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Monthly News for our Port Edwards United Methodist Church Members

WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



**High temperatures late August allowed us to enjoy worship
in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall!**

**We are so blessed to have the technology and space to move around
and keep our gatherings comfortable in all situations!**

Back-2-Church Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, September 10th – 10:00 AM

**Start of our "JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE" Year 2

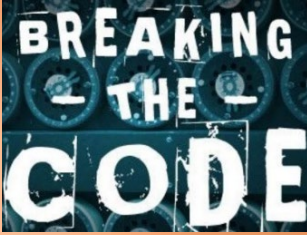
**Communion – **Sunday School begins –

**congregational photo after the service

**cookout outside after the service: bring a side, dessert; and a lawn chair!

A GREAT TIME TO GET BACK INTO THE ROUTINE!

Monday Bible Study



A study on the Book of Revelation
(5 one-hour long sessions)

6:00-7:00 PM

participants will decide; based on availability

Mondays: September 11th / 18th / 25th / October 2nd / 9th

Note the
correction
to the dates

This study will feature 3 publications:

- (1) *A Non-Violent Revelation to John* by Thomas Robert Jones © 1998
- (2) *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* by Barbara R. Rossing © 2004
- (3) *Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation* by Bruce M. Metzger © 2019

Books are optional. Buy them at your own will. You can ZOOM into our meetings!

ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARK SERVICE

BRING SOMETHING FOR THE POTLUCK—AND A LAWN CHAIR!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

w/ Nekoosa United Church of Christ *and*
Congregational Church (UCC) of Rapids

- 10:00 – 11:00 AM
- Edwards-Alexander Memorial Park (210 2nd Street, Port Edwards, WI 54469)

Host church: Nekoosa UCC (*this is the location in case of bad weather*)

Preacher: Pastor Caleb **Sermon:** 'By The Sweat of The Brow'

Potluck to follow service

(*no church assignment for food; just bring food—desserts, sides, meat, desserts*)

Service will NOT be live-streamed (no internet/cellular connection at park)
but *may* be uploaded to FB later that day/week.

UPDATE: Despite the high heat set for Sunday, we are still planning on having the service outside; it is a very shaded area. Approximate 81° at 10:00 – 90° at noon.

OCTOBER:

Sunday, October 8th *The Baptism of Glenna Sunderland*

A luncheon following the service is being provided by Kara Delaney.

The whole congregation is invited to stay after church.
and congratulate Glenna on the new chapter in her faith journey!

Sunday, October 15th **ALL-MUSIC SUNDAY**

Sunday, October 22nd **United Women In Faith Sunday**

WHERE HAVE WE GIVEN SO FAR THIS YEAR?

Missions & Special Offerings Report

(by Becky Taylor, Church Treasurer)

Heifer Project International	<u>\$650</u>
Syria/Turkey Emergency Donation through UMCOR.....	<u>\$391</u>
Annual Conference InGathering (Personal Dignity Kits)	<u>\$230</u>
Nekoosa School District's Families Helping Families (Lenten Offerings + Noisy Collection)	<u>\$374 + \$47.25</u>
College Care Packages (10 gift cards x \$25 each).....	<u>\$250</u>
Mary's Place Transitional Housing	<u>\$450</u>
Habor House (Superior, WI).....	<u>\$145</u>
Vacation Bible School (on behalf of our kids)	<u>\$117</u>
Stuff the Bus	<u>\$60</u>
Maui, HI Fires Emergency Donation through UMCOR.....	<u>\$227</u>
125 th Anniversary Celebration (ongoing)	<u>\$337</u>

Christmas Gifts for local school children – Sept. & Oct.Pending

Annual United Methodist Special Sunday Offerings

Human Relations Day (1/15)	<u>\$145</u>
UMCOR Sunday (3/19)	<u>\$155</u>
United Methodist Student Day (4/23).....	<u>\$83</u>
Peace with Justice Day (6/25)	<u>\$105</u>
<i>World Communion (10/1)</i>	<i>Pending</i>
<i>Native American Ministries (11/19).....</i>	<i>Pending</i>

Thank you for your continued generosity to the missions & outreach of our church!

