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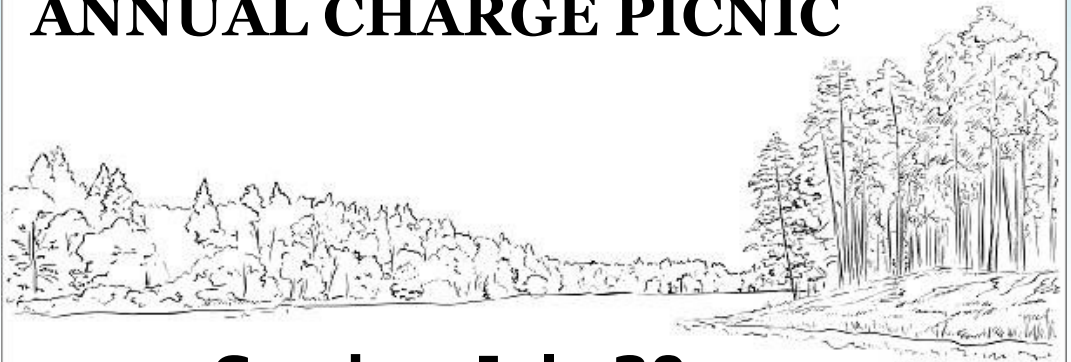
Messenger

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

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ANNUAL CHARGE PICNIC



Sunday, July 30

Worship @ 10:30 am
Potluck lunch to follow
Lakeview Park - Rib Lake



Attendance Numbers

Date	Rib Lake	Medford
5/28	9	28
6/4	13	29
6/11	12	31
6/18	15	35
6/25		28



RLUMC held their first ever Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser with basket raffles. It was a success even for a rainy day! Thank you to all who helped and/or donated to make this event not only successful but fun!

The RLUMC Fundraiser Committee

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Wisconsin Annual Conference was held on June 9-12 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

On the first day of Conference, the matter of church disaffiliations was taken care of. There were 43 churches that were disaffiliating, ranging in size from 14 members to 937 members. After about an hour-and-a-half, those disaffiliations were approved.

The Conference closed five churches this year. Those churches were the Bashford United Methodist Church in Madison, The Wellspring United Methodist Church in Madison, the New Horizons United Methodist Church in Wittenberg, The Beetown United Methodist Church in Beetown, and the Summerfield United Methodist Church in Milwaukee.

The Wisconsin Conference has covenant affiliations with several health and welfare organizations in the state. This year, we renewed the covenant affiliations with Harbor House in Superior, Northcott Neighborhood House of Milwaukee and United Methodist Children's Services of Milwaukee.

A budget for the coming year was approved. The proposed budget is \$6,920,500, down from last year's budget of \$7,800,000. This budget covers the workings of the Annual Conference, including committees and commissions and the District Superintendents and the Bishop.

There were twenty-two clergy retirements this year and three ordinations.

We heard the Bishop's State of the Conference address, the address from the Dean of the Cabinet, our District Superintendent Tsuker Yang. There were reports from the Laity and the delegation to the upcoming General Conference in 2024. There were also elections from both the clergy and laity to fill holes in the delegation due to the several postponements of that General Conference.

This year's conference was a combination of hybrid (online) and on site attendance. It was announced that next year's conference will be totally on site, with no hybrid options. Those dates are June 7-10 in Green Bay.

Dennis Jones and I were your representatives to Annual Conference this year.

God's Blessings, Pastor John

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MEDFORD and RIB LAKE EVENTS of JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 5th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship Red, White, & Blue Day (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	3 Office closed	4 	5	6	7 Office closed	8
9 6th Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	10 Office closed	11 (M) 6:00 pm SPRC	12	13 (M) 7:00 pm Keenagers at Red & White Theater for "Baskerville"	14 Office closed	15
16 7th Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) Sundae Sunday following service (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	21 Office closed July Newsletter Pictures and Articles Due	22
23 8th 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	24 Office closed	25 (M) 6:00 pm Building Maintenance Team	26 (M) 5:00 pm Sticker Day	27	28 Office closed	29
30 9th Sunday after Pentecost Charge Picnic Lakeview Park Rib Lake 10:30 am - Worship Potluck Lunch to Follow	31 Office closed	1	2	3	4 Office closed	5

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

PEOPLE SERVING, LEADING, PRAYING, LISTENING, & CELEBRATING

Weekly Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

July 2 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 July 9 (M) Ron & Sandy Breth
 July 16 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger
 July 23 (M) Herman Pernsteiner
 July 30 (M) N/A

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

July 2 (M) Bill Breneman	(R) Deb Lind
July 9 (M) Sandy Breth	(R) Carol Punzel
July 16 (M) Jean Nuernberger	(R) Deb Polacek
July 23 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut	(R) Dorothy Nelson
July 30 (M) N/A	(R) Deb Lind

Slideshow

July 2 (M) Brenda Bengtson
 July 9 (M) Crystal Ludwig
 July 16 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut
 July 23 (M) Jordan Ludwig
 July 30 (M) N/A

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

July 2 (M) Brenda Bengtson
 July 9 (M) Sandy & Ron Breth
 July 16 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 July 23 (M) TBD
 July 30 (M) Charge Picnic in Rib Lake

****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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 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 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

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



July 1	(M) Aliceson Ray (B)
July 2	(R) Bonnie Szydel (B)
July 4	(M) Carol Bunkelman (B) (R) Carl Lueck (B) (R) Ron Penning (B)
July 5	(M) Stephen & Kathy Van Wylen (A)
July 6	(M) Joseph Schwartz (B)
July 7	(M) Calvin Lietzow (B)
July 9	(M) Donna Hippe (B) (R) Don & Donna Hoefflerle (A) (R) Larry & Valery Roiger (A)
July 10	(M) Connie Braun (B) (M) Tom & Margie Lindow (A)
July 12	(M) Jordan Ludwig (B)
July 13	(M) Samantha Ingersoll (B) (M) Andrea Mayer (B)
July 17	(M) Hannah Horenberger (B)
July 21	(M) Dennis & Nancy Jones (A) (R) Petti Mannel (B)
July 22	(M) Bill & Sue Breneman (M) John DeBruyne (B) (M) Brian Jensen (B) (M) Bree Lietzow (B) (M) Alayna Zittlow (B)



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

CHURCH EVENTS

Keenagers

Thursday, July 13th

This month the Keenagers will be attending the Medford Area Community Theater's presentation of "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery". Join us at the Red & White Theater at 7:00 pm.

