



April 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
2/26	9	52
3/1	12	--
3/5	11	48
3/8	--	24
3/12	Service canceled	25
3/15	14	--
3/19	14	56

Special Services

Lenten Services

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

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 Services

Easter Sunday - April 9

Rib Lake UMC
6:30 a.m. SonRise Service
breakfast to follow service

Medford UMC
10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration



Medford UMC is now taking orders for Easter Lilies at the cost of \$15.99 each to honor and remember our loved ones. Orders will be accepted through April 1.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

**Easter Blessings to All
Thank You for Giving**

Any Questions, Call Becky Kalmon 715-785-8043

Please make checks payable to Medford UMC (memo: Easter Lilies)
Place this form in the offering basket or return to the Charge Office by April 1.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." --John 13:34

Our society and culture tell us what love is and how we should show love in the world. The problem is, that definition does not line up with God's definition of love and how we should show it. Let me give you an example of what I mean.

As I was on my path into ministry, one thing that was required was a psychological examination. I had to go to Chicago for the exam. At the time, I had never been to Chicago. There was a sister institution in the Twin Cities, and I asked to go there, but was told I had to go to Chicago. I was quite worried and concerned about a trip to Chicago.

Paul Doering was a retired United Methodist pastor who was serving the Knapp United Methodist Church. We did not know each other very well at the time. However, he called me up and told me that God had put it in his heart that he should go with me. So, Paul and I went to Chicago the day before the exam, stayed the night, and the next day I completed the exam. We drove home that afternoon, but as we neared Tomah ran into an ice storm. We stayed in Tomah for the night and drove back to Menomonie the next day.

Paul and I became good friends through that experience. It was Paul sharing the love of God with me during that trip that taught me there are different ways of loving others--different from what our society and culture tell us. Love is a bedrock of the Christian faith. It is to live in our hearts and lives, and to be shared with whomever we meet.

We share that love by helping others in need--those with health problems, those in financial problems, those in relationship problems. Basically, those with problems. Jesus specialized in people with problems. With Jesus as our ideal and example, we need to specialize in people with problems.

Go spread the love of God that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

Prayerfully,
Pastor John

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MEDFORD and RIB LAKE EVENTS of APRIL 2023

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

2 Palm Sunday
Holy Communion
(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:30 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) Baked Potato Brunch
following service
(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

3 Office closed

4

(M) 6:00 pm
Lay Servants /
Worship Team

5

(M) 5:00 pm
Confirmation

6

Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm
Rib Lake UMC

7 Office closed

Good Friday
7:00 pm
Medford UMC

8

9 Easter Sunday
(R) 6:30 am
SonRise Service

(R) Breakfast following
service

(M) 10:30 am
Easter Celebration

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

10 Office closed

11

(R) 6:00 pm
SPRC

12

(M) 11:00 am
Keenagers
(R) 5:00 pm
Confirmation

13

(M) 9:00 am
Life Group: "Lifemark"
(M) 5:30 pm
Life Group: "Lifemark"

14 Office closed

15

16 2nd Sunday of Easter
(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:30 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

17 Office closed

18

(M) 6:30 pm
SALT

19

(R) 9:00 am
Food Pantry
(R) 2:00 pm
Ad. Council
(R) 4:00 pm
Food Pantry

20

(M) 9:00 am
Life Group: "Lifemark"
(M) 5:30 pm
Life Group: "Lifemark"

21 Office closed

22

May
Newsletter
Pictures and
Articles Due
23 3rd Sunday of Easter
(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:30 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

24 Office closed

25

26

(M) 5:00 pm
Sticker Day

27

(M) 9:00 am
Life Group: "Lifemark"
(M) 5:30 pm
Life Group: "Lifemark"

28 Office closed

29

30 4th Sunday of Easter
(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:30 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) Potluck following
service

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

1 Office closed

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4

(M) 9:00 am
Life Group: "Lifemark"
(M) 5:30 pm
Life Group: "Lifemark"

5 Office closed

6

The Event Calendar is subject to change. Watch the weekly announcements for updates.