Elevator Progress Report

We have some "uplifting" news!

Our project is moving ahead nicely, thanks to the efforts of Bill Yudchitz from Revelations Architects, his assistant, and the work of our Elevator Committee, with a special shout-out to John Sweat and Jeff Taylor!

The structure that will house the elevator, equipment room, and new lobby area has now taken its final shape! The new roof is now watertight. The elevator car will be your standard-size, hydraulic elevator (3,000 LB Hydrolift™ from OTIS).

The elevator will have 3 stops. You'll enter on the ground level (sanctuary-side) to reach the split-level (lower & upper). A new entryway will be carved out of the corners of the Memorial Lounge above and the storage room below to direct traffic into the hallways. New doorways for both rooms are in the works.

The sandstone for the exterior has now arrived! The new structure will feature a mix of original and new sandstone, and the mason will strive to match the design of the rest of the church structure. We are planning to add a United Methodist cross-and-flame to the front of the new structure, which can light up at night.



I just want to give a shout-out to elevators,
for always lifting me up when I'm down.



(The best thing about elevator jokes? They work on so many levels!)



Our Journey Begins Again!

Starting **Sunday, September 10th** through May of 2024, our Sunday morning scriptures/sermon will take us through an EPIC JOURNEY of our Holy Bible—from *beginning to end*—stopping momentarily to view the major moments of this Greatest Story throughout our 39-week voyage!

A lectionary is any methodical ordering of scripture readings.

The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings.

Each year, from September through May, the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church.

Our readings will showcase the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture: *from Adam & Eve, Abraham & Sarah, Jacob & Samuel, David and Solomon, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, the Apostles, and Paul.*

Year 2 is the Year of **MARK'S GOSPEL**.

Each Sunday, we will have 2 readings:

One from the Old Testament

One from the Gospel of Mark.

This fall, our main reading will be in the Old Testament, with Mark supplementing its theme. At Christmastime, the Gospels will take center stage, and Mark will take us through the Story of Jesus.

Year 2: Our Journey Through the Bible

Theme: "LIVING OUT GOD'S KIN'DOM"

(with a focus on the Gospel of Mark)

God's plan for our world has not changed since the moment of Creation.

God created a world for people to work side-by-side in a community of love.

No matter how far humanity rejected that ideal and turned to selfishness,
God never gave up.

Throughout Scripture, God established a vision of a Peaceful Kin'dom.

God's people continued to turn away, and God continued to love them.

After Jesus' Resurrection,

He anointed His followers with His Holy Spirit

and charged them to spread the Good News throughout the world,

including the promise of the end of death and the final arrival of the Kin'dom.

September Sermon Series

The Beginning of Year 2

Year's Theme: "Living Out God's Kin'dom" (Mark)

SUNDAY	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TOPIC
Unit #1: "God Creates Family" <i>God created the first family to do God's work together (Genesis 2—Sept. 10th). God promised a baby to an elderly couple which God kept with the birth of Isaac (Genesis 18 & 21—Sept. 17th). Isaac's son, Jacob, cheated his brother and feared revenge when he returned years later. (Genesis 32—Sept. 24th)</i>		
September 10 th	Genesis 2:4b-25 – God Created Humans	Lessons for Couples / Families of all Kind
September 17 th	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 – God Gives a Promised Child	Lessons for the Elderly / Hope for the Childless / Families of all Kind
September 24 th	Genesis 32:9-33:4 – Jacob Wrestles with God	Lessons for Siblings / Dysfunctional Families / why bad people succeed
UNIT #2: "RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE" <i>A clear theme throughout Scripture is that GOD LOVES US! When the people of Israel were in slavery, God showed love by rescuing them (Exodus 2-3—Oct. 1st). When we experience God's love, we are called to respond back with love. We are to love God and to love others (Deuteronomy 6—Oct. 8th). The story of Ruth's love and loyalty toward her mother-in-law provides a beautiful example for us to follow (Ruth 1 & 4—Oct. 15th).</i>		
October 1 st	Exodus 2:1-10; 3:1-5 Moses' Birth / God in the Burning Bush	God hears our prayers, but God can call on us to answer our own prayers
October 8 th	Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Love the Lord Your God (The Shema)	How loving other people is connected to Loving God, and <i>visa versa</i> .
October 15 th	Ruth 1:1-17, 4:13-17 Ruth Follows Naomi / Ruth & Boaz	Loyalty/love to God through God's covenant people.



