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Messenger

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

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Medford UMC - Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, June 1
following service

Topic of discussion:
Budget concerns

Rummage Sale

Thursday, June 26

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, June 27

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

drop off your items on June 23rd-25th,
9:00 am - 12 noon.

Contact Sue Breneman for more information.

Save Your
Items for Our
Rummage Sale



Attendance

Date	Rib Lake	Medford
4/27	15	28
5/4	8	35
5/11	10	18
5/18	12	31
5/25	11	18

If you desire to donate to the Rummage Sale, we are looking for gently used items for resale.

Items should be clean and usable for the next family that may have a need.

Items that went well last year were household items, dishes, utensils, bedding, craft items, DVDs, sports and camping items, small furniture (like chairs, bookcases, not large furniture), and small kitchen appliances.

We cannot resell baby car seats or strollers. We also cannot handle large appliances.

Questions or ideas for assisting with this project, contact Sue Breneman 719-775-1443, Bill Breneman 719-775-1442, or email Sue at sebreneman@gmail.com

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." --Matthew 18:21-22

Forgiveness is a debatable topic. When are we to forgive—how many times are we to forgive—what is to be forgiven? Obviously, even the disciples were uncertain about forgiveness. Peter asked the question because he was unsure of the answer. Peter thought he was being smart by answering the question himself. Jewish thought was that forgiving three times was the answer, so Peter doubled that and added one. What a smart person.

Nothing is ever simple with Jesus. He answered that seventy-seven times was the answer. Jesus was being tricky. He knew that a human being is an impatient creature, and there were not many people who would be willing to keep track of their forgiveness up to seventy-seven times.

I believe the point Jesus is trying to make is that forgiveness should be unlimited. The forgiveness of God is available to all at any time. If a person is sincere, then forgiveness is available, and we should be the vessels through which that forgiveness comes.

I believe that Jesus assumed, correctly, that we would not take time to keep track of the times we forgive. It would take a lot of time and organization to keep track. If we had 10 people we were forgiving, and had to keep track of seventy-seven times for each person, that would take some incredible organization. I am not saying it would be impossible, but it would definitely be difficult.

Jesus knew that we are sinful human beings. Each human being finds it easier to sin than to forgive. We might even sin because we believe it would be our right to seek vengeance for a perceived wrong. There are many who, when asked, "what would you do if someone slapped you?" would respond with "Slap them right back." That impulsiveness will lead us into sin.

When Jesus says to forgive seventy-seven times, it causes us to stop and think. How can we do that? We would need to trust Jesus for the answer. There are many answers in the Bible; the problem is we do not always like the answers. The answers do not conform to the way we think humans should act. They do conform to the way Jesus wants Christians to act.

Is there someone who needs your forgiveness today? Do not be afraid to give it to them. Do you need someone's forgiveness? Pray that they give it to you. Forgiveness is an important tool in our Christian toolbox.

May the joy of Christ overtake you this day.

God's Blessings,

Pastor John

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Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 12 noon

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

MEDFORD and RIB LAKE EVENTS of JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Ascension Sunday Holy Communion (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	2 Office closed	3	4 (M) 6:00 pm Worship Team / Lay Servants	5	6 Office closed	7
8 Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	9 Office closed	10	11	12	13 Office closed	14
15 Trinity Sunday / Peace with Justice Sunday (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	16 Office closed	17 (M) 6:00 pm Ad. Council	18 (R) 9:00 am Food Pantry (R) 4:00 pm Food Pantry	19	20 Office closed July Newsletter Pictures and Articles Due	21
22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	23 Office closed (M) 9 am - 12 pm Rummage Sale Drop Off / Set Up	24 (M) 9 am - 12 pm Rummage Sale Drop Off / Set Up	25 (M) 9 am - 12 pm Rummage Sale Drop Off / Set Up (M) 5:00 pm Sticker Day	26 (M) 7:00 pm Keenagers at Red & White Theatre Rummage Sale 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Medford UMC	27 Office closed Rummage Sale 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Medford UMC	28
29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (R) 9:00 am - Worship (M) 10:30 am - Worship (M) 2:00 pm - Oasis	30 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

June 1 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 June 8 (M) Lee & Jean Nuernberger
 June 15 (M) Bill & Sue Breneman
 June 22 (M) James Zajicek
 June 29 (M) Shane & Crystal Ludwig