PEOPLE SERVING, LEADING, PRAYING, LISTENING, & CELEBRATING

Weekly Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

April 2 (M) Steve & Eunice Mayer
 April 9 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 April 16 (M) Ron & Sandy Breth
 April 23 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger
 April 30 (M) Herman Pernsteiner

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

April 2 (M) Eunice Mayer	(R) Deb Lind
April 9 (M) Bill Breneman	(R) Karon Dallmann
April 16 (M) Sandy Breth	(R) Carol Punzel
April 23 (M) Jean Nuernberger	(R) Deb Polacek
April 30 (M) Gwen Thomas	(R) Dorathy Nelson

Slideshow

April 2 (M) Jordan Ludwig
 April 9 (M) Brenda Bengtson
 April 16 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut
 April 23 (M) Crystal Ludwig
 April 30 (M) TBD

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

April 2 (M) **BAKED POTATO BRUNCH**
 April 9 (M) **EASTER**
 April 16 (M) Dennis & Nancy Jones
 April 23 (M) TBD
 April 30 (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.**

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 715-965-4006

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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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April 2	(M) Carter Ray (B)
April 7	(M) Lee Nuernberger (B)
April 9	(M) Austin Hippe (B)
April 12	(M) Dylan Block (B)
April 14	(M) Brad Kalmon (B)
April 15	(M) Jean Wimmer (B)
April 18	(R) Debbie Polacek (B)
April 21	(R) Shanna Scheithauer (B)
April 22	(M) Brad & Becky Kalmon (A)
April 23	(M) LeRoy Zittlow (B)
April 26	(M) Paul & Melanie Church (A)
April 27	(M) Melanie Heier (B)
April 30	(M) Brian Ingersoll (B)



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

CHURCH EVENTS

Keenagers

Wednesday, April 12

11:00 a.m. - Potluck Lunch

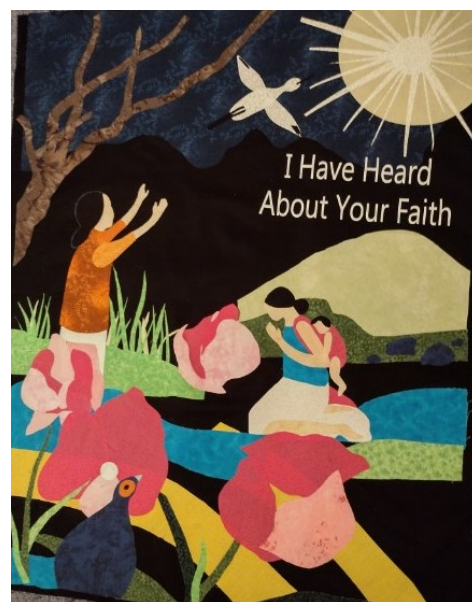
12:30 p.m. - Tour of Huey's Hideaway

Keenagers will meet for a potluck lunch at Bill and Sue Breneman's home, 614 Maple Street, Medford on Wednesday, April 12th at 11 am. Breneman's will provide the main dish and drinks. A sign up list for other items and attending will be at church the next few Sundays. After the meal, we have a 12:30 pm appointment for a tour of Huey's Hideaway, the Children's Museum, here in Medford. The museum is handicap accessible and the director is excited to have our group come and learn about the opportunities for kids at the museum. It is a fun place for kids and they are more than just a museum! Come and enjoy this outing and be a kid again.

Keenagers is a social group for those 50+. All are welcome to attend!

The Lions Maple Fest Pedal Tractor Pull will be on April 29th at 12:30pm at the Simek Center. This is a big kid and adult pedal tractor timed course event. Our United Methodist Church has challenged the Catholic Church and St. Paul's so far, and we hope to get others. Each team will take 5, 7, or 9 members; the exact number hasn't been determined yet. One of those will be the driver, the others will be the peddlers. The tractor is an old Farmall that has had the motor removed and a pedaling apparatus installed to power the tractor. Each team will be timed on the set out course, and the best time wins. Hopefully we will be able to field a good team of peddlers to power us to victory. Come to participate or to cheer our team on.

Bill Breneman, Chair of Maple Fest Pedal Tractor Contest



Medford UMC hosted World Day of Prayer 2023. The beautiful banner hanging from the altar was made by Mary Lou Costello.