We, the Port Edwards United Methodist UWIF, are the hosts for this year's **North Central District Annual Gathering** held on **Sept. 16th**.
 Registration 9:00 – 9:30 AM - Program 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM @PEUMC

Please fill out the form (click [HERE](#) to view & print the form) and mail your registration and *payment to: Joan Burk-Miller, 606 E. Cassidy Dr., Wausau, WI 54401

*Registration Fee is \$20 on or before September 8. After September 8, the fee is \$25.00.

Make checks payable to North Central District

Questions? Call Joan at 715-842-0897 or email her at woodsyclr@dwave.net. \$20.00 from all participants will help purchase the lunch we are asked to provide. We hope all of you can be there that day to help act as hosts and enjoy hearing the speaker.

Remember we will have our September 7th meeting at 12:15. We will have healthy snacks. Our guest speaker will be Margaret Getzin / President is LuAnn Slattery / Hostesses: Carol Ann Harvestine, Becky Taylor, Diane Sweat and Gloria Wunrow

~ Diane Sweat, UWIF Assistant Secretary

Daily Scripture Reading

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

The Narrative Lectionary created a daily schedule of readings to supplement the readings we do each Sunday morning. To show how the daily readings align with each Sunday's readings, they have been justified together either to the left or to the right. For instance, 9/11 is a continuation from 9/10, but the readings for 9/12-9/16 are leading up to the next Sunday (9/17). Below are the first two months.

