



THE MESSENGER

August 2026

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Quiet Work of Grace

Every August, it happens.

Almost overnight, zucchini seems to take over the world.

You can't simply grow zucchini. You produce enough to feed the neighborhood. Suddenly, bags of squash begin appearing on front porches. Coworkers quietly leave a few on the breakroom table. Church members arrive with baskets, hoping someone else might "just happen" to need a few more. Before long, everyone has a favorite zucchini bread recipe and at least one story about the mysterious zucchini that appeared on their doorstep under the cover of darkness.

It's become one of late summer's favorite jokes. But like many good jokes, it points to something deeper.

None of those vegetables appeared overnight. Long before the first zucchini found its way to a neighbor's porch, seeds were planted, gardens were tended, rain fell, bees did their quiet work, and the sun warmed the soil. For weeks, much of the growth happened where no one could see it. Then, almost all at once, the harvest arrived.

Our spiritual lives often grow in much the same way.

We live in a culture that celebrates quick results and dramatic transformations. Yet God's work in us is usually quieter than that. More often than not, grace grows through ordinary moments: a prayer before the day begins, an encouraging conversation, an act of kindness, a hymn that stays with us after worship, or a simple opportunity to help a neighbor.

John Wesley believed that God's grace is not only what first awakens us to faith, but also what patiently shapes us throughout our lives. We call this sanctifying grace: God's steady work of making us more like Christ. Like a well-tended garden, that transformation doesn't happen all at once. It unfolds day by day, often in ways we don't even notice until we look back.

As summer begins giving way to autumn, many of us are preparing for a new season. Schools will soon be filled with students again. Church choirs will rehearse. It is a wonderful time to ask ourselves a simple question:

What is God growing in me?

Perhaps it is deeper trust. Maybe it is patience. Perhaps it is generosity, courage, or compassion. Whatever it may be, we can trust that the same God who faithfully brings forth fruit from the earth is faithfully bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit in our lives.

So, if someone leaves a zucchini on your porch this month, receive it with a smile. Let it remind you that the most meaningful growth often begins quietly, patiently, and almost unnoticed. In God's hands, small seeds become abundant harvests, and ordinary lives become extraordinary witnesses to grace.

May God continue the quiet work of grace in each of us as we enter this new season together.

Grace and peace ~~ Pastor Rob

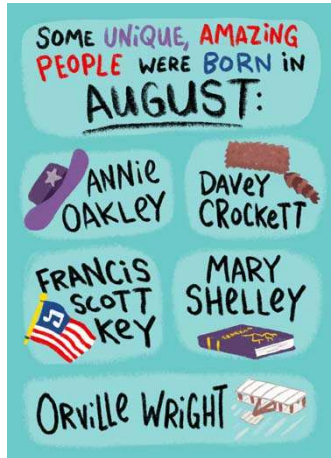
August Birthdays

8/5 Don Koegel
 8/17 Richard Gosetti
 8/19 Ruth Vick
 8/22 Carol Brandenburg
 8/24 Carol Johnston
 8/30 Jeffrey Lemanczyk



August Anniversaries

8/1 David & Jenny Krey
 8/6 Jim & Bev Wilde
 8/7 Perry & Linda Brumm
 8/20 Benito & Amanda Perez
 8/25 Curt & Pat Rode



August Milwaukee Area Events

Ozaukee Co. Fair	Ozaukee Co. Fair grounds	July 29-Aug 2
Chill on the Hill	Humbolt Park	Tuesdays through Sept 1st
National Night Out-St Francis	Milton Vretenar Memorial Park	Aug 4th
National Night Out-So Milw	So. Milw City Hall	Aug 5th
Wisconsin State Fair	WI State Fair grounds	Aug 6-16
National Night Out-District 6	2200 W. Kinnickinnic River Pkwy	Aug 7th
Irish Fest	Henry Maier Festival Park	Aug 13-16
Black Arts Fest MKE	Henry Maier Festival Park	Aug 13-16
A La Carte at the Zoo	Milw Co. Zoo	Aug 20-23
National Night Out-West Milw	5104 W. Greenfield Ave	Aug 21st
Mexican Fiesta	Henry Maier Festival Park	Aug 21-23
Servian Days	3201 S. 51st St	Aug 21-23
35th Annual Car Show	724 E. Layton Ave.	Aug 23rd



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Club will be at 8:30am on **July 16th** at Meyers Restaurant, 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The August meeting date/time is yet to be determined. See your next bulletin for more information.

DINING OUT GROUP

Tuesday, August 11th at 5pm
at: Maxims Restaurant
18025 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield, 53045

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



SASSY SOWERS AT MUMC

Did you know that Sassy Sewer:
is really Sassy Sowers. This
group keeps our
“Community in Stitches.”



Sassy Sowers is meeting twice a month at
MUMC. The first Tuesday and third Thursday
from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

(NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Feel free to bring your own beverage or snack.
We are working on quilts to be donated in
November of 2026.

Dates for the month of August 4 & 26th.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 22,
2026 for the Quilt Blessing with a Café hosted by
the Sassy Sowers in the Fellowship Hall
following the church service. Quilts will be
available for sale after the blessing.

You do not need to have sewing skills to join us.
Any questions,
please contact Deb Soderland at 414-659-5625.



MEMORIAL UMC'S CERAMIC CLASS

The weather has been extremely hot, but our
Ceramic Room is nice and cool. The 2026 Soup
Bowl season is rapidly coming to a close. Time
to finish any soup bowls you want to be
included in the 2026 Soup Bowl Program.

