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Monthly News from Port Edwards United Methodist Church

Pouring Forth the Living Water: Bloom by the River!



Symbols of our Faith



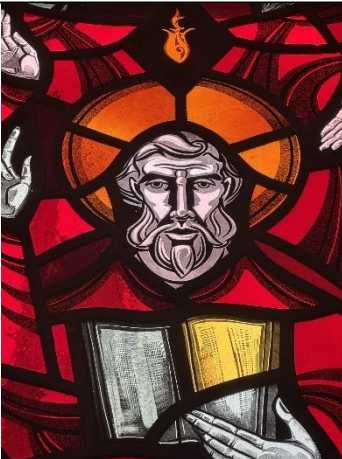
Jesus blesses the little children.
Mark 10:13-16.
Stained glass above the old main entry.



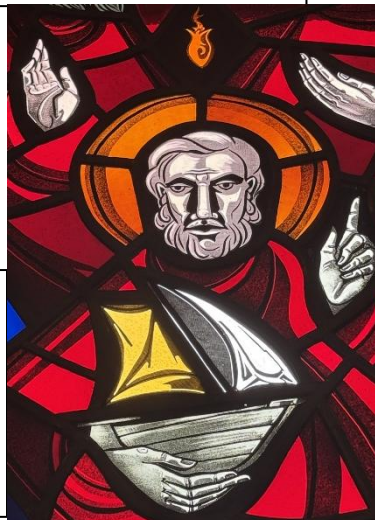
The orange object in this photo is an **oil lamp**. This represents the **Old Testament**. It also represents the **Light of Christ** that enlightens every human being and the call for Christians to be lights to the world.



The orange object in this photo is a **church**. This represents the **New Testament**. It represents the **House of God** and the gathering place of the people of God.
Location:
back of the sanctuary.



There are twelve men on this back window, representing the **Twelve Disciples**. Each disciple has a **flame** above their heads, representing the **Day of Pentecost** when they were empowered by the Holy Spirit to go forth in godly service and to proclaim the Good News. This disciple is holding a **book**, representing the command to **"teach" the Ways of Christ**.



This disciple is holding a **boat**. This represents the art of making miniature ships-in-a-bottle . . . and . . . also the command for the disciples to **go as missionaries** into every part of the world to bring the Gospel to those who haven't heard it yet. It is also our call to be in service to others and share our faith story with those who need to hear it.

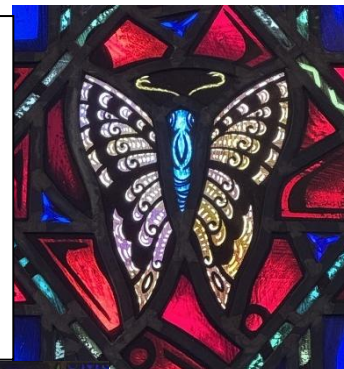


*The Great Commission by Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:16-20). The **book** and **boat** being held by the disciples represent for us the “Go” and “make” of this commission. The **blue** background may be a reference to the **baptizing** aspect of our mission.*



This is located top-center on our back windows. It is a depiction of the **Holy Trinity**. The **cross** represents **Jesus**, with beams from the sun (Son). The **hand** pointing down is a typical way to depict the **Father/Creator**, and the **dove** is, of course, the **Holy Spirit**. Together, they form the “Godhead.” From the Trinity, beams of light are pointing in the directions of the disciples. We find our wisdom and illumination from the Holy Trinity.

The **butterfly** represents **transformation of life and everlasting life**. It is also a symbol of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



This is the **Chi Rho** (ki-ro). They the first two letters of the word “Christ” (ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ) in Greek: XP. It is understood as a kind of monogram of Jesus.



The **Chi Rho** in our stained glass is within a circular globe. This most likely represents the world. **Christ is Savior & King of the whole world.**



Taking centerstage in our sanctuary is a depiction of **Jesus Christ**. This is the Risen Christ. He is holding a **banner** on a long stick. The banner has the image of a cross. This banner is a symbol of **victory**. At the feet of Jesus are two **Roman soldiers**. They followed the orders to crucify Him on the cross. But they are looking away. These two men represent the **evil powers and principalities of the world**, which must look away in fear of the goodness from the Son of God.