Sunday	September 10th	Genesis 2:4b-25	God Creates Humans
Monday	September 11 th	Genesis 3:1-21	The First Sin
Tuesday	September 12 th	Genesis 11:27-32	Introducing Abram & Sarai
Wednesday	September 13 th	Genesis 12:1-9	God's Promise to Abram
Thursday	September 14 th	Genesis 14:14-20	Battle & Blessing
Friday	September 15 th	Genesis 17:1-8	A New Name
Saturday	September 16 th	Genesis 17:15-22	The Promise of a Child
Sunday	September 17th	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7	God Gives a Promised Child
Monday	September 18 th	Genesis 25:19-28	Two Sons for Isaac & Rebekah
Tuesday	September 19 th	Genesis 25:29-34	Jacob Buys a Birthright
Wednesday	September 20 th	Genesis 27:1-17	A Scheming Son & Mother
Thursday	September 21 st	Genesis 27:18-29	The Scheme Succeeds
Friday	September 22 nd	Genesis 27:30-41	Esau's Lost Blessing
Saturday	September 23 rd	Genesis 32:1-8	Jacob Prepares to See Esau
Sunday	September 24th	Genesis 32:9-33:4	Jacob Wrestles with God
Monday	September 25 th	Genesis 33:1-11	Jacob & Esau are Reconciled
Tuesday	September 26 th	Genesis 41:1-24	Pharaoh's Dream
Wednesday	September 27 th	Genesis 41:25-36	Joseph to the Rescue
Thursday	September 28 th	Genesis 41:37-45	Joseph in Egypt
Friday	September 29 th	Exodus 1:1-14	Enslaved in Egypt
Saturday	September 30 th	Exodus 1:15-2:10	Defiant & Dauntless Women
Sunday	October 1st	Exodus 2:1-10; 3:1-5	Moses' Birth / God in the Burning Bush
Monday	October 2 nd	Exodus 5:1-9	"Let My People Go"
Tuesday	October 3 rd	Exodus 7:1-13	Signs & Wonders in Egypt
Wednesday	October 4 th	Exodus 12:29-32	Pharaoh Finally Relents
Thursday	October 5 th	Exodus 14:5-14	Pharaoh's Pursuit
Friday	October 6 th	Exodus 14:19-31	Salvation at the Sea
Saturday	October 7 th	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	The Ten Commandments
Sunday	October 8th	Deuteronomy 6:4-9	"Love the Lord Your God" (The Shema)
Monday	October 9 th	Deuteronomy 6:10-25	Caution Against Disobedience
Tuesday	October 10 th	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	Help Those in Need
Wednesday	October 11 th	Deuteronomy 16:18-20	Pursue Justice
Thursday	October 12 th	Deuteronomy 17:14-20	What Makes a Good King
Friday	October 13 th	Deuteronomy 24:17-22	Care for the Vulnerable
Saturday	October 14 th	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	The First Fruits
Sunday	October 15th	Ruth (1:1-17; 4:13-17)	Ruth Follows Naomi / Ruth & Boaz
Monday	October 16 th	1 Samuel 17:12-54	David & Goliath
Tuesday	October 17 th	1 Samuel 18:1-15	David & Jonathan
Wednesday	October 18 th	1 Samuel 18:6-16	David's Success, Saul's Jealousy
Thursday	October 19 th	1 Samuel 24:1-7	David Spares Saul
Friday	October 20 th	1 Samuel 24:8-15	David Speaks to Saul
Saturday	October 21 st	1 Samuel 24:16-22	Saul Replies
Sunday	October 22nd	1 Samuel 1:9-20; 16:1-13 / Psalm 150	Birth of Samuel / David Becomes King
Monday	October 23 rd	1 Kings 2:1-4	David Instructs Solomon
Tuesday	October 24 th	1 Kings 3:3-14	The Source of Solomon's Wisdom
Wednesday	October 25 th	1 Kings 3:16-28	Solomon Solves a Dispute
Thursday	October 26 th	1 Kings 4:29-34	Solomon's Fame
Friday	October 27 th	1 Kings 9:1-9	The Lord Speaks to Solomon Again
Saturday	October 28 th	1 Kings 11:1-13	Solomon's Fall from Faithfulness
Sunday	October 29th	1 Kings 6:37-7:1, 7:51-8:13	Temple is Built: God Presence
Monday	October 30 th	1 Kings 16:29-33	Ahab's Evil Actions
Tuesday	October 31 st	1 Kings 17:1-17	Elijah Announces a Drought

The books of the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) are not in perfect chronological order. Rather, they are grouped by the type of literature (*law, history, poetry, apocalypse, letters, prophets, etc.*).

Our JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE for the 2023-2024 year **will** be chronological, though the dates given below represent when the events described were thought to have taken place, **not** when the author was writing. Most of the Old Testament was put to “paper” during the Exile.

