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MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

26th Sunday after Pentecost **November 22, 2026**

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(Indicates when people are invited to stand)*

PRELUDE: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* *Arr Shirley Brendlinger*

WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Enter God's gates with gladness, and God's courts with praise.

Rejoice as God's people, and rest as sheep in God's pasture.

Serve God with joyful hearts,

and worship God with justice and mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God, enlighten our eyes to our hope in Christ. Help us claim the richness of our glorious inheritance in Christ, our shepherd. Reveal to us your ways, and guide us on right paths, that we might bring the light of your love to a world shrouded in shadow. Bless this church with unity and strength, that we may be Christ for the world. For our shepherd rescues the perishing and reclaims the lost and scattered through those who follow as his sheep.

Amen.

***HYMN: 61** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* *vs 1-4*

PRAYER OF YEARNING

God of glory, we long to see your glory in the world around us. We yearn for the courage to meet another's eyes when we find them in need. We seek to be found faithful when we hear others cry out in distress. Heal our sight when we fail to see you in our everyday lives. Give us the vision to see others with compassion, that we might be your loving presence in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is immeasurable greatness in the power of God for those who believe. There is unquenchable fire in the hearts of believers for those who have tasted God's hope. In the name of Christ Jesus, we are offered fullness of life.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Leader: For the vision that matched colors, grain, and pattern, turning fragments into a whole:

People: We give thanks for the hands that plan and piece.

Leader: For the steady rhythm of the needle, the hum of the machine, and the patient hours spent quilting layer to layer:

People: We give thanks for the hands that stitch and bind.

Leader: For the labor done in quiet corners, fueled by hope, goodwill, and steady perseverance:

People: We give thanks for the hands that labor in love.

Leader: And for those whose names we may never know, who will pull these layers close against the cold, the storm, or the displacement of life:

People: May they feel wrapped in tangible grace and human warmth.

A Prayer of Blessing

Gracious and Loving God,

We lift up to you these works of our hands and hearts. Every strip of fabric, every seam, and every stitch carries a measure of care. We ask your blessing upon the quilters whose patience, skill, and time have shaped these materials into instruments of comfort. May their labor be rewarded with the quiet joy of knowing they have shared a piece of themselves with the world.

We pray also for the ones who will receive these quilts. Wherever they find themselves—whether navigating hard times, seeking shelter, or healing from loss—let these blankets be more than cloth and thread. Let them be a refuge. When the nights are cold or the road feels long, may the warmth of these quilts remind them that they are seen, that they are valued, and that they are never forgotten.

Surround them with your protection, and mend the broken places in our world with the same patience and care woven into these fabrics.

In steadfast hope, we pray. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NIV)

"'For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed

in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

"'Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE
This is the Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 100 (NIV)
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)
For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.
I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)**
The gospel according to Matthew

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD *Pastor Rob Odum*
HYMN: 92 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* *vs 1-4*

OFFERING PRAYER
Gentle Shepherd, may the gifts we bring this day: be nourishment for a hungry world, clothing and shelter for those in need, and compassion for those who are hurting. Bless these offerings, that they may help those in need. With gratitude, we pray.
Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *"Give Thanks"* *By Henry Smith*

***DOXOLOGY: 94** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

***AFFIRMATION FROM 1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6, 1:15, 3:16**

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN: 715** *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"* *vs 1-4*

***BENEDICTION**

Leave this place with thankful hearts.

We will make a joyful noise to our God.

Bring shouts and laughter to the world.

We will sparkle with eyes enlightened.

Proclaim the tender mercies of our God.

We will share the good news with all.

***POSTLUDE** *"Forever"* *Arr Smith and McDonald*

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Blessing of the Quilts is today!



The quilts made by Sassy Sowers will be blessed during the church service today.

After that, they will be donated/distributed to agencies in the area that have a need for them. The congregation will have an opportunity to look at them closely after service and purchase any quilts they desire.



Just a friendly reminder that Commitment is Sunday November 22nd, 2026.

Letters and pledge cards were sent out this week. Please return your pledge card with your Gifts and Talents.

For questions, please reach out to Lori Moede.



November	Liturgists	Ushers
22nd	Connie Ziegler	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
29th	Linda Brumm	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
December	**Liturgists**	**Ushers**
6th	Carolyn Ettlie	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
13th	Chris Guse	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
20th	John Hurley	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
27th	Connie Ziegler	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang

This Week's Birthdays!	
Nov. 25th	Sandra Broyles
Nov. 29th	Carolyn James

MONTHLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15am

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, 10:30am

CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm

AIKIDO: Mondays from 6:45-8:45pm &
Thursdays from 6:45-8:45pm

NAMI: 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm

CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursdays from 6:30-7:15pm

JOYFUL BELLS: Thursdays from 7:30-8:30pm

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP:
2nd & 4th Wednesday from 1-3pm

SCRIPT CARD PROGRAM:
Orders for Script Cards (gift cards) are **due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

DECORATING THE CHCURCH:
Saturday, November 28th @ 10am-Noon

SASSY SOWERS:
1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, 9:30am-Noon **(Dec. 1st meeting has been changed to Dec. 8th…same time)**

DINING OUT GROUP: December 5th @ 5pm at
Double D's Sports Pub and Eatery
5171 S. 108th St, Hales Corners, WI 53130.

CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING:
Sunday, December 6th @ 12:30pm

BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, December 8th from 1-6pm

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The 3rd Tuesday **(Dec. 15th)**, 9am at
Meyer's Restaurant Bar & Banquet Hall
4260 S 76th St, Greenfield, WI 53220

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday **(Dec. 17th),** 8:30am at
Open Flame Restaurant
5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:
Thursday, December 24th @ 6pm

Church office will be closed on Dec. 24th & 31st





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

POINSETTIAS

The order form is to the right and more forms will be emailed out and are also available on the table in front of the bulletin board. Please bring your order and payment to church office or mail to **Memorial United Methodist Church, 3450 South 52nd St, Greenfield, WI 53219** (to be received by November 29th). Thank you!



It's time to order poinsettias! Help decorate the church for our Christmas Eve service by placing an order for your holiday poinsettia! In the past Memorial bought extra poinsettias for our Altar on Christmas Eve. This year we are asking you to consider ordering poinsettias for your family and the church.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

		Quantity	Total
Red Poinsettia: 7" Pot Size	$20.00 each	x _____	= $_____
Pink Poinsettia: 7" Pot Size	$20.00 each	x _____	= $_____
White Poinsettia: 7" Pot Size	$20.00 each	x _____	= $_____

Please pay for your poinsettia when placing your order.
(Make checks payable to: Memorial UMC)

Plants will be available for pick-up after the Christmas Eve service.
Orders are due by Sunday, November 29th
Thank you for your order!