In our window, Jesus Christ is surrounded on both sides by **four “angels.”** These are the **four creatures** depicted in the *Book of Revelation* who represent the heavenly worship of the Godhead. Two are bowing and prayer, and two are looking up in praise. These four may also represent the four writers of the Gospels: **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.**





These two are hard to find in the window; they are depictions of the **fleur de lis** (or lily). The *fleur de lis* can symbolize **royal power**; its three petals have come to represent the **Holy Trinity**.

Most commonly, though, the flower represents **Mary, the Mother of Jesus**. (Notice the blue "M" below the flower on the left.) The two "nails" are actually the stamens of the flower.



Just above Jesus' head are the **three crosses** of the crucifixion. The light coming through these crosses means they no longer represents death but **victory over death**.



This carving is located on the **pulpit**. "*Spiritus Gladius*" means "**Spirit Sword**" in Latin. The "*sword of the Spirit is the Word of God*" according to Ephesians 6:17. The pulpit is where the Word of God is proclaimed. The Bible (or the Word of God) has been described as a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). This means that God/Bible/preaching both **comforts & confronts, destroys & restores**. God's judgement will be good to some & bad for others. The pulpit could be understood as symbolizing **ordained ministry, the work of the clergy**.



This carving of a **torch** is located on the front panel of the **lectern** from where the liturgist reads the scriptures. This carving is often covered up by a parament (altar cloth). The torch represents **godly truth** and the **pursuit of wisdom**. The lectern could be understood as symbolizing the **laity, the work of the people**. The people take the torch (Light of God) out into the world.



Don't let the lighting of these two photos fool you. These symbols are located on the left & right front of our high altar (usually covered by the altar cloth). The "A" and upside-down "U" represent Jesus who is the **Alpha** and **Omega**, the **Beginning** (of the Ancient Greek alphabet) and the **End** (of the Ancient Greek alphabet).



While *Chi-Rho* (XP) stands for "Christ" in Greek, **IHS** represents the first three letters of the name "Jesus" or **Iésous** in Greek. In this alphabet, the "I" is the equivalent of a "J." The second letter is 'eta' and becomes an "H" when capitalized. But our carving says "**IHC.**" This is a common alternate spelling. The letter 'Sigma' (Σ) is often spelled as an 'S' or a 'C.'



This carving is featured on the front-center of our altar.



These two carvings are above our altar behind the candelabras. They are of **wheat & grapes**, representing the **bread & wine** of Holy Communion (when Communion used to be placed on this table). Together, they represent the **abundance of God's creation**.



This is another example of the *Chi-Rho* (XP). Here, the two letters are intertwined. This carving is located above the cross on our altar.





P.E.U.M.C. MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

JEAN MANSAVAGE

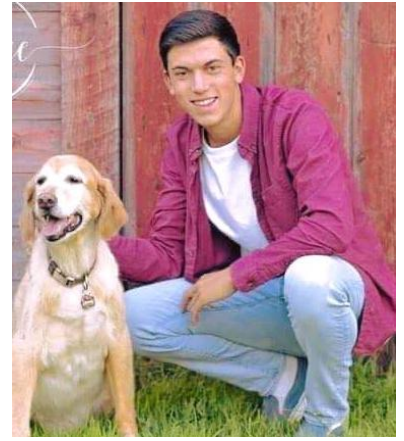
1. Do you have any nicknames? **My brothers never gave me one. There are a handful of people who get away with calling me "Jeanie."**
2. How long have you attended PEUMC? **I attended PEUMC from ages 3 to 18 years old. I rejoined the church in January 2025.**
3. What is your favorite memory about PEUMC? **I don't have a single favorite memory but an aggregate of many happy childhood recollections – Christmas Eve candlelight services; keeping the animals for a live nativity scene at our property; Cherub and junior choir practices; receiving my first Bible after our 3rd-grade class recited the 23rd Psalm for memory; being old enough in 4th grade to light the candles; helping my mom with coffee hour after church; and many more. I now recognize that PEUMC gave me a strong sense of belonging and community that I carried into the "real" world.**
4. What is your favorite hymn or Christian song? Why? **"All Creatures of Our God and King" (UMH 62) because it encourages people to see the interconnectedness of all living things.**
5. What is your favorite Bible verse or story and why? **2 Timothy 1:6-7, 13-14, "*Rekindle the gift of God that is within you . . . God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Hold to the standard of sound teaching . . . Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.*" These verses helped me overcome numerous periods of self-doubt and encouraged me to harness the gifts and talents I'd already received. When you use the gifts God has given you, God will provide you with the power you need.**
6. What are your hobbies? **Native-species gardening, birding, tramping in the woods, tending to the animals, and researching/writing on natural history subjects.**
7. What is your favorite holiday tradition? **Decorating the Christmas tree with family "heirloom" ornaments. It's like seeing old friends and brings back warm memories of sharing this tradition with my dad.**
8. What is your favorite food or recipe? **Mild Indian or Thai curries and my mom's pecan caramel rolls.**

