

MALTA UNITED



METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 2023

PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

New Era: *3 There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens*
(Ecclesiastes 3:1 Common English Bible Translation)

Malta United Methodist Church has begun a time of transition and will enter a new era of our ministry and life together on July 1, 2023. So that we and they can better manage our resources and put more of those resources towards reaching out to share love in Jesus' name with our community. We will become part of a 2-point charge with Grace United Methodist Church, of Maple Park, IL. I will continue to serve as the pastor here in Malta, and live in the parsonage, but will also be the pastor for that congregation.

This may come as a surprise to some of you, so please let me share some background. Our church financially has held its own, even during the pandemic, and unlike many churches our giving has even increased a bit over the past few years. However, the economic reality is that a church usually needs have more than 60 and ideally more than 80 people a week in worship, regularly participating in church activities to be able to support a full-time pastor. Our church usually has about half that. Grace Church is about the same size as Malta, and because of that, they had been sharing a pastor with the Sycamore United Methodist Church. However, their current Pastor, Rev. Joe Munro is being moved to another church and the Sycamore church is hiring a fulltime associate to do the youth and family ministry that Joe led. So the Maple Park Church was looking to be partnered with another congregation.

Our church leadership had already realized that long term we needed to be partnered with another congregation, and had approached our district superintendent (the pastor who is my immediate supervisor and has oversight for 73 churches in our area) about being partnered with a church starting in 2024. However, when Grace church became open for a partnership, and since our churches are close to each other and match very well, the Bishop, our DS, and the Cabinet (the other district superintendents) asked if we would be willing to partner this year. Our elected leadership believed it was in our best interest to partner this year, and so starting July 1st, Malta and Maple Park will be a 2-point-charge, and I will be the Pastor at both churches.

So what changes will this bring? The largest change is worship time. Our church has been asked to and has accepted to move our worship time to 11:00 AM, starting Sunday July 2. This means that we will be moving Adult Sunday School and Fellowship time to before worship rather than after. You can sleep in on Sunday and then come for Sunday School at 10 am, get some coffee and treats, see your friends, and then worship our loving and wonderful God at 11 am! This is a change, and it will take some adjustment, but we hope it will be a long term positive for our congregation.



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Other changes may be less noticeable, but will include the following. Two days a week I will be at the office at Grace Church in Maple Park during the day, and I will work from here in Malta 2 days a week, and I plan to continue to have my Sabbath on Fridays. As for Saturdays I expect both churches will sometimes have activities on that day and I will seek to split my time between. I won't be able to teach our Adult Sunday School as I did before, so we will be moving towards a lay leader for adult Sunday School. I will miss that time with you all, and hope we can still do occasional short term small groups together. We hope that our two churches can have some activities together to get to know each other. We also hope that our youth, children, and families can do some joint events. Long term, perhaps we could even have a joint mission trip, but we will have to see if that's feasible.

You may have questions, concerns, or other feelings about all this. I ask you to please be in communication with me and our Staff Parish Committee, ask your questions please, share your feelings, and let's talk. I can't promise you that we can do what you might want, but I promise to listen! I believe long term, this will strengthen our congregation. Over a full year this new situation will save us about \$35,000. That will be a great ease to our budget, and that will free up some money that I hope and pray we can use to do good ministry sharing the Love of Jesus with Malta, and with our world.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeremiah



Greetings from our District Superintendent, Brian Gilbert

Marcia Hueber, Chair of SPRC, received a call from our Dist. Superintendent on Friday, April 21st and Brian asked her to make this announcement in church on Sunday, April 23rd.

As of July 1, 2023, Malta will become a 2-point charge for Pastor Jeremiah Thompson. He has accepted the position as half-time Pastor with Maple Park Grace United Methodist Church (16 miles from Malta). Pastor Jeremiah will continue to live in the Malta U.M.C. Parsonage. Maple Park U.M.C. will pay half the housing cost, half the utility expenses and half the health insurance. Malta's Treasurer will pay the total amounts and then bill Maple Park U.M.C. for their half.

Both churches have 9:00 a.m. Worship Services. Bishop Schwerin and the Cabinet asked Malta U.M.C. to move their Worship Service time to 11:00 a.m. Malta's Administrative Council will be working out several of these changes. Their next Church Council Meeting is Monday, June 5th.

We are praying this transition will be a Blessing for Everyone. **Our first 11:00 a.m. Worship Service will be Sunday, July 2, 2023.**

Marcia

Staff Parish Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CHURCH HAPPENINGS IN MAY

Sunday, May 7th

Children's Sunday School Class will be singing during Worship & Receiving Bibles.
Afternoon Children's SS will also meet at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 14th

Mother's Day with special surprise!

