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MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

25th Sunday after Pentecost **November 15, 2026**

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*(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)*

PRELUDE: *"Depth of Mercy"* *Arr Cindy Berry*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Traditional Spiritual

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Raise your eyes to the God of heaven and earth.

We raise our hearts and voices with songs of praise.

Awaken your mind to the mysteries of God.

We open ourselves to listen and learn in new ways.

Notice your blessings and gifts, miraculously given by God.

We offer our lives and gifts to bless and grow God's love in the world.

OPENING PRAYER

God of mystery and miracles, bless our worship with your presence. Bless our lives with your guidance. Bless our world with your wisdom. May we perceive your mysterious ways as miracles and paths to draw us closer to you and to your realm here on earth. In your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

***HYMN: 2236** *"Gather Us In"* *vs 1-4*

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Wise One, we want to be wise like Deborah and the wise leaders of old. We want to be wise like Jesus and the disciples who built your church. We want to be wise like you, but your ways are so mysterious, they confuse sometimes. Guide us out of confusion. Help us see clearly and brightly, led by the light of your Son, Christ Jesus. Strengthen us to live the wisdom you offer, that our gifts and talents may grow and expand your kingdom of love each day. In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus has raised us for new life. Jesus shines for us as a light in the dark to help us find our way to God.

Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
Continue encouraging one another and building one another up as we share signs of peace and love together this day.

CHANCEL CHOIR: *"I'll Fly Away"* *John Rutter*

OLD TESTAMENT: Judges 4:1-7 (NIV)
Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead. So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help.

Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: 'Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.'"

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

PSALM: 123 (NIV)
I lift up my eyes to you,
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.
As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he shows us his mercy.
Have mercy on us, Lord,
have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt.
We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud.

EPISTLE: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV)
Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)**
The gospel according to Matthew.
"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

"'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE
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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD *Pastor Rob Odum*

HYMN: 399 *"Take My Life, and Let it Be"* *vs 1-3*

OFFERING PRAYER
God of mystery and miracles, bless the gifts and lives we offer to you today with your miraculous abundance and your mysterious guidance. Transform these gifts and lives to be instruments of your love, justice and mercy, that they might bring your realm to earth. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *"What Gift Can We Bring"* *By Jane Marshall*

***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: 2284** *"Joy in the Morning"* *vs 1-3*

***BENEDICTION**
You know what time it is.

It's time to get to work.
It's time to follow Christ.

It's time to go where God leads.
It's time to offer ourselves.

And time to bring love to the world.

***POSTLUDE:** *"Shine on Us"* *By Smith and Smith*

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

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.



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.

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.



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

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 *- sponsored by the CHAOS Committee*

Sunday, December 6th- *sponsored by the CHAOS Committee*

Tuesday, December 8th *- Blood Drive from 1- 6pm*

Sunday, December 13th *- sponsored by the CHAOS Committee*

Sunday, December 20th *- sponsored by the CHAOS Committee*

Sunday, December 27th *- Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel*



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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

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