9. Share some fun facts about yourself. **I rodeoed in junior and high school and qualified for the High School National Finals twice (breakaway roping and pole bending). I traveled to Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, India, and the Marshall Islands (Kwajalein) for work with the Defense Department Prisoner of War/Mission Personnel Office.**
10. What church, or faith tradition, did you grow up with? **I was baptized (age 8), confirmed (8th grade), and married at PEUMC. During my college, grad school, and adult years I belonged to ELCA Lutheran churches.**
11. What brought you to this area? **My parents moved to Port Edwards for the schools when I was three years old (I grew up with four older brothers). My husband, Blair Semple, and I returned to central Wisconsin from the Washington, D.C. area when I retired from federal civilian service in December 2024.**
12. Share something fun about yourself that probably nobody here knows about you. **I rode my unicycle to elementary school and played roller hockey in front of the White House.**
13. What advice would you give someone curious about our religion (Christianity) or denomination (United Methodist) or our local church?
If you are looking for a church that welcomes all and is involved in the broader local community, PEUMC would love to have you!
14. What are some of the jobs/roles you've held in your life? **Daughter, sister, wife, and lifelong student. My career as an historian included work at the Smithsonian (National Museum of American History); Department of Energy office of Human Radiation Experiments; 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee; Department of Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office; and Air Force Historical Studies Office; and as an instructor with the Department of Agricultural/Audubon Naturalist Society.**
15. What is your favorite animal? **kitties or horses** What is your favorite color? **periwinkle blue.**
What is your favorite team? **Packers, of course!** What is your favorite season? **Winter**
What is your favorite movie? **The Princess Bride** Favorite travel spots: **Ecuador cloud forest; Galapagos Islands; Dubrovnik Croatia.**



This carving was almost forgotten! It hides behind the gilded cross on the altar. The banner says **Agnus Dei** which means "**Lamb of God.**" Christ is depicted here as a lamb laying on a book. This book is the **Book of Life** from the *Book of Revelation*. There are **seven seals** hanging from the pages. *Revelation* says the "Scroll" has seven seals of which only the Lamb of God can open; this represents God's final judgment at the end of the age (Rev. 5:9).

Well done, graduates!



Colby G., Carson P., and Danial H. were recognized on May 18th for their 2025 graduation from John Edwards High School, UW-Madison, and UW-Green Bay respectively. Danial could not be present as his graduation took place the day before. Cards and gifts were exchanged, and a cake reception took place after the service. *(Photo credit: D.S. Rev. Park Hunter)*



Pie & Ice Cream Fundraiser



A Review

We had an amazing response from the congregation with donations of pies and ice cream toppings! We even had several members buy gallons of ice cream when Kwik-Trip had them on sale!

The weather on Saturday, May 17th was not ideal.

We moved the pie and ice cream into the Sunday School room, and the ladies ended up selling 36 slices at their bake sale!

We had about 20 visitors come into the church. Several enjoyed just looking around.

The yard signs advertising our event were a big help, too!

We also sold a few items we needed to clear out of storage.

In total, we raised ~\$260 dollars.

We would like to do this again next year *(as a different project fundraiser)* but include rummage. The people out and about on Saturday saw some of our items outside and thought we were primarily selling rummage. We think that having rummage and pie/ice cream will be a good combination.

