



# THE MESSENGER

JUNE 2026

MEMORIAL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
3450 s 52nd St, Greenfield, WI 53219



## Halfway to Somewhere: A Mid-Year Spiritual Check-In

June has a unique way of catching us between two worlds. The frantic energy of the school year and spring programming is cooling off, but the deep, slow rhythm of summer hasn't quite fully taken hold. It is the hinge of our calendar year—a natural moment to pause, catch our breath, and look at the "state of our souls."

In January, many of us set intentions or "words for the year." By June, those resolutions often feel like they belong to a different person in a different lifetime. But in the life of faith, we aren't looking for a "perfect score" on our goals; we are looking for a persistent orientation toward God.

As we move into this "Green Season" (ordinary time) of the church year, I invite you to sit on a porch, find a quiet park bench, or simply take five minutes with your morning coffee to consider these three questions:

### 1. What has been the "High Water Mark" so far?

Think back over the last six months. Where did you feel a genuine sense of God's presence? It might not have been in a sanctuary. It could have been a difficult conversation that ended in reconciliation, a moment of unexpected beauty in nature, or the quiet satisfaction of serving someone in need.

· **The Practice:** Take a moment to offer a prayer of simple gratitude for that specific moment.

### 2. Where am I feeling "Thin"?

The first half of the year often leaves us frayed. Perhaps your prayer life has felt dry, or the demands of work and family have crowded out your time for reflection. Identifying where you feel spiritually depleted isn't an admission of failure; it's an act of honesty that allows grace to enter.

· **The Practice:** Read **Matthew 11:28-30**. Imagine laying that specific "thin" area at the feet of the one who promises rest.

### 3. What is one "Small Seed" I can plant for July?

We don't need to overhaul our entire lives by next week. What is one small, sustainable spiritual practice you can carry into the summer? Maybe it's a commitment to five minutes of silence, a weekly walk without your phone, or finally joining that summer book study.

· **The Practice:** Choose one thing. Not three, not ten—just one.

The beauty of the "Ordinary Time" we enter this month is that it reminds us that God is the God of the middle. We don't have to wait for a new year or a major holiday to begin again. Today is a good day to check the compass, adjust the sails, and continue the journey together.

Peace ~~ Pastor Rob

### Birthdays

6/3 *Emmanuel Perez*  
6/4 *Sheila Watters*  
6/21 *Katie Fetzer*



### Anniversaries

6/10 *Don & Edith Koegel*  
6/10 *Greg & Carolyn Ettlie*  
6/20 *Laura & Oscar Islas-Marin*

### DINING OUT GROUP

June 10th at 5pm at:  
**Pizza Ranch, 930 Fleetwood Dr,  
Waukesha**



Pizza Ranch is a buffet. You pay when you enter, that's it. It is also a "dry" restaurant (no alcohol is served).

<https://pizzaranch.com/locations/wi/waukesha/930-fleetfoot-dr>

We're looking forward to seeing you there!! ~~John  
P.S. If money is tight this month, give me a call.

I'm sure something can be worked out. Your presence is most important. 414 687-3627



### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Club will be at  
8:30am on **June 18th** at  
Meyers Restaurant,  
4260 S 76th St, Greenfield

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Women's Breakfast Club will be at 9am on **June 16th** at Denny's  
4695 S. 108th St  
Greenfield, WI 53228  
Call Jeanne Rowe at  
414-529-2518 if you plan to attend.



### Sassy Sewers at MUMC

Sassy Sewers is meeting twice a month at MUMC. The first Tuesday and third Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Bring a bag lunch.

We are working on quilts to be donated in November of 2026. Dates for the month of June are June 2 and June 18, 2026.

You do not need to have sewing skills to join us.

### Volunteers Ushers for June

Please consider signing up to be an usher during the month of June. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Thank you!**



### Trustees Toolbox

Greetings from your Memorial Trustees.

1. Report on the Memorial Blood Drive:
  - ⇒ We had good results with 18 units collected. Thanks to those Memorial donors and volunteers who helped.
2. We made some pew repairs.
3. Projects coming up include:
  - ⇒ air conditioner and screen installations,
  - ⇒ several storage area clean-ups
  - ⇒ removal of the giant fan weatherization.

