



February 2023

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
1/1	11	28
1/8	12	49
1/15	12	58
1/22	14	35

Special Services

Lenten Services

Wednesday Nights at 6:15 pm
Soup & Sandwich Supper at 5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday - Medford UMC

March 1 - Rib Lake UMC

March 8 - Medford UMC

March 15 - Rib Lake UMC

March 22 - Medford UMC

March 29 - Rib Lake UMC



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

April 2

Maundy Thursday

April 6 - Rib Lake UMC

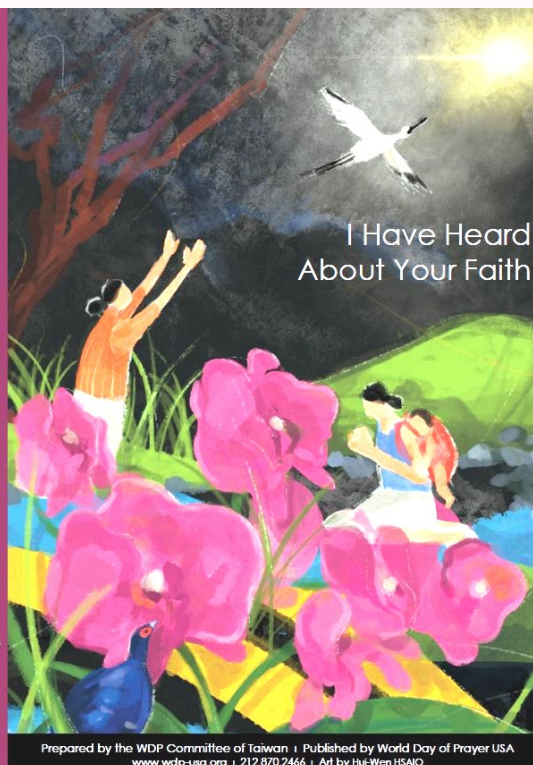
Good Friday

April 15 - Medford UMC

Easter Sunday

April 9

World Day of Prayer March 3, 2023



World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 3

6:00 p.m.

Medford UMC

All are welcome to this ecumenical service

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." --Matthew 5:16

Part of a Christian's call is to let the light of Christ shine through for the world to see. It seems that the world is quite naturally a dark place, and the light of Christ needs to shine through us as Christians to make the world a lighter and brighter one.

How do we do this?

The Medford congregation does this through the Beds from Christ program. We have helped many people in need of a bed or bedding--people who have been sleeping on the floor or in a lounge chair or on an air mattress or many other ways because they had no bed. This is a vital program that allows the light of Christ to shine through.

The Rib Lake congregation does this through its food pantry. We have seen a definite increase in the number of people needing to use the pantry. These are people who are short of food that would last the month. It looks like the need will continue to increase. This is a vital program that allows the light of Christ to shine through.

As individual Christians, we need to let the light of Christ shine through. We do so when we volunteer with individual charitable organizations--food pantries, blood mobiles, homeless shelters, meals on wheels, libraries, schools, Salvation Army, and the list is endless. We also let the light shine in the support of our church's programs--Bible studies, fellowship, committees, missions.

Let us go forth and let the light of Christ shine through us for the world to see.

God's blessings,
Pastor John

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



MEDFORD and RIB LAKE EVENTS of FEBRUARY 2023

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 (R) 5:00 pm Confirmation (M) 6:00 pm Choir Practice	2 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group</u> : "The Triumph of Christianity"	3 <i>Office closed</i>	4
5 5th Sunday after The Epiphany Holy Communion (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	6 <i>Office closed</i>	7 (M) 6:00 pm Lay Servants / Worship Team	8 (M) Keenagers (M) 5:00 pm Confirmation	9 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group</u> : "The Triumph of Christianity"	10 <i>Office closed</i>	11
12 6th 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	13 <i>Office closed</i>	14	15 (R) 9:00 am Food Pantry (R) 4:00 pm Food Pantry (R) 5:00 pm Confirmation (M) 6:00 pm Choir Practice	16 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group</u> : "The Triumph of Christianity"	17 <i>Office closed</i> March Newsletter Pictures and Articles Due	18
19 Transfiguration Sunday (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	20 <i>Office closed</i>	21 (M) 6:30 pm SALT	22 (M) 4:30 pm Sticker Day (M) 4:30 pm Confirmation (M) 5:30 pm Soup & Sandwich (M) 6:15 pm Ash Wednesday	23	24 <i>Office closed</i>	25
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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

February 5 (M) Herman Pernsteiner
 February 12 (M) Craig Butor & James Zajicek
 February 19 (M) Steve & Eunice Mayer
 February 26 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

February 5 (M) Crystal Ludwig (R) TBD
 February 12 (M) Gwen Thomas (R) TBD
 February 19 (M) Steve Mayer (R) TBD
 February 26 (M) Sue Breneman (R) TBD

Slideshow

February 5 (M) TBD
 February 12 (M) Carrie Ziembo
 February 19 (M) Jordan Ludwig
 February 26 (M) Brenda Bengtson

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

February 5 (M) Shane & Crystal Ludwig
 February 12 (M) TBD
 February 19 (M) TBD
 February 26 (M) Brenda & Ron Bengtson

****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



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 Hoefferle; 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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 1 (M) Bill Doberstein (B)

Feb 2 (M) Gaige Ingersoll (B)

Feb 3 (M) Jim Flood (B)

Feb 5 (M) Jerry Hubbard (B)

Feb 7 (M) Aren Kirkeeng (B)

Feb 11 (M) Jean Flood (B)

Feb 15 (R) Dorathy Nelson (B)