Worship Leaders/Liturgists

June 1 (M) Sue Breneman	(R) Deb Polacek
June 8 (M) Jean Nuernberger	(R) Dorathy Nelson
June 15 (M) Bill Breneman	(R) Kathy Joy
June 22 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut	(R) Deb Lind
June 29 (M) Crystal Ludwig	(R) Karon Dallmann

Slideshow

June 1 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut	(R) Deb P. / Dorathy N.
June 8 (M) Crystal Ludwig	(R) Deb P. / Dorathy N.
June 15 (M) Brenda Bengtson	(R) Deb P. / Dorathy N.
June 22 (M) Crystal Ludwig	(R) Deb P. / Dorathy N.
June 29 (M) Cheryl Ketelhut	(R) Deb P. / Dorathy N.

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

June 1 (M) TBD
 June 8 (M) TBD
 June 15 (M) TBD
 June 22 (M) TBD
 June 29 (M) POTLUCK

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

June 1 (M) Corliss Jensen Memorial Flower Fund
 June 8 (M) TBD
 June 15 (M) Corliss Jensen Memorial Flower Fund
 June 22 (M) TBD
 June 29 (M) Corliss Jensen Memorial Flower Fund

****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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June 4	(M) Grace Ingersoll (B) (M) Stan & Patsy Schmidt (A)
June 6	(M) Brenda Clark (B)
June 8	(M) Ron & Brenda Bengtson (A) (M) Diane Horenberger (B)
June 10	(M) LeRoy & Patricia Zittlow (A)
June 12	(R) Jolene Kennedy (B)
June 13	(R) Gary Nelson (B)
June 14	(M) Darci McDonnell (B)
June 17	(R) Hollie Harvey (B) (M) Kathy Van Wylen (B)
June 19	(M) Wendy Bockin (B)
June 28	(M) Dennis Jones (B)

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

MEDFORD UMC



POTLUCK LUNCH

June 29 | AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE

CHURCH EVENTS

Rib Lake UMC - Second Quarter Mission



**WOUNDED WARRIOR
PROJECT®**

Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) is an American charity and veterans service organization that operates as a nonprofit. WWP offers a variety of programs, services, and events for wounded veterans who incurred a physical or mental injury, illnesses, or co-incident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001.

Medford UMC - Second 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.



Rib Lake Community Food Pantry

Anything your family enjoys eating is a good candidate for donating!

Some items always in need of 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.

Being a huge Star Wars fan, Pastor John brought Darth Tater for his Pastor's Moment during service on May 25th. He reminded us that we should transform, or transition from ourselves occasionally.



Keenagers Open to all adults!

Keenagers have a busy June!! They are in charge of the church wide rummage sale being held on Thursday June 26th, from 8am- 5pm and Friday the 27th from 8am to 3pm. Items can be dropped at the church, Monday the 23rd thru Wednesday the 25th from 9am to noon. All proceeds of the sale will be going directly to the church budget.

Our event for the month will be the Medford Community Theater's production of "The God's of Comedy", in which Pastor John will be playing the part of a Russian janitor. The cost of the ticket is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. We will be going as a group on Thursday the 26th. There will be a sign up list at church the on Sundays, Sue will purchase advance tickets so we can sit together. It starts at 7pm at the Medford High School's Red and White Theater.

A potential July Keenagers event will be a visit to the Steeple Gallery in Dorchester, with a possibility of a tour and a Wine Glass Etching party. We are looking for interested individuals, contact Sue Breneman for more information about any of our events, which are open to all adults of our church and their friends.

719-775-1443 or email: sebreman@gmail.com

MEDFORD AD. COUNCIL

Medford United Methodist Church - Ad. Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 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, Cheryl Ketelhut, and Stan Schmitt.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:02PM. Pastor John gave the opening Prayer.

Devotions: Bill had devotions. It was on "Pray".

P is for Praise R is for Repent A is for Ask and Y is for Yield

Changes/Additions to the Agenda: Bill had some thoughts regarding the Parsonage. This will be addressed in Old Business. Stan made a motion to approve the change, Bill seconded. Motion was approved

Approval of April 15, 2025 Minutes: Bill made a motion to approve, Stan seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

SPRC Report: *Bill reported that Rib Lake understood they had to pay a portion for the Pastor's housing. They just didn't like the wording "Mortgage". It will be rephrased. *Bill received a call from John and Christie regarding insurance. It has been resolved. *Rib Lake is hosting the charge picnic. It will be held on July 27, 2025. *Bill reported that the checks will be issued for the overage in Shared Expenses from 2024.

