



September 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
7/30	8 charge picnic in RL	18
8/6	17	28
8/13	13	27
8/20	14	30
8/27	13	31

FALL LIFE GROUP

"The Triumph of Christianity" (part 2)

Begins Thursday, September 14
9:00 a.m. - Medford UMC
6-week Study

No Books! No Homework!
Come with a learning heart!



Life Groups: we talk about God, Faith, and Life.
We are *learning together*.

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

-- Matthew 5:9

Who are the peacemakers in this world?

I think of Jimmy Carter, in his 90s and currently living under hospice care. His presidency is considered by many to have been one of the worst in history. He served one term and was not reelected. There are many who have dug into his presidency, and I do not intend to do that here. However, I think that Jimmy Carter has had one of the best post-presidencies ever. Besides being instrumental in the formation of Habitat for Humanity, he traveled far and wide in attempts to promote peace. He even received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work toward peace.

Peace is not an easy thing to achieve. There always seems to be some war or dispute happening in the world. The movie "Oppenheimer" shows that even when war concludes, there are people and countries that are restless and not able to handle peace.

As Christians, I believe we are to promote peace the best we can. We are to promote peace through our words and our actions. We are never to say one thing and do another. In confirmation, I always have the confirmands start thinking of how to live the Christian life. We talk about Jesus saying "turn the other cheek". If I ask them what to do when someone slaps them, they ultimately say to slap back, using our human brains. They start thinking about what Jesus said, and some will say "give them your other cheek." Most will say things like find an adult to tell or walk away or ignore it. It is the beginning of peace making.

Being a peace maker is both hard and easy. It is hard to orient our lives to the concept of making peace. Once we do, it is easy to hold on to the concept and live it. My advice to students just starting school is to be the peace maker in your school.

God's peace, Pastor John

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MEDFORD and RIB LAKE EVENTS of SEPTEMBER 2023

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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3 14th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	4 Office closed	5 (M) 6:00 pm Worship Team / Lay Servants	6	7	8 Office closed	9
10 15th Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	11 Office closed	12	13 (M) 10:00 am Keenagers Carpool Leaves for Wausau (M) 5:00 pm Confirmation	14 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group:</u> "The Triumph of Christianity"	15 Office closed	16
17 16th Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	18 Office closed	19 (M) 6:30 pm SALT	20 (R) 9:00 am Food Pantry (R) 4:00 pm Food Pantry (R) 5:00 pm Confirmation (M) 6:00 pm Choir Practice	21 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group:</u> "The Triumph of Christianity"	22 Office closed	23
24 17th Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	25 Office closed	26 (M) 6:00 pm Building Maint. Team	27 (M) 5:00 pm Sticker Day (M) 5:00 pm Confirmation (M) 6:00 pm Choir Practice	28 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group:</u> "The Triumph of Christianity"	29 Office closed	30
1 18th Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	2 Office closed	3	4 (R) 5:00 pm Confirmation (M) 6:00 pm Choir Practice	5 (M) 9:00 am <u>Life Group:</u> "The Triumph of Christianity"	6 Office closed	7

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

PEOPLE SERVING, LEADING, PRAYING, LISTENING, & CELEBRATING

Weekly Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

September 3 (M) Herman Pernsteiner
 September 10 (M) Craig Butor / James Zajicek
 September 17 (M) Steve & Eunice Mayer
 September 24 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

September 3 (M) Crystal Ludwig (R) Carol Punzel
 September 10 (M) TBD (R) Deb Polacek
 September 17 (M) Steve Mayer (R) Dorothy Nelson
 September 24 (M) Sue Breneman (R) Deb Lind

Slideshow

September 3 (M) Carrie Ziembo
 September 10 (M) Jordan Ludwig
 September 17 (M) Brenda Bengtson
 September 24 (M) Crystal Ludwig

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

September 3 (M) Lynette Burton
 September 10 (M) TBD
 September 17 (M) Sandy Breth
 September 24 (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.**

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

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

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

Choir practice will begin on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 pm at Medford UMC.

Anyone with an interest in singing, please come and join us!

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 1 (M) Ronald Bengtson (B)
 Sept 4 (M) Cody D Church (B)
 (R) Gwen Clendenning (B)
 (M) Gwen Thomas (B)
 Sept 5 (M) Ron & Muriel Isaacson (A)
 Sept 6 (M) Morgan Ludwig (B)
 (M) Colton Zittlow (B)
 Sept 8 (M) Brenda Bengtson (B)
 Sept 10 (R) Tahlia Scheithauer (B)
 (R) Talon Scheithauer (B)
 Sept 11 (M) Pastor John Hazen (B)
 (R) Hal Swenson (B)
 Sept 12 (R) Tasha Mannel (B)
 (M) Chas Witz (B)
 Sept 13 (M) Oliver Ludwig (B)
 Sept 17 (R) Carl & Kristin Lueck (A)
 Sept 19 (M) Peter Loniello (B)
 Sept 22 (M) Gaitlin Piller (B)
 (R) Valerey K Roiger (B)
 Sept 23 (R) Sierra (Mannel) Ulrich (B)
 Sept 24 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger (A)
 (M) David & Melinda Robinson (A)
 Sept 28 (M) Jim & Jean Flood (A)
 Sept 29 (M) Melanie Church (B)
 (R) Allison Heiser (B)
 Sept 30 (R) Jack Wiitala (B)



