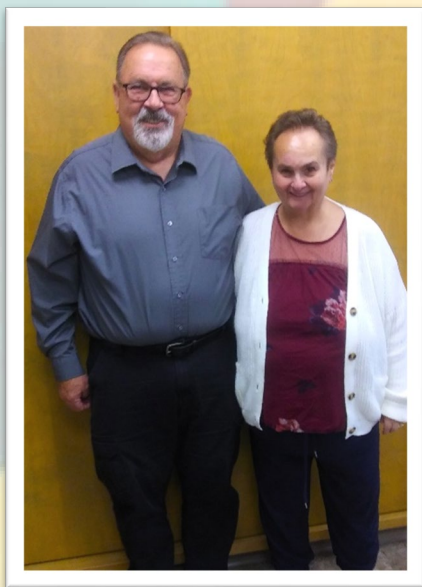




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Welcome New Members!



On October 8th,
we welcomed **Helmut Wrege & Sandy Klein**
into our joyful congregation by transfer of membership!

Helmut and Sandy have been looking around for a church home and quickly fell in love with us! They share quite an incredible story together and are thrilled to be part of a welcoming and inclusive congregation like ours!

Welcome to the family, Helmut [*Hel-moot*] and Sandy!

Baptism of Glenna Sunderland

Glenna has been with us for quite some time now! Over the summer, something made her think to herself: *"I should get baptized!"* She was baptized not only before her church family but also many of her friends who were in attendance on October 8th!

Her caretaker led the effort to have a nice luncheon in her honor that followed the service!

But that's not all! Miss Sunderland is now Saint Glenna! On October 22nd, she was recognized as our newest Port Edwards saint!



Congratulations and thank you for being exactly who you are, Saint Glenna!

Gain that fall-back hour on Saturday, November 4th!

Elevator Update

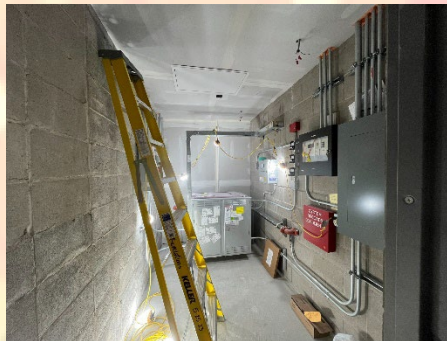
Below is a rare photo of Darth Vader's wife, Ella.



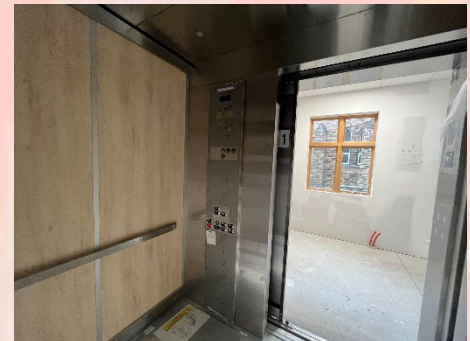
Photo (above): a rare snapshot of Mrs. Ella Vadar



The new main level elevator lobby.



The machine/control room.



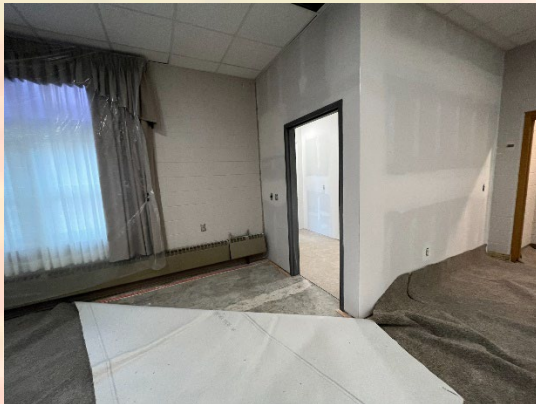
Inside the elevator.



Button panel inside the elevator.



Two new views of the front of our facilities from the elevator lobby.



A new "lobby" has been created on each of the three floors; this necessarily takes a corner out of the lower-level classroom and the upper-level Memorial Lounge. But this has allowed us to create a new-and-improved entryway into the Memorial Lounge!

(With luck, these photos will be obsolete, as the project is set to be finished by November 4th.)

Missions for November & December



It's a two-parter!

(1) Serving on-location on Thursday, November 16th (4:00-6:00 PM)

We're back to serving in-person. We need ~14 people to make this work well! Already many have signed up to serve! Thank you in advance!

The new location of FOCUS Neighborhood Meals is
2321 W. Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids (the old Sparhawk building).

(2) Paying the cost of the meal.

We are also responsible for paying the cost of the meal that week. Any missional offerings received during November and December will go toward paying that bill above and beyond! It will be around **\$300.**

New Women's Group

*Sharing Memories and
Life Changes*

New Group Women's Group sponsored by PEUMC

*Have you lost
Your life partner?
First meeting is
being held on
December 5
at 11:00 am
El Cafe, Port Edwards*



The Nurture Committee is proud to announce
the creation of a women's group:

Sharing Memories and Life Changes

This group will provide women a casual place to talk about their shared circumstance of losing their life partner. It will provide support and camaraderie as they navigate through life without their loved one.

