

Sunday, July 27th, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS-IN-JULY

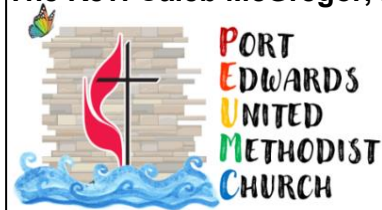
*"You have heard it said . . .
 but I say to you . . ."*

(when Christ re-interprets
 Scripture)

-Matthew 5:21, 5:27, 5:31,
 5:33, 5:38, 5:43



The Rev. Caleb McGregor, Pastor



The rose on the Table
 today is in memory of

Edwin Hauer
 who passed away on
 Sunday, July 20th

Leo T., Lay Leader

Judy M., Accompanist

Colby G., Media Technician

Leo T., Liturgist

Sharon S., Greeter

Sue T., Usher

Sue T., Guest Relations

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY:

"I have learned that taking the Bible seriously doesn't mean taking everything literally."

-Sarah Bessey

"In the arc of the Bible's narrative of God's interaction with humanity, we find a radical expansiveness, an urgent broadening of embrace to include those whom the religious big shots are always kicking to the sidelines." -Derek Penwell

[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

FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

†*CALL TO WORSHIP

†*HYMN OF PRAISE: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

UMH 234



SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS

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

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

SCRIPTURE

† Deuteronomy 23

("Everything Is Beautiful")

THE MESSAGE:

Literally or Seriously?

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

†*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine* TFWS 2099

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, with The Prayer of Jesus

A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *What Child Is This?*

UMH 219

*A BLESSING & GOING FORTH

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Prayer List:

Pray for these members & friends throughout July:

Bill & Marna L. / Ken & Sue B. / Travis & Anna H. Family / Glenna S. /

Jenna & Matt B. Family / Ken & Nina P. / Bob & Julie B. / Rev. Caleb & Doug

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

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

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Korbin B.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

From 6/22: JOYS: Having this great opportunity for these two congregations to get together (Diane).

From 6/29: Traveling mercies for **Pastor Caleb** (Candy).

From 7/6: Prayers for all who are **missing** and all who have **lost their lives** in the flash floods in Hunt, Texas (Candy); **James, April, Robert, Kayana, J.R., Jeff, Damian, Donta, Natalie** (Laura & Mark); those **negatively impacted** by the 'big, beautiful bill' enacted on July 4th (Pastor). JOY: We became great-grandparents with a birth of twins, Atlas & Evelyn, on July 4th (Flacks); we are great-grandparents with a birth on July 1st (Harvestines); we visited our grandsons in Denver (Thomasgards).

From 7/13: For the **Family of Tom DeMeuse**; places of unrest: **Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Gaza, Iran, Sudan**; those still **missing from the Texas flash floods**; those **detained in the Everglades** of Florida; **Rapids teen who died** in a car crash this week; for **Ed H. and Jim. H.**

From 7/20: Prayers for **my son** whose house burned down last night, a total loss and loss of all pets (Rose); prayers for **Anita Henderlite** on the death of her adopted son, Yor (Diane); prayers for **family & friends of Scott Overfeldt**, a W.R. resident & coach killed by a wrong-way driver on 7/18 (Thomasgards); let's all wrap **Jef DeMeuse** in our love and concern on the death of her husband, Tom (McGraths); prayers for our friend, **Diane Pagel**, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and finds out tomorrow what the treatment plan will be (Thomasgards); prayers for our friend, **Genna**, who is having surgery this morning to determine plan for wound care and if they will be able to save her foot (Grundens); prayers for the **family, friends, and congregations of Rev. Micah Schlobohm** who died from natural causes on 7/13 (Candy); my sister, **Carol**, who had surgery (Diane); JOY: for **Kevin & Hannah** as they deliver their baby boy tomorrow, Julie & Bob's grandson.

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (7/28): Colossians 2:16-3:1

Wednesday (7/30): Matthew 5:43-48

Friday (8/1): Ephesians 4:17-24

Tuesday (7/29): Romans 9:30-10:4

Thursday (7/31): Romans 11:33-36

Saturday (8/2): Mark 10:17-22

Sunday (8/3): Deuteronomy 23 / Luke 12:13-21

**July & August
Mission Project:**



Wisconsin Rapids Area

Habitat
for Humanity®

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

A Call to Discipleship:

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

- ☐ **Prayer theme:** For people who are struggling with their faith; for those “too smart” for religious or “too confident” for spirituality.
- ☐ **Consider:** Is following God’s will inherently hard or easy?
What makes being a disciple hard?
What gets in the way of deep discipleship?
- ☐ **Action:** Keep the conversation going with a friend who is having doubts.
- ☐ 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 - July 27th

Christmas-in-July

Refreshments after the service.

Flat Roof Special Offering.

August 3rd

Communion Sunday

Refreshments after the service.

August 10th

Refreshments after the service.

Summer Weather Rule:

We will be worshipping in the Fellowship Hall starting today through Sunday, August 10th (or beyond, as weather determines).

Ed Heuer's Funeral

TUESDAY, JULY 29TH - PEUMC

VISITATION: 9:00 – 11:00a

SERVICE: 11:00a

Luncheon to follow.