Worship Report: Worship committee won't meet till June.

Trustee Report: The regular meeting will be held next week (May 27th). *Cleaning of Church. The trustees are planning to have a Company come in to do a thorough cleaning. Cheryl suggested cleaning to wait till after the rummage sale.

*Cleaning of Parsonage: Stan asked Pastor John if he wanted the Parsonage cleaned on a Monday when Pastor John was off, or a day when Pastor John was at work. Pastor John said he would think on it and let Stan know. *Cheryl asked if the same company would do the floors and the pews. Stan reported that it would be 2 Companies. *Roof: The roof will be done in June. The trustees will have to take some money out of the E-Trade account to pay for it.

Finance Report: *A discussion was held to what should be noted as "designated Funds." It was decided that only the Betty Jensen Flower Fund, the Beds from Christ and the Quarter Mission Funds should be designated. Any other should be put in general fund. Bill made a motion to only have the three above to be designated, and the others be put in general fund. Stan seconded. Motion carried. Cheryl will update the Financial Secretary on the motion. *Stan led a discussion on what should be given out at the town Hall meeting on June 1, 2025. It was decided to only show what the Church has taken in and what the budget is. That the budget is at "bare bones", and the income does not meet the budget. As of now the Church will be projected to be \$32,000.00 short.

Pastor's Report: *June 6, 7, and 8th is the annual Conference. It will be held in Madison. Pastor John will leave on June 4 to attend a meeting on the 5th. Dennis is also going. *Pastor John is in the Community Theater production. The play will be on June 26, 27, and 28th. The Play is "The Gods of Comedy" by Ken Ludwig. *The Red Cross is planning another Blood Mobile on Oct. 21st. Pastor John thought it would be in the afternoon again. *Women of Faith is looking to have a district meeting on Sept. 27 at the Medford Methodist Church. There could be 65-75 women coming. Medford would have to have a room for child care, a space for reference and information books, and provide a lunch. *Linda Lundy will be joining the Methodist Church. She is transferring her membership from Kentucky. *The church is in the mist of the Baby Bottle Campaign for Abiding Care.

Old Business: *Sue will keep track of the Memorial Funds. She has all the information. *Cheryl will write up a letter to send to all members and guests for June 1st Town Meeting. *Bill thought the church should keep the Parsonage if at all possible. The monthly Mortgage payment is less than what renting would be if the parsonage was sold.

New Business: *Beds From Christ: St Paul's Church is considering taking over the Beds from Christ Program. Beds From Christ received a \$4000.00 Grant. *Church Property: Trustee Meeting is next week. Stan mentioned that there were 2-3 people interested in buying the vacant land the Church has. *Cheryl brought up the idea of having Sunday School for kids that come to Church. There would be prep items ready to be available to adults who volunteer to be teachers. There would have to be a background check on each adult that volunteers.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Brenda made a motion to adjourn, Bill seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm

Medford UMC Finance Report - April

Checking Account:

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Beginning Balance 4/1/2025	\$5,307.80	\$6,155.47
April Receipts	<u>4,969.44</u>	<u>44,590.96</u>
	10,277.24	50,746.43
April Checks	<u>10,102.10</u>	<u>50,571.29</u>
Balance 4/30/2025	\$175.14	\$175.14

Betty Jensen Flower Fund	854.38
Beds From Christ	5,709.50
2nd Qtr Missions	97.00
Book Sales	45.69
Easter Lillies/Palms	56.00
Poinsettias	84.90
Total	6,847.47

Checking account balance as of 4/30/2025	\$175.14
Designated funds held in checking	<u>6,847.47</u>
Total available to spend in checking:	(\$6,672.33)

Apportionments due for 2025:	\$14,436.00
Apportionments paid YTD	262.77
Apportionments paid in April	<u>262.77</u>
	<u>262.77</u>
Balance remaining to pay:	\$14,173.23

*\$1203 per month would meet 2025 apportionments.

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

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the world.**

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



June 2025



**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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