The initial meeting be held
11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 5
at El Café in Port Edwards

Consecration Sunday is Coming!

Sunday, November 12th

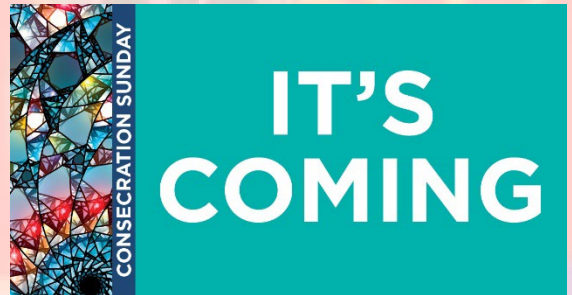
Financial stewardship does not focus on paying the bills; it is not even about supporting a budget. We actively seek to avoid the scarcity mindset: “this is *all* we can afford to do in missions and ministry,” which leads to never-ending cutbacks and feelings of deficiency.

The money we have—*we’ve certainly earned it!* But it is still God’s gracious gift to us: *to Whom all blessings flow!* Christian stewardship sees our contribution as a way to grow spiritually in our relationship with God by supporting good works of outreach and mission with a percentage of our incomes. We see the world in abundance: “this is what we *get* to do here!” In other words, we put our money where our heart is!

Consecration Sunday is the name of our 2023 stewardship program. Our church leadership chose this as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical teachings that describes our need to give as a way to mature spiritually, rather than on the need of the church to receive: “*your heart will be where your treasure is*” (Matthew 6:21). United Methodists do not practice membership dues; we are followers of Jesus Christ who *want* to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages us toward proportionate and regular giving practices in response to the question, “*What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?*”

On the morning of November 12th, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church’s missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world. You may interpret this as a change in giving starting immediately or for the new year.



Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if they choose not to fill out a card. Getting our cards to reflect reality as close as possible keeps the church from having to “guess” their way throughout the year, wondering what the giving will be like from month to month.

We will not solicit you at your home. During morning worship, retired pastor Rev. Barry Yarbrow will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a spiritual act of worship.

The worship will be followed by a reserved Celebration Luncheon. Reservations will be made during the worship services on October 29th and November 5th. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their *Estimate of Giving Cards*, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in the biblical and spiritual dimensions of generous giving! Thank you for your past and future contributions to our church’s ministry!

Church Council Chair,

Skip Mazurek

Tithe Calculations for 2024

Based on my (our combined) annual income of [a.],
 an annual tithe would be [b.],
 a monthly tithe would be [c.],
 and a weekly tithe would be [d.].

*(a tithe is defined as 10% -- you decide if this is **before** or **after** taxes)
 (use your 2023 income; or 2024 income, if you know it)
 (exclude money set aside for retirement; you will want to tithe on that when you draw on it)
 (you should include all sources of income)*

A tithe is a biblical ideal; not a mandate or command.

Annual Income	a x 0.1	Annual Tithe	b ÷ 12	Monthly Tithe	b ÷ 52	Weekly Tithe
a. \$5,000		b. \$500		c. \$41.67		d. \$9.61
a. \$10,000		b. \$1,000		c. \$83.33		d. \$19.23
a. \$15,000		b. \$1,500		c. \$125.00		d. \$28.85
a. \$20,000		b. \$2,000		c. \$166.67		d. \$38.46
a. \$25,000		b. \$2,500		c. \$208.33		d. \$48.08
a. \$30,000		b. \$3,000		c. \$250.00		d. \$57.69
a. \$35,000		b. \$3,500		c. \$291.67		d. \$67.31
a. \$40,000		b. \$4,000		c. \$333.33		d. \$76.92
a. \$45,000		b. \$4,500		c. \$375.00		d. \$86.54
a. \$50,000		b. \$5,000		c. \$416.67		d. \$96.15
a. \$55,000		b. \$5,500		c. \$458.33		d. \$105.77
a. \$60,000		b. \$6,000		c. \$500.00		d. \$115.38
a. \$65,000		b. \$6,500		c. \$541.67		d. \$125.00
a. \$70,000		b. \$7,000		c. \$583.33		d. \$134.62
a. \$75,000		b. \$7,500		c. \$625.00		d. \$144.23
a. \$80,000		b. \$8,000		c. \$666.67		d. \$153.85
a. \$85,000		b. \$8,500		c. \$708.33		d. \$163.46
a. \$90,000		b. \$9,000		c. \$750.00		d. \$173.08
a. \$95,000		b. \$9,500		c. \$791.67		d. \$182.69
a. \$100,000		b. \$10,000		c. \$833.33		d. \$192.31
a. \$110,000		b. \$11,000		c. \$916.67		d. \$211.54
a. \$120,000		b. \$12,000		c. \$1,000.00		d. \$230.77
a. \$130,000		b. \$13,000		c. \$1,083.33		d. \$250.00
a. \$140,000		b. \$14,000		c. \$1,166.67		d. \$269.23
a. \$150,000		b. \$15,000		c. \$1,250.00		d. \$288.46
a. \$160,000		b. \$16,000		c. \$1,333.33		d. \$307.69
a. \$170,000		b. \$17,000		c. \$1,416.67		d. \$326.92
a. \$180,000		b. \$18,000		c. \$1,500.00		d. \$346.15
a. \$190,000		b. \$19,000		c. \$1,583.33		d. \$365.38
a. \$200,000		b. \$20,000		c. \$1,666.67		d. \$384.62
a. \$220,000		b. \$22,000		c. \$1,833.33		d. \$423.08
a. \$240,000		b. \$24,000		c. \$2,000.00		d. \$461.54
a. \$260,000		b. \$26,000		c. \$2,166.67		d. \$500.00
a. \$280,000		b. \$28,000		c. \$2,333.33		d. \$538.46
a. \$300,000		b. \$30,000		c. \$2,500.00		d. \$576.92
a. \$340,000		b. \$34,000		c. \$2,833.33		d. \$653.84
a. \$380,000		b. \$38,000		c. \$3,166.67		d. \$730.77
a. \$400,000		b. \$40,000		c. \$3,333.33		d. \$769.23
a. \$450,000		b. \$45,000		c. \$3,700.00		d. \$865.38
a. \$500,000		b. \$50,000		c. \$4,166.67		d. \$961.54

