

Joys and Prayers

Please pray for Beverly Spinti who fell August 4th and received a head injury. She is currently at Neighbors of Dunn County in East Bldg. Room 213 for rehabilitation.

Continued prayers for Greg Kleindl's son in-law, Michael as he deals with his worsening ALS symptoms. Prayers for his family.

Prayers for John Brigg's grandmother who is in the hospital.

Happy birthday to Som Moore who turned 87 on August 16th!

Happy 63rd anniversary to Brian and Mary Blakeley on August 17th!

Betty Hazen is looking for tissue paper for wrapping the crosses she makes and gives to others. You can leave at the church and Anita will take it to her when she visits Wednesdays. Thank you!

Lori's last day in office is Monday, August 24th. Office hours will be covered by volunteers until a replacement is found.

Home Bound or in Care Centers

June Harvey, Danielle Mensing, Jane Larsen, Rick Jenson, Mary Ellen Lidgerding, Ramona Reidt, Betty Hazen, Rose Marie Johnson, Barbara Laatsch, Carolyn Hubbard, Rosella Blakley.

Volunteer Needed for Banner Change

We are looking for someone to change altar cloths and banners according to liturgical colors. Contact the church office 715-235-0654. Thank you.

Host Homes Needed for Watoto Children's Choir. Choir date of October 1st 6:30 pm.

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Office Hours: Mon, Wed. Thurs. 9 AM-2 PM

Sunday Bulletin

AUGUST 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Praise

In the Desert, On God's Mountain (words on screen)

Truehearted, Wholehearted (words on screen)

Walk with Me TFWS #2242

Liturgist: Esther Fahm

*Call to Worship

In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?

God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.

In a world where power means might, how does God show us what power means?

God shows us through the midwives' daring, Peter's truth-telling, and Jesus' humility.

In a world where power is held over people's heads, how does God exercise power?

God exercises power with—with the oppressed, with the outcasts, with the poor and downtrodden.

Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ.

So, how will you use your power today?

We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ. Amen.

*Opening Prayer

O God, Sustainer of all life and Creator of the universe, you set us aside to be leaders, so help us see things as they are and not only as they affect ourselves. Grant that we may have a wise and modest estimate of our own powers and live in full contact with all things high, true, and good. Teach us our failings and our faults; give us courage to acknowledge them and, by your grace, enable us to overcome them.

Lift us above the unstable currents of our self-will and establish us on the rock of your purposes. Be to each of us the secret stay and the inner guide of our lives. May your Spirit dwell in us more and more, that your peace which exceeds all understanding may possess our hearts and minds. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UMH #103 vs. 1 & 3

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession

While we may yearn to be like Jesus, we know that in our hotheaded choices, our frantic lives, our impetuous words, we are too often like Peter. But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord, speaking of our need for your saving presence in our lives .We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless.

We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen’s backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place.

In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored.

In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks. (Silent Prayers of Confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

It’s not money, but our generosity with it; it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves; it is not our efforts, but Christ’s gift, which transforms us into God’s children. It is more than just how we think. In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

When we recognize Christ for who he really is, we find the peace and security to see ourselves for who we really are. Let us share this peace with one another as we pass the peace of Christ this day.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Inwha Shon

The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Exodus 3:1–15

¹One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn’t burn up. ³ “This is amazing,” Moses said to himself. “Why isn’t that bush burning up? I must go see it.” ⁴ When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!” “Here I am!” Moses replied. ⁵ “Do not come any closer,” the Lord warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. ⁶ I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering.

⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. ⁹ Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. ¹⁰ Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.”

¹¹ But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² God answered, “I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.”

¹³ But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?”

¹⁴ God replied to Moses, “I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you.”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations.

Hebrews 11:23-28

²³ It was by faith that Moses’ parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king’s command.

²⁴ It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter.

²⁵ He chose to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.

²⁶ He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. ²⁷ It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. ²⁸ It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons.

*Hymn of Praise	Blessed Be the Name	UMH #63
	My Tribute	UMH #99
Message	The Jesus Way through Moses	Rev. Inwha Shon
Offering		
Doxology	We Will Glorify the King of Kings	TFWS #2087 vs 2 & 3
*Offertory Prayer		Rev. Inwha Shon
*Closing Hymn	Shine, Jesus, Shine	TFWS #2173 vs 1 & 2
*Benediction		Rev. Inwha Shon
Postlude	Sonato in F by Mozart	

Upcoming Events

August 23, 2026

- Pause for Prayer** Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Fireside Room, weekly prayer during pastor transitions. Unity for our congregation and other concerns. See Sarah Zarbock.
- Foot & Nail Clinic with Nurse Jacki Bruchert** 2nd Wed. of the month 9:00-3:00 pm. Contact Jackie at 715-529-5637 to schedule appt.
- Pickleball with Pastor with bonfire to follow!** Join us for a fun evening Mon., August 24, 6:45 pm. Contact Kurt Z. for more information 715-440-4558.
- Touch A Truck**, Wednesday, Sept. 16 5-7 pm. See Amanda Viana for more info.
- Sarah Zarbock, Parish Nurse** In the Conference Room or Fireside Room most Tuesdays from 9:30 -11:30 Feel free to stop by with any health or faith concerns. Fri. appt. only.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry** Every 3rd Thursday of the month.
- It Takes a Village Water Fun Day and Picnic!** Sunday, Aug. 30 1-3 pm. See Amanda Viana.
- Job Opportunity** Menomonie United Methodist Church is seeking a dependable, organized, and welcoming Office Administrator to oversee the day-to-day operation of the Church office and provide administrative support to the Pastor, Church staff, ministry teams, congregational leaders, and members. To view the full job description, go to: menomonieumc.org. Click on Opportunities

Monday’s Meal August 24 Menu subject to change
Egg frittata omelette, melon and cinnamon roll