Sunday, May 21st

Confirmation Sunday with Celebration during Coffee Hour

Also, Last Children's Afternoon Sunday School at 4:00 p.m. with PARENTS and PARTY.

Sunday, May 28th

PENTECOST SUNDAY!

WEAR RED TO CHURCH to

commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ!



Paint the Church Red!!!

(Pentecost, May 28, 2023)

No, we aren't doing this literally, don't worry! However, this is an idea many churches use to celebrate Pentecost Sunday which will be May 28, 2023. In the story of Pentecost, in the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit appeared to the followers of Jesus and looked like "tongues of fire." As coals and fire are often red, this color has become associated with this important holiday. This day we celebrate the birthday of the church and the day

the movement of Jesus went from a few dozen folks, mostly from Galilee, to a movement that would change the world! So, on May 28 wear something red! Let's celebrate that the Holy Spirit, the Breath and Presence of God is with us and still inspiring us to share the love of Jesus with the whole world.



GENERAL CONFERENCE

DESIGNATED "SPECIAL SUNDAYS" for "**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**"

June 4th:

Peace with Justice Sunday

October 1st :

World Communion Sunday

November 26th:

United Methodist Student Day



Please let the church office know the names of any high school or college graduates from our church for 2023.



Upper Room Devotionals

are available for **May/June**.

Call the church office at
(815) 825-2118 or email the church
at maltaumc@outlook.com. if you want
one sent to you. Also have large print for
easy reading.



2	Melissa Vidor Sawyer Willrett Jacque Fucilla
8	Ann Anderson
12	Larry Vint
13	Kamryn Madsen
14	Jamie Willrett
17	Denice McArtor
19	Reese Hueber
22	Colton Plapp
24	Jason Hueber Denise Showalter
25	Hope Willrett
29	James Quincer



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

Next Meeting is Monday, June 5th

Finance 7:00 p.m. and Church Council 7:30 p.m.

Church Council Committee:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Secretary of CC: Sue Augustine

Trustee Chair: Tom Plote

Church Finance: Bill Augustine

Church Financial Secretary: Nancy Plote

***Send all monies & donations to Nancy Plote
at 411 S. Malta Rd., Malta, IL 60150**

Church Treasurer: Kevin McArtor

Lay Leader Delegate: Jodi Slade

Alternate Lay Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

At-Large - Ruth Hueber



TODAY'S SISTERS

Thursday, May 18th

9:30 a.m. at Oak Crest



MAY 2023

May 07 – Mary Lynn McArtor

May 14 – Marcia Hueber

May 21 – Frank & Kitty Jouris

May 28 - Denny & Vicke Heins

MALTA DAYS 2023!!
Malta UMC FUNdraising Auction
Sunday, June 11 at 12 noon
following the Parade



DONATIONS AND BUYERS ARE NEEDED!
YOU ARE NEEDED!!

Any specialty you would like to donate for the auction, please contact Sue Augustine. All donations--baked goods, handcrafted items, antiques, to mention a few--are GREATLY appreciated!! If you do not bake and are not the crafty type, consider donating a Gift Card to your favorite restaurant or local shop someone would enjoy visiting.

We hope to see everyone at the Auction in June to bid and have some fun FUNdraising for our church budget. Can we exceed the total profit we raised in 2022 -- \$6,725?



Confirmation Sunday, May 21

On May 21st we will celebrate something wonderful. **Owen Fucilla** from our Church, and Bailey Quincer from Esmond United Methodist Church have for the past several months been learning together about faith and getting ready for confirmation. Confirmation is the time when young people confirm their baptism. For Bailey and Owen their parent's made promises when they were young to teach them about Jesus and their church made promises to help in that. Now as youth they can confirm that, by making their own decision to follow Jesus and put the teachings of Jesus at the center of their lives.

Owen will be getting confirmed at our 9:00 AM Worship Service on May 21st, and following worship we will have a cake and some other treats to celebrate with Owen and his family. If you'd like to write cards of support for Owen as he takes this major step in his faith, you are invited to do so! I

hope you can join us for this special day.

It's a celebration for us all!



HELPING OUR KIDS AT MALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We have a collection box for theses items in the narthex of the church.

School supplies NEEDED:

Boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors, (for younger and older children, and boxes of regular colored markers. (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors).





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NEED of "PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS"

Please help Midwest Mission by bringing contributions for their "Personal Dignity Kits." Place these items in the box in the narthex marked (Personal Dignity Kits).

NEEDED: (Value \$15)

1 Bath Hand Towel – No Kitchen Towels

1 Bath Washcloth – No dishclothes

1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks

1 Bar of Soap – 3 to 4 oz.

1 Shampoo – 15 to 18 oz.

1 Deodorant – 2 to 3 oz.

(Stick, roll on, or pump)

1 1-gal resealable Plastic Bag

\$2.00 donation for razor & toothpaste

All items must be new and placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag.