Everyone 50+ is welcome!

Please contact Sue Breneman for more information

If you have an event or meeting that you would like included on the monthly calendar and the slides, please contact the church office with all necessary information.

715-748-2165 or

mcumc@medfordchargeumc.com

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:

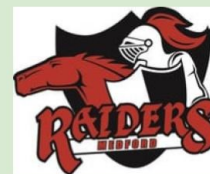
- A. Name for group
- B. Meeting frequency
- C. Meeting time
- D. Future programs
- E. Donations for community non-profits
- F. Officers needed?

Please contact Sue Breneman
for more information

**SPORTS
TEAM
SUNDAY**

August 13

Wear the colors of your
favorite sports team!



Oasis

Experimenta - Conozca - Comparta

Domingo - 2:00 pm



Love. Grow. Serve.

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.

God is
our
refuge
and
strength

Psalms 46:1



IN SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy is extended
to the families of
Norm Perrin and Faye Curran.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

COMMITTEE NEWS WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Rib Lake

Ad. Council: *Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 6:00pm

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, July 18, 6:30pm

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 July 25

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 event: "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" Thursday, July 13, 7:00pm @ Red & White Theater

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

Leadership Development: Contact a SALT member

Library: Contact a SALT member

Life Groups: Studies will resume in fall. Watch for more information. 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 9:30-10:15am
Contact: Eunice M. 715-748-3835 *Will Resume in Fall

Woman's Group: Upcoming meeting to determine group details including name of group, meeting time and frequency, officers, and group purpose/direction. Contact: Sue B. 715-965-4403
*Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 12:30pm

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

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.

2023 Quarterly Missions

1st Quarter -
Beds from Christ

2nd Quarter -
Never Forgotten
Honor Flight

3rd Quarter -
Stepping Stones

4th Quarter -
Northwoods Veterans
Homestead

Rib Lake UMC Ad. Council

Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, July 19
2:00 p.m.**

**A big THANK YOU
to everyone who
helped with the
Spaghetti Dinner and
Basket Raffle!**

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

**[connection@medford
chargeumc.com](mailto:connection@medfordchargeumc.com)**

Second Quarter Mission

Stepping Stones, Inc.



call us 24/7 at
1-715-748-5140 or
1-866-343-5140

Stepping Stones is a nonprofit organization that provides community education and support services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, teen dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking in Taylor County.

**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.

The 2023 Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church took place on June 9 - 12 in Green Bay. There were several items on the agenda including disaffiliation resolutions over issues of human sexuality. There were 43 churches in Wisconsin that met the requirements of disaffiliation and were voted on as a group. The property of these churches will remain with each disaffiliated church.

Members of these churches who did not vote for disaffiliation can remain with their church or can find another church to attend. There will be an effort to help those individuals who want to remain with the Wisconsin United Methodist Church.

There were a number of other items brought forward including a group of South Korean church members who reminded us that Korea is still a war zone. The war is still quite real to them. Korean hand fans were distributed at the conference to remind us of their sorrow. One of these fans has been attached to the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

To learn more about what was covered at the conference visit their website at <https://www.wisconsinumc.org/annual-conference>.

Submitted by Dennis Jones

Your SALT members are:

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Stan Schmidt (715) 748-6042 craftsandfishing@tds.net	Steve Mayer (715)482-1313 seamayer@tds.net
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 - May

Checking Account:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Beginning Balance 5/1/2023	\$1,708.48	\$4,115.79	1/1/2023
May Receipts	<u>8,549.84</u> **	<u>45,316.73</u>	
	10,258.32	49,432.52	
May Checks	<u>9,278.41</u>	<u>48,452.61</u>	
Balance 5/31/2023	\$979.91	\$979.91	

Designated funds held in checking at 5/31/2023

Betty Jensen Flower Fund	1,034.28
Beds From Christ	3,756.50
Missions	14.00
Book Sales	45.69
Total	4,850.47

Checking account balance as of 5/31/2023

Designated funds held in checking	4,850.47
Total available to spend in checking:	<u>(\$3,870.56)</u>

Apportionments due for 2023:

Apportionments paid YTD	460.00	\$14,086.00
Apportionments paid in May	<u>15.00</u> *	
	475.00	<u>475.00</u>
Balance remaining to pay:		\$13,611.00

*Paid \$15 toward apportionments this month \$15 designated. \$1,174 per month would meet 2023 apportionments.

**\$3,000 was transferred from General Fund Savings to meet May expenses.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Rummage Sale a huge success! The money raised will be applied to MUMC's 2023 apportionments.

If anyone contacts you through texts or emails claiming to be Pastor John or another member of the church 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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Medford UMC, Sunday Worship at 10:30am

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Medford, WI 54451

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Crystal Ludwig, Connectional Ministry Coordinator 715-965-4006

Diane Pernsteiner, Charge Treasurer / Office Manager

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