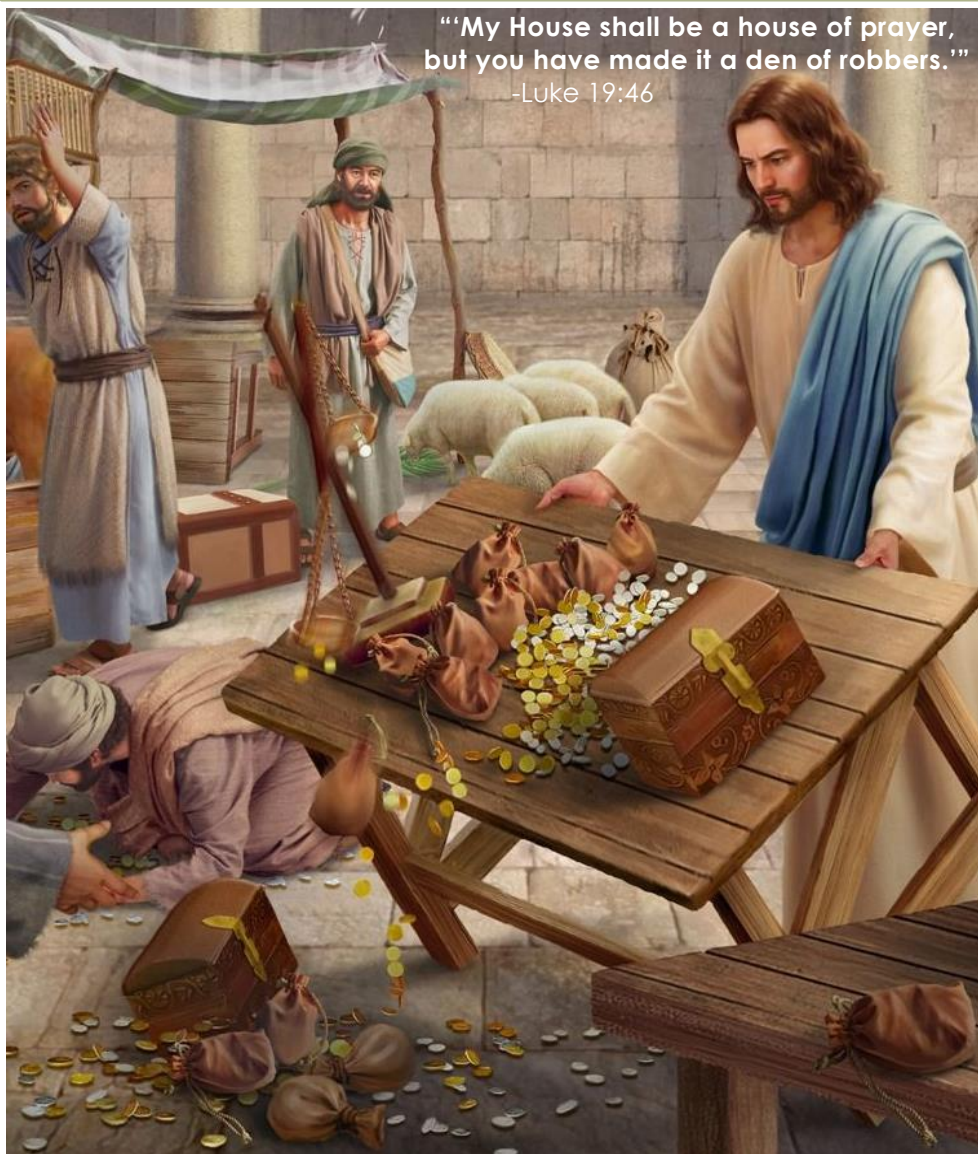


Palm-Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 13th, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

“My House shall be a house of prayer,
but you have made it a den of robbers.”
-Luke 19:46



The Rev. Caleb McGregor, Pastor



Leo T., Lay Leader

Judy M., Accompanist

Colby G., Media Technician

Candy P., Liturgist

Sharon S., Greeter

Kathy Mc., Guest Relations

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; hail the Incarnate Deity." -*Charles Wesley*

"Rejoice in today; no amount of guilt can solve the past

and no amount of anxiety can change the future." -*Ruth Graham*

"By this everyone will know you are My disciples, if you love one another." -*John 13:35*

Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you!

L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / * – stand in body or spirit
UMH – *The United Methodist Hymnal* TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

(1) *The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

WORDS OF WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING

JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM Luke 19:29-40

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #1:  *Mantos y Palmas*  UMH 279
(wave your palm branch as you sing!)



