UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 11-22: Thanksgiving Sunday
  Youth Bake Sale
  Decoration for Advent and Christmas Season
- Monday,11-23: Monday Meal, 5-6 pm (sign up in narthex to help)
  Chicken,stuffing,vegetable,cranberry & sweet treat (Menu subject to change)
- Tuesday, 11-24, Joyful Noise Choir Practice, 6-7 pm
- Sunday, 11-29: Care Bucket Sunday/Church Conference, 10:30 am
- Monday,11-30: It Takes a Village- Friendsgiving, 6:30-8:00pm
  (contact Amanda Viana at family_outreach@menomonieumc.org)
  Dartball League, 8pm @ our church
  (contact Kevin Klatt for location, to cheer on our team)
- Saturday,12-5: Grief Share, 1-3 pm. @ Fireside room
- Sunday, 12-13: Youth Pancake Breakfast
- Sunday, 12-20: Youth Movie Night
- Thursday, 12-24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4 pm

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November 22, 2026
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Sally Casper

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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

** If you are able, please stand*

Praise
Bringing in the Sheeves
Give of Your Best to the Master
Give Thanks TFWS #2036

Announcements

INVITATION AND GATHERING

***Call to Worship**

L: Family of God, whom do you serve?
P: We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
L: Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
P: We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
L: Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
P: We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
L: Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
P: We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

Sovereign God, the wind blows, the water flows, and the sun shines. All creation declares your majesty. In you, we move, live, and have our being. Be glorified in our worship. Be known by our testimony. We proclaim your goodness from the east and the west, from the north and the south. On countrysides and city blocks, you reign. In deep valleys and skyscrapers, we declare that your realm extends from everlasting to everlasting. We worship you, Holy One, in spirit and in truth. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** **I Sing Praises to Your Name** **TFWS #2037**

Children's Message Amy Webb

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer of Confession

L: In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:
P: We confess you are still speaking!
L: In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored:
P: We confess you are still speaking!
L: In a world crying out for wisdom, love, and mercy:
P: We confess you are still speaking!
L: In a world calling for the blessing of truth:
P: We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to receive!
L: Let us confess together: We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion.
P: We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering.
We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause of justice for all; strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.

Words of Assurance

L: The Word of God assures us that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ, whose grace forgives and empowers us to love our neighbors near and far, to speak up for those who are broken. Beloved, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
P: In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

Passing the peace of Christ

God loves us with a tenderness that can heal the deepest wounds in our souls. Christ offers us shelter in green pastures and leads us beside still waters. The Spirit offers us a peace that passes all understanding. Let our hearts rejoice this day, as we turn to our neighbors and share the peace of our shepherd.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Shon

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

Scripture **Proverbs 11:24-25**

Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.

1 Timothy 6:17-20

[17] Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. [18] Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.[19] In his way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.[20] Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, [21] which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith. Grace be with you all.

Hymn of Praise **Spirit Song** **UMH #347**

Message **We are Called to be Generous** **Rev. Shon**

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING FORTH

Invitation to the offering

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving. Enter God's courtyard with praise. As sheep of God's fold, we have received goodness and grace from God's hand. Let us show our gratitude as we collect today's offering—an offering that continues Christ's work of mercy and compassion for all of God's lambs.

Offering

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

Offertory Prayer **Rev. Shon**

Closing Hymn **More Love to Thee, O Christ** **UMH #453**

Benediction **Rev. Shon**

Postlude **Sonata, Op.49 No.1 in G minor - Rhondo** **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, Joan Hughes, Pat Waltings

Welcome to be at sanctuary to worship God!

Announcements:

* **Thanksgiving Sunday** is on **22nd**. Be prepare for Thanksgiving notes for What are you most thankful for and special offering through Apportionment.
* **Advent Bible Study**: "Prepare the Way for the Lord" by Rev. Adam Hamilton will be used for the Bible Study every Wednesday at 5 pm, or Sunday at 10:30 am during Advent season. Come join us for the Bible study to grow!