunday after The Epiphany (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	23 Office closed	24 (M) 6:00 pm Building Maintenance Team	25 (M) 5:00 pm Confirmation (M) 5:00 pm Sticker Day (M) 6:00 pm Choir Practice	26 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group</u> : "The Triumph of Christianity"	27 Office closed	28
29 4th Sunday after The Epiphany (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) Potluck following service (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	30 Office closed	31	1	2 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group</u> : "The Triumph of Christianity"	3 Office closed	4
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The Event Calendar is subject to change. Watch the weekly announcements for updates.

PEOPLE SERVING, LEADING, PRAYING, LISTENING, & CELEBRATING

Weekly Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

January 1 (M) Craig Butor / James Zajicek
 January 8 (M) Steve & Eunice Mayer
 January 15 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 January 22 (M) Ron & Sandy Breth
 January 29 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

January 1 (M) Bill Breneman (R) Deb Polacek
 January 8 (M) Eunice Mayer (R) Dorathy Nelson
 January 15 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut (R) Deb Lind
 January 22 (M) Sandy Breth (R) Karon Dallmann
 January 29 (M) Jean Nuernberger (R) Carol Punzel

Slideshow

January 1 (M) Carrie Bengtson
 January 8 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut
 January 15 (M) Brenda Bengtson
 January 22 (M) Crystal Ludwig
 January 29 (M) Jordan Ludwig

Coffee Fellowship (sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall)

January 1 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 January 8 (M) Shane & Crystal Ludwig
 January 15 (M) Alice Johnson
 January 22 (M) Ron & Sandy Breth
 January 29 (M) POTLUCK

****You are responsible for finding a replacement if you are unavailable on your day.**

*****Please call or email Crystal or the office with any changes so the newsletter and slides are current, and so the correct people receive the worship info each week.**

Crystal: connection@medfordchargeumc.com
 715-965-4006

Office: mcumc@medfordchargeumc.com
 715-748-2165



Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia this year!

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns:

Chyrel Houston; Marge Blair; Jean Romang; Barb Schief; Howard & Judy Troyk; Brenda Clark; Craig Butor; Dennis Lind; Hal Swenson; Krist Punzel; Don & Donna Hoefflerle; Tom Curran; Dennis Jones; Jerry Hubbard

Mission/Missionary/Community:

"Beds From Christ" volunteers and recipients; the Medford Charge as we reach out to our communities; government leaders

Others:

Pastor John Hazen; Bishop Jung and the Cabinet; DS Tsuker Yang

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 4 (M) Patricia Zittlow
 Jan 5 (M) Marge Blair
 Jan 7 (M) Stanton Braun
 Jan 10 (M) Stephen Van Wylen
 Jan 12 (R) Robert Lueck
 Jan 13 (M) Holly Butler
 Jan 14 (M) Astrid Kjesbo
 Jan 15 (R) Bill Nelson
 (R) Val Polacek-Uber
 Jan 22 (M) Jill Pickreign
 (M) Shirley Werner
 Jan 26 (R) Donna Hoefflerle



****Please submit corrections or additions to the church office by calling 715-748-2165 or emailing mcumc@medfordchargeumc.com**

COMMITTEE NEWS WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Rib Lake

Ad. Council: *Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2:00pm

Food Pantry: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 9:00-11:00am, 4-5pm Contact: Karon Dallmann 715-427-3563

Worship Team: *Next Meeting: TBD

Medford

SALT Board: Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm. *Next Meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 6:30pm

Afternoon Circle: Meetings 1st Wednesday of each month, 1:30pm, Fellowship Hall. Open to all women.

****Looking for a volunteer to restart this program**

ALIVE Youth Group: Contact: 715-748-2165 ****Looking for a volunteer to restart this program**

Beds From Christ: Contact: Jean F.

Building Maintenance Team: Meet the 4th Tuesday of every other month, 6:00pm. Contact: John D. 715-748-5765

***Next Meeting will be January 24**

Church Directory: Contact a SALT member

Community/Church Event Team: Contact: Shane L. 715-678-5052

*****Congregational Care Ministry Team:** works with the pastor to provide support and care of our members and those that attend Medford UMC ***Currently looking for a Team Leader**

*****Discipleship Ministry Team:** coordinates educational opportunities for our congregation and community, including Life Groups, SonShine Kids, VBS, and other learning events. ***Currently looking for a Team Leader**

Finance Department: Contact: Kristi D. 715-748-5765, or SALT for over-budget planning requests.