COUNCIL OF BISHOPS UNVEIL THE DENOMINATION'S FIRST-EVER VISION STATEMENT

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
***love boldly, **serve joyfully, and ***lead courageously**
in local communities and worldwide connections.

**We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. (Matthew 22:37-39; John 13:34-35)*

***With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy. (Psalm 100:1; Nehemiah 8:10; John 13:14-15; 1 Peter 4:10)*

****Following Jesus' example, we seek to resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciling. (Joshua 1:9; Ephesians 6:10)*

2025 MISSIONAL GIVING REPORT

MONTH	CAUSE	AMOUNT
Jan.	Human Relations Day Special Offering (1/29)	\$143.00
Jan./Feb.	Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) (3/4)	\$510.00
March	Wisconsin Council of Churches (3/27)	\$150.00
March	Combined Lenten Services Special Offering: Families Helping Families (PESD Benevolence Fund) (3/12, 3/26)	\$210.00
Mar./Apr.	Easter Lilies (21 lilies ordered) (throughout Lent)	\$277.00
April	Final Combined Lenten Service Special Offering: FOCUS Food Pantry (4/9)	\$99.00
April	Wood County Jail Ministry	\$100.00
April	College Care Packages	\$230.00
April	Reconciling Ministries Network (a private donation through the church)	\$500.00
May	InGathering 2025	\$120.00
Y2D		\$2,339.00

MAY & JUNE FUNDRAISING PROJECT



Through May,
we raised
exactly **25%**
of our project,
around
\$2,100.00!!!

We need to raise **\$8,550** to replace the flat roof portions of our sanctuary! These areas cover the “music” & “flower” rooms off each side of the chancel. A core sample taken of the membrane shows interior moisture, necessitating a replacement of these roofs (including any insulating materials).

We will pick up a special offering for this on **May 25th & June 29th**.

An online giving portal for this project has been added to our VANCO platform for electronic giving.

Children's Church Dates:

Done for the summer!

GATHERINGS FOR JUNE - JULY

MemoryShare:

Tuesday, June 3rd @ 10:30a – *El Café*
Tuesday, July 1st @ 10:30a – *El Café*

Men's Breakfast:

Saturday, June 7th – 8:00a – *El Café*
Saturday, July 5th – 8:00a – *El Café*

U.W.I.F.: Next meeting in September

Nurture: Thursday, June 12th - *lounge*

Mission u (ZOOM):

June 17th – 19th – 6:00 – 9:00P
June 24th – 26th – 6:00 – 9:00P

Mission u (in-person):

June 12th – Location TBD

NURTURE NOTES

Our Nurture Cohorts (Sara T. & Diane S.) met again with Pastor Caleb to begin discussing upcoming nurturing opportunities for the congregation. Our Nurture Ministries have a purpose *“to provide opportunities to fellowship, learn, and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, for the building up of the family of God, and nurturing our relationships with one another and with our relationship with Jesus Christ.”*

IN JUNE:

- Pentecost Sunday is June 8th. We will be hosting a **“church birthday party”** after the service. There will be 4-themed desserts for the 12 months of the year. People will sit at their “birthday” table. It will be a full potluck. Pastor Rebecca Niese will be preaching that Sunday, being Annual Conference weekend.
- We will be participating in a **combined service with Marshfield Wesley UMC** on Sunday, June 22nd. This service will be held at the Dexter Lake Park in Dexterville. The shelter-house is immediately off HWY 80. The service will be from 11:00 to noon with a potluck lunch to follow. Everyone **must** bring a lawn chair.

IN JULY:

- We are planning to host summer services up in the Fellowship Hall on the last two Sundays in July and first two Sundays in August. We are planning for refreshments to be available each of these four Sundays.
- We will organize 3 progressive dinners to take place in July. They will be intentionally scattered across 3 weeks to maximize availability. Group will be no more than 10 and will have 5-8 schedule for the 3 parts of the meal.

