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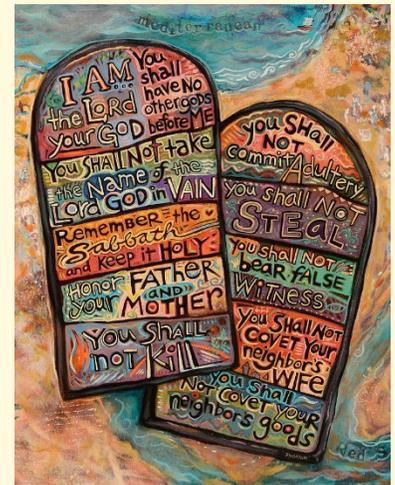
## A Review of “Ten Commandments for Today” – Part I by Pastor Caleb

Our August Study on the Ten Commandments was held in-person and on ZOOM on Mondays at 11:00 AM. Here is a review of what we learned:

1. We are generally taught how the Commandments are meant to be moralistic (personal) as if each is directed at the individual. But throughout our study, we were challenged to see how each one was more about the quality of community. The Ten Commandments were given to a wandering group of people (Israelites) when they were being formed by God into a single nation. Each has ethical (communal) implications, too. Each is meant to be life-giving & beneficial.
2. “You shall have no other gods before me.” God alone is to be worshiped as God. But we also talked about religious pluralism (an attitude regarding the diversity of religious beliefs systems co-existing in society). The notion of the oneness of God does not need to lead us to intolerance and bigotry. If one worships God under any name, one worships the one God, for there is but one God. There are many ways of perceiving God, of experiencing God, of naming God, of worshipping God, but in all that variety, by all its names and in all its nuances, is finally directed to the one God. There is God, and there are things created by God.
3. “You shall not make for yourself an idol.” This is to remind people that we cannot coerce God in any way. To lavish undue attention on 3-D representations of God might distract human beings from their created task of representing God’s *cause* in

the world: “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God” (Micah 6:8).

4. “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.” It’s not about profanity, but about misusing God’s name. It rules out any use of God’s name to do



harm to anyone. Praying for God to curse one’s enemies is bad enough, preying on the religious beliefs and anxieties of others for one’s gain or purposes is far worse. No one is to use the power of religion (God’s name) to gain personal or political advantage over others.

5. “Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.” The Sabbath is a gift of God for the sake of the human community. It is to be a rest day for both human beings and farm animals. Sabbath is kept holy not by any particular religious observance or duties at all—but by rest—by stopping normal activities if workdays and ceasing work. It is to be refreshed from the labors that support

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us the other 6 days. The Sabbath meant time—time for parents to educate their children, time for telling the stories of God, time for prophets to prepare their words of judgment & promise, time for psalmists to shape their praise, time for wise teachers to instruct their pupils, and time to commune with the Lord of the Sabbath. It is a holy time to think and study and brood and seek God's inspiration and guidance; a time to address the glories and misery of human life.

6. "Honor your mother and father." This is not just for children, but an order to protect the whole family. It is to set the tone for how each generation treats one another. Life does not grow in value as we grow up nor lose value as adults become older. The family is the primary location where the essence of faith is lived out—if that institution becomes dysfunctional, so does the foundation of its faith.

## WHY IS "KINGDOM" SOMETIMES SPELLED AS "KIN'DOM?"

From *eewc.com*, Adapted by Pastor Caleb



Placing a hyphen (Kin-dom) or a comma (Kin'dom) to replace the "g" in Kingdom has been a growing trend in the past several decades. It is to emphasize "kin" instead of "king." This term is meant to replace the often male-oriented, imperialistic word "kingdom" (like what we find in the Lord's Prayer). When Jesus says "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven," this is a

radical political statement. This Kingdom is Jesus' alternative to the Roman Empire. Jesus is asking God to set up God's reign on earth instead of the martial, stratified, and repressive reign of Caesar. Jesus uses the word "kingdom" because He is talking politics, and there was no alternative term in His world—even though God's reign through Jesus is radically upside down from Caesar's. Jesus envisions God's reign (or New Society) to take place on *earth*, not in some faraway heaven. This is consistent with all the Gospels, Paul, Revelation, and for the most part, the entire New Testament.

