



November 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
10/1	12	41
10/8	11	30
10/15	12	33
10/22	15	39



Special Services



Ecumenical Services

Rib Lake UMC

Sunday, November 19 - 6:00 pm

Medford UMC

Wednesday, November 22 - 7:00 pm

All are welcome!

Hunters' Service

Rib Lake UMC

Wednesday, November 15

Potluck Dinner - 5:30 pm
Worship Service - 6:15 pm

Join us for food, skits, music, and special prayer for our hunters.

Advent Services

5:30 pm - Soup / Sandwich Supper
6:15 pm - Worship Service

December 6th - Rib Lake UMC
December 13th - Medford UMC
December 20th - Rib Lake UMC



For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them"
Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

Lord's Acre Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a great success!
Together we raised over \$3,500 for Beds from Christ.



Thank You!



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit." -John 15:5

A Christian is expected to bear fruit. It is true that we are saved by faith, but once we have that faith, we are expected to bear fruit. According to this passage of scripture, we are expected to bear much fruit. We are not to come to faith and then sit, reading our Bibles and do nothing else. We are expected to bear fruit.

How do we bear fruit?

Our two churches are bearing fruit. The Medford Church has the "Beds from Christ" program, providing beds for people who are in need of beds. The Rib Lake Church has the Rib Lake Community Food Pantry, providing food for people in need. Both programs have plenty of support from the churches and the communities. Both these churches are bearing much fruit through these programs.

As individuals, we are expected to bear much fruit. We do this by helping people through charities and organizations, and by helping our neighbors with individual tasks, and by supporting charities with our money, by participating in walks and runs and programs designed to support those in need. There are so many ways in the world in which we can bear much fruit. We don't even have to have the burden of organizing these events and programs—they are organized by others in the community or the church. We just have to be a part of the program or event.

This is a debate that has been debated for years. For some, it is enough to come to faith, read your Bible, be in prayer. To them, that is bearing fruit. However, Jesus says that "you will bear **much** fruit." Jesus puts a quantifier on the fruit. Bearing fruit is not enough—it is to be much fruit.

Another way to bear fruit is through the committee work of a church. We are at that time of year where we are filling open positions on the leadership team. Please consider if you are asked.

It is my prayer for you that you, indeed, bear much fruit for God and the Kingdom.

Blessings,

Pastor John

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Email: pastor@medfordchargeumc.com

Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 12 noon

If you would like to become a member of the Medford or Rib Lake churches, please speak with Pastor John.

MEDFORD and RIB LAKE EVENTS of NOVEMBER 2023

3

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1
(M) 5:00 pm
Confirmation
(M) 6:00 pm
Choir Practice

2

3 Office closed

4

5 All Saints Sunday
Holy Communion
(R) 9:00 am - Worship
(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids
(M) 10:30 am - Worship
(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

6 Office closed

7
(M) 6:00 pm
Worship Team /
Lay Servants

8
(M) 10:00 am
Keenagers @
Enerquip
(R) 5:00 pm
Confirmation

9

10 Office closed

11
**Charge
Conference
10:30 am**

**12 24th Sunday after
Pentecost**
(R) 9:00 am - Worship
(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids
(M) 10:30 am - Worship
(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

13 Office closed

14

15
(R) 9:00 am
Food Pantry
(R) 4:00 pm
Food Pantry
(M) 6:00 pm
Choir Practice
**Hunters
Service**
Rib Lake UMC
Potluck - 5:30pm
Service - 6:15pm

16

17 Office closed

18

**19 25th Sunday after
Pentecost**
(R) 9:00 am - Worship
(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids
(M) 10:30 am - Worship
(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis
(R) 6:00 pm - Ecumenical
Service w/ Good Shepherd

20 Office closed

21
(M) 6:30 pm
SALT

22
(M) 6:00 pm
Choir Practice
**Thanksgiving
Service**
Medford UMC
7:00 pm

23



24 Office closed

**December
Newsletter
Pictures and
Articles Due**

25

**26 26th Sunday after
Pentecost**
(R) 9:00 am - Worship
(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids
(M) 10:30 am - Worship
(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

27 Office closed

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29
(M) 5:00 pm
Sticker Day
(M) 5:00 pm
Confirmation
(M) 6:00 pm
Choir Practice

30

1 Office closed
(M) 6:00 pm
Confirmation
Potluck

2

**3 1st Sunday of
Advent**
(R) 9:00 am - Worship
(M) 9:15 am - SonShine Kids
(M) 10:30 am - Worship
Confirmation Service
(M) 2:00 pm - Oasis