(2) *We listen to what God is saying to us!*

†***JESUS TEACHES IN THE TEMPLE** Luke 19:41-21:38

†*HYMN OF PRAISE #2:  *We Will Glorify*  TFWS 2087
(wave your palm branch as you sing!)

SERMON

Let Your Light Shine

(3) *We respond to what God is saying to us!*

† A LENTEN PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

(4) *We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE PASSION OF JESUS Luke 22-23

*A BLESSING AND GOING FORTH

(You are invited to place any offerings in the **Offering Box** as you leave the sanctuary;
you may also give online at **peumc.org/donate** or use the **QR Code** in this bulletin.)

Prayer List:

Pray for these members & friends throughout April:

Chris La. Mansavages Ann De. Candy P.T. Hernesmans

Korbin Bo. Mat & Gracie Fa. Laura & Mark Fl. Pastors Caleb & Doug

Our Shut-Ins: Mabel J.; Jim H.; Mary & Ed H.; Chris L.; Lynn R.

Our Children: Addisyn, Brynlee, Eliza, Ella, Gabriel, Gabrielle, Gracie, Sawyer, and Symphony.

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Korbin B.; Danial H.; Carson P.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

From 3/16: Prayers for our daughter's friend and colleague, **Ryan**, who has non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is in serious condition right now (Sue T.); prayers for those who received storm damage in S. Ill and S. Ind., like Neoga (IL) High School (Pastor).

From 3/23: JOY: **Emma Michelle Mc.**, niece of my son & daughter-in-law, was born on Tuesday, March 4th; baby & mom are both healthy (Candy).

From 3/30: Prayers for this week's **elections**; prayers for **Thailand**; prayers for **Rhonda**; prayers for reports of **those being 'disappeared.'**

From 4/6: Our daughter's friend & colleague, **Ryan**, who is battling non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and is currently in critical condition (Thomasgards); **Carol**, a very good friend, recently diagnosed with renal carcinoma and had a kidney successfully removed but will continue treatment to prevent spread of cancer (Sue M.); **family of James P.; Kayana & JR; Donta; Kathy; Jeff; and April.**

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (4/14): Luke 20:20-47

Tuesday (4/15): Luke 21:5-24

Wednesday (4/16): Luke 21:25-38

Thursday (4/17): Luke 22

Friday (4/18): Luke 23:1-47

Saturday (4/19): Luke 23:44-56

Sunday (4/20): Luke 24:1-12

April Mission Project:

Collect **reading glasses, composition notebooks, and playing cards** for inmates at the Wood County jail (jail ministry).

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

College Care Packages

Please take a packet of note slips today and write a message for each of our **6** current college students (return by April 27th). Please let us know if we missed a college student or active military personnel. We are also **collecting \$\$\$** through end of April for items to mail in our care packages.

A Call to Discipleship:

(refer to this list throughout the week to keep you accountable!)

- ☐ **Prayer theme:** “Lord, melt me, mold me, fill me, and use me.” / “Lord, what do you want me to do [or be] for Your sake today?”
- ☐ **Consider:** Is there any greater, divine significance to the things I busy myself with each day? Is my work a kind of “soft” ministry?
- ☐ **Action:** Welcome Christ into *every* part of your life; try to blur the line between the religious dimensions of your life and the secular ones.
- ☐ I will invite these person(s) to church: _____
- ☐ I will visit/call these person(s) this week: _____
- ☐ Donate \$_____ to a mission/charity/cause this week.
- ☐ Set aside \$_____ for my church offering next week.
- ☐ Volunteer at Neighborhood Meals; food pantry; Meals on Wheels.
- ☐ Sign up as a greeter / usher / liturgist for a future service.
- ☐ Pray over the prayer list in this bulletin.
- ☐ Read a daily devotional, like the *Upper Room* (take a copy; it's free!)

Sunday Services – 10a

Today - April 13th

PALM-PASSION SUNDAY

9:15A – Choir Practice (2 of 3)

Second Sunday Refreshments

Leadership Council – 11:20a

(Jesus on a Donkey + Suffering of Jesus)

April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30a – Potluck Breakfast

8:45a – Simple Early Service

9:15A – Choir Practice (3 of 3)

10:00a – Regular Service

(Script.: Jesus Rises from the Grave)

April 27th

EASTER.2

COLLEGE CARE NOTES & \$\$\$ DUE.

(Script.: Jesus Appears to 2 Disciples)

THIS WEEK: Holy Week Services

LIVE LAST SUPPER SERVICE – Marshfield Wesley UMC

***Monday, April 14th & Wednesday, April 16th – 7:00 pm**

*(*we hope to take a group on Monday)* Free event.

