



June 2023

Messenger

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

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*For where two or three
are gathered together
in my name, I am there
among them"*

Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

Attendance Numbers

Date	Rib Lake	Medford
4/30	10	30
5/7	13	51
5/14	14	44
5/21	12	54

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Medford UMC Rummage Sale

Friday, June 23

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed!
Contact Sue Breneman for
more information



SonShine Kids is on
summer break and will
resume in the fall.
Thank you to all of the
teachers who help
make this program a
success!

See you in September!



Spaghetti Dinner FUNDRAISER

Sunday, June 25

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Adults - \$10
10 and under - \$5
Under 2 - Free

Rib Lake UMC



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus said, "God makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous." --Matthew 5:45

It is a fact that we don't often think about, but the good and the bad live in the same world--this world that God has made. God provides the rain and the sun needed in this world for both the good and the bad. God provides opportunities for both the good and the bad.

In Jesus' time and the Old Testament, the Jewish people believed that they were the chosen race--that God had blessed them above all others. In fact, God had chosen Abraham and his descendants as His people and had blessed them in many ways. However, as I read that scripture, I found no place in which that meant they were better than others. In fact, the Jewish people were conquered many times and taken into bondage many times. Does that mean that those who conquered them were now the blessed of God? No--it means that they were blessed--but they were not THE blessed. I believe the Jewish people were blessed --but not THE blessed.

Through the teachings of Jesus, I believe we are taught to never consider ourselves to be better than anyone else. "The first shall be last, and the last shall be first." Jesus taught a life of service--a life of servant leadership. A servant is never considered better than the master. We are never to consider ourselves better than those we serve.

One of the problems with religion today, as I see it, is that the followers usually consider themselves better than the non-followers. As Christians, we are to present the love of God through word and deed. We are to pray that those we share that love with will come to know God and Jesus in a personal way. Since we never know when that will happen in a person's life, we should never consider ourselves better than that person.

Go forth and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.

God's Blessings,
Pastor John

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MEDFORD and RIB LAKE EVENTS of JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Office closed	3
4 Trinity Sunday / Peace with Justice Sunday Holy Communion (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	5 Office closed	6 (M) 6:00 pm Lay Servants / Worship Team	7	8	9 Office closed	10
11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	12 Office closed	13	14 (M) 11:00 am Keenagers at Marilyn's (M) 12 noon - 1 pm Keenagers - Tour of Downtown Medford (M) 1:15 pm Keenagers at Breneman Residence	15	16 Office closed	17
18 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) Sundae Sunday following service (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	19 Office closed	20 (M) 6:30 pm SALT	21 (R) 9:00 am Food Pantry (M) 1 pm - 6 pm Rummage Sale Drop-off (R) 4:00 pm Food Pantry	22 (M) 8 am - 12 noon Rummage Sale Drop-off (M) 1 pm - 6 pm Rummage Sale Set Up	23 Office closed Rummage Sale 8 am - 5 pm Medford UMC	24 Rummage Sale 8 am - 3 pm Medford UMC
25 4th Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (R) 10:30 am - 1:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	26 Office closed July Newsletter Pictures and Articles Due	27	28 (M) 5:00 pm Sticker Day	29	30 Office closed	1
2 5th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	3 Office closed	4	5	6	7 Office closed	8

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

PEOPLE SERVING, LEADING, PRAYING, LISTENING, & CELEBRATING

Weekly Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

June 4 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger
 June 11 (M) Herman Pernsteiner
 June 18 (M) Craig Butor / James Zajicek
 June 25 (M) Steve & Eunice Mayer

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

June 4 (M) Jean Nuernberger	(R) Deb Lind
June 11 (M) Crystal Ludwig	(R) Carol Punzel
June 18 (M) Gwen Thomas	(R) Deb Polacek
June 25 (M) Eunice Mayer	(R) Dorathy Nelson

Slideshow

June 4 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut
 June 11 (M) TBD
 June 18 (M) Carrie Ziembo
 June 25 (M) Jordan Ludwig

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

June 4 (M) Steve & Eunice Mayer
 June 11 (M) TBD
 June 18 (M) Sundae Sunday
 June 25 (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