4 Office closed

5

6
(R) 5:30 pm
Soup Supper
(R) 6:15 pm
Advent Service

7

8 Office closed

9

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

PEOPLE SERVING, LEADING, PRAYING, LISTENING, & CELEBRATING

Weekly Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

November 5 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 November 12 (M) Eunice & Steve Mayer
 November 19 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger
 November 26 (M) TBD

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

November 5 (M) Bill Breneman (R) Karon Dallmann
 November 12 (M) Steve Mayer (R) Carol Punzel
 November 19 (M) Jean Nuernberger (R) Dorathy Nelson
 November 26 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut (R) Deb Lind

Slideshow

November 5 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut
 November 12 (M) Carrie Ziembo
 November 19 (M) Jordan Ludwig
 November 26 (M) Brenda Bengtson

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

November 5 (M) Sandy & Ron Breth
 November 12 (M) TBD
 November 19 (M) TBD
 November 26 (M) TBD

Altar Flowers (sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall)

November 5 (M) TBD
 November 12 (M) TBD
 November 19 (M) TBD
 November 26 (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

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



IN SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Marion Parks.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

God is
 our
 refuge
 and
 strength



Psalms 46:1

Prayer Requests

Health Concerns:

Kelli Ray; Ron Isaacson; Chyrel Houston; Marge Blair; Jean Romang; Barb Schief; Howard & Judy Troyk; Brenda Clark; Craig Butor; Dennis Lind; Hal Swenson; Krist Punzel; Don & Donna Hoeffler; 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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 1 (R) Gary Polacek (B)
 Nov 2 (M) Shane Ludwig (B)
 Nov 4 (M) Rebecca Kalmon (B)
 Nov 5 (M) Diane Braun (B)
 Nov 6 (M) Alice Johnson (B)
 Nov 10 (M) Carson Ingersoll (B)
 Nov 12 (R) Karon Dallmann (B)
 Nov 13 (M) Kasey Clark (B)
 Nov 17 (M) Mary Lou Costello (B)
 Nov 18 (M) Melinda Robinson (B)
 Nov 20 (M) Sandy Breth (B)
 Nov 21 (M) Muriel Isaacson (B)
 (M) Renee Vaara (B)
 Nov 22 (R) Brandon Heiser (B)
 (M) Ron Isaacson (B)
 Nov 27 (M) Carson Church (B)
 (R) Sye Mannel (B)
 Nov 29 (M) Stephen Mayer (B)



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

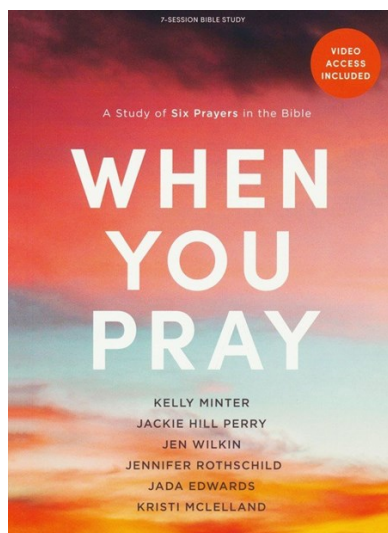
Life Groups – Learning Together

L - Live

I – in

F – Faith

E - Everyday



Do you have trouble thinking of words to say to God when you pray? Are you afraid some emotions are too intense to express to God? Do you reach the end of a day only to realize you haven't prayed at all?

You're not alone. Prayer is the way we relate to God, but sometimes it's a struggle. Throughout God's Word, we encounter many voices who teach us how to pray.

Join six beloved Bible study teachers, Kelly Minter, Jackie Hill Perry, Jen Wilkin, Jennifer Rothschild, Jada Edwards, and Kristi McLelland in this study.

Learn that God welcomes your praise and lament, your thanksgiving and intercession. You'll see examples of how to pray when you're alone and when you're gathered with others. Above all, you'll notice there's no one right way to pray. The videos are approximately 25-40 minutes long with discussion to follow.

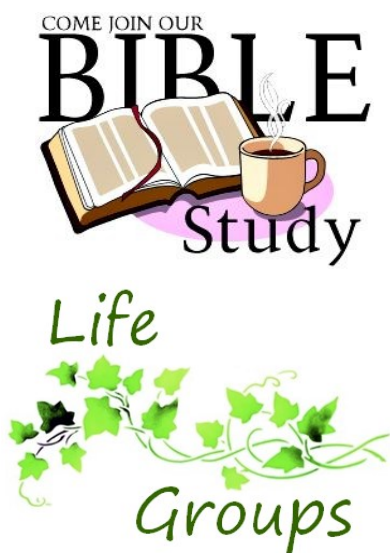
description from ChristianBook.com

The 7-week study begins in Mid-January
(dates will be set soon).

