

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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 *Build on a Rock* (Lindeman)

Welcome to Worship and **The Wave**

***Call to Worship**

Amid the forces of death and destruction,
it takes a village to save us.
Amid the rivers that would carry us out to sea,
it takes willing souls to pull us from the water.
Amid fear and hatred in our world,
it takes ordinary people to reveal God's mercy.
Come, let us worship.

***Hymn** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* UMH 540

Responsive reading Psalm 124 Wilma Vanderdonck

***Gospel reading** Matthew 16:13-20

***Hymn** *I Come with Joy* UMH 617

Children's Time

Message Pastor Terri Branstrom

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

***Hymn** *A Charge to Keep I Have* UMH 413

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Offertory *In Summer* (Simone)

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** *Sanctuary* TFWS 2164

***Departing Blessing**

Music for Going Forth *How Firm a Foundation* (Hayes)

* 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 Hampton and Jody Harrison
Counters: Chris Morrow and Laurie Kaufman de la Garza
Projection: Dylan Messina
Snack: Carol Borden
Ushers/Greeters: Deb Hubbard and Nannette Martin

MONDAY 5:30 Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew

WEDNESDAY *Newsletter deadline*
9:30 Knit and Crochet
6:00 Band Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Worship

SEPT. 12 10:00 -12:00 Charge Conference here at Memorial

SEPT. 20 10:30 Worship with the Lutherans on our patio by the firepit, followed by a potluck picnic. This is a planned potluck, so please sign up on the bulletin board for what you will bring. Gerald Branstrom will be grilling 24 chickens!

SEPT. 24 – 26 Rummage Sale and Scrap Metal Drive
(the last one this year!)

Picture Directory

We need digital photos of various church activities within the last year or so for the new picture directory. Please email just a few.

If you missed getting your picture taken for the directory, please email a recent picture of you / your family to the church or, if that is not possible, Pastor Terri's daughter Elizabeth could come to you and take your picture. Also send any changes (address, phone, whatever) to us.

Our **Church Conference**, which is normally at the beginning of November is Sat., **Sept. 12**, this year 10:00-12:00. We are hosting 14 churches here and could really use a hostess crew 9:30-12:30 to make beverages and set out all the treats that the various churches bring. All church members are encouraged to attend this meeting where we approve the annual reports of our church.



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Prayer List

Recent Concerns

Lois Boydston	Pam Thorbahn
Doug & Jody Boydston-Johnson	Jordan Smith
Sarah Hampton	Terra Hampton

Ongoing Concerns

Pray for all wars to stop.	Richard Abbott
Lorna Benson	Beth and Sarah Benson
Kim Bessonon	Alice Butch
Pat Clark	Richard Demeuse
Dona and Jon Durham	Ian Goldi
Adam Haberstitch	Cheryl Harger
Lettie Houghton	Ron Houle
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
Judy Smith	Pam Thorbahn
Mark West	Brian Wood

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