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 72 bowls already finished
and packed for the event in September. We
now have yarn bowls. We have some already
finished. You can order one in your favorite
color or come and paint your own. Yarn bowls
are for sale at \$20.00. The yarn bowls will be
available at the Yarn Extravaganza held in
November at MUMC.

Upcoming dates for August are:

Mondays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.

The 31st is last Monday for 2026 Soup Bowls.

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

The Yarn Extravaganza was a great success.
Another event will be held on November 13,
14 & 15 from 9:00 to 3:00 pm. More yarn and
fabric and miscellaneous. Lunch will be
available for \$5.00.

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
or greeneyesgerman@gmail.com if
you would like more information about the
MUMC Ceramic Class or if you have
any other questions.

CHAOS

*A goal without a plan
is just a wish!*

Hello:

Thank you to those who hosted coffee hours for the
month of July; there are still openings for the month
of August. Check the signup sheet on the pedestal in
the Chapel Lounge.

**If you have any questions about hosting a coffee
hour please reach out to myself or Linda
Brumm.**

If you would like to host a coffee hour and have
expenses, save your receipts and submit them to
Carolyn Ettlie 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

If you have ideas or would like to participate with this
committee, please contact me at
greeneyesgerman@gmail.com or 414-526-2715 so that
I may forward these thoughts to the committee.

~~ Mary Schultz

SALE! SALE! SALE!
YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2
AND MORE (LOTS OF FABRIC)

Friday, November 13, 2026 9 am to 3 pm
Saturday, November 14, 2026, 9 am to 3 pm
Sunday, November 15, 2026, 9 am to 12 noon

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

Please invite your Family, Neighbors and Friends!!!!
Please share this information, thanks.

Bring a can of soup or fruit and receive a skein of yarn free for Project Concern (up to three free items). All yarn and fabric are reasonably priced, cash only please.

A light lunch will be available for a fee of \$5.00

Any questions please contact Mary Schultz at 414-526-2715 or greeneyesgerman@gmail.com

MISSIONS

I would like to take a moment for both Phil and Myself to Thank All of you for the constant support you have given to Missions. Please continue to put any gently used clothing, towels, shoes, pillows, blankets etc. on the Mission Cart! We see to it that they are given to those who are in such great need.

Also please continue to put small tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash, soaps and lotions for Father Gene's Ministry. As I said in July, I have sewed little bags for these items in hopes of making the families who receive them feel a little bit special. Thank you all for continuing to gather these items. They can be placed in the baskets in the hallway.

We are collecting SCHOOL SUPPLIES for GLENWOOD School! There is a basket just outside of the Chapel Lounge for those donations!! So once again Thank You for the continued support! Glenwood school is also always in need of children's hats, mittens, and scarfs. We are all aware that by "MITTEN TREE TIME" comes after some cold weather. Please bring any donations starting in September to go to Glenwood school to have available to kids in need. There will be a basket marked for those donations!

Thank you...and see you in August!

Angel Blessings ~ Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel

KNITTING, CROCHETING and
NEEDLEWORK SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 12th, 2026
Wednesday, August 26th, 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 at 414-659-1037 or lbrumm@aol.com or Mary Schultz at 414-526-2715 or greeneyesgerman@gmail.com

August
NATIONAL DAYS

August 2: Coloring Book Day
August 3: Watermelon Day
August 5: Blogger Day
August 8: International Cat Day
August 9: Book Lovers Day
August 10: Lazy Day
August 11: Son and Daughter Day
August 12: Vinyl Record Day
August 14: Creamsicle Day
August 15: Relaxation Day
August 19: World Photo Day
August 24: Strange Music Day
August 26: Dog Day
August 27: Lottery Day
August 29: Lemon Juice Day
August 30: Beach Day

MEMORIAL EVENTS~AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 6 PM MOL
2 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	3 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC 6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	4 9:30AM-Noon Sassy Sowers	5 6:30PM NAMI	6 6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	7	8 6 PM MOL
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RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS

You missed it right?
You may not admit it,
but you missed it.
You went looking for it and
it wasn't there and you were
very disappointed. Yes, there
was no Raiseright Gift Card article in the July
Newsletter. But, not to worry, it's back.
We are still looking for more people to try
purchasing gift cards using the Raiseright
Program. By purchasing gift cards through this
program, the church receives a percentage of
that purchase. That percentage varies from 1 to
15 per cent depending on the gift card purchased.
Order forms are in the Chapel Lounge along with
information about the gift cards available and
the percentage return. Check it out. It is a good
source of income for the church.
Order forms are due on the third Sunday of the
month. Make your check out to Memorial United
Methodist Church. Your gift cards will be
delivered to you on the fourth Sunday of the
month. If you have questions,
please call 414 331 3753 or see Tom Rowe.



MEMORIAL UMC

General Information & Staff

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

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Director of Music: Sarah Brumm

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Summer Ketchell, Emily Bergeron

Pianist & Organist: Karen Fetzer

Live Stream Production Team: Brad Weller,
Xylia-Sophia Conn, John Stoekl,
Tom Rowe, Greg Ettlie

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

CHANCEL CHOIR: No Summer Meetings

JOYFUL BELLS: No Summer Meetings

KNITTING/CRCHETING GROUP:
Wednesday, August 12th &
Wednesday, August 26th from 1-3pm

SASSY SOWERS: (new time!)
1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday,
from 9:30am-Noon

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at Meyers, 4260 S 76th St,
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SCRIPT CARD PROGRAM:
Orders for Script Cards (gift cards) are
due on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

SOUP BOWL SUNDAY WITH CAFÉ:
Sunday, September 20th
(sponsored by Ceramic Class)

OKTOBERFEST PORK DINNER:
Saturday, October 24th

YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2:
Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 15th

QUILT BLESSING: Sunday, November 22nd

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