PRIMEVAL HISTORY (history outside written history; tales of the first years of the world's existence)		
1. Genesis Chapters 1-11	Genesis 2	Sunday, September 10th
FROM PATRIARCHS TO EGYPTIAN CAPTIVITY 2000 BC – 1720 BC		
1. Genesis Chapters 12-50 (concurrent with the 2. Book of Job)	Genesis 18; 21 Genesis 32 & 33	Sunday, September 17th Sunday, September 24th
FROM WILDERNESS WANDERINGS TO CONQUEST OF THE PROMISED LAND 1720 BC - 1280 BC		
3. Exodus and 4. Leviticus	Exodus 2 & 3	Sunday, October 1st
5. Numbers and 6. Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy 6	Sunday, October 8th
7. Joshua		
PERIOD OF THE JUDGES (LOCAL, TRIBAL LEADERS) 1240 BC – 1050 BC		
8. Judges and 9. Ruth	Ruth 1 & 4	Sunday, October 15th
INTRODUCTION OF THE MONARCHY (REIGN OF KINGS SAUL, DAVID, AND SOLOMON) AND THE UNITED KINGDOM (ISRAEL) 1050 BC – 930 BC		
10. 1 Samuel and 11. 2 Samuel Concurrent with 1 & 2 Samuel are woven 12. 1 Chronicles and 13. Psalms.	1 Samuel 1 & 16 / Psalms 150	Sunday, October 22nd
Concurrent with parts of 1 & 2 Chronicles are 14. Proverbs , 15. Ecclesiastes , and 16. Song of Solomon.		
THE KINGDOM IS DIVIDED (NORTHERN ISRAEL AND SOUTHERN JUDAH) THE AGE OF THE PROPHETS, PART I: PROPHETS WARN OF PENDING DOOM AND DESTRUCTION 930 BC – 586 BC		
Concurrent with 17. 2 Chronicles are 18. 1 Kings and 19. 2 Kings.	1 Kings 6-8 1 Kings 18:17-39	Sunday, October 29th Sunday, November 5th
Concurrent with 1 Kings are the prophets 20. Amos , 21. Hosea , 22. Joel , 23. Isaiah, Chapters 1-39 , 24. Micah , 25. Zephaniah , 26. Habakkuk , 27. Jeremiah.	Hosea 11 Isaiah 5 & 11 Micah 3, 5-6 Jeremiah 33	Sunday, November 12th Sunday, November 19th Sunday, November 26th Sunday, December 3rd
Concurrent with 2 Kings are the prophets 28. Lamentations , 29. Jonah , 30. Nahum , and 31. Obadiah.		
THE EXILE IN BABYLON (APPROX. 70 YEARS) AGE OF THE PROPHETS, PT. II: PROPHETS OFFER HOPEFUL VISIONS OF A BETTER, VICTORIOUS FUTURE. 586 – 538 BC		
32. Book of Daniel and the prophet 33. Ezekiel , 34. Esther , (23.) Isaiah, Chapters 40-55	Isaiah 40	Sunday, December 10th
RETURN FROM EXILE AND RESTORATION OF THE HOLY LAND AGE OF THE PROPHETS, PT. III: PROPHETS WARN NOT TO FALL INTO OLD HABITS AS GOD'S PEOPLE ARE REVITALIZED. 538 BC		
35. Ezra and 36. Nehemiah	Ezra 1 & 3	Sunday, December 17th
Concurrent with Ezra and Nehemiah are 37. Haggai , 38. Zechariah , 39. Malachi , and (23.) Isaiah, Chptrs. 56-66.		
Approximately 400 years separate the last Old Testament Book with the Story of the Jesus Saga around 4 BC. Our Journey through the New Testament starts on December 17th with the Gospel of Luke.		

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF METHODISTS?

(from the book “United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers” by F. Belton Joyner, Jr. © 2007)

There are Methodists who are not UNITED Methodists. Others might not even refer to themselves as *Methodists* at all, but *Wesleyan*. The roots of this large family are all in the Wesleyan movement of Eighteenth-Century England. Most of these expressions are represented in the **World Methodist Council**, an association of all the Methodist traditions throughout the world. Although the World Methodist Council seeks to give unity to the work of Methodists, it has no legislative authority and does not invade the autonomy of its member bodies.

*Who are just *some* of these other Methodist people?*

- **African Methodist Episcopal Church (1816):** the A.M.E. Church emerged under the leadership of Richard Allen as a protest in Philadelphia against second-class treatment of black members within the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- **African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (1796):** the A.M.E.Z. Church developed in New York City and was led by James Varick as a movement for black members who removed themselves from the Methodist Episcopal Church to avoid racist treatment.
- **The Methodist Church of Great Britain (1795):** Methodism was officially organized in England after the death of John Wesley and after the structure of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America; its present form took shape in a 1932 reunion of several divisions.
- **The Methodist Church in Mexico (1930):** After years of missionary work from the U.S., Methodists in Mexico became an autonomous denomination called the *Iglesia Metodista de Mexico*.
- **The Wesleyan Church (1968):** This denomination united the Pilgrim Holiness Church (1897) and the Wesleyan Church of America (1843). Strong antislavery opinions and an emphasis on sanctification led these groups away from the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- **Church of the Nazarene (1908):** Predecessor groups of the Church of the Nazarene formed when they felt the Methodist Episcopal Church was losing its emphasis on entire sanctification.
- **Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (1870):** The C.M.E. Church was first known as the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. Isaac Lane led the growth of this denomination as former slaves sought a church independent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.
- **Free Methodist Church (1860):** B.T. Roberts helped establish this fellowship after feeling that other expressions of Methodism had abandoned the original Wesleyan teachings, particularly entire sanctification.

