Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 **10:30AM**

Welcome to Worship at Memorial United Methodist Church. Blue attendance books are in the pews. Please sign in, and please include contact information if you are a visitor.

Music to Center Ourselves
Reformation Fanfare: A Mighty Fortress (Groden)

Welcome to Worship and **The Wave**

Mission Moment: Food Drive and U.M. Student Day Peggy Richter

***Call to Worship**
The God of our ancestors has called us here.
We are witnesses.
The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
We are witnesses.
The choice to follow God has called us here.
We are witnesses.
The Lord of life has called us here.
We are witnesses.

***Hymn** *Let All Mortal Flesh* UMH 626

Old Testament reading Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Peggy Richter

***Gospel reading** Matthew 25:1-13

***Hymn** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH 117

Children's Time

Message Pastor Terri Branstrom

***Hymn** *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS 2173

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments
Offertory *Faith of Our Fathers* (Smith)
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**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song** *I Want to be Ready* UMH 722

***Departing Blessing**

Music for Going Forth *Praise God!* (Livingston Jr)
* 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: Sue Bratonia and Chris Morrow
Counters: Nancy Peterson and Diane Oxford
Projection: Dylan Messina
Snack: Louise Congdon
Ushers/Greeters: Sue Lagina and Sue Alexander

TODAY 11:30 New Member class

MONDAY 4:30 Bible Study: The Old Testament

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Knit and Crochet
6:00 Band practice
6:30 Bell practice
7:00 Choir practice

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Worship -- New Members join
1:30 Worship at Lakeview Assisted Living

NOV. 19 4:30 Church Council

NOV. 21 5:00 Game Night

NOV. 22 Stewardship Sunday with dessert buffet

NOV. 29 United Methodist Student Day

DEC. 20 10:30 Children's Christmas Program
11:30 Christmas Dinner prepared by the Branstrom family
DEC. 24 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Pasties sell for $8 each after worship today.

The 2027 pledge drive is underway. If you have not yet received a pledge card, please get one from Lisa. Prayerfully consider what you will pledge, fill out your card, and return it on or before Nov. 22. We will have a dedication of the pledge cards on Sunday, November 22 for God's blessing.

We will also have a **dessert buffet** after worship that day. Please sign up to bring a dessert for that day.

Food Drive Throughout the month of November, we are collecting food for the Bay College Food Pantry. Peggy Richter volunteers there and has created this list of items that are often sought-after.

Ramen – any kind	ketchup, mustard, mayo
canned fruit	tooth paste
canned vegetables	tooth brushes
soups	deodorant
spaghetti	shampoo & conditioner
spaghetti sauce	lotions
Knorr noodles	bar soaps
instant potatoes	shower gel
Rice a Ronni	wipes
cereal	fingernail clipper
baked beans	Kleenex
pancake mix & syrup	toilet paper
crackers	paper towels
tuna, chicken, or spam	

You can also write checks to MUMC, earmarked for the food drive, and Peggy will purchase the supplies that the pantry needs the most.

United Methodist Student Day Contributions support scholarships for United Methodist students pursing undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Hanging of the Greens We need someone to set a date/time and head up decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. Nov. 22-29 would be great.

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	Recent Concerns
Amy Lundberg	Jan Hess Wahl
Steve & Diane Rozich	Karen Doubblestein
The Ellison family	Gail Peters Hutchings
Thankful for a peaceful election.	

Ongoing Concerns

Pray for all wars to stop.	Richard Abbott
Lorna and Ken Benson	Kim Bessonen
Beth and Sarah Benson	Kade Botsford
Wesley Bumpus	The Butch family
Pat Clark	Richard Demeuse
Dona and Jon Durham	Ian Goldi
Adam Haberstitch	Sarah Hampton
Terra Hampton	Cheryl Harger
Lettie Houghton	Ron Houle
Mike Hubbard	Richard Hull
Dora and Andy Leonard	Christopher Lund
Toni Marchese	Beverly Martin
Ryan Minor	Elijah Moffitt
Carolyn Morrow	Kathy Jo Myhren
Betty Nyquist	Helen Palo
Josiah Pryor	Margaret Richard
Elizabeth Peltz Richardson	Debbie Rosen
Lisa Richer Barta	Adam Syers
Pam Thorbahn	Brian Wood

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