



THE MESSENGER

APRIL 2026



MEMORIAL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
3450 s 52nd St, Greenfield, WI 53219



Beyond the Brunch: Living the Resurrection

Easter Sunday is often the finish line. We've made it through the solemnity of Lent, the shadows of Holy Week, and the early morning chill of the Sunrise Service. We celebrate with lilies, brass instruments, and perhaps a bit too much chocolate, and then—by Monday morning—we tend to pack the "Alleluias" away with the plastic eggs.

But if the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is only a date on the calendar, we are missing the heartbeat of our faith. Easter is not just a day to remember; it is a way to live.

The empty tomb didn't just happen 2,000 years ago; it is a current reality that demands a response every single morning. When we say "He is Risen," we are declaring that death, despair, and "the way things have always been" no longer have the final word.

Living an Easter life means:

- **Choosing Hope over Cynicism:** In a world that thrives on bad news, the Resurrection empowers us to look for the "new thing" God is doing in our neighborhoods and our hearts.
- **Practicing Renewal:** Just as Christ rose, we are called to rise above our old habits, grudges, and fears. Every day is an opportunity for a "mini-resurrection."
- **Being People of the Light:** We don't just celebrate the light on Sunday; we carry it into the dark corners of our community through service, kindness, and radical hospitality.

In the early church, the followers of Jesus weren't known for how they celebrated a holiday; they were known for how they lived "The Way." They lived with such boldness and generosity that people couldn't help but notice something was different. They were Easter People.

As we move past the festivities of the season, I challenge you to ask yourself: How does the reality of the empty tomb change how I treat my neighbor on Tuesday? How does it change my perspective on a difficult Friday?

The stone has been rolled away—not just so we could look in, but so we could go out. Let's not let the joy of Easter end when the lilies fade. Let's live so vibrantly that the world knows the Resurrection is true, simply by watching us.~~ Pastor Rob





Birthdays

4/5 *Rose Deter*
 4/11 *Jasmine Merz*
 4/13 *Peter Fetzer*
 4/25 *Vera Owen*
 4/30 *Gary Seiser*
 4/30 *Laura Marin*

Anniversaries

4/17 *Neil & Tricia Chartier*
 4/26 *Robert & Jacki Lang*



Please join us for HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY: March 29th

8:55 AM at Blessed Hope UMC

10:30 AM at Memorial UMC

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2nd 6pm

Combined Worship Service at Blessed Hope UMC

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3rd 6pm

Combined Worship Service at Memorial UMC

EASTER SUNDAY: April 5th

Traditional Resurrection Day Worship &
 Celebration

8:55 AM at Blessed Hope UMC

We are starting a collection of non-perishable food for our TSA friends that are in need of food and gift cards (due to issues beyond our control). There will be a basket in the chapel lounge for these collections.

**TSA HAS YOUR
 BAGS – LET'S HAVE
 THEIR BACKS.**

DINING OUT GROUP

**April 11th at 5pm at:
 Matty's Bar & Grille**

14460 College Ave,
 New Berlin, WI 53151



<https://www.mattysbar.com/>

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Club will be at
 8:30am on **April 16th** at
 Meyers Restaurant,
 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Women's Breakfast Club will be at 9am on
April 21st at Benny's Cafe,
 5354 S 27th St, Milwaukee.
 Call Jeanne Rowe at
 414-529-2518 if you plan to attend.



Trustees Toolbox



Greetings from your Memorial Trustees. As I'm writing this message there is a blizzard going on outside my window. Looks

like we'll be on snow removal sometime today. Anyways let's get on with what's happening.

- Our next blood drive is on Tuesday, April 21st, 1pm to 6pm. We are hoping for some decent weather so we can repair our outside sign for this event.
- Our fire extinguishers and kitchen fire suppression system has been checked and updated until next required check.
- The elevator has also been checked. We are waiting for information on updates for the elevator system.
- We have taken an inventory check our tables and chairs used in the fellowship hall. We have concluded that there are some of the older tables that are not being used. We are donating them to Purple Heart. Also for consideration is to replace some of the current seldom used and heavier tables with some lighter tables.