Respectfully,  
Respectfully Memorial Trustees

## CHAOS

(Church Hospitality & Organizational Support)

The CHAOS committee just hosted the Taco Sunday. Hope everyone enjoyed the food.

Thank you to those who hosted coffee hours for the month of May: Chartiers, Cyndi and Phil and the Rowes.

The CHAOS Committee will be going on a short break till August, **but the signups are out for those who would like to host a coffee hour on Sundays for June and July.** If you would like to host a coffee hour and have expenses, save your receipts and submit them to Carolyn Ettlle for reimbursement as the church budget has funds for these events.

We do have some events planned:

- \* Sunday, August 2 light refreshments after the church service in the chapel lounge
- \* Sunday, September 20 Soup Bowl Sunday with café sponsored by Ceramic Class
- \* Saturday, October 24 Save the **Date for Oktoberfest at MUMC**  
(A social dinner fundraiser for MUMC)

If you have ideas or would like to participate with this committee, please contact me at [greeneyesgerman@gmail.com](mailto:greeneyesgerman@gmail.com) or 414-526-2715 so that I may forward these thoughts to the committee~~Mary Schultz



### Worship

Pastor Rob would like to have the coffee hours again in the Chapel Lounge after the church service. This would include having coffee and light refreshments available.

Please consider assisting in this project. The following date has been filled by volunteers:

- \* Sunday, May 31st (Jean & Tom Rowe)

**Please sign up on the form on the pedestal in the chapel lounge for a Sunday in June and July.**

**Thank you**

## Hospitality Committee



## MEMORIAL UMC'S CERAMIC CLASS

Wow June is here, halfway through the year. Only 3 months left of the 2026 Soup Bowl season.



### The MUMC

**Ceramic Class meets on Mondays from 1:00 pm to 9:00.** Don't forget to knock on the window for entrance to the church. Knock on the window to the west of the parking lot door with the sign on it so we can let you in or send me a text.

To date we have 60 bowls already finished and packed for the event in September. We now have yarn bowls. We have some already finished, but you can do one in your favorite color or come and paint your own. Yarn bowls are for sale at \$20.00.

### Upcoming dates for June are:

**Mondays June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th.**

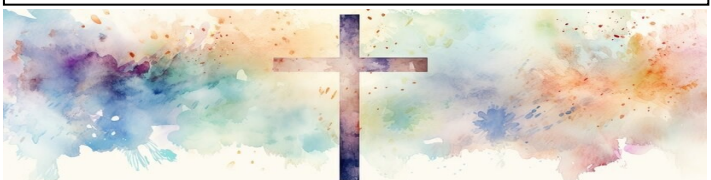


Ceramic Class is still collecting soft plastics to be recycled. Collection bin is located in the entryway by the elevator at MUMC.

- \* We still collect items for Project Concern and support other activities within our church families.
- \* The Yarn Extravaganza was a great success. Another event will be held in November. Details will be out in the next few months.

Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting our class. Come join us, no experience necessary.

Please contact Mary Schultz at 414-526-2715 if you would like more information about the MUMC Ceramic Class or if you have any other questions.



# MISSIONS

Thanks to all who left items on the Mission Cart , the Mission Knook and in the various baskets for changing donations.

Once again we will be collecting for Glenwood School who we partner with throughout the school year and to Father Genes Help Center that receives gently used clothing, towels etc . There will be baskets placed in the Chapel Lounge for the school supply donations. I also would love it if you took a moment of your time as you enter the upstairs hallway going into the Chapel Lounge or after service to check updated information on the numerous missions you so generously donate to throughout many years. Not only can you look at pictures of the many donations but you can also get current information on where your loose coins collection goes and when it will change. Just a final request... please continue to bring your toiletries to be left in the baskets in the Mission Knook. I made several bags that went to Father Genes to be handed to those that need them the most.

*Angel Blessing~Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel*

## KNITTING CROCHETING & NEEDLEWORK SOCIAL



Wednesday, June 10, 2026  
Wednesday, June 24, 2026  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Memorial United  
Methodist Church  
3450 South 52nd Street  
Greenfield, WI 53219

**\*\*Upstairs in the Chapel Lounge**

Please invite your Family, Neighbors and Friends!!!!!! All skill levels are invited, bring your own project, beverage and snack.

Invitation is open to those who do not do knitting or crocheting; maybe embroidery, cross-stitch, or other type of needlework.