"Kin'dom" is a good word to better reflect the *kind* of society Jesus envisions—a shared community of equals who serve each other as kin-folk. When Paul is planting small house churches, and when he writes to them, he calls them *adelphoi*—sisters and brothers—united in a kin-group not by blood but in a common loyalty to the Jesus, over against the Caesar. The Kingdom or Kin'dom is the promised victory of God over all other human empires.

It is true that both "kin'dom" and "kingdom" make sense biblically. For us, Jesus is equally our "King" and "Kin." One is not meant to totally replace the other, but to bring to the foreground a different understanding of the *nature* of our promised future.

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# Welcome to PEUMC!

Sandra "Sandy" Robinson of Port Edwards formally joined our congregation on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> during our Worship on Wednesday.

*Photo submitted by Pastor Caleb*

Having been baptized and raised at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Nekoosa, she later professed her faith at Christ Lutheran Church in Marshfield, where she still works in hospice care.

She renewed her baptismal vows with us on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and was gratefully received into our professing membership as a transfer. She has been known to attend UMW events in the past and has been actively participating in W.O.W.



## World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 3

The first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday. United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe for this celebration of unity among churches across denominations. WCS began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in 1933 to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of tradition. Holy Communion was appropriately chosen to symbolize this unity. United Methodists believe in an Open Table—anyone may receive communion. Our Book of Worship states,



*"All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup."*

## Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30 pm Church Gazebo

**Rain date – the following day, same time)**

October 4<sup>th</sup> is the traditional Feast Day for Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.



At 5:30 PM, a short service will take place at the church's gazebo, lasting around 5-10 minutes. A pet blessing will follow. You are invited to bring a family pet. Photos of your pets/livestock can be blessed in their "stead." Particularly energetic animals should be kept in a cage or on a leash.

Following the animal blessing, a short memorial will take place. Very often our pets are seen as members of the family, so during the memorial service, orange ribbons will be nailed to a nearby tree bearing the names of any lost pets. This tree will be our "Pet Memorial Tree."

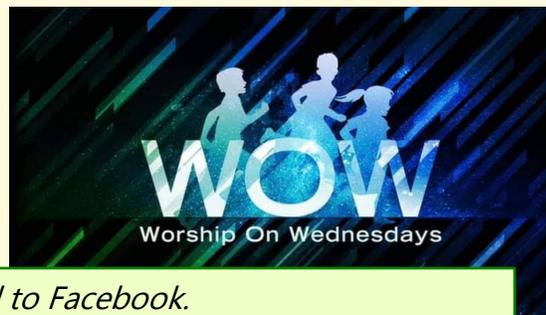
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# NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING TOPIC:

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

W.O.W. WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS – 7:00 PM



*Only the music portion of our Wednesday service is streamed to Facebook.  
The full service can be viewed on ZOOM, where participants can join in the study discussions*

Worship on Wednesdays has been moving along well. We generally begin by singing 5-6 songs of a variety of styles. Some are good, familiar oldies, others are contemporary and new. This is followed by a small study (often taking the form of a book study). The study is topical and ties several weeks together. Between each new study series, we will have a hymn-sing in place of a study. Each service then ends with prayer and more music.

After 5 weeks of Adam Hamilton's book on "Forgiveness," we are now moving on to our next series: Spiritual Gifts by Kent Millard. This study begins Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and will go through November 10<sup>th</sup>, with another hymn-sing on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Spiritual Gifts is part of a larger series of resources called LIFESEARCH. These are specific, concrete helps on a variety of topics designed for small-group settings.