That's all for now.
 Respectfully Memorial Trustees

MEMORIAL NEWS



We would like to introduce you to a new MUMC committee:

CHAOS

(Church Hospitality & Organizational Support)

formerly known as the No Name Committee. As this is a new committee, we are exploring our duties to how best support the church. We do have some events planned:

Sunday, April 19th: Light refreshments in the Chapel Lounge

Sunday, May 17th: Taco Sunday- Cinco de Mayo

Sunday, August 2nd: Light refreshments in the Chapel Lounge

Sunday, September 20th: Soup Bowl Sunday with Café sponsored by-Ceramics Class

October-Octoberfest: Preliminary idea stages

If you have ideas or would like to participate with this committee, please contact me at greeneyesgerman@gmail.com so that I may forward these thoughts to the committee. ~

Mary Schultz



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 dates available for April 2026:

Sunday, April 5

Sunday, April 12

Sunday, April 26

Please sign up on the form on the pedestal in the chapel lounge. Thank you~~Mary Schultz

MEMORIAL UMC'S CERAMIC CLASS

The MUMC Ceramic Class meets on Mondays from 1:00 pm to 9:00pm (April 6th, 13th, 20th and the 27th). 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.

To date we have 48 bowls already finished and packed for the event in September. We now have yarn bowls. We have some already finished, but can do one in your favorite color or come and paint your own. Yarn bowls are for sale at \$20.00.



The MUMC Ceramic Class is still collecting soft plastics to be recycled. Collection bin is located in the entry-way by the elevator at MUMC.

We still collect items for Project Concern and support other activities within our church families.

The Yarn Extravaganza was a great success. Another event will be held in November. Details will be out in the next few months.

Thank you 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 if you would like more information about the MUMC Ceramic Class or if you have any other questions.



MISSIONS

Below is a list of items that we are collecting for local Mission causes. Information on some of these projects can be found on the Mission Bulletin Board.

I would like to Thank Linda Brumm for giving us the information on Hear Wisconsin, and to Trisha Chartier for giving me the current information for the loose coin mission. Greg Ettlle continues to collect the pull tabs from soda cans that go to the Ronald McDonald House. I just want to say that it is a great pleasure and Honor for Phil and I to continue working with Memorial Missions. We may be a small group but we are very large in helping those in need.

Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel

COIN BASKET: Veterans Community Center



UNISEX KIDS CLOTHES, SMALL SNACKS & ARTS/CRAFTS ITEMS: to go to Glennwood School

KNITTING & CROCHETING: Prayer Shawls, Winter Hats/Headbands, Scarfs & Gloves

TOILETRY DRIVE: Organizations helping the homeless

ALUMINUM PULL TABS: For the Ronald McDonald House



Knit / Crochet Group



Do you love to knit or crochet? Why not join a group to knit or crochet together? If so, what day of the week? Time of day? How often would you like to meet?

Contact Linda Brumm with your thoughts:
lbrumm@aol.com or 414-659-1037

Adopt-A-Bill



Winter is in full swing, which means there's snow on the ground and utility bills are high. Like you've likely seen with your home's utility bill, when the temperature drops the amount of energy needed to keep a building warm and safe climbs significantly. At Memorial, our utility bill for November was more than \$2,700. Similarly, our December utility bill was nearly \$2,800. Such high energy bills put a large strain on our monthly budget and we are looking for help to cover these large costs.

We are hoping that our members and church friends will help contribute to the Adopt-a-Bill program to help cover the cost of these high utility bills this winter. People can either make a one-time donation or they can give monthly to help cover the costs of utilities. Giving is easy- all you have to do is write "adopt-a-bill" or "utilities" in the memo line of your check or include a note in your envelope that states that your contribution should be used for utilities. Contributions can be put directly into the weekly offering plate or can be mailed to the church, 3450 S 52nd Street, Greenfield WI 53219. Thank you for your support.

