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October 2026



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3450 S. 52nd St,
Greenfield, WI 53219
(414) 545-2440 memorialchurchumc.org



Dear Friends,

October is the time when churches begin talking about stewardship. And whenever churches begin talking about stewardship, everyone knows that eventually we are going to talk about money.

So let's admit that right at the beginning.

But before we talk about money, I think there is a more important question:

What is this church worth to you?

I don't mean what the building is worth or what appears on a financial statement. I mean something much more personal.

What is it worth to have a place where people know your name?

What is it worth to know that when the diagnosis comes, someone will pray with you? That when someone you love dies, there will be a community to surround you? That there is a table where bread is broken and a cup is shared, and we are reminded again that there is room for all of us in the grace of God?

What is it worth to have a place where we worship together, laugh together, disagree occasionally, forgive one another, serve our neighbors, and keep trying to figure out what it means to follow Jesus?

Those things are difficult to put on a balance sheet.

But they are the ministry of Memorial.

And that ministry is happening now.

John Wesley had some wonderfully practical things to say about money. His advice is usually summarized in three short phrases:

Gain all you can.....Save all you can.....Give all you can.

Wesley understood that everything we have ultimately comes to us as a gift and a trust from God. Our money, our abilities, our time, our possessions, even the years of our lives are placed into our hands for a while.

Stewardship asks what we are going to do with them.

That means stewardship is larger than writing a check. It includes the hours someone spends helping at church. It includes singing, teaching, visiting, repairing, cooking, praying, welcoming, listening, and noticing when someone needs a friend.

And yes, it includes money.

Our financial giving makes possible the ordinary, sometimes almost invisible work of being the church together. It keeps a place open where worship happens, where people gather, where the grieving are comforted, where the hungry are remembered, where Communion is celebrated, and where the good news of Jesus Christ continues to be proclaimed.

None of us can do all of that alone.

But together, we can do quite a lot.

As you consider your giving to Memorial for the coming year, I don't want you simply to ask, "How much does the church need from me?"

I'd invite you to ask a different question:

"What has God placed in my hands, and what would generosity look like for me?"

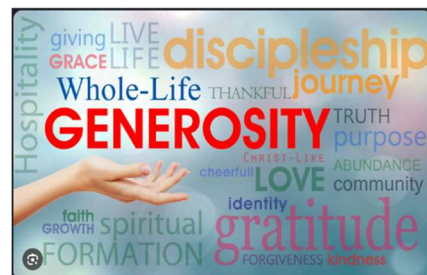
The answer will be different for each of us.

Stewardship is ultimately not about keeping an institution alive. It is about deciding what we will do with the life, time, abilities, and resources God has placed in our hands.

God has been generous with us.

The question is what kind of people that generosity is making us.

Grace and peace, Pastor Rob



October Birthdays

10/1 Lori Moede
 10/2 Carolyn Ettlie
 10/5 Janet Krauss
 10/16 Kathie Vanden Berg
 10/21 Jim Wilde
 10/21 Bev Wilde
 10/26 Jeff Steck
 10/27 Josiah Perez



October Anniversaries

10/9 Jeff & Sherry Steck
 10/19 Michael & Jasmine Merz

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Women's Club will meet at **9:00am on Tuesday, October 20th at:**
Forum Restaurant,
 4711 S 108th St, Milwaukee, WI 53228



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Club meeting will be **at 8:30am on Thursday, (October 15th) @**
Open Flame Restaurant,
 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield



**CHURCH
OFFICE
CLOSED**

From October 1st - October 11th

DINING OUT GROUP

Wednesday,
October 7th at 5pm at:
Open Flame Restaurant,
 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228

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 Sewers is Sassy Sowers? This group "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 October are **October 6th & 15th**. Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 22, 2026 for the Quilt Blessing with a Café hosted by the Sassy Sowers 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.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 1st

If you wish for your loved one that has passed to be included in the All Saints' Sunday Memorial please sign their name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex **by October 25th!!**



Remembering Our Loved Ones

On November 1st, we will come together to celebrate All Saints' Day. This special occasion allows us to honor and remember those who have gone before us. We will offer thanks for our loved one's lives and the impact they have had on our own. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on the saints in our lives, both those who have passed and those who continue to inspire us.

