



October 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
9/3	14	27
9/10	9	30
9/17	14	26
9/24	11	37

Lord's Acre Sale

Saturday, October 14th



Soup Supper begins at 5:00 pm

Free Will Offering



Lord's Acre Sale begins at 6:30 pm

Auction features homemade crafts,
gift baskets, baked goods, and more!

(please, no donations of used furniture, electronics, appliances, etc.)

Proceeds from the supper and the auction will benefit Beds from Christ

Harvest Days 2023

Sunday, October 29



- Harvest Days Parade
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Hot Chocolate & Games



If you are interested in helping with any of these fun community activities, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

Please contact Crystal with any questions.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” --Luke 6:38

Giving is a part of our Christian tradition. We are to give the love of God to the world around us. We are to give of ourselves to help others the best we can. You could say that giving needs to be a part of our DNA.

We have all been through times in our lives when we isolate ourselves. We do not want to have any dealings with other people. Two things happen when we isolate ourselves. First, others will begin to check on us to see that we are okay. They will give of their time and talents to help us. Second, we realize that when we are not around others, we get extra lonely. We begin to seek out others and begin to help others.

Marko Pal'a from Slovakia writes that giving can happen in many ways. It doesn't have to be money. We can spend time with people even when we are busy. We can give help to others even when we need help as well. God gives us much more than we give to others. The quote from scripture encourages us to “give, and it will be given to you.” When we trust God, have an open heart, and are ready to give, the gifts we give will be blessed by God.

There are many opportunities to give in our little churches. The Medford “Beds from Christ” program and the Rib Lake food pantry allow us to support with time and money and gifts. Medford has the Lord's Acre Sale and Rib Lake will have the cookie sale. There are many opportunities to serve. There are also community organizations that need help. There are many venues for people to volunteer their time. It is up to us to spread the love of God and to share the grace of Jesus Christ with the world. Let us join together and find ways to serve God by serving others.

God's peace,

Pastor John



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MEDFORD and RIB LAKE EVENTS of OCTOBER 2023

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

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3

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

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(M) 6:00 pm
Choir Practice

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8 19th Sunday after Pentecost

(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

9 Office closed

10

**(R) 6:00 pm
SPRC**

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12

(M) 9:00 am
Life Group:
"The Triumph of
Christianity"

13 Office closed

14

15 20th Sunday after Pentecost

(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

16 Office closed

17

**(M) 6:30 pm
SALT**

18

(R) 9:00 am
Food Pantry
**(R) 2:00 pm
Ad. Council**
(R) 4:00 pm
Food Pantry
(M) 5:00 pm
Confirmation

19

(M) 9:00 am
Life Group:
"The Triumph of
Christianity"

20 Office closed

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**November
Newsletter
Pictures and
Articles Due**

22 21st Sunday after Pentecost

(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

23 Office closed

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25

(R) 5:00 pm
Confirmation
(M) 5:00 pm
Sticker Day
(M) 6:00 pm
Choir Practice

26

(M) 9:00 am
Life Group:
"The Triumph of
Christianity"

27 Office closed

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29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) 2:00 pm - Harvest Days

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

30 Office closed

31

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(M) 5:00 pm
Confirmation
(M) 6:00 pm
Choir Practice

2

3 Office closed

4

5 All Saints Sunday

(R) 9:00 am - Worship

(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids

(M) 10:30 am - Worship

(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

6 Office closed

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(R) 5:00 pm
Confirmation

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10 Office closed

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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

October 1 (M) Ron & Sandy Breth
 October 8 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger
 October 15 (M) TBD
 October 22 (M) Craig Butor / James Zajicek
 October 29 (M) Steve & Eunice Mayer

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

October 1 (M) Sandy Breth	(R) Karon Dallmann
October 8 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut	(R) Carol Punzel
October 15 (M) Jean Nuernberger	(R) Deb Polacek
October 22 (M) Crystal Ludwig	(R) Dorothy Nelson
October 29 (M) Steve Mayer	(R) Deb Lind

Slideshow

October 1 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut
 October 8 (M) Carrie Ziembo
 October 15 (M) Jordan Ludwig
 October 22 (M) Brenda Bengtson
 October 29 (M) Crystal Ludwig

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

October 1 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 October 18 (M) Carrie Ziembo
 October 15 (M) Dennis & Nancy Jones
 October 22 (M) Ron & Brenda Bengtson
 October 29 (M) Harvest Days (No 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.**

Crystal: connection@medfordchargeumc.com
 715-965-4006

Office: mcumc@medfordchargeumc.com
 715-748-2165

Medford UMC will be now be passing the plate to collect the offering. Greeters should be prepared to assist with this part of the worship service.

Choir practices have begun! Anyone with an interest in singing, please come and join us on Wednesday evenings. Please check the charge calendar for updates.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 1	(M) Ron Breth (B)
Oct 2	(R) Arlene Penning (B) (M) Barb Schief (B)
Oct 3	(M) Karey Jensen (B) (R) Mike & Jolene Kennedy (A)
Oct 5	(M) Paul Johnson (B)
Oct 12	(M) Herman Pernsteiner (B) (M) Braxton Ray (B)
Oct 16	(R) Tatum Evans (B) (R) Marion Parks (B)
Oct 18	(M) Linda Murphy (B)
Oct 19	(R) Dawn Swenson (B)
Oct 24	(M) Carly Hubbard (B)
Oct 26	(M) Sue Breneman (B)
Oct 27	(M) Paul Church (B)
Oct 28	(R) Kelly Polacek (B) (R) Hal & Dawn Swenson (A)
Oct 30	(M) David Robinson



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

CHURCH EVENTS

SonShine Kids

At Medford UMC, we feel that teaching our children about the love of Jesus Christ is very important. One way that we help them grow in His love is with our Children's Ministry program on Sunday mornings.