Whatever your skill is: knitting, crocheting, needlework. Come and share with a wonderful group of people. Any questions, please contact Linda Brumm:

**[lbrumm@aol.com](mailto:lbrumm@aol.com) or 414-659-1037**



## SCRIPT CARDS PROGRAM UPDATE

I am sure that everyone has been reading my Script Card Program articles, so I know that you are familiar with the program. You purchase gift cards through the church and the church



receives a percentage (1% to more than 10%) of that purchase. It's easy and the church receives income from the process. What a deal!

In the past 8 months, the church has received over \$200 in income from the program. That is great, but it can be even better. If you have not tried it, you need to do that. Turn in your order form and check on the third Sunday of the month and on the fourth Sunday of the month you receive your gift cards.

Members of Memorial need to get involved in the program again so that Memorial can take advantage of the income that is raised by this program. Order sheets, which list the retailers that offer gift cards and the percentage return, are available in the chapel Lounge. Deadline for the orders each month is the third Sunday of the month.

If you have any questions about the Script card program or would like to get involved, please contact Tom Rowe or call 414-331-3753.

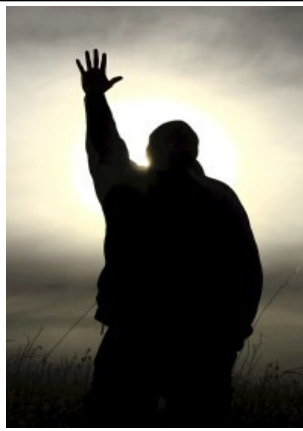




# MEMORIAL EVENTS~JUNE 2026



<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
	<b>1</b> 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC  6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	<b>2</b> 10 AM-1 PM Sassy Sowers	<b>3</b> 6:30PM NAMI	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 11:30AM Baby shower- See Tricia Chartier for more info  6 PM MOL
<b>7</b> 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion & Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 2-6 PM MOL	<b>8</b> 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC  6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1-3 PM Kitting/ Crocheting  <b>NEW DAY OF THE WEEK:</b> 5 PM Dining Out Group at: Pizza Ranch, 930 Fleetfoot Dr, Waukesha, WI 53186	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Choir  7:30 PM Bells  6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6 PM MOL
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Please contact Pastor Rob or the church office when members and/or friends of Memorial UMC are sick, hospitalized, having surgery, undergoing medical treatment, have special concerns, etc. Pastor Rob will lift you up in prayer during the Sunday Worship Service.



June	Liturgists	Ushers
7th	Carolyn Ettlle	To Be Determined
14th	Lynn Sirna	To Be Determined
21st	John Hurley	To Be Determined
28th	Connie Ziegler	To Be Determined

## Memorial UMC

### General Information & Staff

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**Church Email:** [mumcgreenfield@gmail.com](mailto:mumcgreenfield@gmail.com)

**Pastor:** Rev. Rob Odum, 414-238-8367

**Pastor's Email:** [robdodum@gmail.com](mailto:robdodum@gmail.com)

**Director of Music:** Sarah Brumm

**Hymn Leaders:** Sarah Brumm,

Summer Ketchell, Emily Bergeron

**Pianist & Organist:** Karen Fetzer

**Live Stream Production Team:**

Brad Weller, Xylia-Sophia Conn,  
John Stoekl, Tom Rowe, Greg Ettlle

**Office Administrator:** Peggy Leonhardt

**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm



## MONTHLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday, 9:15am

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Sunday, 10:30am

**CERAMICS:** Mondays, 1-9pm

**NAMI:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm

**JOYFUL BELLS:** Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm

**KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP:**

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm &  
Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm

**SASSY SOWERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Thursday, 10am-1pm

**DINING OUT GROUP:**

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm at Pizza  
Ranch; 930 Fleetfoot Dr.  
Waukesha, WI 53186

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday,

9am at Denny's Restaurant,  
4695 S. 108<sup>th</sup> St, Greenfield, WI 53228

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 8:30am at  
Meyers, 4260 S 76<sup>th</sup> St, Greenfield, 53220

**BABY SHOWER:** June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am with  
Grandma Jenny & Emily (momma).  
See Tricia Chartier for more info.

**OKTOBERFEST PORK DINNER:**

Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

**YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2:** November 13-15<sup>th</sup>