MISSIONS

First and foremost, Phil and I want to thank you for the school supply donations! As always, you will have made some kids very happy! The school supplies were taken to Glenwood the week of school starting along with some winter hats for those who may not have any or for those who have lost them!

I am looking for ideas for the loose coin collection for 2027. Please let me know if there is a special place you can suggest that these coins can go to!

Please continue to place your gently used items such as towels, shirts, sweaters, coats etc. on the mission cart. We see to it that they go directly to Father Genes to help those who have less than we do.

Please continue to leave small soaps, toothbrushes, body lotion, toothpaste, etc in the mission baskets in the hallway. I made small bags that were delivered to Father Genes full of the wonderful donations that you placed in the baskets. These were delivered when we took the rest of the donations to Father Genes.

I want to take a moment to say a BIG THANK YOU for those who helped us make this MISSION PROJECT such a great success.
God Bless all of you!

~Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel

RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS

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's 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.

CHAOS



Hello:

Some of you may have heard in passing about the CHAOS Committee. In case you didn't know, CHAOS is the Church Hospitality and Organizational Support Committee.

We are here to assist Memorial United Methodist Church in coffee hours, cafés, funeral receptions, anniversary celebrations and other events. If we cannot assist, we will assist in finding people to assist.

Please contact Kathy Vandenburg, Linda Brumm or Mary Schultz if you have questions about hosting a coffee hour or need assistance.

Sign-up sheets for coffee hours through the end of the year are available on the pedestal in the Chapel Lounge. There are many dates open from now until the end of the year. If you need financial assistance in providing for the coffee hour, save your receipts and give them to Carolyn Ettlie and she will process these for your refund.

This year for the Advent Season, we would like to have members of our congregation to assist each Sunday for coffee hour beginning Sunday, November 29th by sharing one of your favorite family traditions for Christmas with a food item. Two families per Sunday would be appreciated.

Sundays of Advent are November 29th, December 6th, December 13th & December 20th. Sign-up sheets are also on the pedestal in the Chapel Lounge.

Trustee's Toolbox



Greetings from our memorial trustees! Your trustees have been actively doing the busy work around the church:

- Overseeing outside caulking of air conditioning units
- Weekly changing of the outside sign
- Elevator re-certification
- Tree and brush trimming
- Helping set up ceramics soup bowl Sunday
- Reviewing several other future projects

Regards~~Memorial Trustees



OCTOBER 4th

Join Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion, remembering that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language, or culture. But it's more than just worship. It's also a time to support scholarships and leadership training for students from underrepresented communities—helping the Church become more inclusive and better equipped to serve.

MEMORIAL UMC'S CERAMIC CLASS

The 2026 Soup Bowl season is now closed; however, the class has already started bowls for the 2027 season. For the 2026 season we have completed 120 bowls which were blessed on Sunday, September 20.

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.



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.

The MUMC Ceramic Class meets on **Mondays from 1:00 pm to 9:00pm**. Upcoming dates for September are every Monday, **October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th**.

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 13th, 14th & 15th from 9:00am to 3:00 pm. More yarn and fabric and miscellaneous. Lunch will be available for \$5.00.

Thanks 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.



Sunday October 4th at 2pm
Blessed Hope will host "Blessing of the Pets" for a short outdoor ceremony. Please make sure they are safely on a leash or in a carrier.

KNITTING, CROCHETING and NEEDLEWORK SOCIAL

Wednesday, October 14th
Wednesday, October 28th
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**.

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

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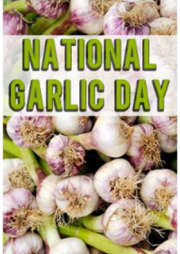
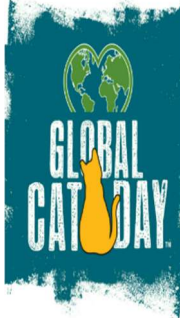
Please invite your Family, Neighbors and Friends!!!!!!
 Please share this information, thanks.

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.

