



July 2025

Messenger

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

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Beds from Christ is grateful for Prevail Bank's support of our program. The donation will be used to purchase beds and bedding for those in need in Taylor County throughout the year. Since the beginning of 2025, the program has provided over thirty beds for area residents. Our referrals have been initiated from Taylor County Human Services, Taylor House and Oasis Church. Thank you to all who believe in this mission and provide financial support and encouragement.

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.

Attendance

Date	Rib Lake	Medford
6/1	10	27
6/8	16	24
6/15	15	?
6/22	8	25



Annual Charge Picnic

Sunday, July 27

Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
Potluck lunch to follow

Lakeview Park - Rib Lake

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.” --Matthew 6:8

We, as humans, think we know what is best for us. We certainly do not think that others know what is best for us. We do not like others telling us what we need or what we should do. It is partly due to that pioneering spirit that is unique to our country. We can certainly do for ourselves as our pioneering ancestors did.

I have always maintained that prayer is quite possibly the most important tool that we, as Christians, have. It is our daily communication with God. It is the way we communicate our wants and needs to God. It is a way that we communicate the wants and needs of others to God.

Jesus tells us that God knows what we need before we ask Him. One might maintain that if God knows what we need, then why ask? Why doesn't God just give it to us? Life doesn't work that way. We need food and drink to live, but they are not automatically given to us. We ask when we are younger, and when we get to adulthood, we work to achieve these things. It just seems courteous to ask for these things than just expect them.

We also have to understand the difference between wants and needs. Just because we want something does not mean we need the thing we want. God knows if it is something we need and may not give it to us. For many, this is a turn off because they feel God does not respond.

Linawati and his family live in Indonesia. They were going to have to move out of their house for a while so that the owner could renovate it. They had planned for everything, including the costs. Then something came up and there was an extra cost they had not planned for. That is when a friend, not knowing about the extra cost, sent them some money to help with the move. It was enough to cover the extra cost with some left over. Linawati's family gave the extra money to their church.

I have read stories similar to this where people needed money and out of the blue the money comes to them. It does not happen to everyone, and that is because God is not an ATM in which we put our prayers and get money. Sometimes God provides opportunities that help solve our problems. Other times God provides the patience to endure the problem. God knows our needs before we ask.

God wants to hear from us. God wants us to pray and communicate with Him. Let us find time each day to be in communication with God.

May the joy of Christ overtake you this day.

God's Blessings,

Pastor John

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Office Hours: Tuesday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

PEOPLE SERVING, LEADING, PRAYING, LISTENING, & CELEBRATING

Weekly Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

July 6 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger
 July 13 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 July 20 (M) James Zajicek
 July 27 (M) Shane & Crystal Ludwig

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

July 6 (M) Jean Nuernberger	(R) Carol Punzel
July 13 (M) Bill Breneman	(R) Deb Polacek
July 20 (M) Kelley Isola	(R) Dorothy Nelson
July 27 (M) Crystal Ludwig	(R) Kathy Joy

Slideshow

July 6 (M) Crystal Ludwig	(R) Deb P. / Dorothy N.
July 13 (M) Brenda Bengtson	(R) Deb P. / Dorothy N.
July 20 (M) Crystal Ludwig	(R) Deb P. / Dorothy N.
July 27 (M) Brenda Bengtson	(R) Deb P. / Dorothy N.

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

July 6 (M) TBD
 July 13 (M) TBD
 July 20 (M) TBD
 July 27 (M) TBD

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

July 6 (M) Corliss Jensen Memorial Flower Fund
 July 13 (M) TBD
 July 20 (M) Corliss Jensen Memorial Flower Fund
 July 27 (M) TBD

****You are responsible for finding a replacement if you are unavailable on your day.**

*****Please 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:

Marge Blair; Craig Butor; Brenda Clark; Hollie Harvey; Ray Parks;
 Barb Schief

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; District Superintendent PyungAhn "Peace"
 Kim; Bishop Dan Schwerin



Exciting News...

Sunday School will be starting up in fall!

We are looking for teachers

Contact Cheryl Ketelhut for info: 608-485-2459

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 (A)
 (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

Medford UMC - Third Quarter Mission



DOING THE MOST GOOD

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Rib Lake UMC - Third 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.**

Keenagers

Events for July, August, September

The month of July for Keenagers will be a busy one! We are planning a kitchen cleaning day on Wednesday, July 9th from 10 am to 2 pm; lunch will be provided. We are asking for the congregation's help to go COMPLETELY through the kitchen, cleaning all cupboards, inside and out and reorganizing them. The trustees are planning on cleaning all the floors in the church. We would like the kitchen cleaned before they have the floors stripped and rewaxed, and the carpets cleaned.

We have been asked by the district United Women In Faith (formerly United Methodist Women), to have their annual meeting at our church. Two dates are important- first, they will hold their Leadership Team meeting here on Thursday, August 21st, and we have been asked to provide coffee and snacks for a free will offering. Then their District meeting will be held here on Saturday, September 27th, and we will be providing the lunch. The District offers \$7.00 per plate for compensation for the meal. The Keenagers will be coordinating both of these events. We will need help for serving and preparing foods for both events.