Maundy Thursday Service – THIS THURSDAY – Nekoosa UCC

7:00-8:00 PM

Good Friday Service – THIS FRIDAY – PEUMC – 2:45-3:00 PM

HOLY WEEK (7) (WEEK OF 4/13)

46 DAYS OF KINDNESS

A LENTEN CHALLENGE

Directions: Keep 1 per person—couple should not share!

Put this in a prominent place in your home!

☒ *each challenge that you complete.*

They do not have to be completed on the day listed.

**RETURN THIS TO WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY!
NEXT SUNDAY (EASTER) IS THE LAST SUNDAY
TO TURN IN *ALL* YOUR CHALLENGES!**

*Goal: Each week, after all cards are collected, we will total up the number of “acts of random kindness” or “ARK” from our cards. Our congregational Lenten goal is 350 acts! (You do **not** need to put your name on this.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 40 | 4/13 (Palm-Passion Sunday) | Pray for PEUMC, your pastor, our sick & shut-in members, our leaders, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 41 | 4/14 (Holy Monday) | Leave a treat or baked good for a neighbor. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 42 | 4/15 (Holy Tuesday) | <i>Your choosing. List details:</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 43 | 4/16 (Holy Wednesday) | Offer to clean up after someone. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 44 | 4/17 (Maundy Thursday) | Share a meal with someone. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 45 | 4/18 (Good Friday) | Take a ‘sabbath rest’ from social media OR avoid complaining. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 46 | 4/19 (Holy Saturday) | Give a hearty prayer of thanks to God/Jesus. |

My weekly total is (circle): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

**If you’ve missed any of the previous weeks, you can pick up previous weekly challenges right now on the front table near the main entry.
Easter Sunday is the final Sunday to return all your challenges!*

Job Opening – Media Technician:

Colby G. is graduating in May.

After multiple attempts by family and pastor to get him to stay (like, repeat his senior year), he is determined to be off on new and wonderful things in the fall. Oh well!

So we are looking for his next replacement!

The Media Technician (MT) operates the computer & software in our sanctuary during our services for our live-stream ministry.

- (1) *Do you know of anyone (high schooler or not) who may be a good fit for this position? A neighbor? A friend? A family member?*
- (2) *Do you think YOU would be a good candidate?*

- The position pays \$25 a service.
- Additional services, like Lenten services, weddings, funerals, etc. would also pay \$25.
- Apply by date: May 1st
- Start date: June 1st

Call the church office for an application.

Port Edwards Community **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 19th – 10:15 AM

(immediately following the Lions' Club hunt at the park)

on the

**Port Edwards United Methodist Church lawn
(411 Wisconsin River Drive)**



❖ Special egg hunts for toddlers!

❖ Candy-filled eggs and Golden Egg prizes!

RAIN DATE: The following Saturday – same time.

The Incarnational Tradition:

Discovering the Sacramental Life

from Richard Foster, abridged by Pastor Caleb

We have examined the *prayer-filled* life of the **Contemplative Stream** that lays the foundation for both the *virtuous* life and the *Spirit-empowered* life of the **Holiness** and **Charismatic Streams** respectively, and how these give us the ability to engage in the *compassionate* life of the **Social Justice Stream** and the *proclamation* of the Good News of the Kin'dom of God through the **Evangelical Stream**. The one element remaining is to understand how all of these pieces function together in ordinary life.

The **Incarnational Stream** of Christian life and faith focuses upon making present and visible the realm of the invisible spirit. This *sacramental* way of living addresses the crying need to experience God as truly manifest and notoriously active in daily life.

HISTORIC EXAMPLE:

At Susanna's baptism, her father, Dr. Samuel Annesley, was asked how many children he had. He replied, "*I think about two dozen or so, or maybe a quarter of a hundred.*" The last guess was the correct one: Susanna was the last of twenty-five children!

Susanna immersed herself in the details of daily life: finding God in the details and serving God through these same details. Susanna is like millions of others who have learned to do ordinary things with a perception of their enormous value. Later in life, she prayed, "*Lord, help me to remember that religion is not to be confined to the church, or closet, nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that everywhere I am in Thy presence. So may my every word and action have a moral content. . . . May all the happenings of my life prove useful and beneficial to me. May all things instruct me and afford me an opportunity of exercising some virtue and daily learning and growing toward Thy likeness. . . . Amen.*" This prayer is one of the finest expressions of the **Incarnational Tradition** you will ever end.