MEMORIAL EVENTS ~ OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:30-7:15PM Chancel Choir 7:30-8:30PM Joyful Bells 6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	2 National guardian angel day 	3 6 PM MOL National caramel custard day 
4 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion & World Communion Sunday Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 2-6 PM MOL	5 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC 6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	6 9:30AM-Noon Sassy Sowers 	7 6:30PM NAMI 5pm at: Open Flame Restaurant, 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228	8 6:30-7:15PM Chancel Choir 7:30-8:30PM Joyful Bells 6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	9 National fire prevention day 	10 6 PM MOL Happy National Angel Food Cake Day! 
11 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 2-6 PM MOL	12 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC 6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	13 Navy Birthday 	14 1-3 PM Kitting/Crocheting National Dessert Day 14 oct. 	15 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast- Open Flame Restaurant, 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 9:30AM-Noon Sassy Sowers 6:30-7:15PM Chancel Choir 7:30-8:30PM Joyful Bells 6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	16 	17 6 PM MOL 
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THIS WEEK EVENTS IN OUR AREA

9/18-11/01 - Pumpkin Fest at Basse's Taste of Country	3190 County Road Q, Colgate
9/12 -10/25 - Autumn Harvest Fest at The Elegant Farmer	The Elegant Farmer, 1545 Main St., Mukwonago
10/02 - 10/04- Milwaukee Oktoberfest	Henry Maier Festival Park (200 N. Harbor Dr.)
10/02-10/03 - Oktoberfest celebration	Klode Park (5960 N. Lake Dr., Whitefish Bay)
10/03 - Menomonee Falls: Falls Harvest Fest	Mill Pond Park and Plaza, W164 N9091 Water St. (north of Main Street in downtown Menomonee Falls)
10/03 - Taste of Autumn	Downtown West Bend
10/04 - Schmidt Century Farm's open house	Schmidt Century Farm, 5485 Saint Anthony Road, West Bend
10/4 & 10/5 - Harvest Fair at Wisconsin State Fair	Wisconsin State Fair Park, 640 S. 84th St., West Allis
10/08 - Fall Festival of Fun at the Jackson Community Center	Jackson Area Community Center, N165 W20330 Hickory Lane, Jackson
10/10 - Fall into Grafton	Paramount Plaza, between Bridge and Beech Street in downtown Grafton
10/10 - Pumpkin Party in the Park	Nixon Park, 175 E. Park St., Hartland
10/17 - Fall Harvest Arts and Crafts Fair	Ronald Reagan Elementary School, 4225 S. Calhoun Road, New Berlin
10/17 - Fall Fest at Bluemel's Garden & Landscape Center	4930 W. Loomis Road, Greenfield
10/17 - Flannel Fest & Chili Cookoff on the Farm	Holy Hill Art Farm, 4958 Holy Hill Road, Hubertus
10/23 - Spooky Sussex	Village Park, W244 N6260 Weaver Drive, Sussex
10/24 - Habitat Haunting at Mequon Nature Preserve	Mequon Nature Preserve, 8200 West County Line Road, Mequon
10/24 - Fall Festival at Drexel Town Square	Drexel Town Square, 410 West Town Square Way, Oak Creek
10/24 & 10/25 - 25th Annual Fall Fair to Remember	Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center, Ziegler Family Exposition Center, 3000 Highway PV, West Bend
10/28 - 31 - Great Pumpkin Festival at Old School House Park	Old School House Park (across from the library), 5240 N. Marlborough Drive, Whitefish Bay



MEMORIAL UMC

General Information & Staff

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Pastor's Email: robdodum@gmail.com

Director of Music: Sarah Brumm

Hymn Leaders: Sarah Brumm,

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

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

DINING OUT GROUP: Wednesday, October 7th

at 5pm at Open Flame Restaurant,
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WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The 3rd Tuesday (Oct. 20th),

at 9am at the Forum Restaurant,
4711 S 108th St, Milwaukee, WI 53228

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday (Oct. 15th),

8:30am at Open Flame Restaurant,
5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228

SCRIPT CARD PROGRAM:

Orders for Script Cards (gift cards) are due on the 3rd
Sunday of each month.

OKTOBERFEST PORK DINNER:

Saturday, October 24th (fundraiser for MUMC)

YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2:

Friday-Sunday, November 13, 14 & 15 from 9am to 3pm

QUILT BLESSING: Sunday, November 22nd

DECORATING THE CHURCH:

Saturday, November 28th

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