The Finance Committee

RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS

We are continuing to make efforts to increase the use of the gift card program. This program allows members of Memorial to purchase gift cards for use at a variety of retail businesses including food stores, restaurants, gas stations, theaters, and department stores.

When these cards are purchased, Memorial Church receives a percentage return of the purchase price varying from 1 to 16%.

Order forms that list a large number of popular businesses are available in the Chapel Lounge. If you don't see the business you are interested in, a complete list of businesses is available. Remember, you can always purchase a gift card for yourself.

Order forms are due the third Sunday of the month with gift cards delivered the next Sunday.

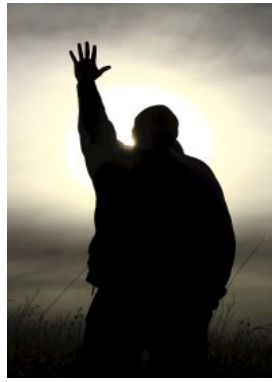
If you want to order gift cards or have questions see ***Tom Rowe or call 414-331-3753.***



MEMORIAL EVENTS~APRIL 2026

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
			1	2 6pm Maundy Thursday Combined Service at Blessed Hope 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Bells 6:45-8:45 Aikido Club	3 6pm Good Friday Combined Service at Memorial UMC	4 9-10:30 AM Confirmation Class, 6 PM Burmese Congregation
EASTER 5 SUNDAY 9:15AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Children's Sunday School 10:30AM Holy Communion & Worship 2-6PM Burmese Worship	6 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC 6:45-8:45 Aikido Club	7 10 AM-1 PM Sassy Sowers at Memorial UMC	8	9 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Bells 6:45-8:45 Aikido Club	10	11 9-10:30 AM Confirmation Class, Dining Out Group: 5pm at: Matty's Bar & Grille , 14460 College Ave, New Berlin, WI 6 PM Burmese Congregation
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19 9:15AM Adult Bible Study 10:30AM Children's Sunday School 10:30AM Worship After Worship, refreshments in the Chapel Lounge 2-6PM Burmese Worship	20 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC 6:45-8:45 Aikido Club	21 9:00 AM Women's Breakfast at Benny's Café 5354 S 27th St, Milwaukee, WI 53221 1-6 PM Blood Drive	22	23 10 AM-1 PM Sassy Sowers at Memorial UMC 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Bells 6:45-8:45 Aikido Club	24	25 9-10:30 AM Confirmation Class, 6 PM Burmese Congregation
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Please contact Pastor Rob or the church office when members and/or friends of Memorial UMC are sick, hospitalized, having surgery, undergoing medical treatment, have special concerns, etc. Pastor Rob will lift you up in prayer during the Sunday Worship Service.



April	Liturgists	Ushers
5th	Carolyn Ettlle	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
12th	Chris Guse	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
19th	John Hurley	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
26th	Connie Ziegler	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang

Memorial UMC

General Information & Staff

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Summer Ketchell, Emily Bergeron

Pianist & Organist: Karen Fetzer

Live Stream Production Team:

Brad Weller, Xylia-Sophia Conn,

John Stoekl, Tom Rowe, Greg Ettlle

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Saturday 2/14 – Saturday 5/16

Confirmation classes will be held each Saturday from 9-10:30am.

CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm

CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm

JOYFUL BELLS: Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm

SASSY SOWERS: 1st Tuesday & 3rd, Thursday,
10am-1pm

PALM SUNDAY: March 29th

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH: After church service,
in the fellowship hall.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY: April 2nd at 6pm.

Combined worship at Blessed Hope UMC

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3rd at 6pm.

Combined worship at Memorial UMC.

EASTER SUNDAY: April 5th

2nd SATURDAY SUPPER: on April 11th,

5pm at Matty's Bar & Grille,

14460 College Ave, New Berlin, WI

<http://www.openflamerestaurant.com/>

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Tuesday,

9am at Benny's Cafe, 5354 S 27th St,

Milwaukee, WI

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday,

8:30am at Meyers, 4260 S 76th St,

Greenfield, WI

