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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
1/29	13	37
2/5	10	42
2/12	13	51
2/19	13	33

Special Services

Lenten Services

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

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

Maundy Thursday - April 6
7:00 p.m. - Rib Lake UMC

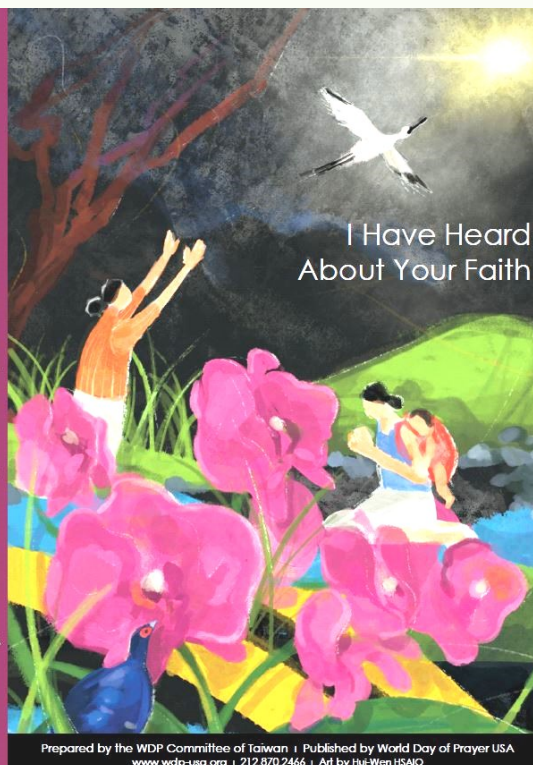
Good Friday - April 7
7:00 p.m. - Medford UMC

Easter Sunday - April 9
6:30 a.m. SonRise Service
Rib Lake UMC

10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration
Medford UMC



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

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." --John 3:16-17

That first verse, John 3:16, is quite possibly the most famous Bible verse of all time. When I was younger, you could almost always see, at a football game, a sign in the end zone that said "John 3:16." It could often be seen at other organized events. Whether the people who held those signs actually believed that verse is another matter entirely. They might have been trying to make a statement, but what that statement was is debatable.

What does John 3:16 mean? I believe that it is saying that Jesus loved the WHOLE WORLD enough to send Jesus into the world to save that world. Jesus loves you and me, our neighbors, the grouchy man in the grocery store, the elderly woman on the park bench, the teenagers at the skate park, and all others on earth enough to try and save them through Jesus Christ. That may be hard for us to accept, but then, that is our problem, not God's.

John 3:17 is just as important to us as John 3:16 is. That verse tells us that Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world--to judge the world. Jesus came into the world to save the world. True, it does not mean the world is automatically saved. We have to make the decision to choose that salvation. However, that salvation is why Jesus came into the world.

That should tell us that the judgement--the condemnation--is the responsibility of God. God alone is the one who condemns and judges. We should not try, even though we do all the time. Our judgement matters nothing to God. Someone we judge badly may accept Christ and thus become saved. That is why Jesus came into the world.

Remember, judge not, lest ye be judged.

Pastor John

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Email: pastor@medfordchargeumc.com

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



PEOPLE SERVING, LEADING, PRAYING, LISTENING, & CELEBRATING

Weekly Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

March 5 (M) Ron & Sandy Breth
 March 12 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger
 March 19 (M) Herman Pernsteiner
 March 26 (M) Craig Butor / James Zajicek

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

March 5 (M) Sandy Breth	(R) Karon Dallmann
March 12 (M) Jean Nuernberger	(R) Carol Punzel
March 19 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut	(R) Deb Polacek
March 26 (M) Crystal Ludwig	(R) Dorathy Nelson

Slideshow

March 5 (M) Crystal Ludwig
 March 12 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut
 March 19 (M) TBD
 March 26 (M) Carrie Ziembo

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

March 5 (M) Ron & Sandy Breth
 March 12 (M) Kelley Isola
 March 19 (M) Carrie Ziembo
 March 26 (M) TBD

****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.**

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 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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March 1 (M) Marla Hemke (B)
 March 2 (M) Ron & Sandy Breth (A)
 March 4 (R) Dennis & Debbie Lind (A)
 March 5 (M) Kelley Isola (B)
 March 8 (M) Shawn & Darci McDonnell (A)
 (M) Jason & Kelli Ray (A)
 March 12 (R) Kate Heiser (B)
 (M) Grace Ziembo (B)
 March 13 (M) Kathi Burton (B)
 March 15 (M) Kayla Heldt (B)
 March 17 (R) Ron & Arlene Penning (A)
 (M) Stan Schmidt (B)
 March 18 (R) Ray & Marion Parks (A)
 (R) Ray Parks (B)
 March 24 (R) Rebecca Kennedy (B)
 (M) Trent Lietzow (B)
 March 25 (M) Patsy Schmidt (B)
 March 26 (M) Liam Johnson (B)
 (M) Carol Lietzow (B)
 March 28 (M) Margie Lindow (B)
 March 29 (M) Autumn Evers (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, 4:00-5:00pm 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, March 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 28

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, March 8.

