#### Reedsburg United Methodist Church

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## **Monthly Newsletter**

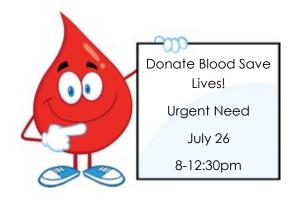




# **July Calendar**



DATE	TIME	EVENT
July 6	9:00AM 12:00PM	Worship in person (Communion) YouTube worship
July 8	12:00PM 3:30PM	Chair Yoga, (no reservation, no cost) Worship on Reedsburg TV Station 11.1
July 10	12:00PM 3:30PM	Chair Yoga, (no reservation, no cost) Worship on Reedsburg TV Station 11.1
July13	9:00AM	Worship in person
July 15	<b>DEADLINE</b> 12:00PM 3:30pm	<u>Deadline</u> for Auguat Newsletter Article Information-Articles and Information Chair Yoga, (no reservation, no cost) Worship on Reedsburg TV Station 11.1
July 18	12:00PM 3:30PM	Chair Yoga, (no reservation, no cost) Worship on Reedsburg TV Station 11.1
July 20	9:00AM 12:00PM	Worship in person (Communion) YouTube worship
July 21	6:30PM	Servant Leadership Board Meeting at the Well
July 22	12:00PM 3:30PM	Chair Yoga, (no reservation, no cost) Worship on Reedsburg TV Station 11.1
July 24	12:00PM 3:30PM	Chair Yoga, (no reservation, no cost) Worship on Reedsburg TV Station 11.1
July 26	8:00-12:30	Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall (Versiti)
July 27	9:00AM 12:00PM	Worship in person (Communion) YouTube worship
July 29	12:00PM 3:30PM	Chair Yoga, (no reservation, no cost) Worship on Reedsburg TV Station 11.1
July 31	12:00PM 3:30PM	Chair Yoga, (no reservation, no cost) Worship on Reedsburg TV Station 11.1



# The C.M. Church

### **Greetings from Pastor Liz**

Reedsburg UMC, I am so very excited to be coming to you in this beautiful month of July!

Just eight short years ago, we were together for three months before Pastor Vicki arrived. Since then, I have thought of you often and look forward to our ministry together once again. A lot has happened since we were together: the 2019 United Methodist Church's General Conference, the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-2023 Disaffiliations of some United Methodist Churches, and the 2020 United Methodist Church's Postponed General Conference. Some may view these things as traumatic, while others may have seen them as opportunities to be the body of Christ.

When I switched roles, from pastor (as ordained elder) to pastor (as ordained deacon) within the United Methodist Church in 2022, I felt so empowered to live into where God was calling me, to those who consider themselves unchurched (never belonged to a church), and dechurched (left the church institution and haven't returned). Over the years, churches have unintentionally or, in some cases, intentionally harmed those created in God's image (all of humanity).

I have encountered people, most of my life, who have been turned off by the greater church for one reason or another, as I'm sure you have too. As time has gone on, the negative influence has impacted not only older adults but also their children and even their grandchildren.

I believe that in our time together in ministry, we can help heal some of the hurts that have happened in the greater Reedsburg community! Psalm 147 says, "How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. 2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. 3 He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds." Jesus later says, 27 "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid." Let us help our community heal from all ailments in the arms of Jesus.

See you soon! With God's love, Pastor Liz

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#### 2025 SERVANT LEADERSHIP BOARD

#### Chair:

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#### **Staff Parish Relations:**

Pat Jaquish Ann Dietrich

#### **Trustees Chair Co Chairs:**

Tina Straw Ellen Penshorn

#### Lay Rep to Annual Conference:

Ellen Penshorn

#### Members at Large:

Mason Siedschlag



- \*7/1 Darel Pliner
- \*7/2 Mason Siedschlag
- \*7/7 Bob Ciaglo
- \*7/9 Jennifer Constant
- \*7/10 Mark Vogel
- \*7/11 Henry Larson
- \*7/13 Angeli Austin
- \*7/13 Linda Gneiser
- \*7/18 Julie Knudson
- \*7/18 Sophia Larson
- \*7/18 Jennifer Moore
- \*7/23 Dorothy Sivam
- \*7/27 Christian Bault
- \*7/29 Betty McCauley



Anyone interested in being Confirmed this coming year. Please contact the office or Mary Beth at 608-524-3913

#### **Lucien Family**

We continue to support this Haitian family in partnership with St. John's Lutheran Church.