Feb 16 (M) Kaena Farris (B)

Feb 19 (R) Don Hoefferle (B)



****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: TBD

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, February 21, 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 March 27**

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, February 8.**

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

***Next Meeting: February 7, 6:00pm**

Leadership Development: Contact a SALT member

Library: Contact a SALT member

Life Groups: Current Study: "The Triumph of Christianity" 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 February 7, 6:00pm**

6 CHARGE MISSIONS

Beds from Christ 2022 Summary

It has been a gratifying year for the Beds From Christ mission; and we hope that the Medford United Methodist church parishioners feel the success. It is because of your generous contributions, as well as other Taylor County community members, that the program was able to successfully serve forty individuals in Taylor County at an average cost of \$363.60 per person. Our thanks to Jim Flood, Steve Mayer, Jerry Hubbard, and Herman Pernsteiner who delivered, and set up 34 beds: seven queen, eleven full, sixteen twin, and one toddler size bed. These beds were delivered in the Medford and Rib Lake area to persons ages four to approximately eighty. Other individuals needed partial assistance such as bedding or a frame for their existing mattress. Additionally, a private donation provided two twin size beds to fulfill a request from outside the county. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church's quilters have kept our quilt supply at an all-time high and we are grateful for their support of the program. All this could not have been possible without the presence of Perry Edblom from Better Buy who offers a discount on bed purchases and manages the supply of beds at his store.

In April, the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation Inc. granted Beds from Christ \$800.00 to promote the program. With those funds, the Beds program created T-shirts, banners, and printed material in both English and Spanish. The printed materials were distributed to Human Services, Public Health, Law Enforcement, Hospice, Taylor House, The Commission on Ageing, Stepping Stones, and churches throughout the county. The program members were present to promote the program at the 2022 Medford Chair Affair and on radio station WKEB in November.

In December, 2022 the Weather Shield LITE Foundation granted the Beds program \$1,000. These funds will be designated for bed and bedding purchases. Also in December 2022, Beds from Christ successfully applied to the Aspirus Medford, Community Benefit Program and was awarded \$8,000. This money, when received, will provide an outstanding start to the anticipated budget of \$16,000 for 2023. The anticipated increase in budget is due to our successful promotion and the success of Taylor House - helping homeless individuals find homes in the community.

Thank you, thank you, thank you Medford United Methodist congregants for believing in this mission. Both your financial donations, and gently used linens are so very much appreciated and it is because of YOU that we are meeting needs for sleep in Taylor County.

Jean Flood, Facilitator

Thank you so much to all from the Medford United Methodist Church who donated to the Rib Lake Community Food Pantry! Everything will go to good use. The cash donations are being used to purchase meat and freezer items. The canned goods are on the table and available for our families. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated. God Bless You!

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.

RIB LAKE UMC QTRLY FINANCE REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

	<u>4TH QTR.</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Beg. Bal. 10/1/2022	\$ 9,341.82	\$ 6,547.49
4TH QTR. Receipts	\$ 15,743.13	\$ 51,536.67
	\$ 25,084.95	\$ 58,084.16
4TH QTR. Disbursements	\$ 13,325.81	\$ 46,325.02
End Bal. 12/31/22	\$ 11,759.14	\$ 11,759.14
Designated Funds held in checking for Food Pantry	\$ 6,726.68	
Total available for Operations	\$ 5,032.46	
Apportionments due for 2022	\$ 5,520.00	
Apportionments paid for 2022	\$ 393.00	
Balance remaining to pay:	\$ 5,127.00	

2023 Quarterly Missions

1st Quarter -
Beds from Christ

2nd Quarter -
Never Forgotten
Honor Flight

3rd Quarter -
Stepping Stones

4th Quarter -
Northwoods Veterans
Homestead

You can share your church life stories and photos in The Messenger! Send them to...

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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 - December

### Checking Account:

|                             | <u>Month</u>     | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |          |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Beginning Balance 12/1/2022 | \$878.31         | \$8,335.80          | 1/1/2022 |
| December Receipts           | <u>22,688.54</u> | <u>147,458.32</u>   |          |
|                             | 23,566.85        | 155,794.12          |          |
| December Checks             | <u>19,451.06</u> | <u>151,678.33</u>   |          |
| Balance 12/31/2022          | \$4,115.79       | \$4,115.79          |          |

### Designated funds held in checking at 12/31/2022

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Betty Jensen Flower Fund | 246.20          |
| Beds From Christ         | 707.08          |
| Missions                 | - **            |
| Poinsettias              | 136.99          |
| Book Sales               | <u>45.69</u>    |
| Total                    | <u>1,135.96</u> |

### Checking account balance as of 12/01/2022

|                                           |                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Checking account balance as of 12/01/2022 | \$4,115.79        |
| Designated funds held in checking         | <u>1,135.96</u>   |
| Total available to spend in checking:     | <u>\$2,979.83</u> |

### Apportionments due for 2022:

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Apportionments due for 2022:    | \$13,020.00       |
| Apportionments paid YTD         | 1,715.69          |
| Apportionments paid in December | <u>3,575.00 *</u> |
|                                 | 5,290.69          |
| Balance remaining to pay:       | <u>5,290.69</u>   |
|                                 | \$7,729.31        |

\*Paid \$3575 toward apportionments this month (\$75 designated; \$3,500 from UMI Flower Fund). \$1,085 per month would meet 2022 apportionments. \$5,290.69 (41%) was paid to apportionments in 2022.

\*\*4th Quarter mission total of \$139 was donated to the UMC Rib Lake Food Pantry.

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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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