UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Nov. 8, Sunday Study 10:30am @ Fireside room
  Messy Church theme is Friendsgiving @ 10:30-12:00pm
  (contact Amanda Viana at family_outreach@menomonieumc.org)
- Monday, 9, Monday Meal 5-6 pm (sign up in narthex to help)
  Sloppy Joes, chips, fruit & sweet treat (Menu subject to change)
  Dartball League 8pm @ Menomonie UMC
  (contact Kevin Klatt for location, to cheer on our team)
- Tuesday, 10, Joyful Noise Choir practice @ 6-7 pm
- Wednesday, 11, Pause for Prayer @ 5:30 pm @ Fireside room
  Youth Group @6:30-8 pm (contact Alanis Viana)
- Thursday, 12, ALB meeting @ 9 am
- Sunday, 15, ALB Potluck @ 10 am
- Monday,16, It Takes a Village Friendsgiving @ 6:30-8:00pm
  (contact Amanda Viana at family_outreach@menomonieumc.org)
- Sunday, 22, Youth Bake Sale
- Sunday, 29 Annual Charge/Church Conference @ 10:30am
- Sunday, Dec. 13, Youth Pancake Breakfast
- Sunday, Dec. 20, Youth Movie Night

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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

* If you are able, please stand

Praise

We Have come into his house	words on screen
I'd Rather Have Jesus	words on screen
Change My Heart Oh God 2152	TFWS #2152

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

L: Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
P: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
L: Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
P: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
L: Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
P: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
L: Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
P: We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen

***Opening Prayer**

You do not want us to be ignorant of your dreams and hopes for us, God of holiness, so you speak to us in parables, so we might pay careful attention to your words; you tell us stories about our grandparents in the faith, so we might become mentors to our grandchildren, and theirs.
Filling us with the holy oil of generosity and grace, you make us ready to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives, and to open our hearts to those who are in need. On this day, we choose to serve you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Let All Things Now Living* TFWS #2008

Children's Message Amy Webb

Prayer of Confession

If only we had been more aware how often we meet the Lord in life! Let us ask him to forgive us. (pause) Lord Jesus, you seem absent when we struggle with suffering, but you are there with your strength: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Jesus Christ, often we forget you in the cares of everyday life, but you are there with us: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, we neglect to care for you in our sick and neglected brothers and sisters, but you want us to serve you in them: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

Forgive us all our sins, Lord, and make us look for your presence. Walk with us and lead us to the feast of everlasting life. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

God's grace is abundant and meets us where we are, forgiving us and inspiring us to stay awake and aware of all God is doing among us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Passing the peace of Christ

True peace is found when we choose life and follow God. True wisdom is found when we choose to wait for Christ, even when the hour is late. Turn to one another and share the deep peace and healing wisdom found in choosing God this day.

Recognition of New Member Cindy Schmertman

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Shon

The Lord's Prayer UMH #271

Scripture **Ecclesiastes 5:10** (NIV)

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!

Matthew 16:24-27 (NIV)

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV)

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

***Hymn of Praise** *Guide Me, O thou great Jehovah* UMH #127 vv. 1, 2

Message *The American Dream vs. the Kingdom Dream* Rev. Shon

Invitation to the offering

Whether wise or foolish, everyone needs oil for their lamps, food for their tables, and love for their lives. Let us share the bounty we have received, that no one may be left alone in the dark.

Offering

***Doxology** *Come, Rejoice in God* FWS #2017

***Offertory Prayer** Rev. Shon

***Closing Hymn** *My Life Is in You, Lord* FWS #2032

***Benediction** Rev. Shon

Postlude *From OP 49, No 2 by Beethoven* Pianist Lanna Laird

Joys and Prayers

Visitation Ministry Home Bound or in Care Centers:

June Harvey, Danielle Mensing, Jane Larsen, Rick Jensen, Mary Ellen Lidgerding, Ramona Reidt, Betty Hazen, Barbara Laatsch, Carolyn Hubbard, Rosella Blakley, Robert Barber, Dave Sweeney. For the families in OR affected by the school shooting and Giana Dettloff died by a mass shooting in Bloomington, IL. Also, Rev. Tim Matthaei in hospital, St. Paul, MN.

Welcome to our church, new member Cindy Schmertman!

Bible Quiz of the week:

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants is told in Matthew 21:33-43, Mark 12:1-11 and Luke 20:9-18. Jesus tells the story of a landowner who built a vineyard and rented it to tenants to farm. Who did the landowner represent in this story?

a) The Chief Priest of the Temple b) Jesus c) John the Baptist d) God