Food Donations: Non-perishables, egg cartons, clean bread bags. Put in basket/box under table in lobby.
Thank you. Contact: Glatha S. 715-748-3355

Keenagers: Meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month; open to all 50 years and older.

***Next meeting: Wednesday, January 11.**

Lay Servants: Meet monthly with Pastor to plan faith development opportunities Contact: Jean N. 715-965-4403

***Next Meeting: January 6, 6:00pm**

Leadership Development: Contact a SALT member

Library: Contact a SALT member

Life Groups: Next Study: "The Triumph of Christianity" **begins Thursday, January 12 at 9:00am**

Contact: Pastor John 715-748-2165

Membership: For Membership Records: Contact: Eunice M. 715-748-3835.

Memorial: Contact: Mary Lou C. 715-748-2154

SonShine Kids: children's ministry program for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade, meets from 9:15-10:15am
Contact: Eunice M. 715-748-3835

Worship Ministry Team: plans and coordinates Sunday services. Contact: Nancy J. 715-748-0329

****Next Meeting January 3, 6:00pm**

CHURCH EVENTS



Keenagers

We had a great time at our December activity. We started out with lunch at Medford Cafe. We then went to the church and Kelley organized a Christmas Bingo game, then dessert and finally a white elephant gift exchange. Steve Mayer and Marge Blair led a song called "There Was a Bear". A ton of fun was had by everyone. -Sue Breneman

Keenagers meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and is open to everyone 50 and older.



RLUMC held their annual Cookie and Craft Sale on Saturday, December 10. It was a huge success and is such a great community event.



RIB LAKE CHURCH NEWS

RIB LAKE UMC QTRLY FINANCE REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

	<u>3RD QTR.</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Beg. Bal. 7/1/2022	\$ 8,675.35	\$ 6,547.49
3RD QTR. Receipts	\$ 10,560.00	\$ 35,793.54
	\$ 19,235.35	\$ 42,341.03
3RDQTR. Disbursements	\$ 9,893.53	\$ 32,999.21
End Bal. 9/30/22	\$ 9,341.82	\$ 9,341.82
Designated Funds held in checking for Food Pantry	\$ 6,193.87	
Total available for Operations	\$ 3,147.95	
Apportionments due for 2022	\$ 5,520.00	
Apportionments paid for 2022	\$ 175.00	
Balance remaining to pay:	\$ 5,345.00	

2023 Quarterly Missions

1st Quarter -
Beds from Christ

2nd Quarter -
Never Forgotten
Honor Flight

3rd Quarter -
Stepping Stones

4th Quarter -
Northwoods Veterans
Homestead

Altar Support:

Rib Lake UMC is looking for volunteers, on a monthly basis, to provide fresh flowers for the altar. Interested?

Please contact Dorathy for more detailed information:

715-427-5662,
715-897-3541, or email
duf@newnorth.net

Sticker Day

Sticker Day is the monthly event when people get together to help prepare the newsletter for mailing. It is our goal to set up a group of volunteers that would be scheduled on a rotational basis. Volunteers from Medford and Rib Lake UMCs are encouraged to participate. Training will be provided.

For more information, please contact Crystal at 715-965-4006.



During 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

First Quarter Mission



Beds from Christ

Beds From Christ's mission is to provide beds for individuals and families in the Taylor County area. This is a mission of Medford United Methodist Church.

The Rib Lake Community Food pantry is graciously accepting donations.