Although she could not attend college, she received a substantial education at home. Her father, known for his intellectual acumen (M.A. and L.L.D. from Queen's College, Oxford) took an active part in her education. Under his tutelage, Susanna studied logic, metaphysics, anatomy, French, and possibly Greek and Latin. She has been called "a theologian in short dresses," and for good reason. By the time she was 13, she had carefully weighed the doctrinal debates between the Nonconformist (nondenominational) groups (her father was known as "the St. Paul of the Nonconformists") and the established Church of England and she decided in favor of Anglicanism, against her father's wishes. Still, she remained her father's favorite daughter.

Her husband, Samuel, never became well known – but two of her 19 children became among the most famous figures in all of England. I'm speaking of Charles and John Wesley. This is the story of Susanna Wesley – the Mother of Methodism.

Susanna was first and foremost a mother. For her, motherhood was a calling – a *vocation* – and she took up this work with a seriousness that is hard for people to comprehend today. The fact that she had 19 children in a span of twenty years is, by itself, difficult for us to wrap our modern minds around. Nine of these children did not survive infancy, but the remaining 10 received a loving care that was special even in that day. And training – did they ever receive! Susanna has received universal acclaim for the way she undertook to educate all of her children in a kind of "home schooling" environment. In essence, she ran her own private boarding school. All the children (7 girls & 3 boys) – on their 5th birthday were taught the entire alphabet in a day. And then they started immediately on the first chapter of Genesis. From there, the syllabus included grammar, history, mathematics, geography, and theology. Samuel, the father, helped occasionally with lessons in the classics.

Her teaching schedule went from 9 in the morning until noon and from 2 until 5 in the afternoon. Susanna kept up this 6-hour-a-day schedule for 20 years. Each day she would watch over her children doing their lessons, all the while nursing the newest baby, keeping the household accounts, writing her letters, doing her sewing. She also met individually with each child once a week. John's day was Thursday

nights, and all through his influential ministry he expressed his indebtedness for those Thursday night sessions with his mom.

Suffice it to say that she and her husband had their fair share of “calamities of life.” But she endured. The secret of her endurance was a *faith* that could see everything in light of God’s overriding governance for good, a *hope* that could carry her through the most difficult of circumstances, and a *love* that could overcome evil with good.

Susanna Wesley lived sacramentally in the most common ventures of life. The details of her living were the arena for her interaction with God and the place where she built a history with God.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLE:

*Who embodies the **Incarnational Stream** above all else?* The answer: **Jesus Christ**. Jesus is The Incarnation itself. Emmanuel: God with us. God visible and tangible to the world.

For another example, let us examine Exodus 31. Up to this point, God had been seen quite regularly: the people saw the cloud by day and pillar of fire by night, tablets of law hewn out by the finger of God, burning bushes, plagues and Passovers in Egypt. *But what about God in human activity?*

After nearly a year camping out in the wilderness of Sinai, God orders intense human work – skilled artistry – in the building of a movable tent called a Tabernacle and, inside it, the Ark of the Covenant. And because of this effort, God would allow God’s own glory to “live” in this Tabernacle.

And right in the center of this building project is a man named Bezalel. *“The LORD spoke to Moses: See, I have called by name Bezalel . . . and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft”* (Exodus 31:1-5). God chose a skilled artisan and had him use his artistry to show forth God’s manifest presence to the people. Bezalel was a professional artisan – and through his job he would be granted the vocation to demonstrate the presence of God. Bezalel was the very first person in the Bible to ever be described as “full of the Spirit of God.” It wasn’t a priest or prophet or patriarch, but a blue-collar worker. Perhaps this will give us a

hint of how much God values the work of our hands. Bezalel was able to produce for the people a continual vision of God throughout their wanderings in the wilderness.

The Sacraments of the Church (Holy Baptism & Holy Communion) most completely demonstrate for us God's use of physical, earthly matter to make present and visible the invisible realm of the Spirit. They are, in fact, defined as "visible means of an invisible grace." But this religious dimension is the beginning, not the end. We are to take this life and incorporate it into all we are and all we do. We bring it into daily life: our homes, our work, our relationships with children and spouse and friends and neighbors, and yes, even enemies.

You see, we can never confine "the call" into full-time Christian service to just clergy-related vocations. Farmers and plumbers and secretaries are equally "called" and equally "full-time" and equally "Christian" and they can equally render their "service." The really crucial decision comes, not when we decide to be a pastor rather than a biologist, a deacon rather than a CPA, but when we decide to allow our entire life to be channel of divine love.

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