



THE BLESSING

BLESSED HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Sacred Middle: Finding God in the "Ordinary"

If you look at the altar in the coming weeks, you'll notice a shift. The vibrant whites of Easter and the fiery reds of Pentecost have given way to a steady, deep green. In the United Methodist tradition, we call this long stretch of the calendar "**Ordinary Time.**"

The word "ordinary" can be a bit of a letdown. In our culture, we are trained to chase the "extraordinary"—the mountaintop experiences, the big breakthroughs, and the flashy celebrations. We tend to view the space in between those moments as something to simply "get through."

However, in the liturgical sense, "Ordinary" comes from the word *ordinal*, meaning "counted." It is the season where we count the weeks as we follow the life and teachings of Jesus. It is a season of **growth**. Just as the fields around us are turning a lush, persistent green, this is the time for our faith to take root in the soil of our daily lives.

Finding the Holy in the Routine

The challenge of June is to find God not just in the spectacular summer sunset, but in the "counted" moments:

- In the quiet rhythm of a morning cup of tea.
- In the repetitive work of weeding the garden.
- In the familiar faces we see at the grocery store or the post office.

If we only look for God in the "extraordinary," we miss the fact that the Holy Spirit is a permanent resident in our everyday routines. When Jesus told his disciples he would be with them "always, to the end of the age," he wasn't just talking about the miracles; he was talking about the long walks between towns and the quiet meals shared by the fire.

A Prayer for the Green Season

This June, I challenge you to reframe your "ordinary." Instead of seeing it as a placeholder between big events, see it as the primary place where God is at work. The green of the altar cloth is a reminder that even when things seem quiet, life is happening beneath the surface. Let's embrace the steady, the counted, and the "ordinary" together.

Peace,

Pastor Rob



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 6/21 Jessica Brost
 6/24 Colin Rosewitz
 6/30 Dale Shively



- 6/1 Tom & Bonnie Snyder
 6/4 Jim & Lila Gorney
 6/12 Randy & Chris Zimmerman
 6/23 Ron & Lisl Brzozowski
 6/25 Dennis & Sue Schulkers



WHAT'S IN YOUR BIBLE

Father's Day Edition

(Look for the Hidden Answer)

1. Who was the father of John the Baptist?
2. Who stole her father's household gods?
3. Whose father was prepared to sacrifice him on the altar?
4. Which commandment says to honor your father & mother?
5. Who was the father of King David?

The Gift of Connection and Community

In a world where we are more digitally connected than ever before, many people are also experiencing deep loneliness and isolation. We can text instantly, scroll endlessly, and interact online throughout the day – yet still feel disconnected from meaningful relationships and authentic community.

One of the great gifts the Church still offers the world is something increasingly rare: real connection. Church communities bring together people who otherwise might never interact. Different generations. Different political viewpoints. Different life experiences. Different backgrounds and perspectives. In many ways, the local church remains one of the few places where people still regularly gather across lines that often divide society elsewhere.

That kind of connection matters. It reminds us that we are more than consumers, social media profiles, or people sorted into ideological camps. We are human beings created in the image of God and called to live in community with one another.

And perhaps nowhere is the gift of Christian community more visible than during difficult seasons of life. Over the last several months, as I've walked through cancer treatment, I've experienced this gift personally. My church community supported me and my family not only through prayers, but through dozens of cards, meals delivered to our home, help with lawn care, fall and spring yard cleanup, and simple acts of kindness that reminded us we were not alone.

Those moments mattered deeply. Not because any one act solved everything, but because together they communicated something powerful: you are loved, you are seen, and you do not have to carry this burden by yourself.

That is stewardship too. Stewardship is not only about money. It is about how we use the gifts God has entrusted to us – our time, compassion, presence, abilities, encouragement, and resources – to care for one another and build up the Body of Christ.

Healthy churches cultivate more than generosity. They cultivate belonging. And in a disconnected world hungry for meaning, that may be one of the most important gifts the Church has to offer.

From the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, edited by George Affeldt



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We do not meet as a local unit in the summer, so the next meeting is **Sept. 8th at 11:00 a.m.**

(The program book is incorrect)

There are however other events.

Marie will be attending the Quadrennial Assembly in Indianapolis May 14-17.

June 13th: Connectional event for any S. E.

District unit members at Blessed Hope, sponsored by the district mission team

Mission u: on ZOOM in June or in-person at Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids July 11 sponsored by the Conference team.

CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Contribution reports will be coming out in mid June. Please look for your reports.



Sharon Thomas
Finance Secretary



Saturday June 6th

9:30 -11:30 am

Volunteer to help Clean up the church grounds- Please sign up for a specific task at UP Church Welcome Center or contact jessica@urbanpoiema.org

We will be focusing on several outdoor duties that need to get done including weeding, trimming bushes, raking, etc.

Bring your rakes, trimmers, edgers, garden gloves, etc



MEMORIAL UMC'S CERAMIC CLASS

Greetings!