Here are some examples of items that will help:

Hamburger Helper	Instant Oatmeal
Chicken Helper	Instant Cream of Wheat
Tuna Helper	Kleenex
Ketchup	Paper Towels
Cooking Oil	Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Canned Ravioli	Laundry Soap
Homestyle Meals	Dryer Sheets

MEDFORD CHURCH NEWS

Our Mission: To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision: By the grace of God we reach out to all those who need hope, comfort, support, and the love of Jesus Christ.

~~~~~Notes from the December SALT board meeting~~~~~

- Restarting more activities, events, and creating new ones are being discussed. Bring any ideas or suggestions you have to the board members.
- One additional Board member and Discipleship Ministry Team Leader is needed. Contact Pastor John or Eunice Mayer for either of these positions.
- In order to meet our budget, \$6500 are needed each month.
- Always remember the Reason for the Season. **John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."**
- More volunteers are needed for Sundays: Greeters, Readers, and Coffee Fellowship Hosts. **Make 2023 a great year!**

Thank you: Gwen and Dean for your service on the SALT Board.

Current SALT members are:

|                 |                              |                                                                        |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bill Breneman   | 715-775-1442                 | <a href="mailto:wkbreneman@gmail.com">wkbreneman@gmail.com</a>         |
| Stan Schmidt    | 715-748-6042                 | <a href="mailto:craftsandfishing@tds.net">craftsandfishing@tds.net</a> |
| Dennis Jones    | 715-748-0329 or 920-287-1718 | <a href="mailto:jonesnancy157@gmail.com">jonesnancy157@gmail.com</a>   |
| Kelley Isola    | 715-965-3011                 | <a href="mailto:kisola1962@gmail.com">kisola1962@gmail.com</a>         |
| Brenda Bengtson | 715-785-7480                 | <a href="mailto:bengtson7230@yahoo.com">bengtson7230@yahoo.com</a>     |
| Steve Mayer     | 715-482-1313                 | <a href="mailto:seamayer@tds.net">seamayer@tds.net</a>                 |
| TBD             | Your Name Here?              |                                                                        |



# MEDFORD FINANCES

## Medford UMC Finance Report - November

### Checking Account:

|                             | <u>Month</u>     | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |          |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Beginning Balance 11/1/2022 | \$1,633.44       | \$8,335.80          | 1/1/2022 |
| November Receipts           | <u>11,790.38</u> | <u>124,769.78</u>   |          |
|                             | 13,423.82        | 133,105.58          |          |
| November Checks             | <u>12,545.51</u> | <u>132,227.27</u>   |          |
| Balance 11/30/2022          | \$878.31         | \$878.31            |          |

### Designated funds held in checking at 11/30/2022

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Betty Jensen Flower Fund | 246.20        |
| Beds From Christ         | 511.08        |
| Missions                 | 112.00        |
| Apportionments           | 50.00         |
| Book Sales               | <u>45.69</u>  |
| Total                    | <u>964.97</u> |

Checking account balance as of 11/01/2022

\$878.31

Designated funds held in checking

964.97

Total available to spend in checking:

(\$86.66)

Apportionments due for 2022:

\$13,020.00

Apportionments paid YTD

1,715.69

Apportionments paid in November

1,715.69

1,715.69

Balance remaining to pay:

\$11,304.31

\*Paid \$0 toward apportionments this month (\$50 designated will be added to December payment). \$1,085 per month would meet 2022 apportionments. Directed by the SALT Board to pay designated amounts and on 10/29/2022, authorized the withdrawal of \$3,500 from the Foundation Flower Fund to be used for apportionments to meet the goal of paying at least \$5,000 by the end of the year. The request was mailed and Foundation dollars will be available in December to make that payment.

Medford UMC



**Sunshine Kids**

Kindergarten - 6th grade

Sunday Mornings 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

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**Rib Lake UMC, Sunday Worship at 9:00am**

1300 Church Street

Rib Lake, WI 54470

Phone 715-427-3670

**Medford UMC, Sunday Worship at 10:30am**

287 E Allman Street

Medford, WI 54451

Phone 715-748-2165

**John Hazen, Pastor** 715-748-0477

**Crystal Ludwig, Connectional Ministry Coordinator** 715-965-4006

**Diane Pernsteiner, Charge Treasurer / Office Manager**

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**January 2023**



**The mission of Rib Lake UMC is to  
help all people to know and grow  
in Jesus.**

Our vision is to build a church  
family by providing opportunities  
to worship God, connect with  
others, and serve the community.



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