

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2026

10:30AM

Welcome to Worship at Memorial United Methodist Church.

*Please sign the blue attendance pads in the pews, and
please include contact information if you are a visitor.*

Music to Center Ourselves *Blessed Are the Pure in Heart* (Scott)

Welcome to Worship and The Wave

*Call to Worship

What does the Lord require of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

With what shall we come before the Lord?

With speech that is gentle, and words that build up.

How shall we live our faith?

With actions that bring peace, and works that lift up the lowly.

Come and worship God in spirit and in truth.

*Hymn *How Blest Are Those*

Responsive reading Psalm 15 Laurie Kaufman de la Garza

*Gospel reading Matthew 5:1-12

Hymn *Blest Are They* TFWS 2155

Children's Time

Message Pastor Terri Branstrom

*Hymn *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* UMH 480

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Offertory *O Lamb of God, I Come* (Broughton)

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive today's offering and any prayer requests (please write requests on the green cards found in the pews). You may also make financial contributions on the square reader in the fellowship area, or online on our website.

*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

*Offering Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As you come down the center aisle, you are invited to place a donation for Backpack Buddies in the backpack. Backpack Buddies through Kiwanis helps provide nutritious food for school children to take home on weekends and holidays.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song *Near to the Heart of God* UMH 472

*Departing Blessing

Music for Going Forth *As the Sun Doth Daily Rise* (Roberts)

* The asterisk indicates times in worship where we're invited to stand.

Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation.

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Courtney Lagina and Sue Hampton

Communion Server: Wilma Vanderdonck

Counters: Carol Borden and Susan Lagina

Projection: Dylan and Denise Messina

Snacks: in memory of Nancy Campbell

Greeters and Ushers: Wilma Vanderdonck and Nannette Martin

Today's opening hymn's lyrics were written just a week ago!! The lyricist, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, was so moved by the message and worship service at Westminster Presbyterian Church just blocks from where Alex Pretti was murdered by ICE that she immediately wrote these lyrics. Especially pay attention to verse 3.

MONDAY 5:30 Bible Study

WEDNESDAY *Newsletter deadline*

9:00 Knitting and Crocheting

6:00 Band practice

7:00 Choir practice

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Worship "Jersey Sunday"

FEB. 14 1:00 Listening Session about Camp Michigamme

FEB. 18 7:00 Ash Wednesday service

Sunday school teachers are especially needed on Palm Sunday (March 29), and Easter (April 5) because the band is playing on these Sundays and, as you may have noticed by all of Lisa's sprinting back and forth on Jan. 11, trying to teach Sunday School on the same Sundays that the band plays does not work. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Mission Foci for February Tri-County Safe Harbor, Lakestate Industries and Bay Cliff Health Camp are the February focus for Missions. Tri-County provides services and support for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Lakestate Industries' focus has been giving individuals with disabilities the opportunity to experience the rewards of working for pay while removing barriers to employment and promoting community inclusion. Bay Cliff Health Camp is a year-round, nonprofit summer camp, with a goal of serving children with disabilities at the Children's Summer Therapy Camp. More information about each may be found in the February newsletter. If you wish to donate to one or more of these non-profits, clearly mark on an envelope your wishes and include either cash or a check payable to MUMC. If donating through Tithely, please let Lisa know your wishes. The funds will be sent to the recipient(s).

Please sign up on the bulletin board to

- teach Sunday School
- read scripture
- be an usher & greeter
- bring a snack on Sunday morning
- serve communion

We also welcome people to shadow the Messina's upstairs to learn how to run the projection and live streaming.

Jersey Sunday On Feb. 8, you are invited to wear your favorite Jersey to church. It can be for any sport / any team (Little League to professional).

Camp Michigamme There will be a Listening Session with Pastor Eric Faulker to hear ideas on the future of Camp Michigamme on **Saturday, Feb. 14**, from **1:00 – 3:00** here at Memorial UMC. More information is on the small bulletin board.

How do I know if worship is cancelled? On rare occasions, worship may need to be cancelled due to weather or some other emergency. If in doubt, please check the list of closings on TV6 and Radio Results Network. You can also call Lisa's cell phone 420-1311. Lisa will also send out text messages to those she has cell numbers for.

Phil Lynch will debut his new album, *Growing, Older: Songs for the Second Act*, with a free **concert on Friday, Feb. 20** at 7:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Escanaba.

While admission is free, a free-will offering will be collected to benefit Tri-County Safe Harbor, the local domestic abuse shelter serving Delta, Menominee, and Schoolcraft Counties.

The evening will feature piano-driven, storytelling songs that reflect on life, faith, time, and the experience of growing older with gratitude and hope. All are welcome and heartily invited.



To donate to Memorial Church through Tithely, focus the camera on your smartphone at this QR code and follow the directions that appear on your phone.

Prayer List

New Concerns

Family of Patty Delveau
Family of Alex Pretti
Mary Hubbard
Minnesota and Ohio
Minneapolis

Recent Concerns

Ryan Minor
Judy Tjepkema
Bernice Paulson
Barb & Jack Lehman
Mike Boudreau

All people being illegally detained and deported.

Ongoing Concerns

Lorna Benson
Claire Burton
Bette DeRoeck
Terry Hampton
Richard Hull
Toni Marchese
David McCarley
Helen Palo
John Rector
Lisa Richer Barta
Mark West

Beth and Sarah Benson
Tom and Alice Butch
Richard Demeuse
Adam Haberstick
Lettie Houghton
Christopher Lund
Jeanette Mineau
Margaret Richard
Elizabeth Peltz Richardson
Leona Williams

Kim Bessonon
Pat Clark
Ian Goldi
Ron Houle
Berta Johnson
Bev Martin
Betty Nyquist
Josiah Pryor
Debbie Rosen
Brian Wood

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