IN AUGUST:

- We will be taking part in an ecumenical Vacation Bible School hosted at First Congregational (Aug. 4th – 6th).
- We are planning a couples’ night out event in August. Several suggestions have been brought forth.
- Our Labor Day weekend service with Nekoosa U.C.C. & First Congregational will held at RIPPLE CREEK PARK on Sunday, August 31st. *The Alexander-Edwards Memorial park was already booked.*

HOME GROUPS:

We have subdivided our membership into three parts. These groups will be “nurturing pods” called ‘Home Groups.’ These groups will help bring a sense of intimacy and connectivity to our congregation. While the Nurture Ministries will continue to provide *congregational*-wide opportunities for education and fellowship, our Home Groups will help extend this nurture deeper into the congregation, reaching out to both active and inactive members, both members nearby and at a distance. One group will include all those with a Port Edwards address. Another group will include all those with a Rapids address. The third group will include all those with a Nekoosa address. Any member with an address other than these three have been grouped in with one of the three. We will be seeking out a handful of leaders for each group to coordinate the nurturing activities for each group. More details to come.

Vacation Bible School – August 2025



August 4th – 6th (Mon. – Wed.)
3:00p – 5:00p, shared meal at 5:00p
Luau party: Thurs., August 7th – 5:30p
Location: First Congregational Church,
Rapids (311 2nd Street)
Event is FREE!

Register your child(ren) through our church’s website: peumc.org/vbs
Event sponsored by the churches of:



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS – 6/1 – 7/14

Below are daily scripture readings that are based on Sunday morning's lectionary passages. While these passages will jump around within the Bible, just remember that they have been chosen to align *thematically* with either the previous Sunday's or upcoming Sunday's Bible story.

**These will be printed weekly in our bulletins as well.*

Abbreviations: "Corin." means "Corinthians"

Ascension Sunday	Luke 24:36-53	The Ascension of Jesus	6/23	1 Corinth. 1:18-31	
6/2	2 Corin. 3:1-3	Paul's Love for His Communities	6/24	Ephesians 2:11-22	
6/3	2 Corin. 1:3-7	Individual and Community	6/25	Luke 9:37-43a	
6/4	1 Corin. 5:9-13	Judging Community Members	6/26	2 Corinth. 13:5-10	
6/5	1 Corin. 6:9-11	Living Open to God's Reign	6/27	Galatians 4:8-20	
6/6	1 Corin. 12:12-31	Members of One Body	6/28	Luke 9:21-27	
6/7	1 Corin. 10:23-31	True Freedom of Conscience	Pentecost.3	Luke 9:51-62	
Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-4	A Mighty Wind Came	6/30	1 John 2:7-11	
6/9	Acts 2:5-12	Work of the Holy Spirit	7/1	Ephesians 5:6-20	
6/10	Galatians 5:16-26	Fruit of the Spirit	7/2	Matthew 10:16-25	
6/11	Romans 15:13-21	Pauls' Power through the Spirit	7/3	Romans 7:14-25	
6/12	Acts 19:1-7	Paul in Ephesus	7/4	2 Corinth. 8:1-7	
6/13	John 20:19-23	Jesus & the Spirit	7/5	Luke 9:1-6	
6/14	John 1:1-18, 29-34	The Word & Spirit	Pentecost.4	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	
Trinity Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Trinity	7/7	Acts 19:21-27	
6/16	Ephesians 4:7-16		7/8	Acts 19:28-41	
6/17	Ephesians 5:15-20		7/9	Luke 10:13-16	
6/18	Luke 1:46b-55		7/10	James 2:14-26	
6/19	Romans 2:17-29		7/11	Acts 7:9-16	
6/20	Galatians 3:15-22		7/12	John 3:16-21	
6/21	Matthew 9:27-334		Pentecost.5	Luke 10:25-37	
Pentecost.2	Luke 8:26-39		7/14	James 2:1-7	

JUNE HOUSEHOLDS



Throughout June,
our congregation is asked
to pray for the following people:
(randomly chosen on 5/25)

**Gloria W. / Maribeth L.S. / Michaela W.
The Mayek Family / Ellen & Skip / Randy
& Marge / Jack M. / Judy & Larry
Pastors Caleb & Doug**

We are challenging our congregation to pray for all 90 households related to the church (members & friends) in the next 12 months. This will be an average of 7.5 households a month. You are encouraged to send emails, cards, letters, or make house calls to these individuals during their month. Check your church directory for contact info.