Finally, there has been some expressed interest in doing a Wine Glass Etching workshop at the Steeple Gallery in Dorchester. They need a 3 week notice and the cost is \$20 for the first glass and \$10 for each additional glass. We would need to reserve a date and the classes are 1-2 hours long and are in the evening, Monday-Thursday, from 5-8PM. If you want to get a group together, contact me.

Sue Breneman sebreneman@gmail.com 719-775-1443



Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 21 - United Women in Faith leadership team meeting - Medford UMC

Saturday, September 27 - United Women in Faith district meeting - Medford UMC

Tuesday, October 21 - Red Cross Blood Drive - Medford UMC

Watch the weekly announcements and future editions of The Messenger for updates!

MEDFORD AD. COUNCIL

Medford United Methodist Church - Ad. Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2025

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.

Our Core Values: Preaching and teaching scripture, encouragement, fellowship, prayer, and worship.

Aspirational Value: Service to ALL Others.

***Attendance:** Brenda Bengtson, *Bill Breneman, Pastor John Hazen,* Dennis Jones, Linda Murphy, *Stan Schmidt, John DeBruyne, *Cheryl Ketelhut

Ad Council Chair Cheryl opened the meeting with a prayer, then called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Cheryl gave the devotions which were centered on Isaiah 55: 1-3 and 8-13. Part of the scripture talked about clinging to God's promises and that we can be sure that God's ways are the best way.

Bill volunteered to do devotions for the July 15th meeting.

Motion by Bill to approve the agenda, second by Dennis. Motion carried.

Stan moved to approve the minutes,; second by Dennis. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

*Finance Report was reviewed with the council by Stan. It was noted that the giving is not covering the expenses of our church as stated in the June 1st Town Hall meeting regarding the church finances. The designated fund accounts as shown on this month's report will be changed in next months report so that there will only 3 designated amounts. Those three designated amounts as approved by the Ad Council at their May 20th meeting are: Betty Jenson Flower Fund, the Beds From Christ, and the Quarterly Mission Projects. Motion by Bill to approve the Finance Report, second by Dennis. Motion carried.

*Worship Committee met recently. Everything seems to be going smoothly. They will be meeting every other month for now. Cheryl and Jean will be presenting a Book Study starting in the fall. This study will be based on the Book: The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi. They are planning on presenting Session 3 of The Chosen starting in January. There will be the Thursday morning sessions and the late afternoon sessions for both studies.

*Trustees Report:

1.Sale of Church land behind the church: two bids were received for the land behind the church beginning where the mowing stops. It is about 7 acres. The Trustees reviewed the bids and recommends approving the high bid from Shane Schultz of \$13,650. The second bid was \$7,100. Motion by Bill to approve the sale of the property to the highest bidder Shane Schultz for the bid amount of \$13,650, second by Dennis. Motion carried unanimously.

2.Church and Parsonage Cleaning Schedule: Parsonage Cleaning will be after July 4th with date agreement pending with the Pastor. Cleaning will be done by the Thomas family business. A clean and reorganize the church kitchen has been set for July 9th. Cleaning of the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Kitchen will be after July 9th.

3.Roofing Schedule: The Sanctuary and back shed roofs will begin soon, and will probably take about 2 days to complete. The metal roof will be placed over the existing shingles.

MEDFORD FINANCES

Medford UMC Finance Report - May

Checking Account:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Beginning Balance 5/1/2025	\$177.06	\$6,157.39
May Receipts(Weekly Deposits)	<u>16,531.15</u>	<u>61,122.11</u>
	16,708.21	67,279.50
May Checks(Paid)	<u>10,533.90</u>	<u>61,105.19</u>
Balance 5/31/2025	\$6,174.31	\$6,174.31

Betty Jensen Flower Fund	854.38
Beds From Christ	3,902.29
2nd Qtr Missions	147.00
Total	4,903.67

Checking account balance as of 5/31/2025	\$6,174.31
Designated funds held in checking	4,903.67
Total available to spend in checking:	\$1,270.64

Apportionments due for 2025:	\$14,436.00
Apportionments paid YTD	390.87
Apportionments paid in May	<u>128.10</u>
	390.87
Balance remaining to pay:	\$14,045.13

*\$1203 per month would meet 2025 apportionments.

Medford Ad. Council Members - 2025		SPRC Members
Brenda Bengtson	715-785-7480	<u>Medford</u> Dennis Jones Bill Breneman Cheryl Ketelhut
Linda Murphy	715-965-2015	
Dennis Jones	715-748-0329	
Bill Breneman	719-775-1442	
Stan Schmidt	715-560-2811	<u>Rib Lake</u> Karon Dallmann Dorathy Nelson Deb Polacek
John DeBruyne	715-965-4479	
Cheryl Ketelhut	608-485-2459	
Pastor John Hazen	715-748-2165	

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Medford UMC, Sunday Worship at 10:30am

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

Crystal Ludwig, Connectional Ministry Coordinator 715-965-4006

Nancy Graun, Charge Treasurer / Office Manager

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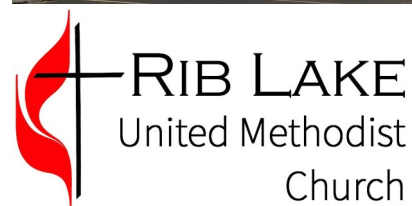


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**The mission of Rib Lake UMC is to
help all people to know and grow
in Jesus.**

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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