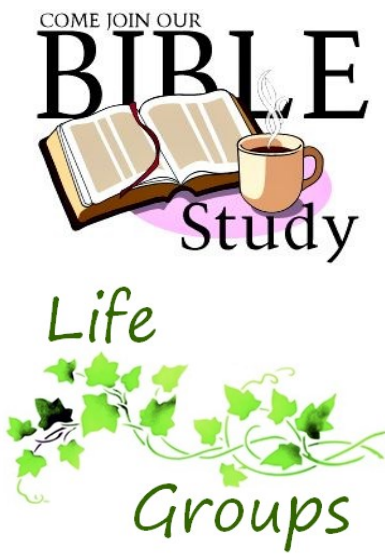
Life Groups – Learning Together

L - Live

I – in

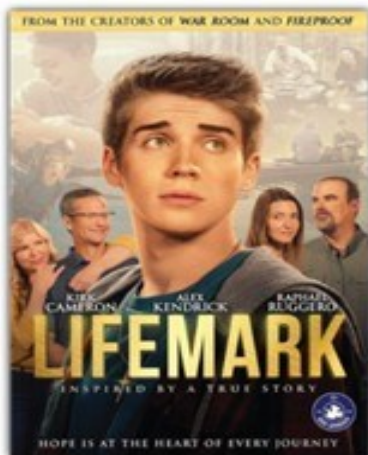
F – Faith

E - Everyday



Spring Life Group – LIFEMARK

Galatians 3:26 *“For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”*



Thursdays April 13- May 11

Groups at 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Study Topics:

- *Adoption
- *Security in Christ
- *Reconciliation
- *The Image of God
- *Voice for the Voiceless

There is NO book to purchase for this study. Please bring your favorite Bible translation to the group.

Thursday, May 18th @ 5:30 p.m. MOVIE NIGHT

Join us to watch the movie **Lifemark**. All are welcome whether or not you attended the groups.

See Cheryl or Jean to sign up or if you have questions.

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



RIB LAKE CHURCH NEWS

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

Second Quarter Mission



Never Forgotten Honor Flight

The Never Forgotten Honor Flight is a Not-For-Profit Organization of dedicated Volunteers providing Veterans with closure, gratitude & respect, by flying them to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials.

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 SALT BOARD

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.

The SALT Board will be sponsoring a Town Hall style meeting on May 7th to provide information to the congregation concerning the status of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. This meeting will be to provide information regarding the position of the Conference on Human Sexuality. There is so much misperception and misinformation about this issue that the SALT BOARD wants to provide factual information.

No action can be or will be taken until after the June 2024 Annual Conference. I suggest that congregation members who wish to research this issue use the website AskTheUmc@umc.org or better yet, copy and paste this site: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-series-is-the-umc-really>
The purpose of this suggestion is to get you to the series of “Is the United Methodist Church really...?” This will provide you with a lot of information on this issue.

Submitted by Bill Breneman

Your SALT members are:

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Dennis Jones (715) 748-0329 or (920) 287-1718 jonesnancy157@gmail.com	

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Sunday Mornings 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

MEDFORD FINANCES

Medford UMC Finance Report - February

Checking Account:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Beginning Balance 2/1/2023	\$3,850.55	\$4,115.79	1/1/2023
February Receipts	<u>13,368.27</u>	<u>20,977.88</u>	
	17,218.82	25,093.67	
February Checks	<u>14,348.18</u>	<u>22,223.03</u>	
Balance 2/28/2023	\$2,870.64	\$2,870.64	

Designated funds held in checking at 2/28/2023

Betty Jensen Flower Fund	253.29
Beds From Christ	3,198.50
Missions	28.05
Book Sales	45.69
Total	3,525.53

Checking account balance as of 2/28/2023	\$2,870.64
Designated funds held in checking	3,525.53
Total available to spend in checking:	<u>(654.89)</u>

Apportionments due for 2023:	\$14,086.00
Apportionments paid YTD	
Apportionments paid in February	<u>325.00</u> *
	325.00
Balance remaining to pay:	<u>\$13,761.00</u>

*Paid \$325 toward apportionments this month (207.05 Noisy Can; 100 designated). \$1,174 per month would meet 2023 apportionments.

Second Quarter Mission



UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own.



Rib Lake
Community
Food Pantry

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Diane Pernsteiner, Charge Treasurer / Office Manager

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