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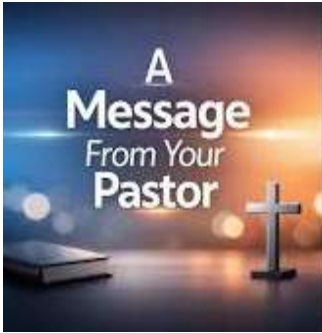
July 2026

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Greenfield, WI 53219

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This July, our nation marks a monumental milestone—the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A semiquincentennial is a rare moment in history, an invitation to look backward with gratitude for the enduring ideals of liberty and community, while looking forward to the work of the future. It is a time for celebration, reflection, and deep gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy.

Yet, as people of faith, our citizenship is always rooted in something even more enduring than a 250-year-old republic. Our ultimate allegiance is to the Kingdom of God, and our highest blueprint for living is found in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

When we look at the foundational promise of our nation—the pursuit of liberty and justice for all—we find beautiful echoes of Christ’s own ministry. In the Gospels, Jesus stepped forward to announce his mission: to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and to let the oppressed go free. He modeled a life where true freedom is not the right to do whatever we please, but the power to do what is right, just, and loving.

While nations measure success by strength and prosperity, Jesus calls us to measure our lives by love, humility, and service. In the Sermon on the Mount, He didn’t command us to conquer, but to comfort; he didn’t call us to be self-reliant, but to be peacemakers, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

As the fireworks fade and the celebrations conclude, our calling remains to live out the radical grace born in the Gospels. We have the daily opportunity to use our freedom to lift up the vulnerable, to extend hospitality to the stranger, and to love our neighbors across every dividing line.

This historic July invites us to celebrate how far we have come, to honestly reflect on the journey ahead, and to walk faithfully in the footsteps of the One who offers true and everlasting freedom.

Blessings and peace ~~ Pastor Rob



July Birthdays

7/5 *John Moede*
7/9 *Laurie Peaslee*
7/14 *Oscar Islas-Martin*
7/15 *Linda Brumm*
7/17 *Carol Lemanczyk*
7/18 *Pastor Rob Odum*
7/22 *Curt Rode*
7/22 *Peggy Stoekl*
7/25 *Jeff Knutson*

July Anniversaries

7/19 *John & Donna Hurley*



KNITTING, CROCHETING and NEEDLEWORK SOCIAL

Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Wednesday, July 22, 2026
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.

SASSY SOWERS AT MUMC

Did you know that Sassy Sewers is really Sassy Sowers.



This group keeps our "Community in Stitches." Sassy Sowers is meeting twice a month at MUMC. The 1st Tuesday and 3rd 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 July are July 7th & 16th. You do not need to have sewing skills to join us. Any questions, please contact Deb Soderland at 414-659-5625.

DINING OUT GROUP

Tuesday, July 14th
at 5pm at:
84th Classic Café,
1650 S 84th St, West Allis, WI 53214



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 **July 16th** at Meyers Restaurant, 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Women's Breakfast Club will be at 9am on **July 21st** at



Honey Berry Pancakes & Café, 4900 S 76th St, Greenfield, WI 53220
Call Jeanne Rowe at 414-529-2518 if you plan to attend.

<https://www.honeyberrycafe.com/greenfield-menu/>

CHAOS

Hello:

Thank you to those who hosted coffee hours for the month of June: there are still openings for the month of July.

The CHAOS Committee will be going on a short break till August.

If you have any questions about hosting a coffee hour please reach out to myself or Linda Brumm.

If you would like to host a coffee hour and have expenses, save your receipts and submit them to Carolyn Ettlief for reimbursement as the church budget has funds for these events.

We do have some events planned:

Sunday, August 2: light refreshments after the church service in the chapel lounge

Sunday, September 20: Soup Bowl Sunday with café sponsored by Ceramic Class

Saturday, October 24: Save the Date for Oktoberfest at MUMC

(A social dinner fundraiser for MUMC)

If you have ideas or would like to participate with this committee, please contact me at greeneyesgerman@gmail.com or 414-526-2715 so that I may forward these thoughts to the committee. ~ ~ **Mary Schultz**

Trustees Toolbox

Greetings from your Memorial Trustees.

We have been busy with several projects:

1. Cleaning air conditioning filters
2. Repair work in the WMW room
3. Installing an outside lock box for the Greenfield Fire Department for emergency situations

A future project is redoing air conditioning pipes in the financial office.