Calculating My Actual Tithe

(10% - a biblical *ideal*; *not* a mandate or command)

(before or after taxes – you choose)

(exclude any money that will be taxed later (pension, etc.))

My (our) 2023/2024 annual income is: \$ _____.

x 0.1

My (our) 2024 annual tithe (10% - ideally) is: \$ _____.

÷ 12

OR

÷ 52

My 2024 monthly tithe (ideally) is: \$ _____. **OR** My 2024 weekly tithe (ideally) is: \$ _____.

Two most important things to consider above all else:

(1) Keep it regular

(2) Make it your **first-fruits** (the top/first portion of your income), NOT what is left over.

PASTOR CALEB'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

At the time of this article, my 2024 salary has not yet been determined.

My 2023 base salary has been **\$49,920**.

I had chosen to deduct **13%** from my salary for my pension.

(which will be taxed & tithed upon withdrawal),

leaving a total of **\$43,430.40**.

From this amount, my 2023 tithe (10%) was broken into 3 components (all going to the Church):

- **1%** am I choosing to go to the greater denominational ministries: **\$434.30**
- **1%** am I choosing to go to the Wisconsin Conference ministries: **\$434.30**
- **8%** remains at Port Edwards UMC: **\$3,474.43** (**\$66.82** weekly giving).

I always give 2% of my tithe toward ministries beyond the local church since United Methodist clergy are *not* members of the local church but of the Annual Conference and I have vowed in my ordination to support the denomination at all levels by my own “prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.”

It is still 10% to Christ's holy Church.

***My adjusted giving for 2024 will be published in the December newsletter. A pastor's salary is considered “public,” but I have also chosen to share my tithing practices with you to inspire others to strive for the same!*

Combined Advent Fellowship-Study

This year, Port Edwards UMC will be joining Marshfield Wesley UMC in a 4-week Advent Fellowship-Study.

We're calling it a "fellowship-study" to describe how this will not simply be a "study"—and certainly *not* an academic or scholarly one. These events are opportunities to fellowship together and enjoy each other's company.

The Fellowship-Study will be **4 weeks** long.

Session 1: Monday, November 27th at 11:00 AM – at **Marshfield Wesley UMC**

Session 2: Monday, December 4th at 11:00 AM – at **Marshfield Wesley UMC**

211 S. Maple Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449

Session 3: Monday, December 11th at 11:00 AM – at **Port Edwards UMC**

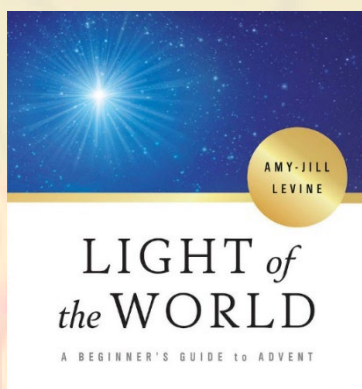
Session 4: Monday, December 18th at 11:00 AM – at **Port Edwards UMC**

(an optional lunch option will follow for those who'd like to stay and eat)

OUR ADVENT STUDY

Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent
by Amy-Jill Levine

In this Advent study (© 2019), author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces the Christmas Story through the narratives of Zechariah and Elizabeth (Week 1), Mary and the Angel (Week 2), Birth of Jesus and His First Visit to the Temple (Week 3), Joseph, the Magi, and the Killing of the Innocents (Week 4).



Amy-Jill is Jewish, so she offers a unique perspective into the nativity story in light of Jewish tradition and the Old Testament, as well as the realities of the first century.

She also draws out implications for today and how we live as followers of Christ.

From a review: *"I found this an easy to read, insightful book that provides background for the stories of Jesus' birth. There were a number of connections and insights I had not read or heard before that will enhance my own [spiritual life]."*

Amy-Jill Levine is Professor of New Testament & Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

The book is optional, but we do encourage each participant to request a copy when they register. The books are **\$12.00** each. The due date to reserve a book through the church is **November 15th**. You are still welcome to participate without a book.

We will be encouraging a carpool system for the rides to Marshfield. Additionally, a ZOOM option will be made available for each of the 4 sessions as well.

WINTER WEATHER

The winter season
is just around the corner!

