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## MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

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(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

Arr Cindy Berry

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God’s name

I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart

For great is your steadfast love for me

You have delivered my soul from the depths

God says, “Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.”

OPENING PRAYER

Sower of the Field, continue to be gracious with us that we may ripen into the children of God’s realm and live with you forever, shining like the sun in God’s heavenly home. Amen.

*HYMN: 2236

“Gather Us In”

all verses

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, all of which God already knows.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Abba, Father, where we are in bondage to sin, set us free; restore us as your children and joint heirs with Christ. You are our hope. Lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

My fellow children of God, do not fear, for our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. God’s hand shall lead us and hold us fast. So be reconciled with God and at peace with one another.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

In recognition of God's grace to us all, let us offer signs of peace and love to friends and family.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 44:6-8 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of Hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 139:1-12, 23-24 (NIV)

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

EPISTLE: Romans 8:12-25 (The Message)

So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is to give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go.

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what is coming to us – an unbelievable inheritance! We go through what exactly Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we are certainly going to go through the good times with him!

That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next.

Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and

all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, the more joyful our expectancy.

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (New Jerusalem Bible)**

He put another parable before them., "The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, then the darnel appeared as well. The owner's laborers went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" He said to them, "Some enemy has done this." And the laborers said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest, and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

Then leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable about the darnel in the field." He said in reply, "The sower of the good seed is the Son of man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the Evil One; the enemy who sowed it, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of falling and all who do evil, and throw them in to the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the upright will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Anyone who has ears should listen!

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REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Connie Ziegler

HYMN: 428

"For the Healing of the Nations"

all verses

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving and ever-present God, receive these tithes and offerings, our worship, and our lives to your service; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "God Leads Us Along" By G.A. Young

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

*AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

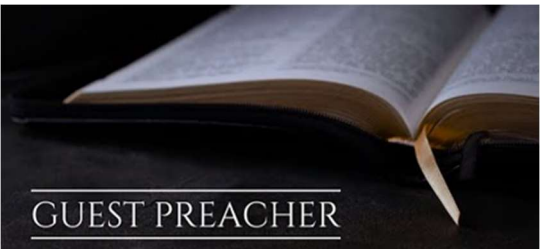
*CLOSING HYMN: 2241 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" all verses

*SENDING OUT
Go forth as beloved children of God, living in hope and confident in God’s promises.
May God our parent, Christ our brother, and Spirit 2who gives us breath bless you and keep you this day and forevermore. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: "Shout to the North" By Martin Smith

***Note: some of the liturgy was taken from Feasting on the Word, edited by Kimberly Bracken

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July	Connie	July	Heide
19th	Ziegler	26th	Careaga



July	Liturgists	Ushers
19th	John Hurley	Mike & Hope Fails
26th	Connie Ziegler	Mike & Hope Fails



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.

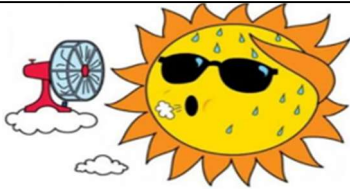
Please consider assisting in this project.

The following are the date have been filled by volunteers:

***Sunday, July 19th (Hope & Mike Fails)**

***Sunday, July 26th (Peggy Stoekl)**

Please sign up on the form on the pedestal in the chapel lounge for a Sunday in June & July. Thank you~~Mary Schultz



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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/CROCHETING GROUP:

Wednesday, July 8th &

Wednesday, July 22nd from 1-3pm

SASSY SOWERS: (new time!)

1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, 9:30am-
Noon

DINING OUT GROUP: The August meeting date/time is yet to be determined. See your next bulletin & August newsletter for more information

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Tuesday, 9am
at Honey Berry Pancakes & Cafe,
4900 S 76th St, Greenfield, WI 53220

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday, 8:30am
at Meyers, 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield,
WI 53220

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 & 14th

QUILT BLESSING: Sunday, November 22nd

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