During the next six weeks, we will be examining and identifying the gifts God has given us for ministry to the needs of people in the church and the world. We will find God's will for our lives when we discover the place where the needs of the world and our gifts intersect. Spiritual gifts are not given by God to be hoarded and protected as merely personal possessions. Rather, God bestows them on us for the service of people in the church and the world. When Paul teaches about the spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12, he makes it clear that while there are a variety of gifts and each is important, all gifts exist to serve other persons in some way.



*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7), and again "The gifts were given . . . to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-12). I, Kent Millard, have experienced that when persons discover how their particular gifts bring life and hope to others, they are personally spiritually renewed.*

# Review of “Forgiveness”

by Pastor Caleb



Our first topic on Wednesday evening was forgiveness, taken from Rev. Adam Hamilton’s book of the same name: “Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go.”

He spoke about the six most important words to keep in our vocabulary: “**I am sorry**” and “*forgive you.*” Forgiveness is God’s way of healing us from our own sins. Adam defines “sin” as anytime we “miss the mark” or “stray from [God’s] path.” So, sin is not just disobeying specific rules, but doing anything contrary to the promotion of loving God and loving one another.

He describes three different “levels” of sin based on their severity and effects on the human soul. Small transgressions are like “pebbles.” Large faults are like “rock and stones.” Grievous errors are like “boulders.” We put a lot of effort in avoiding the boulders, but what is almost just as dangerous is the slow build-up of pebbles—little irritants and pains. These are small faults that should be easy to forgive—but can easily be overlooked. Adam demonstrated this at his church. He put pebbles, stones, and larger rocks in a backpack and proceeded to preach with this very heavy pack on his shoulders. He strained for the rest of his sermon. These “sins” can weigh a person down. Even little pebbles can add up over time. How often are little lifestyle differences (little irritants) in a newly-wedded couple the cause of later marital tension because they were not dealt with appropriately? Sin of every size can sap our joy and strength.

Adam talked about repentance—which means not just saying “sorry” but a determined attitude to have a change of heart resulting in a change of behavior. Adam offered us the acronym **RAPS** to help us through the process of forgiveness:

- 1.) **R.** Remember your own shortcomings.
- 2.) **A.** Assume the best of the person who has slighted you.
- 3.) **P.** Pray for them and to love them.
- 4.) **S.** Seek to understand.

Do your best to understand what has shaped the other person and made them who they are. Understand their life experiences.

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He then answered some basic questions about forgiveness:

- ***Is forgiving the same thing as accepting the behavior/action?***  
No. FORGIVENESS MEANS LETTING GO OF THE RIGHT TO RETRIBUTION OR TO RETALIATE.
- ***Does forgiveness dismiss the consequences?***  
Sometimes consequences cannot be avoided. Punishment is often a needed result. Punishment is never for revenge and always for redemption and restoration.
- ***Should we forgive someone who has done something serious and hasn't acknowledged it yet?***  
Depends.  
If the transgression was a little pebble. Go ahead and forgive. Even if the sin is significant, remember that forgiveness is YOUR release of YOUR OWN anger, bitterness, and desire for revenge. Failure to forgive gives power to the one who wronged you. In terms of horrific sins, we may harm wrongdoers if we extend mercy too quickly, for wrestling with the hurt they have caused is part of their redemption process which could be damaged if it is interrupted with mercy. The goal is ALWAYS redemption.

We examined the Rules of Church Discipline found in Matthew 18 and learned how important it is to bring our issues straight to the person. One-on-one is always the best first step. Not to triangulate and pull in other people. Posting a nasty comment about said person on social media will surely stop the healing process. If the one-on-one does not result in fruit, bring along one or two trusted friends as mediators.

When we choose to show mercy, the Image of God is seen in us. Our willingness to forgive has the power not only to change us, freeing us from bitterness and resentment but to change those who receive mercy from us, just as we are changed when finally we see and comprehend the vast and wonderful mercy of God.