Here is a list of all the other KITS that are NEEDED BY MIDWEST MISSIONS.

Monetary donations are welcome for any of these kits: **Feminine Hygiene Kit- \$50; Home Care Kit - \$20; Student Kit - \$16; Tornado Kit - \$50; Layette Kit - \$45; Birthing Kit - \$9. Monetary donations can be sent to MMDC, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558**



Afternoon



ENDS on Sunday, May 21st at 4:00 p.m.

with a Children's & Parents

PARTY.



SCHEDULED FOR MAY:

May 7	Bill & Sue Augustine
May 14	Tom & Nancy Plote
May 21	Carol Sandberg
May 28	Mary Lynn McArtor

JUNE COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs:

Cook, Dawn & Doug	815-757-3303
Slade, Jodi & Ken	815-761-2753
McArtor, Denice & Kevin	815-751-5812
Anderson, Annika & Matt	815-762-7569
Arndt, Darla & Ed	815-825-2701
Engstrom, Amy & Rod	815-901-0286
Fucilla, Jacque & Brian	630-248-5695
Gommel, Jeanette & Dave	815-751-8224
Mattis, Katie & Troy	815-825-2063
Rempfer, Niki & Derek	815-501-7885
Willrett, Larisa & Jamie	815-761-4781

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

had an OPEN HOUSE at the RAMEY HOME



in Malta on April 30th for a SPECIAL HOUSE BLESSING EVENT. It was a beautiful way to Celebrate what God has done through Volunteers and Gifts in DeKalb County. Malta U.M.C. helped by furnishing lunch for the Volunteers as they were building the Ramey Home and was invited to this special celebration & blessing.



BEST APPLE CAKE

Kitty Jouris

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| 1 Cup Oil | 1 tsp. Salt |
| 2 C. Sugar | 1 tsp. Baking Soda |
| 3 Eggs | 3 C. Apples, (peeled
& chopped) |
| 1 1/2 tsp. Vanilla | 1 tsp. Cinnamon (Opt.) |
| 2 C. Flour | |

Mix oil, sugar, eggs & vanilla. Add flour, salt, and baking soda. Stir in apples, pour into greased pan.

350 Degrees (9 X 13 Pan) Bake 50-60 minutes
(Check at 50 minutes with toothpick test).

Cool completely before adding topping.

CARMEL TOPPING:

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| ½ C. Butter | 1 C. Brown Sugar | ¼ C. Milk |
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Mix together in saucepan over medium heat.
Boil 3 minutes. Spread immediately over cooled cake.
(Serves 12-20)



Mission Links helps you live out the beatitudes and be a blessing for projects around the block and around the world.

As you and your congregation start thinking of summer mission journeys, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) is an important resource.

UMVIM is the official short-term volunteer sending agency of the United Methodist Church. The UMVIM network offers guidance, organization, and training for more than 125,000 volunteers each year who give of their time and talent to minister with the poor, build churches and other mission facilities, assist in disaster recovery efforts, participate in community health programs and take part in leadership training events each year. UMVIM – North Central Jurisdiction (UMVIM-NCJ) supports efforts by individuals and teams of volunteers within the NCJ who are invited by and work with the local host United Methodist church or affiliated agency to bring Christ's healing to situations of need.

UMVIM is supported by Mission Links dollars both locally and regionally.

- UMVIM-NCJ (Advance #901375)
- Volunteers in Mission - NIC Fund (Advance #901375)

KIDS TIME

HANDMADE PROJECTS

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS





The 184th session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference is set to take place June 6th – June 8th, 2023. The Conference will return to the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center at 1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL, again this year.

Continuing with the theme, "Connected in Christ"; the 2023 theme is "Connected in Christ: Come to the Table," placing the focus on one of the core elements of our Christian faith: the sacrament of communion. Communion brings us into the real presence of Christ on a regular basis. As we join at the table, we are nourished so that we might bring Christ into the world, ultimately forming community, from baptism to the communion table. By participating in communion and becoming a community, we are called in ministry and mission. This theme allows us to go outside of the temporal issues of the world into a deeper theological reflection and ideology of God's grace offered to us while also calling us into action.

The scriptural grounding for this year's theme is Luke 11:3, "Give us each day OUR daily bread." Bishop Dan Schwerin will preside and preach at the ordination service on Luke 11:1-8. Rev. Dr. Myron F. McCoy, Senior Pastor at Chicago: First (Temple) United Methodist Church, will preach on Psalm 23 at the Memorial Service.. Dr. Rolf Nolasco, professor of spiritual formation and pastoral theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, will be leading Bible Study. The worship leader is Rev. Dr. Addison Shields, Jr., with musical accompaniment by Wanda J. Bishop.