***Trustee members to continue Sunday Sound Board Operation.

Well, that's it for now. Everyone have a safe and pleasant summer!

Yours Truly ~ ~ The Memorial Trustees



MEMORIAL UMC'S CERAMIC CLASS

Happy 250th Anniversary to the United States. Only 2 months left of the 2026 Soup Bowl season.

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.

To date we have 72 bowls already finished and packed for the event in September.

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.



Upcoming dates for July are:

Monday, July 6, 2026

Monday, July 13, 2026 - This is our Picnic Potluck

Monday, July 20, 2026

Monday, June 27, 2026

Monday, July 13 is our Picnic Potluck.

Festivities begin at 1:00 pm. Brats and hot dogs will be provided. Come and socialize and bring your favorite picnic side dish.

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 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

You may never fully see how many lives your kindness has touched. A smile, a message, a quiet act of love- these little things stay in people's heart-long after you forget them.

Again, I want to take a moment to thank all of those people that have continued to support Memorial Missions. Phil and I see to it that all donations are given to those who are in great need. Please continue to leave your donations on the mission cart and any lotions, soaps etc. placed in the baskets in the Mission Nook. I made small bags to place toothbrushes, toothpaste etc. in them to make them a little special for those who have less.

Starting in July we will collect school supplies for Glenwood School, and some will be donated to Father Genes Mission. Pencils, pens, notebooks, paper, erasers, colored pencils are all in need for the following school year. We also will be collecting book bags.

Again, please check out the mission board that is at the top of the stairs to see all the success you make possible with your generous donations. We may be a small congregation, but we are MIGHTY AT DOING GOD'S WORK!!

Thank you all, we could not do it without you!!!

Have a safe summer!!!

Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD DONATIONS

Food items that have been donated at Memorial were taken to Blessed Hope Church last month.

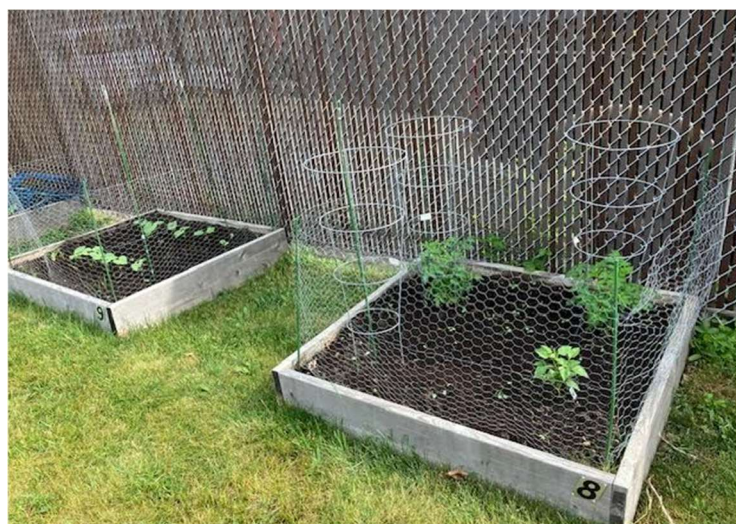
Food items included cereal, peanut butter, Mac and cheese, canned beans, soup, crackers, etc. The food collected at Memorial is combined with food collected at Blessed Hope and taken to a food distribution center. This ensures that the food is distributed and used in a timely manner, so it does not expire. Thank you for your donations and please continue to donate.



Pictured below is a fine example of the garden plots at Memorial. If you have not seen them, they are located north of the church. Now that we are getting some rain and warmer temperatures it looks like there will be a bountiful crop.

If you are interested in doing a little gardening, see John Stoekl.....and thank you John for coming up with this idea.

My thumb is green again!



MEMORIAL EVENTS~JULY 2026

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>	
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5 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion & Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 2-6 PM MOL	6 Office will be closed for 4th of July observance 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC 6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	7 9:30AM-Noon Sassy Sowers	8 1-3 PM Kitting/Crocheting	9 6:45-8:45PM Aikido Club	10	11 6 PM MOL	
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MEMORIAL UMC

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Pastor's Email: robdodum@gmail.com

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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

NAMI: 1st Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm

CHANCEL CHOIR: **No Summer Meetings**

JOYFUL BELLS: **No Summer Meetings**

KNITTING/CRCHETING GROUP:

Wednesday, July 8th & Wednesday,
July 22nd from 1-3pm

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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