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

Books are not required, but if you would like to go deeper in the study, books can be ordered. Contact Cheryl for more information.

Please contact Cheryl or Jean N. for more information about this Life Group.



Oasis

Experimenta - Conozca - Comparta

Domingo - 2:00 pm

Keenagers

Wednesday November 8th - 10:00 am
Enerquip

611 North Road, Medford

Please park on the south side of the building, entering the south door. We will have a tour of the business, which will take about an hour. Lunch will be afterwards and is TBD.

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, November 21, 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
*Next Event: Wednesday, November 8, 10:00am at Enerquip in Medford

Lay Servants: Meet monthly with Pastor to plan faith development opportunities Contact: Jean N. 715-965-4403
*Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7

Leadership Development: Contact a SALT member

Library: Contact a SALT member

Life Groups: future study: "When You Pray"; 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, November 7

Winter Clothing Drive

Rib Lake United Methodist Church is working with Good Shepherd Catholic Church on collecting good, clean used winter coats, boots, hats and gloves. All sizes are welcome. You can get your items to a RLUMC member or drop them off at the Rib Lake Village Hall. There is a coat rack and table set up in the entry.

Any questions, comments, or concerns can be directed to Dorathy - 715.897.3541 or dorathykay45@gmail.com.

RIB LAKE UMC QTRLY FINANCE REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT:	3RD QTR.	YEAR TO DATE (1/1/2023)
Beg. Bal. 7/1/2023	\$ 10,302.95	\$ 11,759.14
3RD QTR. Receipts	\$ 10,320.00	\$ 32,006.55
	\$ 20,622.95	\$ 43,765.69
3RD QTR. Disbursements	\$ 11,339.07	\$ 34,481.81
End Bal. 9/30/23	\$ 9,283.88	\$ 9,283.88
Designated Funds held in checking for Food Pantry	\$ 4,411.27	
Total available for Operations	\$ 4,872.61	
Apportionments due for 2023	\$ 5,304.00	
Apportionments paid for 2023	\$ 150.00	
Balance remaining to pay:	\$ 5,154.00	

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@medford
chargeumc.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

Here are some quips for you to ponder...

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4given
We don't change the message. The message changes us.
If a church wants a better Pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'
God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
He who angers you, controls you!
If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!!
Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty.
The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
God grades on the cross, not the curve.
God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em - He'll clean 'em.
Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church!
Peace starts with a smile.
Forbidden fruits create many jams.
God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever!
People are funny – they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.
When you get to your wit's end you'll find God lives there.
It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case!
Some people are kind, polite, and thoughtful until you try to sit in their pews.

Bill Breneman	(719) 775-1442 wkbreneman@gmail.com	Kelley Isola	(715) 965-3011 kisola1962@gmail.com
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 - September

Checking Account:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	
Beginning Balance 9/1/2023	\$5,016.99	\$4,115.79	1/1/2023
September Receipts	<u>11,797.73</u>	<u>92,863.50</u>	
	16,814.72	96,979.29	
September Checks	<u>13,028.03</u>	<u>93,192.60</u>	
Balance 9/30/2023	\$3,786.69	\$3,786.69	

Designated funds held in checking at 9/30/2023

Betty Jensen Flower Fund	914.28
Beds From Christ	553.91
4th Qtr Missions	- **
Book Sales	45.69
Sunday School	100.00
Total	<u>1,613.88</u>

Checking account balance as of 8/31/2023

Designated funds held in checking

Total available to spend in checking:

\$3,786.69

1,613.88

\$2,172.81

Apportionments due for 2023:

Apportionments paid YTD

Apportionments paid in September

2614.00

115.00 *

2,729.00

\$14,086.00

2,729.00

Balance remaining to pay:

\$11,357.00

*Paid \$115 toward apportionments this month; \$115 designated. \$1,174 per month would meet 2023 apportionments.

**Paid \$66 to Harbor House in Superior, our 3rd quarter mission project.

Note: Property insurance of \$2,152 will be due mid-October.

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

1300 Church Street

Rib Lake, WI 54470

Phone 715-427-3670

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.



November 2023



**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.



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