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MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

24th Sunday after Pentecost **November 8, 2026**

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(Indicates when people are invited to stand)*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE: *"My Lord, What a Morning"* *Arr Cindy Berry*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The God of our ancestors has called us here.
We are witnesses.
The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
We are witnesses.
The choice to follow God has called us here.
We are witnesses.
The Lord of life has called us here.
We are witnesses.

OPENING PRAYER

Promise of the ages, we come to you this day to choose the ways of life. Grant us patience in our waiting, as we watch for signs of your coming kingdom. We will teach our children your ways, and pass on the lessons of life and death we have learned.
Amen.

***HYMN: 622** *"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"* *vs 1, 2, 4, 5*

PRAYER OF YEARNING

When our courage wears thin, O God, strengthen our resolve to choose you each day. Steel us for the long watches of the night—for we long to be found ready when you appear in your glory. Fill our lamps with your grace, that we might share your light with our children and with the generations that follow. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We worship a God of mercy and love. Choose the Lord each day you will live.
Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
True peace is found when we choose life and follow God. True wisdom is found when we choose to wait for Christ, even when the hour is late. Turn to one another and share the deep peace and healing wisdom found in choosing God this day.

OLD TESTAMENT: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (NIV)
Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.
Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants.

"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God."

Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you."

But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the Lord."

Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord."

"Yes, we are witnesses," they replied.

"Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel."

And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey him."

On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

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

PSALM: 78:1-7 (NIV)
My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—

things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)
Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)**
The gospel according to Matthew.

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

"'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD *Luis Chavarria*

HYMN: 2130 *"The Summons"* *vs 1-4*

OFFERING PRAYER
We dedicate these gifts to you, Eternal One, as symbols of our choice to follow you. Receive these gifts of love as celebrations of your presence in our lives. Hold us to our promises, that we might share your blessings and wisdom with the world.
Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *"Steal Away to Jesus"* *Arr William Farley 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.

PREACHER'S 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

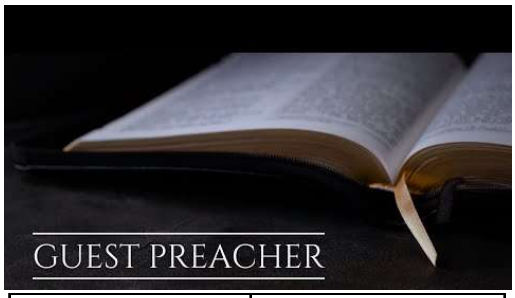
***CLOSING HYMN: 2153** *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* *vs 1-4*

***BENEDICTION**
Choose God this day, and keep your lamps lit.
We go with hearts ablaze with God's love.
Choose God this day, and shine with God's light.
We go with lives kindled with the call to serve.
Choose God this day and enter into fullness of life.
We go to embrace the life we have received.

***POSTLUDE:** *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"* *Adapted by Aaron Williams*

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November	Liturgists	Ushers
8th	Chris Guse	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
15th	John Hurley	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
22nd	Connie Ziegler	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid
29th	Linda Brumm	Richard Gosetti & Don Reid



November 8th | Luis Chavarria

Blessing of the Quilts - Sunday, November 22nd



On 11/22, the quilts made by Sassy Sowers will be blessed during the church service. 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.

YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2& 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.

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!

Upcoming fellowship events &
Sunday Coffee Hours with Refreshments

Sunday, Nov. 8th *refreshments sponsored by Jean & Tom Rowe*
Friday-Sunday, November 13th-15th *– Yarn Extravaganza 2*
Sunday, Nov. 15th *– refreshments sponsored by Mary Schultz*
Sunday, Nov. 22nd *–The Blessing of the Quilts refreshments sponsored by the finance committee*
Saturday, Nov. 28th- *Decorating the Church for Christmas 10am-Noon*

Sunday, Nov. 29th ***- Coffee Hour Volunteers needed***
Blood Drive December 8th *- from 1- 6pm*

This Week's Birthdays!	
Nov. 9th	Pat Rode
Nov. 13th	Elijah Miescke



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Pianist & Organist: Karen Fetzer

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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

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

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

DINING OUT GROUP: **LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED**

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The 3rd Tuesday **(Nov 17th)**, 9am at Pegasus Restaurant
7727 W Greenfield Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53214

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday **(Nov. 19th),** 8:30am at Open Flame Restaurant5081 S 108th St
Greenfield, WI 53228

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

YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2: Friday-Sunday, November 13, 14 & 15 (details on pg. 5)

QUILT BLESSING: Sunday, November 22nd during the service

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: Sunday, November 22nd. Letters and pledge cards were sent out this week.

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

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

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