NEW: Global Methodist Church (2023): the G.M.C. was created after members departed to start a denomination seeking to uphold historic Methodist praxis. Traditionalist caucuses within the United Methodist Church, such as the Confessing Movement, Good News, Concerned Methodists, Transforming Congregations, UM Action, Lifewatch, and the Institute on Religion and Democracy promoted what they saw as historic Methodist positions.

There are many autonomous denominations called **Methodist Church of [name of Country]**. In other cases, Methodists have been “absorbed” into completely new denominations through mergers, such as the **United Church of Canada**. When Methodists started their mission work outside the United States, a group of local congregations in a particular area would form their own conferences. Yet as they grew, some of these areas of mission work became autonomous from the United States Methodists. In many cases this was the strategic goal of the mission work. While they are not UNITED Methodist, they are still part of our worldwide Connexion. For all forms of autonomous Methodist churches, our *Book of Discipline* allows for mutual recognition of membership, mutual recognition of clergy, and other forms of cooperation.

We, the People Called Methodists, represented by the World Methodist Council, comprise of **80 denominations** in **138 countries** which together represent **80 million people!** We are the 5th largest Christian communion after the Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglican Communion, and World Communion of Reformed Churches. The largest Methodist group represented is **The United Methodist Church**.

Splits & Mergers of North American Methodist Churches

Yellow reflects our direct predecessor denominations.

* - asterisk denotes denominations no longer in existence.

Methodist Episcopal Church (1784)

African Methodist Episcopal (1816)

African M. Episcopal Zion Church (1821)

Methodist Protestant Church (1828)

***Wesleyan Methodist Church (1841)**

North (1845)

South (1845)

(Civil War)

Free Methodist Church (1860)

Christian Methodist Episcopal (1870)

***Congregational Methodist Church (1852)**

***Pilgrim Holiness Church (1897)**

***The People's Methodist Church (1938)**

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

Worldwide Membership: 13+ million
 Worldwide Congregations: 43,409
 U.S. Membership: 5+ million
 U.S. Congregations: 30,543 (2023 statistics)

The UMC is the largest Mainline Protestant denomination in the U.S., and second largest Protestant.

A 2015 Pew Research survey found that ~3.6% of the U.S. population, or 9 million adult adherents, identified as United Methodist.

Methodist Church (1939)

Evangelical Methodist Church (1945)

The Southern Methodist Church (1940)

***United Holiness Church (1955)**

EMC (1962)

Bible Methodist Connection of Churches (1967)

Evangelical Wesleyan Church (1863)

***The Evangelical United Brethren (1946)**

Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection (1968)

Wesleyan Church (1968)

BMCC (1904)

The United Methodist Church (1968)

GMC (2022)

World Membership: 425,647
 Congregations: 4,798
 U.S. Membership: 138,190
 Congregations: 1,557

Membership: 1,514
 Congregations: 45

Worldwide Membership: 68,356
 U.S. Membership: 858

Congregations: 27

Worldwide Membership: 34,656
 U.S. Membership: 7,300
 Congregations: 399

Membership: 3,200
 Congregations: 85

Membership: 850,000
 Congregations: 3,500

Membership: 2.5 million
 Congregations: 7,000

Membership: 1.2 million
 Congregations: 3,200

Congregations: 42

Congregations: 108

Looking Ahead



Sunday, December 3rd
5:00–7:00 PM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

*Our Children's & Youth Ministries Team and our Nurture Team want to try out **MESSY CHURCH**.*

MESSY CHURCH is a way of being church for ALL-AGES to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities.