Please continue to pray for increased employment hours for Ysme and for funds to cover dental care that he needs. A church friend has generously donated to start a collection toward dental fees Please contact Mary Beth if you can participate in this ministry of caring.



# Scrip Cards

\$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 or \$100 VALUES

Stop by the Office to Purchase
A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT RUMC!



Keep our mission team in your prayers for safe travel and blessings on our work at Midwest Mission. We will be sharing with the congregation about our experiences on Sunday, July 6 during worship. Thank you for all the donations to fill school kits and layette kits and for weaving so many sleeping mats! They will all go to those in need around the world.

#### **Growing in Grace**

Reedsburg UMC has been selected to participate in a training program to improve our ministry to children in worship. This 2 year program includes a \$750 stipend for enhancing children's ministry. Deacon Mary Beth will be attending the first training session in Dallas in October and will be sharing more information with the congregation when this program begins.



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#### **Mission Statement:**

"To make new and renewed disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

#### **Our Vision:**

"To build a Christian community where we become deeply committed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who know God with our heads, love God with our hearts, and serve God with our hands."

# Welcoming Pastor Liz July 13th

Fellowship, meet and greet, in the Well after worship.

After giving Pastor Liz some time to settle in we will provide further opportunities to connect in small group settings.

Please keep your eyes and ears open

for details.



To help with

# FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

please contact:

#### The church office

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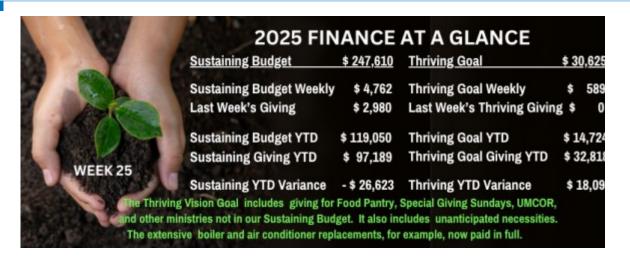
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or

#### **Kay Daley**

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2025
Rummage
Sale will be
August 14-16



#### Webb Care Closet at middle school

This is a chance to volunteer for a good cause.

Contact Kathy Jennings or Gwen Biesek
to Volunteer.



#### **Opportunities to Worship**

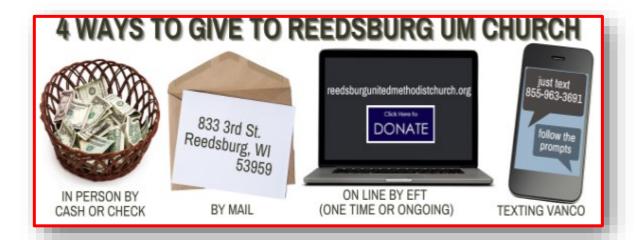
Live: Sunday service at 9:00 am

Reedsburg TV station 11.1 -3:30 pm on Tuesdays

Sunday Afternoons on YouTube channel Reedsburg Methodist@7032

Sermon manuscripts are available electronically on our website or call the church office to request a hard copy.

Pastor preaches at the Senior Life Center on the third Monday of every month. You are welcome to join her and Shirley in the community room.





# \*Email your prayer to the Prayer Angel, RUMprayer@gmail.com \*Request your prayer to be shared with the Electronic Prayer Chain. \*Join the Reedsburg United Methodist Church Connection Group through Facebook \*Contact the office if you would like to be part of the Electronic Prayer Chain or a Prayer Angel