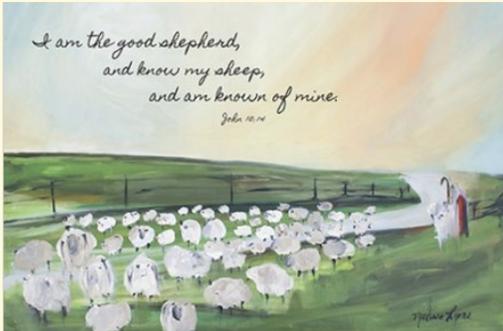


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## October Sermon Series – “The Pursuit”

Jesus tells three parables (imaginative stories with a deep meaning) about the Kin’dom of God. They are sometimes called ‘The Lost Parables’ – The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, and the Lost Son (or Prodigal Son). In this 3-week series, let us experience how the heart of God is to pursue what is “lost.”



Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – The Lost Sheep – Luke 15:1-7  
Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – The Lost Coin – Luke 15:8-10  
Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – The Lost Son – Luke 15:11-32

### **A Season of Saints October 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>**

Methodists don't believe in saints. But look at many of our United Methodist church names today: St. James UMC; St. Paul's United Methodist; St. Simons UMC; St. Mark; Wesley United Methodist; Asbury UMC; Otterbein UMC. We do believe in saints.

When we recite the Apostles' Creed, we profess belief in the "communion of saints." One common explanation is that this refers to the entire universal community of faithful followers of Christ, both living and dead, past, present, and future.

Additionally, "communion of saints" can refer to the quality of community we share within any single congregation.

This 4-week Season will end on All Saints Day, a time when we remember Christians of every time and place, honoring those who lived faithfully, shared their faith, and point us to the way of Christ through the witness of their lives. The saints in our lives inspire us to live in holiness and righteousness. During this season, we will be examining historical saints, Methodist saints, and saints from our congregation.

Rev. Katie Shockley explains,  
*"When we gather in worship, we praise God with believers we cannot see. When we celebrate Holy Communion, we feast with past, present, and even future unborn disciples of Christ. This faith community stretched beyond space and time. We commune with Christians around the world, believers who came before us, and believers who will come after us. The Universal Church—on earth and in heaven—is the communion of saints. We belong to that communion of saints, too."*

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# All Saints Day October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 AM



Usually, All Saints takes place on the first Sunday of November. It is technically always on November 1<sup>st</sup>. But since October 31<sup>st</sup> falls on Sunday, this gives us a special opportunity to remember the connection between "All Hallows' Eve" (Halloween) and "All Saints Day." It is unfortunate that Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>'s "All Saints" has been largely lost to society, but Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>'s "All Hallows' Eve" remains a strange staple in many cultures around the world today. (*Hallow* is an Old English word for a saint or holy person).

John Wesley loved All Saints Day but also cautioned against holding saints in too high regard while also advising against disregarding them altogether. All Saints Day, for Protestants, is an opportunity to give thanks to *all* those who have gone before us in the faith. Even Paul called those who received his letters "saints."

On All Saints Day, we will invite those in attendance to light votive candles in memory of loved ones who have deceased. We will also be reading a "Necrology" or a list of those who died in the past 12 months. In the weeks leading up to All Saints, a clipboard will be available for you to write the name(s) of those who have died in the past year (they don't have to be members of the church).

## October Bible Studies

### ***Suggested Readings from The People of the United Methodist Church***

#### **Week of October 3**

- ▶ Job 1:1; 2:1-10
- ▶ Ps 26 or Ps. 25 (UMH 756)
- ▶ Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12
- ▶ Mark 10:2-16

#### **Week of October 10**

- ▶ Prov 1:20-33
- ▶ Ps 19 (UMH 750)
- ▶ Jas 3:1-12
- ▶ Mark 8:27-38

#### **Week of October 17**

- ▶ Prov 31:10-31
- ▶ Ps 1 (UMH 738)
- ▶ Jas 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
- ▶ Mark 9:30-37