Let us review our winter-weather protocol here at PEUMC:

We are contracting another service this year to plow and salt our parking lot and sidewalks.

We want to ensure that our parking lot is cleared Sunday mornings and for our many other weekday events.

Our parking lot nearest the front entry has a slight incline. We will continue to de-ice this area with salt and sand to minimize slipping. Continue to be careful when walking to our front doors. We call upon our weekly Greeters to look out for those arriving and having difficulty approaching the entrance.

BECAUSE OF OUR ONLINE CAPABILITIES (AND THE PASTOR LIVING NEXT DOOR), IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL CANCEL SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SERVICE, SINCE EVERYONE WITH INTERNET CAN PARTICIPATE FROM THE COMFORT OF THEIR HOMES. IF THERE ARE HEATING ISSUES OR NO ELECTRICITY, WE WILL DEFINITELY CANCEL. PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE, PEUMC.ORG, AND SCROLL ALL THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM OF OUR HOME PAGE. THIS IS WHERE WE WILL PLACE OUR EMERGENCY WEATHER ALERTS.

OUR ANNUAL PUBLIC SERVICE REMINDER:

**PEOPLE ACROSS THE U.S. HAVE DIED TRYING TO BRAVE THE WEATHER GETTING TO CHURCH.
PLEASE EXERCISE GOOD JUDGMENT!**

Greeter & Usher Duties – UPDATED

To clarify (and simplify) the various worship servant roles each week,

I have taken the liberty to update our Greeter and Usher duties (slightly):

Greeters:

Before the service: remain near the front entry to welcome people in;

help people cross the parking lot when needed; take an umbrella out when needed (etc.).

After the service: they will return to the lobby doors to thank each person as they leave;

NOT Greeter Duties: hand out bulletins; hand out guest cards/gifts; do anything during the service.

Ushers:

Before the service: turn on all the sanctuary lights; light candles;

hand out bulletins by the sanctuary entry.

During the service: lock the front doors; collect blue prayer cards;

bring offering plate forward during the 'doxology' and place on Communion Table.

After the service: extinguish the candles; turn off all lights; collect the offering money

and turn in to the Financial Secretary's Office; lock the front doors.

NOT Usher Duties: hand out guest cards/gifts; stand by the front doors; turn on the sound system.

A Season of Saints - 2023

“Saints” comes from the same roots as “holy.” “Holy” means to be “set apart.” Paul addresses many of his letters to the “saints” (lay people) of his churches. United Methodists do not canonize formal saints like some other Christian traditions, but we gladly recognize those individuals (living and dead) who have made powerful impacts on our own lives and spiritualities. These “role models” are what we celebrate on our annual “All Saints Sunday” observance (10/29).

Saints of PEUMC we have recognized so far:

2021 *Kathleen Mills (10/10/21) / Roger Sweet (10/17/21) / Midge Herschleb (10/24/21)
Roberta Morell (10/31/21) (posthumously)*

2022 *The Rev. Norman Silvester (10/9/22) / Jeffrey Taylor (10/16/22) / Mary Heuer (10/23/22)
Dorothy Fuller (10/30/22) (posthumously)*

2023 *Kathy McGrath (10/8/23) / John Sweat (10/15/23) / Glenna Sunderland (10/22/23)
Joyce Fehrman, Hans Hansen, Izetta Umland, John Casey, Tom Wirtz (10/29/23) (posthumously)

***For the purposes of this annual series, I (Pastor Caleb) have been limiting the recognition of posthumous sainthoods to **Professing Members** of PEUMC. This year, there have been several nonmember spouses whose memorial services have been held in our sanctuary and officiated by me; some were members elsewhere; others nowhere. I mean no disrespect by excluding them here in this list. It is not my intent to imply that they were *not* saintly or worthy of such a recognition.

While my personal “members-only” rule may seem restrictive, arbitrary, and unnecessary to some, I feel it keeps the recognitions clearly defined without descending into a cheap giveaway.

**♪ They did not build in vain who founded here a church /
as witness to God’s love amid a world of pain; they built upon the Rock that is the Risen Christ,
the One Foundation laid, that stands each earthly shock.**

**Those who have loved this place, a cloud of witnesses,
surround and urge us on as we now run our race; tho the horizon’s bend conceals the way ahead,
the footprints on the road show Christ waits at the end.**

**In every place our world is storm- and tempest-tossed,
the flames of fear & hate are evil’s flags unfurled; yet still the Spirit’s power in wind & fire of love /
pours gifts upon the Church for service in this hour.**

**Make this the meeting place where doubt finds grounds of faith,
where hurt finds healing love, our penitence, Your grace;
where God in Trinity is bridge from death to life, from sin to holiness, time to eternity. ♪**

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Rev. and Rev.

Pastor Caleb Got Married!



In spring of 2013, we (Caleb and Doug) hit it off during a seminary trip to **Rome, Italy**. In the first eight years of our relationship, I served several church appointments in Illinois while Doug served churches in Wisconsin. Once I moved to Wisconsin in 2021, our 5 ½ hour-long-distanced relationship was replaced by a much shorter one. Doug Clement was appointed to **Marshfield Wesley UMC** in July of this year and now we live together in the Port Edwards parsonage. We had been engaged for 8 years . . . until now . . .