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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 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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June 4	(M) Grace Ingersoll (B) (M) Stan & Patsy Schmidt (A)
June 6	(M) Brenda Clark (B)
June 8	(M) Ron & Brenda Bengtson (A) (M) Diane Horenberger (B) (R) Howard Troyk (B)
June 10	(M) LeRoy & Patricia Zittlow (A)
June 12	(R) Jolene Kennedy (B) (R) Gary Nelson (B)
June 14	(M) Darci McDonnell (B)
June 17	(R) Hollie Harvey (B) (M) Kathy Van Wylen (B)
June 19	(M) Wendy Bockin (B)
June 21	(M) Eunice Mayer (B)
June 25	(M) Steve & Eunice Mayer (A)
June 28	(M) Dennis Jones (B)

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



CHURCH EVENTS

Keenagers

Wednesday, June 14th

11:00 am ~ Lunch at Marilyn's
12:00 - 1:00 pm ~ Downtown Medford Tour
1:15 pm ~ Trivia game, coffee & dessert
at the Breneman's

Everyone 50+ is welcome!

Please contact Sue Breneman for more information

Rummage Sale

Asking all church members and friends for donations of clean, gently used items. Items may be dropped off on Wednesday, June 21st from 1pm-6pm and Thursday, June 22nd from 8am-noon. Set up for the sale will be Thursday, June 22nd 1pm-6pm.

Volunteers needed to help with the sale!
Please contact Sue Breneman for more information

Women's Meeting

Wednesday, September 20th
12:30 pm

Agenda:

12:30 - Light Lunch will be served

1:15 - Guest Speaker will be present for a short community non-profit presentation, TBD.

2:00pm - Meeting

Topics for discussion:

- A. Name for group
- B. Meeting frequency
- C. Meeting time
- D. Future programs
- E. Donations for community non-profits
- F. Officers needed?

Please contact Sue Breneman
for more information

**SUNDAE
SUNDAY**

June 18th



Summertime is here.
As you enjoy your vacations,
remember--
Your church does not go on vacation.
Remember to support your church
the whole year through.
We hope you have a safe and
enjoyable summer.

Sunday, May 21 was the last day of SonShine Kids until fall. To celebrate a joyful year of learning, the kids sang several songs during the church service.

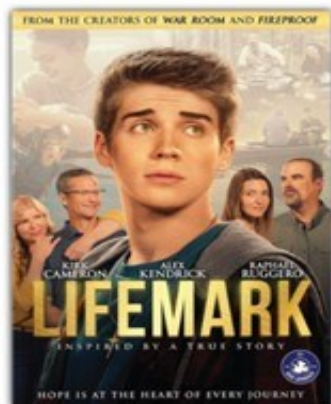
Life Groups – Learning Together

L - Live

I – in

F – Faith

E - Everyday



Thank you for attending the movie night on May 18th. We had 21 people watch the movie “Lifemark.”

We look forward to our next study and perhaps another movie night this summer.

See Cheryl or Jean if you have ideas for a study or a movie.

This movie was about adoption, reminding us that we are all the “adopted” children of God.

It was a story very personal to me. As you know, our daughter is adopted. The scenes depicted in the movie were very similar to our lived experience. During the first week of the study the question was asked about the “what if’s” in life.

In our story the 1990 “what if’s” are many. What if the first adoption agency was a better fit for us? What if we hadn’t heard of the Pauquette agency in Portage? What if Alicia (birth mom) had changed her mind?

I like to think that as far as my family the answer to the “what if’s” was the plan God had for us. Within weeks of our home study being completed the phone rang late in the day. Lee was out fishing so I imagine I paced and paced, anxious for him to get home. I greeted him when he got home with “It’s a Girl.” From then it was a whirlwind of getting ready and flying to Texas to bring home our daughter. Fast forward to 2018, Alyssa and I head to Bloomington, Minnesota to meet Alicia and one of her daughters, Victoria. Through tears all I could say to Alicia was “Thank You.”

“What if’s” happen in all of our lives. I am thankful that the “what if’s” for my family was a gift and the plan God intended. A reminder to never doubt His plan, even in life’s difficult times.

COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE
Study

Life

Groups

The Medford UMC Town Hall Meeting from May 7 is available to view on our YouTube channel



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Oasis

Experimenta - Conozca - Comparta



Domingo - 2:00 pm

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.

2023 Quarterly Missions

1st Quarter -
Beds from Christ

2nd Quarter -
Never Forgotten
Honor Flight

3rd Quarter -
Stepping Stones

4th Quarter -
Northwoods Veterans
Homestead

Spaghetti Dinner

Rib Lake United Methodist Church is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 25, from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, and bars. Price for the dinner is Adults \$10 each, ages 10 and under \$5, and under 2 free. We will also be having a basket raffle. We hope to see you at this fun community event!

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



Love. Grow. Serve.

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
Chicken Helper
Tuna Helper
Ketchup
Cooking Oil
Canned Ravioli
Homestyle Meals

Instant Oatmeal
Instant Cream of Wheat
Kleenex
Paper Towels
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Laundry Soap
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.

10 Things God won't ask you:

- 1- God will not ask you what model car you used; He will ask you how many people you have taken.
 - 2-God won't ask you square meters of your house; He will ask you how many people you got in it.
 - 3-God won't ask you for a clothing brand in your closet; He will ask you how many you helped dress up.
 - 4-God won't ask you how high your salary was; He will ask if you earned it clean.
 - 5-God won't ask you what your title was; He will ask you if you did your job with the best of your ability.
 - 6-God won't ask you how any friends you had; He will ask you how many people considered you as his friend.
 - 7-God won't ask you which area you lived in; He will ask you how you treated your neighbors.
 - 8-God won't ask you about the color of your skin; He will ask you about the purity of your interior.
 - 9-God won't ask you why it took so long to seek salvation; He will take you with love to His home in heaven, not to the gates of hell.
 - 10-God won't ask you how many people you have shared this message with; He will simply ask you if you were embarrassed to do so...
- Jesus Christ said, "If you deny me before friends, I will deny you before my Father.
- Today is the day to bless you; I bless you, your heart, your life, your home, your family, your projects, and your dreams, in Jesus name, Amen.

Evening devotion by Brenda Bengtson at the SALT Board meeting, 5-16-23

Your SALT members are:

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Brenda Bengtson (715)785-7480 bengtson7230@yahoo.com	Your Name Here?
Dennis Jones (715) 748-0329 or (920) 287-1718 jonesnancy157@gmail.com	"You are the salt of the earth ..." -- Matthew 5:13

MEDFORD FINANCES

Medford UMC Finance Report - April

Checking Account:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Beginning Balance 4/1/2023	\$2,174.52	\$4,115.79	1/1/2023
April Receipts	<u>8,688.26</u>	<u>36,766.89</u>	
	10,862.78	40,882.68	
April Checks	<u>9,154.30</u>	<u>39,174.20</u>	
Balance 4/30/2023	\$1,708.48	\$1,708.48	

Designated funds held in checking at 4/30/2023

Betty Jensen Flower Fund	1,133.29
Beds From Christ	3,756.50
Missions	4.00 ***
Book Sales	45.69
Easter/Lent	- **
Easter Lilies	111.99
Total	5,051.47

Checking account balance as of 4/30/2023

Designated funds held in checking

Total available to spend in checking:

\$1,708.48

5,051.47

(\$3,342.99)

Apportionments due for 2023:

Apportionments paid YTD

Apportionments paid in March

375.00

85.00 *

460.00

\$14,086.00

460.00

Balance remaining to pay:

\$13,626.00

*Paid \$85 toward apportionments this month (\$25 designated; \$57.41 collected from Noisy Can rounded up to \$60. \$1,174 per month would mee 2023 apportionments.

**Paid \$95 to UMCOR from Lenten Service offerings as directed.

***Paid \$35 to Neighbor to Neighbor program for 1st Quarter Missions as directed. (\$34.05 was collected).

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.

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.

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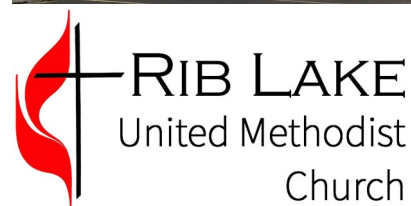


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