Worship Servants for June

COMMUNION: CANDY P. CANDLES: CANDY P.	Greeter(s)	USHER	LITURGIST	Pew AMBASSADOR	REFRESHMENTS
SUND., June 1 ST					X
SUN., June 8 TH				Kathy M.	(potluck)
SUN., June 15 TH				Diane S.	X
SUN., June 22 ND				Sue T.	(potluck)
SUN., June 29 TH					

Please notify the church office if you would like your name down for a certain position and date.

office@peumc.org / 715-887-3011 /



JULY SERMON SERIES



**Everything happens for a reason! / God helps those who help themselves!
God won't give you more than you can handle! / Love the sinner, hate the sin!
God said, I believe it, that settles it!**

Things the Bible doesn't say but 'sound' Christian.

Based on Rev. Adam Hamilton's 2016 book.

Sundays in June

June 1 st	Ascension Sunday (Commuion)		End Times & Resurrection
June 8 th	Day of Pentecost – WEAR RED		The Spirit Comes!
June 15 th	Trinity Sunday (Father's Day)		<i>undecided theme</i>
June 22 nd	Pentecost.2 (outdoor service)		Jesus by the lakeshore
June 29 th	Pentecost.3 (guest speaker)		<i>undecided theme</i>

June Mission Project



Student Debt Relief in South Wood County - 2026

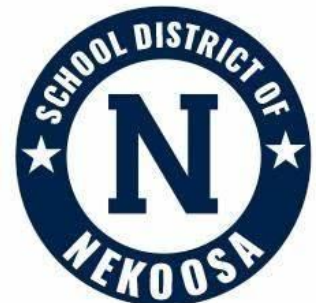
G.R.A.C.E. was able to help eradicate all student debt from the graduating senior class at both Lincoln and Nekoosa High Schools.

With funds blessedly depleted, we are starting to rebuilt it for 2026!

Port Edwards United Methodist Church
attn: G.R.A.C.E.

May 19, 2025

Greetings Pastor Caleb!



On behalf of the students, staff, and administration of the School District of Nekoosa, thank you for the generous donation of **\$1,200.00** from G.R.A.C.E. for senior lunch debt. G.R.A.C.E.'s donation will make it possible for ALL of our graduating seniors to graduate debt free.

We are very grateful for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Paul Liebherr

Family-School-Community Outreach
School District of Nekoosa

A gift of **\$2,000.00** was given
to Lincoln High in Rapids.

PENTECOST POTLUCK – CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY!



After the service on June 8th

sit at your birthday month!

*Signing up to bring food is recommended
but *not* necessary to participate!*



COMBINED OUTDOOR SERVICE WITH MARSHFIELD WESLEY UMC

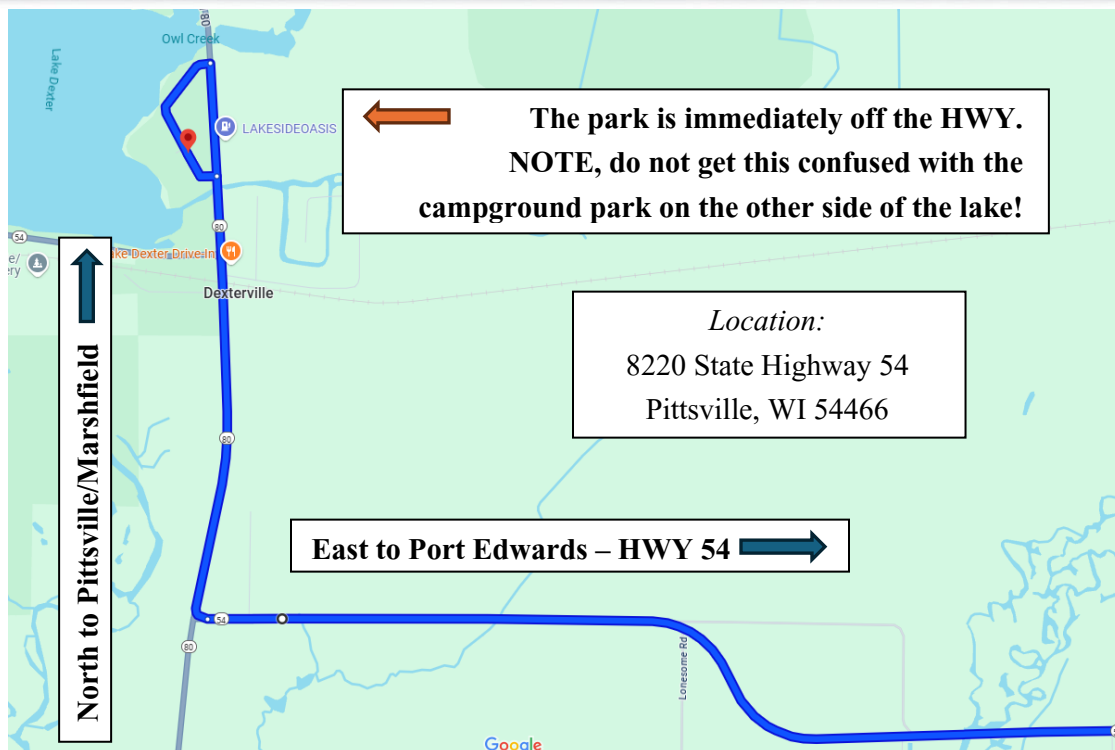
SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND

Lake Dexter Park.

Lakeside service from 11:00 – noon / potluck in shelter-house to follow.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

There are restroom facilities, and the shelter has electricity and plugs.



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



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

Home Delivered Meals Drivers

Skip & Ellen Mazurek

Pat & Kathy McGrath

Sue Mitchell

Nina Pelo

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!**

Progressive Dinners Coming Up!

A **progressive dinner party** (or round-robin) is a multi-course dinner that's served at multiple houses. Diners travel as a group from house to house, eating a single course at each location.

Our PEUMC Nurture Cohorts are scheduling 3 options for progressive dinners in July:

#1: Saturday, July 12th #2: Thursday, July 17th #3: Monday, July 21st

The schedule will be: **5:00-6:00 (salad) / 6:00-7:00 (main course) / 7:00-8:00 (dessert)**

Each group will be no more than 10 people.

In that group, 3 people/couples must volunteer to serve 1 of the 3 courses at their home (or another preferred location).

Couples' Night Out

A dinner-and-a-_____ event is in the works for August.

This is for all the couples in the congregation.

2025 – The Year of Constitutional Amendments

Did you know that The United Methodist Church is also governed by a constitution?

It is housed on pages 25 through 44 in our *Book of Discipline*.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church were approved by the 2020/2024 General Conference and must now be ratified by the members of the annual conferences. It is required that each one must pass with an aggregate 2/3 approval from all voting members throughout the General (Global) Church.

Amendment #1 – This is a package of changes made to language in the constitution concerning *Regionalization. (*The denomination voted to move forward with regionalization but cannot do so until appropriate changes are made to the Constitution.*) Worldwide Regionalization represents a more flexible structure that allows for more effective ministry to happen in every culture and context in the Connexion. Regionalization creates equity across the Church without privileging one region (historically, the U.S.) as the center and others as peripheries. Existing central conferences (all places outside the U.S.) will be renamed as regional conferences, and a new U.S. Regional Conference will be created. This movement will loosen the connexion, and regional Books of Discipline, hymnals, books of worship, and other resources can be created.

Amendment #2 – Adds the words “gender, ability” to the list of protected categories that cannot be used to exclude persons from membership in the UMC.

Amendment #3 – Adds a revised Article V to the Constitution titled “Racial Justice,” which places the denomination’s commitment to the eradication of the sin of racism in all its forms into the constitution.

Amendment #4 – Add clarifying information about the requirements of clergy who are eligible to be delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The additional language makes it clear that all delegates must have a Master of Divinity degree from a University Senate-approved theological school.

While annual conference sessions may make time for discussion of these ballot items, they cannot further amend them. The vote is to ratify the decision of the General Conference. Each ballot item will be ratified if at least 2/3 of the votes cast by all annual conferences worldwide approve its ratification. Ratified constitutional amendments go into immediate effect, as well as all other legislation dependent on these amendments.