The values of **MESSY CHURCH** are:

*all-ages together, celebration,
creativity, hospitality, and centering ourselves in Christ.*

*The **MESSY CHURCH** motto is "Church, but not as you know it."*

If you have attended church for a long time, **MESSY CHURCH** may not look like church to you. At **MESSY CHURCH**, all ages meet together to learn about Christ through games, crafts & activities, music, and storytelling from the Bible. A foundational ingredient of **MESSY CHURCH** is to gather around a table for a snack or meal and build relationships with each other, God, and the world.

It's not a club or program—but actual church. It is a regular opportunity for intergenerational worship, learning, and fellowship. The purpose is to explore God's love in a welcoming, accessible way through fun, faith, and food.

"It's church for everyone," says Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. "It's a circle of all ages meeting together to engage in who God is in a way that works for them."

OUR GOAL:

- Host 1 **MESSY CHURCH** Event this Fall (December).
If that works out,
- Host 2 **MESSY CHURCH** Events this Spring (February? May?)
If these work out,
- Host **MESSY CHURCH** events monthly next school year.

WE WILL NEED ALL-HANDS-ON-DECK TO OFFER THIS WITH QUALITY!



The Holiday Bazaar

Saturday – November 4 – 10:00-2:00 pm

Hello Everyone . . . Now, the Bazaar really is *just around the corner*. Plans are being made, work groups formed, etc. The date is Saturday, November 4th and the church-wide event will be held from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm with lunch featuring turkey salad plates, barbecue plates, and homemade pie (served all day).

We are asking for your homemade craft items and food items for that day. Signup sheets will be available in the tower room beginning September 3.

On September 10 posters for publicizing the event will be ready for distribution. Won't you please help us by taking several and delivering them to designated destinations?

It takes A WHOLE CHURCH to do this, and we are grateful for your willingness to help.
THANK YOU!

Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us that day.

Please direct your questions or comments to:

Carol Ann Harvestine 715-325-7768

Julie Berg 715-887-2136

Becky Taylor 715-887-2163

Mary Heuer..... 715-887-3758



September

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00 AM Worship with Nek. & WR UCC @ Alexander Park – Port Edwards Potluck (bring whatever) Bring a lawn chair	LABOR DAY!	Office hours return to Tuesday thru Friday		8:00 AM Witness Team Mtg 12:15 PM UWIF – Healthy Snacks Speaker – Margaret Getzin		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00 AM Worship Back to School Sunday Communion Sunday Sunday School Begins Congregational Photo Cookout after Service 7 PM – Confirm./SPARK!	Bible Study Begins “Breaking the Code” 1 of 5: 6:00 PM		10:00 AM – Elevator 1:00 PM Circle of Friends			UWIF District Event at PEUMC 9:30 - 2:30
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Church Council	Bible Study “Breaking the Code” 2 of 5: 6:00 PM					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00 AM Service 7 PM – Confirm./SPARK!	Bible Study “Breaking the Code” 3 of 5: 6:00 PM		10:00 AM – Elevator			

Noteworthy

THANK YOU TO OUR LAWN MOWERS FOR 2023:



Leo T., Pastor Caleb, Mike H., Ellen & Skip, Chuck & Rachel, Bob & Julie, Bill L., Peter K., Bill & Jody, Jeff T., and Tiffany H.!

YOUR COLLECTIVE WORK HAS KEPT OUR CHURCH YARD LOOKING BEAUTIFUL & APPEALING!

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, FOR HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN AUGUST!



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

Home Delivered Meals Drivers

Julie Berg
Skip & Ellen Mazurek
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 own meals. Anyone interested in helping with this program may contact Becky Taylor (715-887-2163) for more information. **THANK YOU!**



September Anniversaries

September 1

Bob & Julie Berg
– 44 Years

September 6

Jerry & Nancy Klahn
– 20 Years

September 12

Matt & Jenna Boerner
– 14 Years

September 24

Michael & Lori Hintz
– 40 Years

September 26

Kevin & Jennifer Swensen
– 25 Years



September

September 4

Mandy Mykisen

September 5

Diane Sweat

September 6

Gabrielle Mayek
John Sweat

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Ken Pelo

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