****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.

SonShine kids will resume on **Sunday, September 17th**. Please text or call Eunice Mayer for questions or enrollment. 715-965-8374



Women's Meeting

Wednesday, September 20th
12:30 pm

Agenda:

12:30 - Light Lunch will be served

1:15 - Samantha Gehrke
Community Coordinator of Stepping
Stones, Inc

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 RSVP with Sue Breneman
before September 18

Keenagers

Wednesday, September 13

This month the Keenagers will be attending the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau to enjoy the Birds in Art exhibit. Before heading to the museum, the group will join together at Applebee's for lunch. The carpool to Wausau will leave Medford at 10:00 am.

Please contact Sue for more information or to arrange a ride with the carpool.
719-775-1443

Everyone 50+ is welcome!

Visit our YouTube channel!



youtube.com/@medfordunitedmethodistchurch

God is
our
refuge
and
strength

Psalms 46:1



IN SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy is extended
to the family of Corliss Jensen.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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, September 19, 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 September 26

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. Contact: Sue B. 719-775-1443
*Next event: Sept. 13, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

Lay Servants: Meet monthly with Pastor to plan faith development opportunities Contact: Jean N. 715-965-4403
*Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 5

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 on Sunday, September 17. Contact Eunice for enrollment.

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. 719-775-1443
*Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 12:30pm

Worship Ministry Team: plans and coordinates Sunday services. Contact: Nancy J. 715-748-0329
*Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 5

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

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.

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

connection@medfordchargeumc.com

Third 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.

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

from Prayray.com

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.” (Luke 12:22)

Even though we are in a world full of disappointment and frustration, Jesus reminded us never to worry about anything. God is ready to take care daily of everything we need. He will help us to survive in the most challenging situations. It is the smallest of the things God can do for us. But, he will indeed supply every one of our needs. Philippians 4:19 “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”

GOD IS READY TO TAKE CARE DAILY OF EVERYTHING WE NEED

You should also know that life is worth more than all those material things; what we should consider and take action first is seeking God’s kingdom. So Matthew 6:33 says, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Whatever you do today, put your worries aside and put God first. Then you will find that everything you need will come to you because the One who promised never to leave you is **faithful**. “The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.” (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

Submitted by Steve Mayer

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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 - July

Checking Account:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Beginning Balance 7/1/2023	\$2,418.76	\$4,115.79	1/1/2023
July Receipts	<u>13,684.08</u>	<u>67,721.99</u>	
	16,102.84	71,837.78	
July Checks	<u>12,672.08</u>	<u>68,407.02</u>	
Balance 7/31/2023	\$3,430.76	\$3,430.76	

Designated funds held in checking at 7/31/2023

Betty Jensen Flower Fund	1,004.28
Beds From Christ	2,570.50
3rd Qtr Missions	27.00 **
Book Sales	45.69
Total	<u>3,647.47</u>

Checking account balance as of 7/31/2023	\$3,430.76
Designated funds held in checking	<u>3,647.47</u>
Total available to spend in checking:	<u>(\$216.71)</u>

Apportionments due for 2023:	\$14,086.00
Apportionments paid YTD	475.00
Apportionments paid in July	<u>2039.00 *</u>
	2,514.00
Balance remaining to pay:	<u>2,514.00</u>
	\$11,572.00

*Paid \$2039 toward apportionments this month \$2,038.99 designated (\$2003.99 from Rummage Sale (after 30.75 ad cost deducted; \$35 individual giving). \$1,174 per month would meet 2023 apportionments.

**\$35 was paid to UMCOR for the 2nd Quarter missions project.

Third Quarter Mission



Harbor House Crisis Shelters
 Faith United Methodist Church
 1531 Hughitt Ave. Superior, WI 54880
 (715) 394-9608
churchoffice@superiorfaithumc.org

Founded by the Rev. Barb Certa-Werner, Harbor House Crisis Shelters (HHCS) has been a ministry of Faith United Methodist Church since 2001. From its founding, it has served the homeless single women and families of Superior and has continued to live out its mission. Its mission is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living, and services for homeless women and families. Our goal is to assist our guests in attaining services and housing.

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

Phone 715-427-3670

Medford UMC, Sunday Worship at 10:30am

287 E Allman Street

Medford, WI 54451

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

Crystal Ludwig, Connectional Ministry Coordinator 715-965-4006

Diane Pernsteiner, Charge Treasurer / Office Manager

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**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.



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