#### **Week of October 24**

- ▶ Esth 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
- ▶ Ps 124 (UMH 846)
- ▶ Jas 5:13-20
- ▶ Mark 9:38-50

#### **Week of October 30**

- ▶ Esth 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
- ▶ Ps 124 (UMH 846)
- ▶ Jas 5:13-20
- ▶ Mark 9:38-50

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# October

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Pastor Caleb is on vacation the week of October 11 Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day.</b>                      The office will be closed on Monday 10/11. No Monday evening bible study or Worship on Wednesday that week.                      Amy will be out of the office the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>. The office will be open – thanks to Becky Taylor.</p>					1	2
<p><b>3</b>                      10:00 am                      Church Service                      Sunday School                      11 am                      Council Mtg.                      Fellowship Hour                      5:30 pm                      Blessing of the Animals</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      6:00 pm                      Bible Study                      Fellowship                      Hall <a href="#">Zoom Link</a></p>	<p><b>5</b>                      1:00 pm                      Staff Parish Relations                      Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      7 pm                      WOW –                      Worship  <a href="#">Zoom Link</a></p>	7	8	9
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<p><b>17</b>                      10:00 am                      Church Service                      Sunday School                      11:00 am                      Fellowship Hour                      5:00 pm                      Church Grillout</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      6:00 pm                      Bible Study                      Fellowship                      Hall <a href="#">Zoom Link</a></p>	<p><b>19</b>                      7:00 pm                      Finance                      Committee</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      7:00 PM                      WOW –                      Worship  <a href="#">Zoom Link</a></p>	<p><b>21</b>                      Charge Conf                      Registration                      Due                      10:30 am                      Vision                      Committee                      Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      Newsletter                      items due</p>	<p><b>23</b>                      9:00 am                      Fall                      Cleanup                      Day</p>
<p><b>24</b>                      10:00am                      Church                      Service/Sunday                      School                      11:00 am                      Fellowship Hour</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      10:00 am                      Nominations                      Committee                      2:00 pm                      Nurture Outreach                      Meeting</p>	26	<p><b>27</b>                      7:00 PM                      WOW –                      Worship  <a href="#">Zoom                      Link</a></p>	28	29	30
<p><b>31</b>                      10:00am                      Church Service                      Sunday School                      11:00 am                      Charge                      Conference</p>	<p><b>6:00 pm</b>                      Bible Study                      Fellowship                      Hall  <a href="#">Zoom Link</a></p>					

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# Committee Updates

## Missions Committee

New Mission Project sponsored by Love INC to help individuals when they are released from the Wood County Jail. Details of this backpack ministry are shown below.



### Three Options For Involvement:

- Monetary Donation (Total for 1 filled backpack: \$30- \$33)
- Donate as many items as you like
- Gather supplies and fill a backpack - Label for Man or Woman



A few simple items are a huge help and reminder to the newly released inmates that they are valued and that others wish them well in their lives. Love INC provides an average of 10 filled backpacks per month through this ministry. **Our goal is to fill AT LEAST 10 by the end of October.**

You may make your contributions with a monetary gift in the offering (indicate for September/October mission) or by donating any of the listed items (look for a table in the church entryway). Thank you for your support!

Jesus Leads the way — Let's Make a Difference!

#### FOOD IDEAS / OPTIONS

Cheeze-it Pack / Other Healthier Chips - Snack Size  
Trail Mix Pack  
Granola/Power Bar  
Apple Sauce Squeeze Pouch  
Craisin / Raisin Pack  
Fruit Snacks

\*All food items should be healthier options and have an expiration date into the following year

#### DRINKS

Reusable Water Bottle  
Flavor Packs for Water

#### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Deodorant (Men and Women)  
Tampons / Pads  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste (Travel Size)  
Tissue Pack  
Small First Aid Kit (Dollar Tree has \$1 Kits)

#### OTHER

Adult Backpack (New is preferred; can be like-new condition)  
Small Notebook / Journal  
Pens  
Handwritten Note of Encouragement  
Daily Bread Pamphlet  
Anchor for the Soul - Book

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**UMW Meeting**

**Minutes – September 2, 2021**

The minutes and treasurer’s report were given and approved. A thank you from the Guse’s was received thanking us for the retirement gift.