On **Friday, October 20th**, we got married. *Rev. and Rev.* The service was held at **Devil's Lake State Park** near Baraboo, Wisconsin. The day was sunny and beautiful! It was peak colors that day! We couldn't have planned for a more perfect day, weather-wise!

The Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler officiated. Mark was our seminary professor at **Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary**. We both had him for several classes, so it was appropriate to have him return, since he represented the origins of our relationship. Mark was the senior pastor of Madison First UMC until June of 2023 when he retired. We pulled him out of early retirement for these two days. But now he is back with his wife, relaxing in their home on Cape Cod, Mass.

I had three groomsmen on my side: **Josh Smith** (my longtime best friend; the one with twin boys, one named Trevor and the other, Caleb, after me!); **Patrick Lindstrom** (a friend from Eastern Illinois University Wesley Foundation); and **Akihito Kojima Kneeld** (another friend from EIU Wesley Foundation). Doug had on his side: **Claire Douglass** (associate pastor of Sun Prairie UMC and close friend from church camp); **Chris Meissner** (another friend from church camp); and **Paige Boyer** (a pastor from Ohio; friend from camp and seminary colleague; with us on our Rome trip).

Our ceremony took place inside the **Red Oak Lodge on the South Shore** of Devil's Lake. My sister, **Katie**, read from Ecclesiastes ("**a three-strand cord cannot be easily broken**"), and Doug's brother, **Alex**, read from John ("**love one another as I have loved you**"). I was escorted by my mother, **Teresa**, and Doug his mother, **Bonnie**, with our fathers, **Terry & Douglas**, in tow. We remembered our baptisms and administered together the Lord's Supper. My sister, **Meghan**, brought forward the bread, and Doug's brother, **Andy**, brought forward the cup. We also performed a simple "**sand ceremony**"—like a unity candle, only we poured our separately-colored sand into a single container. We celebrated with "Illini" colors: **blue** and **orange!**

Our respective families and a few close friends were in attendance. Cupcakes and a small cake came from Bloom Bake Shop in Madison. The dinner was catered by Broadway Diner in Baraboo (pulled pork and salmon options). Our photographer was Angie Zelora Photography from Madison. Zach Busch, our musician, works at Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison. We sang several congregational hymns: Our Processional Hymn was "Christ, We Come with Joy and Gladness," set to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful." Our middle hymn was "O God, Bestow Your Love and Care," a hymn from the book *Hymns for the Holy Other: Hymns Affirming the LGBTQIA2S+ Community*. These words were set to the tune of "The Gift of Love." Our closing song was "John Wesley's Rule of Life" ("**Do all the good you can, by all the means you can . . .**") Our marriage announcement was followed by a joyful response of "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

For the sand ceremony, our musician played and sang “For Always,” a song by my favorite film composer, **John Williams**. Holy Communion featured Sergei Rachmaninoff’s classic “Eighteenth Variation on a Theme by Paganini” (the one I play at church on the 15th) and another song by Franz Liszt.

The ceremony was joyful, relaxed, quasi-traditional, but very liturgical, in a beautiful rustic setting. **(Photos to come later once our photographer develops our album.)**

The evening was spent hearing spectacular speeches from people and playing some table games to help our families and friends get better acquainted.

Doug and I spent a few days relaxing at the **Wilderness Resort** on Lake Delton, enjoying the indoor waterpark and other attractions in the area (particularly the restaurants). We concluded our mini honeymoon by getting vintage photos taken as passengers on the Titanic! They now adorn the staircase in the parsonage! They are a joy to behold!

We are planning to go to Scotland to celebrate our first anniversary next year!

As far as I know, Doug and I are the first same-sex clergy couple in The United Methodist Church, in the Midwest. We continue to advocate for changes within our denomination so that we will no longer be in official violation of the *Book of Discipline*. We are incredibly grateful for our supportive congregations, family, friends, conference leaders, and fellow colleagues in Wisconsin, Illinois, across the Midwest, and around the world. We have come a long way (relationally, spiritually, and physically). We still have some ways to go.

But the best of all—together, we are *here to stay!*

INTRODUCING GUEST/PEW AMBASSADORS

What is everybody’s business becomes nobody’s business.

Pastor Caleb has designated these individuals to be our “Pew Ambassadors”:

**Kathy McGrath - Diane Sweat - Julie Berg - Maribeth LaCasse-Salo -
Sue Thomasgard - Becky Taylor**

What are Pew Ambassadors? Pew Ambassadors are simply in charge of making sure that our Sunday morning guests are welcomed and acclimated to our service and facilities. These individuals will make sure guests receive a yellow Guest Card, which provides them basic information; the cards are perforated, allowing them to tear off half of it to return their contact information to us. The Pew Ambassadors are also assigned to give out the appropriate Guest Gifts.

There are certain gifts handed out to all first-time guests, and another gift handed out to second-time guests. As always, Pew Ambassadors **should *not*** be the only ones welcoming guests and introducing themselves. **This is a duty of EVERYONE who attends worship.** Pew Ambassadors, though, are here to supplement our collective efforts and make sure the logistical things are sought after.



If you are *not* yet giving electronically to our church's ministry, you should consider this for the 2024 year. We use the company called "**VANCO Payments**," the #1 Church Giving Service in the U.S. VANCO lets you express generosity year-round by making it easy to set up recurring giving in a secure way. More than half of our weekly offering arrives electronically, withdrawn directly from your bank account.

It is very safe and easy to use!

How to Set Up My Recurring Electronic Giving

You can either fill out the paper form found on the welcome tables just inside the sanctuary and return it to the offering plate. Our financial secretary will take care of the rest.

OR . . . YOU CAN REGISTER YOURSELF.

Here's how:

- (1) Go to peumc.org.
- (2) Choose the "Donate" tab at the top of the page. OR click here: [VANCO Payments](#).
- (3) Find the maroon section that says, "Create Your Online Profile." Click on "Create Profile."
- (4) You will need to input your basic information (name, email, address, phone) and create a password.
REMEMBER YOUR PASSWORD! (The church does not have access to your password.)
- (5) Choose "Create Profile."
- (6) You will need to create a "New Scheduled Transaction." Use their options to set up your recurring payment.

What if I forgot my VANCO password?

Follow steps (1) and (2) from the section above. In the maroon section titled "Log In," choose "Forgot your Email Address or Password?"

SEE BILL PARKS if you forgot both email address AND password!

How Do I Update My Recurring Electronic Giving?

To raise or lower your existing recurring scheduled transaction, please log in to your VANCO Payments account.

A new giving amount or change in frequency will require either

- (I) a NEW scheduled transaction OR**
- (II) you must EDIT your existing scheduled transaction.**

(I) *NEW Scheduled Transaction* – Click on the option "Add Transaction." You can put in your latest information, plus the appropriate start date. **HOWEVER**, you will eventually need to delete your OLD Schedule Transaction. Unfortunately, you cannot schedule it to end on a certain date. Deleting a transaction ends it immediately.

(II) *EDIT existing Scheduled Transaction* – Click on the option "Edit" on your current Scheduled Transaction. Here, you can make your changes. Changes, however, take effect immediately.

**** Both option (I) and (II) require changes to be inputted at the time of the desired change. Thus, if you plan on changing your giving plan starting January 1st (or by the first Sunday of 2023), you will need to make these changes between your last 2022 giving and your first in 2023.**

Looking Ahead

Pastor Caleb will be out of state the week of Thanksgiving (leaving Monday morning, returning Saturday morning).

Pastor Caleb's office hours on Mondays will now be for APPOINTMENT-ONLY.

Starting in November, Pastor will only be available by phone, email, and appointment, but will *not* be physically in the office.

He will be doing office work on his computer either at a coffee shop or the library.

Appointments made in advance can still take place on Mondays when necessary.

This will help him become more available for you Tuesday-thru-Thursday.

God's Way of Leading—Oct. 22nd, 29th, Nov. 5th

The history of God's Chosen People is filled with good and bad leaders. God chose **David** to shepherd all of Israel; David ended up being an example of a flawed, but faithful servant leader (1 Samuel 1 & 16, 10/22). However, his son, **Solomon**, would end up less faithful; he rejected advice to become a servant leader, which would lead to a split in the kingdom (1 Kings 6-8, 10/29). After the kingdom was divided, **Elijah's** leadership would prove that God is the one true Lord by sending fire from heaven (1 Kings 18, 11/5).

SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, October 29th <i>All Saints' Sunday</i>	1 Kings 6:37-7:1, 7:51-8:1-13	Solomon Builds the First Temple	
Sun., November 5th <i>Reign of Christ</i>	1 Kings 18:17-39	Elijah calls down fire from heaven	
Sun., November 12th <i>Consecration Sunday</i>	ADVENT	Hosea 11:1-9	God's Beloved Children
Sun., November 19th <i>Native Am. Sunday</i>		Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5	Israel, God's Vineyard
Sun., November 26th <i>Blessing of the Greens</i>		Micah 2:1-2, 7-13; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8	<i>What is goodness?</i>

Reign of Christ Sunday – Sunday, November 5th

Is it appropriate for Christians committed to democratic forms of government to refer to God as a King?

Nevertheless, there are characteristics of God that cannot be explained using democratic metaphors (God isn't a president elected by the people):

- (1) *God, unlike earthly rulers, is evenhanded and can be trusted completely. With God, there is no abuse of power, no compromising with injustice, no secret "backdoor deals" or oppressive tactics.*
- (2) *The righteousness of God cannot be altered or voted out by the whims of the people.*
- (3) *Divine justice ultimately has its way, no matter how long that may seem to take or how great our difficulty in believing that it will occur.*

Talking about the reign of God makes truly clear the deficiencies of human rulers and provides clues as to what might make human governance more just. This Sunday devoted to the reign of Christ enables us to grasp more fully the Advent promise of the One who shall be called "the Prince of peace" and presses upon us the need to "seek peace and pursue it" (1 Peter 3:11). This observance points to the end of time when the kin'dom of Jesus will be established in all its fullness to the ends of the earth, an appropriate transition into the season that anticipates Christ's second coming.

We have more than a baby Jesus at Christmas; we have a sovereign Christ.

A musical journey through the Church Year will open our worship on that Sunday.

OUR SIN, GOD'S FAITHFULNESS – NOV. 12TH, 19TH, & 26TH

The Israelite Kingdom is now divided! Both the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah disobeyed God's Torah. Instead of loving God with all they had, they worshipped other gods. Instead of loving their neighbors, the powerful oppressed the powerless. However, God never stopped loving the people and kept calling them back from their disobedience (**Hosea 11, 11/12**). God expected justice from the people but saw injustice, and so God allowed the people to experience the consequences of their sin. God did not stop there but promised to send a righteous leader to help them (**Isaiah 5 & 11, 11/19**). Yet again, God promises that destruction is always followed by redemptive restoration (**Micah, 11/26**).

Native American Heritage Sunday

Sunday, November 19th



This occasion is to celebrate the historic and continued contributions to our faith of the Indigenous Peoples of North America. The final annual special Sunday offering for the year will be collected: **Native American Ministries Special Offering**. This offering helps to fund ministries to Native Americans, including the Oklahoma Missionary Conference and United Methodist congregations on reservations.

PEUMC is hosting
THE GREATER RAPIDS AREA
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Sunday, November 19th
at 6:00 PM**

Our special Thanksgiving Service will be made possible by the emerging group called *THE GREATER RAPIDS ALLIANCE FOR CHRISTIAN ECUMENISM (G.R.A.C.E.). The worship service is being created by Pastor Caleb with pastors in the Rapids area leading parts of the service and Pastor Margo Peterson of the Woodland Lutheran Church giving the message that evening.

**G.R.A.C.E. is a reincarnation of the former "Cranberry Clergy" group. PEUMC, the Moravian Church, Grace Lutheran, Church of Wazeecha, Woodland Lutheran (Rome) are some of the churches who are, so far, regularly involved since its inauguration.*

One of our goals is to maintain a standing fund to help relieve students in our area schools from their overwhelming lunch debt. We are also considering a project to "buy back" medical debt from collection agencies to pay them off, pennies on the dollar.



Pastor Caleb would like to have a simple pie reception after the evening service.

Hangin' of the Greens + Blessing of the Greens Service

We will hang the greens starting at 10:30 AM on Saturday, November 25th, with lunch provided at noon.

The following day (11/26) will be our annual 'Blessing of the Greens' Service, where we will bless and light our holiday decorations during the service!

Looking to December

Messy Church: Christmas – 5:00-7:00 PM on Sunday, December 3rd

Blue Christmas Service – A 'G.R.A.C.E.' community service held at the Moravian Church of Rapids (tentative date: Wednesday, December 20th)

Christmas Eve Services – 7-8 PM on Sunday, December 24th (Lessons-and-Carols)

11:00-11:45 PM (same night) (A Midnight Mass – a shorter, more intimate setting)

*****NOTE: Last Sunday of Advent is 12/24 MORNING—Christmas Eve is 12/24 EVENING**

Port Edwards UMC is getting MESSY!



Sunday, December 3rd

5:00 – 7:00 pm

What is Messy Church?

It's 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.

It's Church . . . but not as you know it!

At Messy Church, all ages meet to learn about Christ through games, crafts and 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 is not a worship service—but an experience meant to bring together the WHOLE family.)

A typical 2-hour schedule is like this:

Meal: 5:00 – 5:30 PM

The most important component—fellowshipping around food!
(No, seriously, this is nonnegotiable!)

Welcome: 5:30-5:40 PM

Here, the theme is set for the evening

Activities: 5:40 – 6:40 PM

Everyone joins in—ALL-AGES. There are crafts, scavenger hunts, messy activities, etc. Each are based around the scripture story for the evening

Celebration: 6:40 – 7:00 PM

It's "worship"—but without a sermon!

The scripture is read, and an interactive conversation follows, pulling together what we learned from the activities and crafts.

There will be some songs and prayers. And then we are done!

This will be our TRIAL RUN. If this works out, we will try it out twice in the spring. If this works out, we will try it out monthly during the school year (2024-2025).

NOTE: This will be a reservation-only event. A reservation form will be put on our website.

ALSO—we are going to need ALL HANDS ON DECK for this one!
10-12 helpers is what it is going to take!

BAZAAR HELPER ASSIGNMENTS AND SCHEDULE

The following people have graciously agreed to help with the November 4th Holiday Bazaar and we thank them oh so much! If your name isn't here, and you would like it to be, please contact:

Julie Berg..... 715-887-2136
Carol Ann Harvestine 715-325-7768
Becky Taylor 715-887-2163
Mary Heuer 715-887-3758



BAKERY / CANDY

Co-Chairs, - Joan Harnisch &
Jerene Sillars
✦ Marge Bauer
✦ Pat Markeson

CASHIERS

10:00-12:00
✦ Pat McGrath
12:00-1:00
✦ Sandy Robinson
1:00-2:00
✦ Mary Heuer

FILL-IN-PERSON

✦ Ellen Mazurek

GREETERS

10:00-11:00
✦ Jeanne Bruener
✦ Alison Bruener

11:00-12:00
✦ Lori Hintz
✦ Nancy Hansen

12:00-1:00
✦ Maribeth Lacasse-Salo
✦ LuAnn Slattery

1:00-2:00
✦ Maribeth Lacasse-Salo

DINING ROOM

Chair, Kathy McGrath

All Day
✦ Sue Brzezinski
✦ Kathy McGrath
✦ Tiara Grunden

9:45-11:00
✦ Lori Hintz

9:45-Noon
✦ Lindsey Hintz

11:00-1:00
✦ Rachel Lamb
✦ Crystal & Ava Sadler
✦ Glenna Sunderland

1:00-2:00 & Cleanup
✦ Kathy Mills
✦ Sandy Robinson

GENERAL CLEANUP

✦ EVERYONE

KITCHEN

Barbeque

Co-Chairs, Midge Herschleb
& Sue Thomasgard

Poultry Salad

Co-Chairs, Carol Ann
Harvestine & Diane Sweat

Friday Helpers - 9:00

✦ Midge Herschleb
✦ Nina Pelo
✦ Sara Tyne
✦ Becky Taylor
✦ Carol Ann Harvestine
✦ Lu Ann Slattery
✦ Diane Sweat
✦ Gloria Wunrow

Saturday Helpers - 9:00

✦ Sharon Studinski
✦ Julie Berg
✦ Diane Sweat
✦ Carol Ann Harvestine

Kitchen Cleanup

✦ Larry Miller
✦ Leo Thomasgard
✦ Chuck Lamb
✦ John Sweat

HAND-CRAFTED

✦ Judy Miller
✦ Becky Taylor
✦ Sara Tyne (pricing help)

MUSIC

Chair, Ellen Mazurek
✦ Pastor Caleb
✦ Sue Mitchell
✦ Judy Miller
✦ Erin Taylor

PIES

✦ Sara Tyne
✦ Nikki Heitman

PUBLICITY*

✦ Mary Heuer
✦ Amy Palik
✦ Becky Taylor

* With special thanks to all who
distributed posters

TABLE DRESSING

✦ Julie Berg

TREASURER

Mary Heuer
Ed Heuer, Assist. Counter





November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	1	2	3	4
10:00 AM Worship	Pastor is available on Mondays by appointment-only.	Halloween 			(Don't forget to check out El Café's evening fish fry!) Pastor's day off	UWIF Holiday Bazaar 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00 AM Worship (Reign of Christ Sunday) Nurture/Children's Ministries – after worship  noon	Pastor is available on Mondays by appointment-only. Leadership Dinner at Grace's – 6:00 PM			9:30 AM UWIF Thank You Brunch	Pastor's day off	VETERAN'S DAY 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00 AM Worship CONSECRATION SUNDAY Celebration Luncheon following the service (reserve your spot!)  noon	Pastor is available on Mondays by appointment-only.		Due date to reserve a book for the Advent Fellowship-Study	PEUMC works at FOCUS Neighborhood Meals 4:00-6:00 PM	Pastor's day off	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:00 AM Worship (Native Am. Sunday) Church Council – after worship  noon Rapids Area Thanksgiving Service at PEUMC 6:00 PM	Pastor is available on Mondays by appointment-only.		WI Rapids "Rekindle the Spirit" Holiday Parade	Happy Thanksgiving  OFFICE CLOSED	 11:30 AM	Hanging of the Greens – starting at 10:30 AM
Pastor is out of state visiting family.						
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	Dec 2
10:00 AM Service Blessing of the Greens Service	Advent Fellowship-Study begins (1 of 4) 11:00 AM at Marshfield Wesley UMC				Pastor's day off	Nekoosa Hometown Holiday Parade

Noteworthy



TRUNK-OR-TREAT '23

Port Edwards' Trunk-or-Treat event took place on Wednesday, October 25th. All the donated candy was collected into Ziploc bags, each with our church name and information inside each. Lindsey Hintz created the owl proclaiming the message: *"Owl' you need is Jesus!"* Julie Berg, Kathy Mills, Pastor Doug, and Pastor Caleb represented the church during the 2-hour event! *Thanks to all who helped!*

**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, FOR
HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN OCTOBER!**



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
Leo 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.



By Merging Strengths of SWEPS, Rapids Family Backpacks & The Neighborhood Table

FOCUS Food Pantry Helpers

Julie Berg
Bill Lindroth
Pat Markuson
Renee Marzofka
Larry & Judy Miller
Sue Mitchell
Becky Taylor
Leo & Sue Thomasgard
Sara Tyne

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

ANNIVERSARIES

November 6

Jon & Mandy Mykisen

November 7

Gaylord & Mable Johnson

November 9

John & Diane Sweat

BIRTHDAYS

November 3

Lynn Dunahee

November 8

Guy Detlefsen, Jr.
Aaron Harnisch

November 10

Ava Sadler

November 11

Melora Cumberland

November 15

Lisa Miller

November 17

Denise DeMeyer
Sawyer Hintz

November 19

Eliza Hintz

November 21

Linda Frost

November 24

Jerry Friday

November 29

Chris Landowski

GIVE

Thanks be to God for His
incredible gift! 2 Cor. 9:15

Enter **H**is gates with thanksgiving and
his courts with praise. Psalms 100:4

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Psalms 29:1

And **N**ow we thank you, our God, and
praise your glorious name. 1 Chron. 29:13

Let us **K**neel before the Lord our Maker.
Psalms 95:6

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving,
sing praises to our God. Psalms 147:7