***Regionalization in a nutshell:** The Methodist Church, as a denomination separate from its mother church, the Church of England, grew up in the United States. All missionary action for its first 200 years was *overseas*. When annual conferences were formed overseas, they were grouped into units called “**Central Conferences.**” The first C.C. was in India in 1885 and China in 1897. “Central Conference” is a unit defined as “*outside the U.S.*” Central Conferences were allowed more room to adapt certain parts of the *Book of Discipline* to their context. However, the U.S. never had its own Central Conference (it didn’t “need” one as long as it remained the center hub of the Church). One consistent complaint from our overseas delegates to our global gatherings is that we spent too much time on U.S.-centric issues. This is because, without a Central Conference for the U.S., the global church must weigh in on topics that concerned only this country, taking up too much precious time at General Conferences. This frustrated our foreign delegates who hoped that the Church could spend more time looking at global issues. The Regionalization proposal seeks to remove the term “Central Conference,” give the U.S. the same adaptive abilities to the *Discipline*, and now call all regions of the denomination “**Regional Conferences.**” This means that U.S. delegates can meet and make appropriate changes to parts of the *Discipline* not just once every 4 years but one every 2 years.



Left: A mother bird cares for her hatchlings in a nest near the front doors of the church. *(I wouldn't sit on that bench for the next month if I were you!)*

Right: Kari, our church cleaner, is busying herself right now, washing all the church windows, inside and out, along with all the screens.



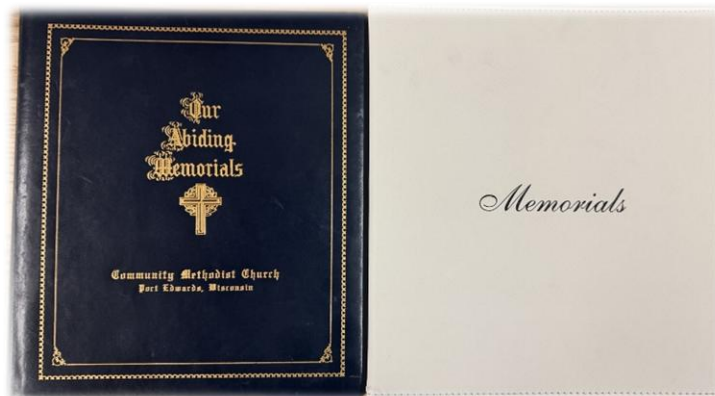
Beautiful tulips and other flowers
added much needed color to our
overcast springtime!

Judy Miller:

*"It's still amazing what still pops up
even when you're looking away."*



Old Memorial Binder (left) and the New Memorial Binder (right)



Our current church memorial book includes details of memorials purchased in the memory of deceased members between the mid-1940s and 1999. A summer office project has been to recreate these memorials, place them in a new binder and include the more recent memorials that have been left out. We hope that this book will help us remember the impact that members who have gone on to glory have made on the legacy of this congregation.

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ascension Sunday/Communion 10:00 am PRIDE Service		MemoryShare Group El Café 10:30a				Mens' Breakfast 8:00a @ El Café
				ANNUAL CONFERENCE		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Day of Pentecost - WEAR RED 10:00a Pastor Rebecca to Preach Church Birthday Party Potluck					Pastor's day off	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
FATHER'S DAY Service 10:00a				Juneteenth	Pastor's day off	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Combined Outdoor Service w/Marshfield Wesley UMC @ Dexter Park 11:00a					Pastor's day off	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Service 10:00a		MemoryShare Group El Café 10:30a			Pastor's day off	

Birthdays: Julie B. - 6/1, Leslie A. - 6/3, Maribeth L-S. - 6/3, Jo Ann D. - 6/4, Randy B. - 6/9, Nina P. - 6/13, Judy M. - 6/15, Ellen M. - 6/16, Joann K. - 6/18, Jenna B. - 6/19, Bill P. - 6/19, Sara T. - 6/19, Marie H. - 6/25

Anniversaries: Bill & Marna L. - 6/1, Norm & Lucy S. - 6/13, Larry & Judy M. - 6/15, Don & Joan H. - 6/15, Pat & Leslie A. - 6/16, Ed & Mary H. - 6/18, Jim & Midge H. - 6/20, Mark & Jerene S. - 6/24

Church Office Hours:

Connie: Mon - Fri. : 8:00a – Noon
Pastor: Mon. thru Thurs. : 9a – 1:00