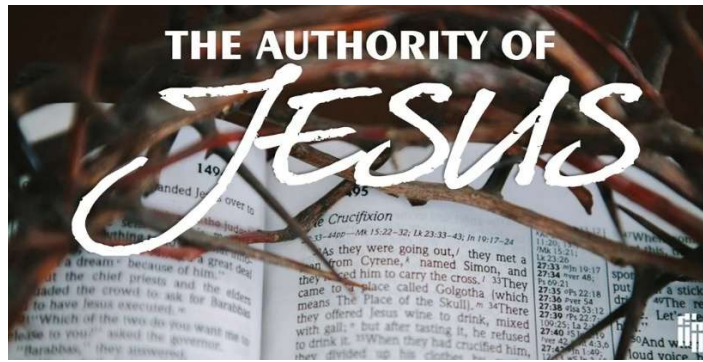




MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE: *"I am His and He is Mine"* Arr Vicki Tucker Courtney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Moses listened to the guidance of the Lord rather than the quarreling of the people.

We will set aside our grumbling and quarrels, that we may hear the voice of God more clearly.

The poetry of the psalmist invites us to "give ear" to Divine teaching.

We will incline our ears, and listen for ways to share the presence of God.

The letter to the Philippians encourages them and us to have the same mind as Christ, and to empty ourselves, that we might be filled.

We will humble ourselves as Christ was humble, opening our very lives to the ongoing call of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Guiding God, you led our ancestors in faith through the wilderness as a pillar of cloud by day and a fiery pillar by night. You quenched their thirst and shared manna to satisfy their hunger. We often wish we could see you now in such celestial wonders. Yet we know you are near. We feel your Spirit presence, sustaining us along life's journey.

Amen.

***HYMN: 340** *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"* *vs 1-3*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We long to quiet the noise and distraction of daily life, to hear more clearly your call on our lives. Still our souls, that we may hear with clarity the wonders of your love guiding us on. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus, in human form, humbled himself before God. God, who is at work in you, invites you to humble self-awareness. Spirit nudges your will in ways that lead to goodness. None of us are alone in this walk of faith. So, hear and believe:

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 18:1-4 (NIV)

The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“‘The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?”

“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 78:1-4, 12-16 (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 did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall.

He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.

He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas; he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

EPISTLE: Acts 3:1-19 (NIV)

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the

man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

"'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 467

“Trust and Obey”

vs 1-4

OFFERING PRAYER

We offer these our gifts, Holy One, and we also offer our lives in mind, body, and spirit. We endeavor to have the same mind as Christ, that our actions, through faith, might serve you with humility.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

By James Ellor

***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: 438**

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

vs 1-4

*BENEDICTION

Go into your lives, listening for the call of God. Go into your communities with Christ-like humbleness. Give ear to the whispers and shouts of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace and stay in courage.

Amen.

*POSTLUDE:

"Blessed Be The Name"

Arr Vicki Tucker Courtney

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This Week's Birthdays!

Sept. 27th	Don Reid
Sept. 29th	John Stoekl
Oct. 1st	Lori Moede

September	Liturgists	Ushers
27th	Linda Brumm	Peter Fetzner & Jackson Lang
October	Liturgists	Ushers
11th	Lynn Sirna	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
18th	John Hurley	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
25th	Connie Ziegler	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel

Sunday October 4th 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.

THIS WEEK EVENTS IN OUR AREA	
9/12 - 10/25 - Autumn Harvest Fest at The Elegant Farmer	The Elegant Farmer, 1545 Main St., Mukwonago
9/24-9/27 - Dialogues Documentary Film Festival	Downer & Oriental Theaters, Milw
9/26-9/27 - Germantown Hunsrucker Oktoberfest	Dheinsville Historic Park in Germantown
9/27 - Harbor Fest	Harbor View Plaza, 600 E. Greenfield Ave, Milw
Sept 27 & 28 - Piala's Nursery Fall Fest	Piala's Nursery and Garden Shop, 27S39 W27833 Genesee Road, Waukesha
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



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.

Upcoming fellowship events & Sunday Coffee Hours with Refreshments

- ❖ **Sunday, September 27th** – MUMC Open House-Fall Fellowship BBQ
(sponsored by the CHAOS/Mary & Linda)
- ❖ **Sunday, October 4th** – **Volunteer needed**
- ❖ **Sunday, October 11th** – Pasty Day! (sponsored by the Brumm's)
- ❖ **Sunday, October 18th** – **Volunteer needed**
- ❖ **Saturday, October 24th** – Oktoberfest Pork Dinner
(a social dinner fundraiser for MUMC)
- ❖ **Sunday, October 25th** – **Possibly leftovers from Oktoberfest**
- ❖ **Friday-Sunday, November 13th-15th** – Yarn Extravaganza 2
- ❖ **Sunday, November 22nd** – The Blessing of the Quilts
- ❖ **Blood Drive December 8th** - from 1-6pm



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,
 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228
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

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.

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Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