- Lucy brought some printouts showing information about our KIVA account. KIVA is a secular organization that gives out micro loans. Money is donated in \$25 increments and a recipient is chosen to receive it.
- The district meeting on September 18 has been cancelled due to Covid.
- Ghost Bazaar was discussed and a committee was formed.
- Mary talked to Jill Steckbauer about our scholarships at MidState. Two \$350 scholarships will be awarded soon.

The next meeting will be held on November 11 at 9:30 a.m. (brunch).

**Bizarre Ghost Bazaar**

The **Ghost Bazaar** is a GO for November. We are hoping our church members will give a monetary donation to the UMW in place of actual items you would make for sale, items you would purchase, or luncheons you may enjoy. Please watch for **SPOOKTACULAR** developments!

Reminder: If donating by check, please make payable to the United Methodist Women indicating Bazaar on the memo line and give to Mary Heuer.

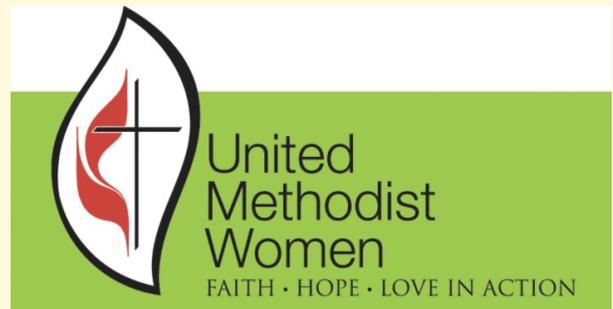
**UMW Circle of Friends**

**Minutes – September 8, 2021**

The minutes were read and accepted as written. The treasurer’s report was accepted.

- Old Business: The Bazaar will be held this year, but with changes. It will be called the “Ghost Bizarre”. Halloween is on Sunday and coffee hour will be hosted by the UMW to promote the Ghost Bizarre.
- New Business: New Prayer Partners were chosen for October.
- Sara Tyne gave a presentation entitled “Knit Together Against Violence”

The next meeting will be on October 13 at 1:00 pm at church.



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**October 1**

Alaina Kawleski

**October 5**

Nancy Klahn

**October 6**

Norm Silvester

**October 13**

Marissa Harnisch

**October 14**

Joan Harnisch

**October 16**

Kathy  
McGrath

**October 24**

Bob Bruener  
Amy Palik  
Glenna  
Sunderland

**October 30**

Ella Huser

**October 25**

Leo & Sue Thomasgard

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Administrative Council**

October 3, 11:00 am

**Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, October 3, 5:30 pm

Church Gazebo

Rain Date October 4

**Staff Parish Relations Committee**

October 5, 1:00 pm

**Vision Committee**

October 21, 10:30 am

**Nurture/Outreach Committee**

October 25, 2:00 pm,

**Charge Conference - October 31**

Led by D.S. Rev. Tsuker Yang

Begins after service here at PEUMC

Registration due: October 21



**WORSHIP CLASS OPPORTUNITY**

Pastor Caleb will be leading a course titled *"Leading Worship."* On Friday and Saturday, November 5 & 6.

This course is on behalf of our North Central District's Lay Servant Ministries. Courses like these are provided for people throughout the Conference to receive their required credits to become basic and advanced Lay Servants. When all the courses are completed, they can become a Lay Minister or a Lay Speaker.

This course is free, and Pastor Caleb is inviting anyone at PEUMC interested to join the course for their own enlightenment. No sign-up necessary. A ZOOM link will be provided later.