Wow June is here, halfway through the year. Only 3 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 60 bowls already finished and packed for the event in September. We now have yarn bowls. We have some already finished, but you can do one in your favorite color or come and paint your own. Yarn bowls are for sale at \$20.00.

Upcoming dates :

June 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th

The MUMC Ceramic Class is still collecting soft plastics to be recycled. Collection bin is located in the entryway 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.



SASSY SEWERS AT MUMC

Sassy Sewers is meeting twice a month at MUMC. The first Tuesday and third Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Bring a bag lunch. We are working on quilts to be donated in November of 2026. Dates for the month of June are **June 2 and June 18, 2026**.

You do not need to have sewing skills to join us.

OUTREACH NEWS



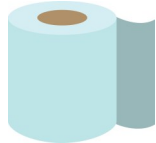
FOOD OFFERING

JUNE 7th

Let's keep supporting UP Church FOOD PANTRY with canned protein, soups, cereal, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, and crackers too! Please pick up a few extras when you shop and bring to church!



Thank you to Everyone who brought in PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS! Marie Garnhart delivered over 25 kits to Midwest Mission!



GOOD SAMARITAN

We will continue to collect toilet paper for Good Samaritan Emergency Pantry. This is a staple the pantry cannot keep in stock. Please bring in packaged rolls and leave in the food collection baskets.



Coming in July- We will supply a list of school items to collect for UP CHURCH Back TO SCHOOL GIVE AWAY.

COIN BASKET

During the months of June/July we will collect coins for UP CHURCH Back to School Give Away. So many children do not have items to start school. Please reach deep into your pockets and throw your change into the bowl at the back of the church, or write out your check to BLESSED HOPE with UP CHURCH SCHOOL SUPPLIES in the memo



3. Isaac Genesis 22

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

During the summer months the group will focus on Preemie Hats and Winter Hats! There is yarn in the classroom.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Thank you for your generous donations for the College Care Packages! 16 packages were prepared and mailed or hand delivered to college students at the end of April!



ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Diapers and Wipes for Family Closet - Chosen - West Allis



Aluminum Pop Tops for the Ronald McDonald House






Toiletries for Sojourner Truth House



Vitamins for Guatemala



BLESSED HOPE EVENTS ~ JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4. Fifth / Exodus 20:12	1 10 AM Bible Study 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC	2 10 AM - 1 PM Sassy Sewers at Memorial UMC	3 6:30 pm UP Church Bible Study	4 7 PM NA	5	6 9:30 AM OA 9:30-11:30 am -Outdoor Church Clean up day
	WI Annual Conference					
7 WI Annual Conference 8:55 AM Worship Food Offering 11 AM Urban Poiema Church	8 10 AM Bible Study 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC	9	10 6:30 pm UP Church Bible Study	11 7 PM NA	12	13 9 AM Men's Breakfast at The Forum Restaurant 9:30 AM OA 10 AM T-Shirts to Totes Project
14 8:55 AM Worship Holy Communion 11 AM Urban Poiema Church	15 10 AM Bible Study 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17 6:30 pm UP Church Bible Study	18 10 AM - 1 PM Sassy Sewers at MUMC Noon -Dining Out at The Forum 7 PM NA	19 	20 9:30 AM OA 10-7 Lower Level reserved
21 8:55 AM Worship  11 AM Urban Poiema Church	22 10 AM Bible Study 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC	23	24 6:30 pm UP Church Bible Study	25 7 PM NA	26	27 9:30 AM OA
28 John Wesley's Birthday 8:55 AM Worship 11 AM Urban Poiema Church	29 10 AM Bible Study 1-9 PM Ceramics at Memorial UMC 6:30 PM Ad. Council Meeting	30	July 1	July 2 7 PM NA	July 3 1. Zechariah (Luke 20)	July 4 9:30 AM OA 





Worship Volunteer Schedule

June	Liturgist	Usher	Communion
7	George A	Marie G & Edith C	
14	Dan P	Edith & Volunteer	Marie G & Sharon T
21	Bonnie S	Marie G & Edith C	
28	Karen D	Marie G & Edith C	

STAFF

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Secretary:	Jessica Chavarria
Custodian:	Christine Stapleton

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Wills & Memorials:	Sue Gordon
Elec. Media Coord.:	Cheryl Perry

Please contact Pastor Rob or the church office when members and/or friends of Blessed Hope 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.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will have their next breakfast meeting at 9 AM on Saturday, **June 13th** at the Forum Restaurant on Hwy 100 and Layton.



THE DINING OUT GROUP

Thursday, **June 18th** at Noon - The Forum Restaurant on Hwy 100 & Layton. Please contact Chris Zimmerman if you plan to attend 414-651-5775 chrisz116@outlook.com



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Women's Breakfast gathering is **off for the summer** and will resume in September.



Women's Breakfast

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