Lay Servants: Meet monthly with Pastor to plan faith development opportunities Contact: Jean N. 715-965-4403
*Next Meeting: March 7, 6:00pm

Leadership Development: Contact a SALT member

Library: Contact a SALT member

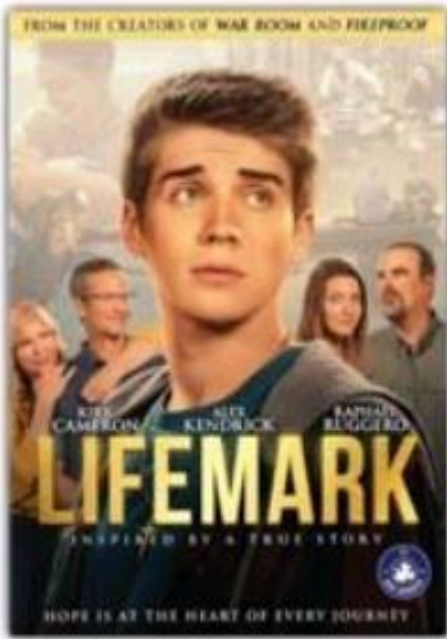


Life Groups: Spring Study: "Lifemark" Contact: Jean N. 715-965-4403

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 March 7, 6:00pm

Life Groups – Learning Together	
L - Live	<div>Spring Life Group – 5 Week Study followed by Movie Night on Week 6</div> <div></div> <div>David's comfortable world is turned upside down when his birthmother unexpectedly reaches out to him, longing to meet the 18-year-old son she's only held once. With the encouragement of his adoptive parents, David embarks on a journey of discovery that leads to a staggering truth from his past.</div> <div>From executive producers Kirk Cameron and the Kendrick Brothers—comes Lifemark, inspired by an incredible true story that celebrates the gift of life. * Groups will be at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.</div> <div>Start date is April 13th. More information will be available soon.</div> <div>See Cheryl or Jean to sign up or if you have questions.</div> <div>*Information from christianbooks.com</div>
I – in	
F – Faith	
E - Everyday	
<div><p>COME JOIN OUR</p><h1>BIBLE</h1><p>Study</p><p><i>Life</i></p><p><i>Groups</i></p></div>	

Baked Potato Brunch

Palm Sunday, April 2

Medford UMC following church service

all are invited to attend

free will offering taken (funds have not yet been designated)

Menu: Baked Potatoes with toppings, Muffins, Fruit



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...

connection@medfordchargeumc.com

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	wkbreneman@gmail.com
Stan Schmidt	715-748-6042	craftsandfishing@tds.net
Dennis Jones	715-748-0329 or 920-287-1718	jonesnancy157@gmail.com
Kelley Isola	715-965-3011	kisola1962@gmail.com
Brenda Bengtson	715-785-7480	bengtson7230@yahoo.com
Steve Mayer	715-482-1313	seamayer@tds.net
TBD	Your Name Here?	

MEDFORD FINANCES

Medford UMC Finance Report - January

Checking Account:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Beginning Balance 1/1/2023	\$4,115.79	\$4,115.79	1/1/2023
January Receipts	<u>7,609.61</u>	<u>7,609.61</u>	
	11,725.40	11,725.40	
January Checks	<u>7,874.85</u>	<u>7,874.85</u>	
Balance 1/31/2023	\$3,850.55	\$3,850.55	

Designated funds held in checking at 1/31/2023

Betty Jensen Flower Fund	253.29
Beds From Christ	1,058.73
Missions	20.00
Book Sales	45.69
Noisy Can (to Apportionments)	<u>207.05</u>
Total	1,584.76

Checking account balance as of 1/01/2023	\$3,850.55
Designated funds held in checking	<u>1,584.76</u>
Total available to spend in checking:	\$2,265.79

Apportionments due for 2023:	\$14,086.00
Apportionments paid YTD	
Apportionments paid in January	*
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Balance remaining to pay:	<u>\$14,086.00</u>

*Paid \$0 toward apportionments this month. \$1,174 per month would meet 2023 apportionments. Noisy Can proceeds will be submitted to the Conference at the end of February.

Note: A check for \$800 was sent to Scott Piller for plowing but that check will not be cashed and a revised bill will be submitted to the church with corrections for the November/December 2022 services.

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and photos in The Messenger!

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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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