**Course Information:**

Advanced Lay Servant Course: Leading Worship

Friday November 5

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, November 6

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Held in-person (at PEUMC) and on ZOOM

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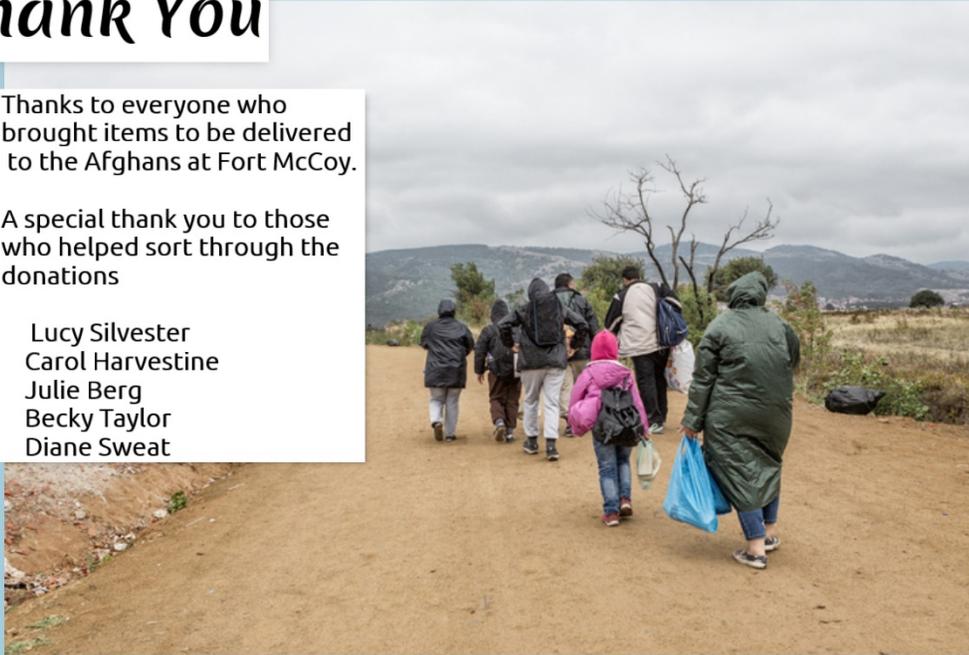
# Our Community

## Thank You

Thanks to everyone who brought items to be delivered to the Afghans at Fort McCoy.

A special thank you to those who helped sort through the donations

- Lucy Silvester
- Carol Harvestine
- Julie Berg
- Becky Taylor
- Diane Sweat



## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, FOR HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER!

### Home Delivered Meals Drivers

Julie Berg  
Pat & Kathy McGrath  
Sue Mitchell

Becky Taylor  
Leo & Sue Thomasgard

Every four weeks, PEUMC volunteers deliver a hot and nutritious noon meal to homes of Wisconsin Rapids-area residents who are unable to prepare their meals.



A program of Aspirus Riverview made possible by United Way of South Wood & Adams Counties

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Includes SWEPS, Rapids Family Backpacks & Neighborhood Table

**SWEPS – South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf Helpers**

**Julie Berg  
Pat Markuson  
Larry Miller  
Sue Mitchell  
Diane Sweat**

**Becky Taylor  
Leo & Sue Thomasgard  
Sarah Tyne  
Carol Zuelke**

Your efforts to help put food on the table for our neighbors are so appreciated! Anyone interested in helping with these programs may contact Becky Taylor (715-887-2163) for more information. **THANK YOU!**



**Love INC**  
Love In the Name of Christ  
of South Wood County

Click [here](#) for more information

**You're Invited!**  
We truly hope you'll join us for this inaugural event!

*Outward Heart Partner Benefit*

**The Ridges**  
2311 Griffith Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

**Thursday, November 11, 2021**  
5:15pm Social | 6pm Dinner/Program  
Business Casual Suggested

Prepare to hear what's at the heart of **your** community.

Join us for an uplifting evening of fellowship, food, music, and inspiration—all while getting to know what God is doing in our community—with an invitation to invest.\*

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