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 3

April 3 - April 28 Early bird registration \$100/person

April 29 - May 28 \$125/person

Note: There will be NO on-site registration

BISHOP'S APPEAL

184TH NORTHERN IL. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year, the Bishop's Appeal focuses on Migrant Needs. The funds that we raise together will go to organizations providing immediate needs like hygiene kits, temporary shelter, and food; and longer-term needs like employment, housing, medical care, and legal assistance. We will partner with groups such as Justice for Our Neighbors, World Relief, Refugee One, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), and local NIC Churches.

LAST YEAR a **New Annual Conference Policy** was added to ensure all those who work with children (and vulnerable adults, though we don't have any ministries specifically with that group at this time) **had to go through the "Safe Gatherings Training"** last **AUGUST** to prevent any sexual, physical, or verbal abuse of vulnerable people.

YOUR "APPROVED CERTIFICATE" MUST BE ON FILE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BE ABLE TO HELP WITH ANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES that have to do with children. (Such as, Sunday School and VBS)

Please see Pastor Jeremiah if you have not taken the class and want to help.

Malta Lions Club



SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

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First United Methodist Church of DeKalb **HOME COMING CELEBRATION**

317 N. Fourth St. DeKalb on

Sunday, May 7th

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Special Fellowship Hour 10-Noon

Silent Auction 10 –Noon

Open House 10-2:00 p.m.

Visit the Sanctuary, Boardman Chapel, Education
Wing and other spaces with lots of memories.

Learn the history of this DeKalb landmark.

Please email: office@firstumc.net
if you plan on attending.

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historic building and give thanks for all the
blessings we have gained from
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Summit Leaders:



Rev. Brian Gilbert
Dist. Superintendent
Summit Co-Leader



George Groves
Area Vice President North
Central Jurisdiction UMM
Northern Illinois Conference
President Naperville, IL
Summit Co-Leader

MAY 13, 2023

8:30AM – 12:00PM
TRINITY UMC
2505 BOOMER LANE
YORKVILLE, IL 60560

PRIMARY DISTRICT RESOURCE

George Groves
630.742.0051
groves101@comcast.net
Contact with any
questions



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, June 11

Sunday, July 9

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MALTA /AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Almburg, Brett	Norman, Jacob
Bakken, Benjamin P.	Nunez, John
Bakken, Monique	Nunez, Nicolas
Built, Andy	Page, Greg
Clark, Ben	Peterson, Eric
Clark, Kerry	Ritter, Matt
Howe, Chase	Swink, Ashley
Hoyle, Steve	Tucker, Bryan J.
Johnson, Brett & Mrs.	West, Jonathon M.
Johnson, Samantha.	Wilson, Kim
Madsen, Jeff	Woodyatt, John M.
Nelson, Michael	Yedinak, Pete



Send Cards & Letters (anytime) to the **Troops**,
Send them to:

Support Our Troops
13791 N. Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, FL 33602

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH.
19 Perry Road, LEE, IL

NATIONWIDE DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 4th

We welcome & encourage you and your
congregation to join us at **noon** to pray for
America.



DID YOU KNOW?

Memorial Day (originally known as **Decoration Day**^[1]) is a **federal holiday in the United States** for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the **United States armed forces**.^[2] It is observed on **the last Monday** of May. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.^[3]

Many cities and people have claimed to have first celebrated the event. In 1868, General **John A. Logan** of the **Grand Army of the Republic** called for a "**Decoration Day**", which was widely celebrated. By 1890, every Northern state had adopted it as a holiday. The World Wars turned it into a generalized day of remembrance, instead of just for the Civil War. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Two other days we celebrate in the U.S. military are: **Armed Forces Day** (May 21, 2022), an unofficial U.S. holiday for honoring **those currently serving** in the armed forces, And **Veterans Day** (on November 11), which honors **those who have served** in the **United States Armed Forces**.^[5]

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SUNDAY	MON	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI	SATURDAY
2023	1	2	3 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6
7 5 TH Sunday of Easter With Communion Children's SS singing and receiving Bibles during worship. Children's SS 4:00 PM	8	9	10 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	11 4H 630pm	12	13
14 6 th Sunday of Easter  Pastor at Oak Crest 3:30PM	15	16	17 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	18 TODAY'S SISTERS 9:30 a.m.	19	20 
21 7 th Sunday of Easter ASCENSION SUNDAY "CONFIRMATION SUNDAY" Last Afternoon Children's SS at 4PM with Children & Parents Party!	22	23	24 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	25	26	27
28 PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR RED TO CHURCH)	29 	30	31 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm			

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION – MONDAY, MAY 29TH

Starting at 10:00 a.m. at Malta UMC with a short program, then gathering at 3rd & Adam's Street (by Remington's) to march to the Malta Library for a short service & wreath dedication.

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TO: