



Happy Retirement - Amy

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR TALENTS DURING YOUR WORK HOURS AT THE CHURCH. YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS ARE TERRIFIC AND OBVIOUS ON ALL THE ITEMS YOU DESIGNED. BEST WISHES ON YOUR RETIREMENT.
JIM & MIDGE

AMY, I AND NANCY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT JOB YOU DID FOR PEUMC. YOUR SERVICE TO US WAS ABOVE EXPECTATIONS. THANK YOU AGAIN
~ JERRY & NANCY KLAHN

THANK YOU, AMY, FOR 3-1/2 YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE TO THIS CHURCH. YOUR FRIENDLINESS, CREATIVITY, ORGANIZATION AND EFFICIENCY HAVE BEEN A TRUE GIFT. WE HOPE YOU CAN NOW HAVE TIME TO RELAX AND ENJOY THIS NEW PHASE OF LIFE.
LEO & SUE THOMASGARD

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND SMILING FACE THAT YOU HAVE SHARED WITH US THE PAST FEW YEARS. ENJOY YOUR WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT. YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.
LUANN SLATTERY

AMY, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR CONGREGATION DURING THE LAST 3-1/2 YEARS. YOU HAVE BEEN EFFICIENT AND ORGANIZED. PLUS YOU HAVE TAKEN MY PHONE CALLS IN A VERY FRIENDLY MANNER! WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT. BEST WISHES - KATHY MCGRATH

AMY, OUR GRATITUDE TO YOU COULD NOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR HARD WORK. WE KNOW HOW MUCH PASTOR CALEB DEPENDS ON YOU TO KEEP THINGS ROLLING AND TO ANYONE WHO COMES INTO YOUR OFFICE (AS IF YOU DIDNT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO CHIT CHAT WITH US). AMY YOU ARE GOD'S GIFT TO THIS CHURCH AND CONGREGATION. MAY GOD SHINE ON YOUR AS YOU HAVE SHINED ON PEUMC.
KATHY MILLS

HI AMY, THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SERVICE. THANK YOU TOO FOR OUR LITTLE VISITS ALONG THE WAY ABOUT LOST CHECKS AND MANY OTHER THINGS!
GLORIA WUNROW

HI AMY, WE WILL CERTAINLY MISS YOUR SMILING FACE! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE WHILE YOU WERE HERE. YOUR CREATIVITY AND ENERGY WAS SO EVIDENT. ENJOY YOUR TIME. HAPPY GARDENING! ~ JUDY, LARRY & AUGIE

DEAR AMY THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION IN SERVICE OF PEUMC. WE APPRECIATE AND VALUE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS THAT KEPT THE OFFICE RUNNING SMOOTHLY AND ELEVATED THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY. ENJOY YOUR WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT! GOD BLESS YOU.
JEFF & BECKY

Sweet Valentines!

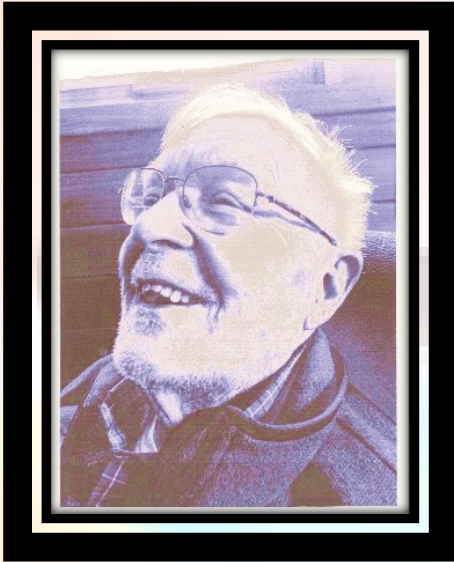
Our Sunday School kids had a blast creating a Valentine's Day Card almost as big as they are! What a wonderful surprise for Pastor Caleb!



PEUMC Congregation: Thank you so much for all of your cards, gifts, and hugs goodbye as I begin my retirement. I truly believe that the Lord brought me here for a purpose-that purpose was to meet all of you! Retirement is bittersweet, looking forward to time with my husband, family, and grandchildren. May God bless you all! Amy

PEUMC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

ED HEUER



Did you, or do you still have any nicknames?

My family called me Junior because my dad was Edwin Herman Heuer, Sr. and I am named after him.

How long have you attended PEUMC?

Mary and I have been members since 1968. We walked into the office that summer and asked to have our membership transferred here.

What is your favorite memory about PEUMC?

Christmas when Newell Jasperson brought huge trees to be decorated. Also, the men's breakfasts that we used to have on Saturday morning.

What is your favorite hymn or Christian song? Why?

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee." It goes way back in my memory.

What are your hobbies?

Photography, biking, listening to big band music and woodworking.

What is your favorite holiday tradition

Family gatherings. I love the four-generation interaction.

What is your favorite food or recipe?

Mary's mac & cheese - crusty on top.

Share with us some fun facts about yourself (family, marriage, upbringing, interests, hobbies, teams, schooling, etc.).

I have two sisters, three children, six grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Mary and I have been happily married for 69 years. I commuted with friends from Racine to Northwestern four summers to get my master's degree.

What religious traditions did you grow up with?

My grandmother was a strong influence in my attending Wild Rose Methodist Church.

What brought you to this area?

Several friends told me that Port Edwards was looking to hire an elementary/Jr. high principal and encouraged me to apply. I served in the district for 22 years.

Share something about yourself that probably nobody at church knows about you.

I earned a private pilot's license at age 17.

What advice would you give someone curious about our faith or church?

Port Edwards United Methodist Church is a friendly place to worship, and I have always felt very comfortable there.

Is there any other information you'd like to share with us?

The Port Edwards Board of Education honored me by placing my name on the elementary school!

JIM HERSCHLEB



Did you, or do you still have any nicknames?

One of my granddaughters use to call me Mister Fixit because I was always putzing around repairing or building something.

How long have you attended PEUMC?

Since January 31, 2010.

What is your favorite memory about PEUMC?

The first year that we helped put up Christmas decorations in the church and how beautiful it looked when completed.

What is your favorite hymn or Christian song? Why?

"Silent Night." I love the tune, the harmony, and the story of the birth of Jesus.

What are your hobbies?

Designing and constructing projects for people and at church.

What is your favorite holiday tradition

Family gatherings at Christmas.

What is your favorite food or recipe?

Biscuits and gravy with two over-easy eggs, hash brown potatoes, and coffee. MMMMM-good!

Share with us some fun facts about yourself (family, marriage, upbringing, interests, hobbies, teams, schooling, etc.).

I am an only child, and my parents were wonderful people. My wife and I have our 60th wedding anniversary coming up on June 20, 2024. We have had an outstanding marriage with two wonderful children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild. I also enjoy cooking and baking.

What religious traditions did you grow up with?

Methodist church, Sunday school, MYF. All of these things were at three different churches: Pewaukee, Wisconsin Rapids, and Port Edwards.

What brought you to this area?

An ad in the Easter Sunday Milwaukee Journal for a maintenance carpenter, cabinet maker, and mechanical maintenance man at Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids.

Share something about yourself that probably nobody at church knows about you.

Dancing with my wife before I had major hip surgery.

What advice would you give someone curious about our faith or church?

Come and join us and meet the friendly people that always welcome newcomers.

Is there any other information you'd like to share with us?

I have always enjoyed doing projects at church, however, since I had major hip surgery it makes it very difficult to get around and participate.

March Member Prayers

This month the congregation is asked to pray for the following families (randomly chosen on 2/25):

- Sharon Studinski
- Gloria Wunrow
- LuAnn & Dennis Slattery
- Leo & Sue Thomasgard
- Jeff & Becky Taylor



Easter Choir Practice

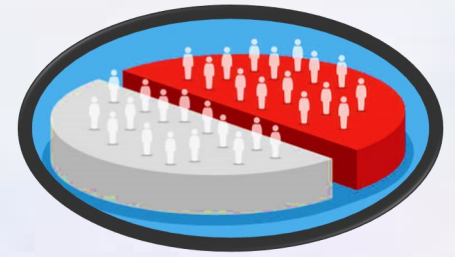


Calling all singers! We will be practicing the 2005 song *"Everlasting God"* for Easter Sunday.

Our practices will be Sundays, March 17th, 24th, and 31st each at 9:15 AM in the sanctuary. Sheet music is now available near the clipboards throughout March.

Year End Statistics

Every year, each local United Methodist church is required to submit a statistical report to the denomination. Below are just some of the numbers given from PEUMC for the calendar year 2023. Naturally, some of the numbers requested are harder than others to determine with great accuracy, but we try our best to have them reflect reality.



Professing Membership:

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| Professing Membership at start of 2023: | 124 |
| Professing Membership at end of 2023: | 114 |
| Received into Membership from other denominations (Missouri Synod Lutheran): .. | 2 |
| Withdrawn from Professing Membership (2 families): | 5 |
| Removed by death: | 7 |
| Membership Ethnicity: | 100% white |
| Membership Gender: | 70 females; 44 males; 0 non-binary |

Attendance:

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| Average in-person attendance on Sundays in 2023: | 36 |
| Average **online attendance on Sundays in 2023: | 14 |

**** Question: How do we calculate these numbers?**

Answer: There is no perfect way to calculate online attendance. We certainly keep track every time someone submits an online registration, and YouTube keeps track of the number of views each service receives. BUT one view does not necessarily equal one person. One view could be 2 or more people watching on the same device. One person could have watched the video multiple times or have logged on and off several times during the video; this causes a new view to be counted each time. *And is it really fair to count the views that a video receives three months later? Is that really 'attending' the service?* So, in 2024, we are going to keep track of the number of YouTube views that take place while the service is live and those in the first 30 days of being posted online. This number will be multiplied by the average older household in Wisconsin (1.8).

Baptisms:

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| Number of persons baptized in 2023: | 1 |
| | <i>(person was already being counted as a member)</i> |
| Total baptized members who have not yet become professing members (children): | 15 |
| Number of persons on constituency roll (active nonmembers): | 15 |

Christian Formation Groups:

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| Number of children in all Christian formation groups ages 0-11:..... | 7 |
| Number of youth ages 12-18:..... | 1 |
| Number of adults ages 31-older:..... | 7 |
| Total enrolled in Confirmation: | 3 |
| Average attendance in Sunday School:..... | 5 |
| Number of ongoing classes/small groups:..... | 2 |
| Number of short-term classes/groups:..... | 3 |

United Women in Faith (UWIF)

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| Membership in UWIF: | 17 |
| UWIF Amount Spent for church/community projects: | \$3,770 |

Mission and Outreach

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| Number of persons engaged in mission/community ministries: | 25 |
| Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy: | .50 |

Assets and Expenses:

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| Debt owed by church: | \$0 |
| Amount given to United Methodist causes (not sent to A.C. Treasurer): | \$848 |
| Amount given to non-United Methodist causes: | \$4,012 |
| Amount spent for church program expenses: | \$4,600 |
| Amount spent for church operating expenses: | \$65,400 |
| Total amount paid by the church on all expenditures: | \$207,817 |

Income:

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| Number of giving units: | 54 |
| Amount received from identified givers: | \$89,761 |
| Amount received from unidentified givers (loose offering): | \$426 |
| Amount received from sale of church assets (children's tables): | \$10 |
| Amount received through building use fees/rentals: | \$350 |
| Total income raised toward budget: | \$90,54 |

Capital Projects:

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| Amount Received for Capital Campaigns: | \$8,350 |
| Amount Received for Memorials, Endowments, and Bequests: | \$8,644 |
| Amount Received from Other Sources: | \$101,580 |
| Total income raised for designated causes/special projects: | \$125,470 |



March–April Bimonthly Mission Project

The Family Center – Wisconsin Rapids

**GOAL: FILL 20 BAGS OF UNDERSIZE/TRAVEL-SIZE
HOUSEHOLD/HYGIENE PRODUCTS**

Our missional goal is to completely fill 20 “Sendoff Bags.” These bags will be given to client-families at the time they leave the Family Center program and enter permanent housing for the first time. Many of these clients do not have the initial household and hygiene products necessary to start a new life in a place of their own. So, these bags will be something like practical “housewarming baskets.”

The following list is a suggestion:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> garbage bags | <input type="checkbox"/> toothbrushes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dish soap | <input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> light bulbs | <input type="checkbox"/> paper towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> batteries (all sizes) | <input type="checkbox"/> toilet paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> laundry detergent | <input type="checkbox"/> shampoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sponges | <input type="checkbox"/> body wash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> general cleaning items | <input type="checkbox"/> etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> towels (hand, bath, dish) | |

NOTE:

- All items should be undersized or travel-size. Laundry detergent could be a handful of pods or individual packets, for instance. These items must fit in a tote bag. Size of bag TBD.
- Bring these items to the church sooner than later so that we can monitor the progress and keep you updated!
- All money collected will be given directly to The Family Center and will not be allocated to purchase “Sendoff” items.

Bulletin Bloopers:

1. A cookbook is being created for the church. Please submit your favorite recipe, along with a short antidote for it.
2. A bean supper will be held this Tuesday in the church hall. Music to follow.
3. Barb remains in the hospital. She said she is having trouble sleep and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson’s sermons.
4. The “Over 60’s Choir” will be disbanded for the summer, with much thanks from the entire church!

Easter Lily Order Form



Order Deadline
Sunday March 17, 2024

\$10 per plant

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ # of Easter Lilies.

Please make checks payable to **Port Edwards United Methodist Church (or PEUMC)** and indicate *“Easter Lilies”* on the memo line.

You may take your plant home after worship on Easter Sunday.
Any plants that are left will be delivered to a shut-in.

Your Name

Lilies for Easter

If you would like to contribute an Easter Lily for our service on Easter Sunday morning, you are welcome to do so.

Use the order form (on the back of this page). If you choose to do a dedication, please fill out the *“In Honor of”* and *“In Memory Of”* lines.

There will be inserts in the Sunday bulletin beginning March 3. You can purchase one or more plants and return the form and your payment to the church office by Sunday March 17.

Cost for each plant is **\$10**. Please make checks payable to Port Edwards United Methodist Church (or PEUMC) and indicate *“EASTER LILIES”* on the memo line.

You may take your plant(s) home after worship on Easter Sunday.

Maundy Thursday “Soup and Service” with Nekoosa UCC



Date: Thursday, March 28th - 6:00 PM

Location: PEUMC Fellowship Hall

Soup-and-bread meal at 6:00 PM – Last Supper Service interspersed during meal.

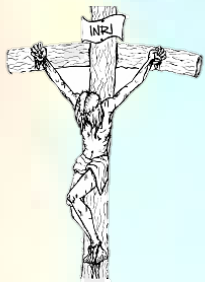
Soups and bread are needed for the meal

We will be looking for volunteers to prepare 5-6 soups and bread for this event.

--PEUMC will provide soup & bread.

--Nekoosa UCC will be asked to provide desserts.

GOOD FRIDAY A SHORT, SOLEMN OBSERVANCE



2:45 – 3:00 PM – FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH (sanctuary)

Biblical accounts state that Jesus died around 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We will not be hosting a full-length service for Good Friday but hosting a simple gathering for a quick observance at the cross.

We'll gather in the sanctuary at 2:45 PM for a solemn moment of reflection and liturgy

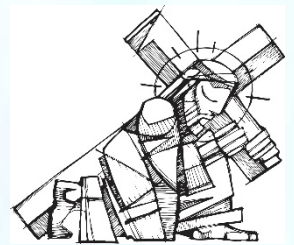
Stations of the Cross - Self-Guided, Come-and-Go Devotions PEUMC Fellowship Hall

Monday through Friday – last two weeks of March

Morning 9:00 am – 1:00 pm / Evenings 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Stations of the Cross (also known as 'Way of the Cross' or 'Via Crucis,' Way of Sorrows) refers to a series of images depicting the events in the life of Jesus Christ on the day of His death. Each image, or station, is accompanied by reflections and devotions. The original Stations of the Cross come from the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem the traditional route Jesus took carrying His cross through streets of City of David.

Our Stations of the Cross will be prayer stations placed around the perimeter of our Fellowship Hall. It will be self-guided. For two weeks (10 days, 4 hours in the morning, 4 hours in the evening), the Fellowship Hall will remain open for you to stop by and pray your way through the Good Friday events. There will be approximately 12 stations.





EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM – POTLUCK BREAKFAST
- 9:00 AM – A SIMPLE SERVICE AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE
- 9:15 AM – CHOIR PRACTICE
- 10:00 AM – EASTER SERVICE

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



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

Home Delivered Meals Drivers

- 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!**



My Water Looks and Tastes Good...Is It SAFE?

**“The Future of Clean Drinking Water in the Central Sands”
A Panel Presentation and Discussion**

- March 18, 2024 - 6:00 PM
- McMillan Library, 490 E Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, Fine Arts Center
- Speakers:
 - Dr. George Kraft – Professor Emeritus of Water Resources, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and Extension
 - Melessa Johnson – Executive Director, Wisconsin Green Fire
 - Ben Jeffrey, RS - Environmental Health Supervisor, Wood County Health Department
 - Katie Rosenberg – Mayor, City of Wausau
- Moderator:
 - Lance Pliml - Board Chairman, Wood County

Q & A to Follow, Conducted by The League of Women Voters of the Wisconsin Rapids Area.



“THE LAST SUPPER”

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
IN COOPERATION WITH ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH,
WILL PRESENT THE 20TH PRESENTATION OF
“THE LAST SUPPER”

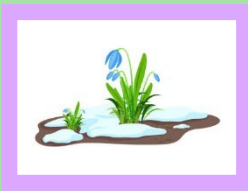
THE PERFORMANCE WILL BE HELD
AT WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
211 SOUTH MAPLE AVENUE, MARSHFIELD

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

@ 7:00 PM

* We'd like to take a church group to the 3/27 performance **FREE ADMISSION**



March

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| Feb 25 | Feb 26 | Feb 27 | Feb 28 | Feb 29 | 1 | 2 |
| First Sunday in Lent 10 am | | Ordinary Angels Showtime pending | Lent in Plain Sight 7 pm @PEUMC (Nurture Committee Coffee Hour) | | <i>Pastor's day off</i> | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Second Sunday in Lent 11:15 am Cake reception for Amy Palik Retirement | | Sharing Memories 10:30 Discussion 11:00 Lunch @ El-Café Birthday Curtis Frost | Lent in Plain Sight 7 pm @NUCC <i>Amy's last day</i> | UWIF Brown Bag Luncheon 12:15 pm ANNIVERSARY Luann & Dennis Slattery | <i>Pastor's day off</i> | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Third Sunday in Lent 2nd Sunday Refreshments Pancake Breakfast 8-12 noon – PE High School | Birthday Page Clark | Nurture Committee 10 am | Lent in Plain Sight 7 pm @ PEUMC (Nurture Committee Coffee Hour) Birthday Becky Taylor | | Birthday Jean Osteraas <i>Pastor's day off</i> | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Fourth Sunday in Lent Easter Choir Practice 9:15 am Church Council 11:15 am CONFIRMATION | Water Quality Meeting 6 pm McMillan Library STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm | Birthday Bill Lindroth STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm | SPRC Mtg. - 10 am Lent in Plain Sight 7 pm @ NUCC (last service) STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm | Birthday Pastor Doug STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm | <i>Pastor's day off</i> STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm | Birthday Nathan Haddow |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Palm-Passion Sunday Easter Choir Practice 9:15 am Birthday Travis Hintz | Live Last Supper Marshfield Wesley UMC 7 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm | Worship Committee Meeting 8:30 am STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm | Live Last Supper Marshfield Wesley UMC 7 pm Birthday Kali Mayek STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm | Maundy Thursday Meal & service @ 6 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm | Good Friday Service - 2:45 - 3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm <i>Pastor's day off</i> | STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9—1 pm, 4-8 pm |
| 31 | April 1 | April 2 | April 3 | April 4 | April 5 | April 6 |
| Easter Sunday 8:30 am Potluck Breakfast 9:00 am Simple Early Service 10:00 am Normal Service Easter Choir Practice 9:15 am Birthday Samantha Gustin | | Worship Team 9:00 am Sharing Memories 10:30 Discussion 11:00 Lunch @ El-Cafe | | | <i>Pastor's day off</i> | |