School-age children from kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to join us for SonShine Kids from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Please text or call Eunice Mayer for questions or enrollment.
715-965-8374



Blessing of the Backpacks
Medford UMC
Sunday, September 17

Visit our YouTube channel!



youtube.com/@medfordunitedmethodistchurch



God is
our
refuge
and
strength

Psalms 46:1



IN SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy is extended
to the Braun family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Please share your church life stories
and photos in The Messenger!

Send them to...

**connection@medfordchargeumc.
com**

COMMITTEE NEWS WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Rib Lake

Ad. Council: *Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 18, 2:00pm

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, October 17, 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 in November

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. 715-965-2846, 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. Contact: Sue B. 719-775-1443

Lay Servants: Meet monthly with Pastor to plan faith development opportunities Contact: Jean N. 715-965-4403
*Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 3

Leadership Development: Contact a SALT member

Library: Contact a SALT member

Life Groups: current study: "The Triumph of Christianity"; Thursdays at 9:00am 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

Woman's Group: will meet quarterly Contact: Sue B. 719-775-1443
*Next Meeting: watch for details

Worship Ministry Team: plans and coordinates Sunday services. Contact: Nancy J. 715-748-0329
*Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 3

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>2ND QTR.</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Beg. Bal. 4/1/2023	\$ 10,276.01	\$ 11,759.14
2ND QTR. Receipts	\$ 11,220.30	\$ 21,686.55
	\$ 21,496.31	\$ 33,445.69
2ND QTR. Disbursements	\$ 11,193.36	\$ 23,142.74
End Bal. 6/30/23	\$ 10,302.95	\$ 10,302.95
Designated Funds held in checking for Food Pantry	\$ 5,642.08	
Total available for Operations	\$ 4,660.87	
Apportionments due for 2023	\$ 5,304.00	
Apportionments paid for 2023	\$ 100.00	
Balance remaining to pay:	\$ 5,204.00	

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

Fourth Quarter Mission



Northwoods Veterans Homestead is dedicated to providing crucial assistance to Wisconsin's homeless veteran population. Our foundational programming covers a wide range of essential life skills, including cooking, financial management, job searching, resume writing, and personal hygiene. They also collaborate with community partners to facilitate access to professional services in areas such as healthcare, legal aid, and counseling.

The Rib Lake Community Food pantry is graciously accepting donations.

Anything your family enjoys eating is a good candidate for donating! Some items always in need are: cash for buying meats and dairy; peanut butter, catsup, mayo.

Why cash? We can purchase meats, etc. from Feed My People cheaper than you can buy it in the store.

MEDFORD SALT BOARD

This letter is to invite you, as a church member, to the Lord’s Acre auction and soup dinner. The auction is a fund raiser for our mission project, Beds From Christ, which is coordinated by Jean Flood. We have had an abnormally high request for beds this year and the grant that we received is nearly depleted.

We are also soliciting donations for the auction; so far we have a signed Packer football from the London game in 2022; a pair of tickets to the Mannheim Steamroller concert at the Grand Theater in Wausau on December 18th; several gift baskets; craft items and produce. We need many items and a couple more people to donate soup. So far we have a donation of Creamy Veggie Soup with bread as a side and Taco Soup. We need 2 more types of soup.

If you can donate something, could you please let us know once you decide, we can then incorporate the items in the advertising.

If you would like to donate or have further questions, you can call, text or email Bill or Sue Breneman.

Thank you for your consideration of this important fund raiser.

Sue & Bill Breneman

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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 - August

Checking Account:

	Month	Year-to-Date	
Beginning Balance 8/1/2023	\$3,430.76	\$4,115.79	1/1/2023
August Receipts	<u>13,343.78</u>	<u>81,065.77</u>	
	16,774.54	85,181.56	
August Checks	<u>11,757.55</u>	<u>80,164.57</u>	
Balance 8/31/2023	\$5,016.99	\$5,016.99	

Designated funds held in checking at 8/31/2023

Betty Jensen Flower Fund	1,004.28
Beds From Christ	268.91
3rd Qtr Missions	66.00 **
Book Sales	45.69
Memorial Fund	<u>95.00</u>

Total 1,479.88

Checking account balance as of 8/31/2023	\$5,016.99
Designated funds held in checking	<u>1,479.88</u>
Total available to spend in checking:	\$3,537.11

Apportionments due for 2023:	\$14,086.00
Apportionments paid YTD	2514.00
Apportionments paid in August	<u>100.00 *</u>
	2,614.00
Balance remaining to pay:	<u>\$11,472.00</u>

*Paid \$100 toward apportionments this month \$100 designated. \$1,174 per month would meet 2023 apportionments.

Note: Checking Balance is positive due to \$4950 E-trade transfer.

Fourth Quarter Mission



Rib Lake
Community
Food Pantry

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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Rib Lake UMC, Sunday Worship at 9:00am

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Rib Lake, WI 54470

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Medford UMC, Sunday Worship at 10:30am

287 E Allman Street

Medford, WI 54451

Phone 715-748-2165

John Hazen, Pastor 715-748-0477 or 715-560-3606

Crystal Ludwig, Connectional Ministry Coordinator 715-965-4006

Diane Pernsteiner, Charge Treasurer / Office Manager

Address label



**The mission of Medford UMC is to
make new disciples of Jesus
Christ for the transformation of
the world.**

By the grace of God we reach
out to all those who need hope,
comfort, support, and the love
of Jesus Christ.



October 2023



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in Jesus.**

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to worship God, connect with
others, and serve the community.



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