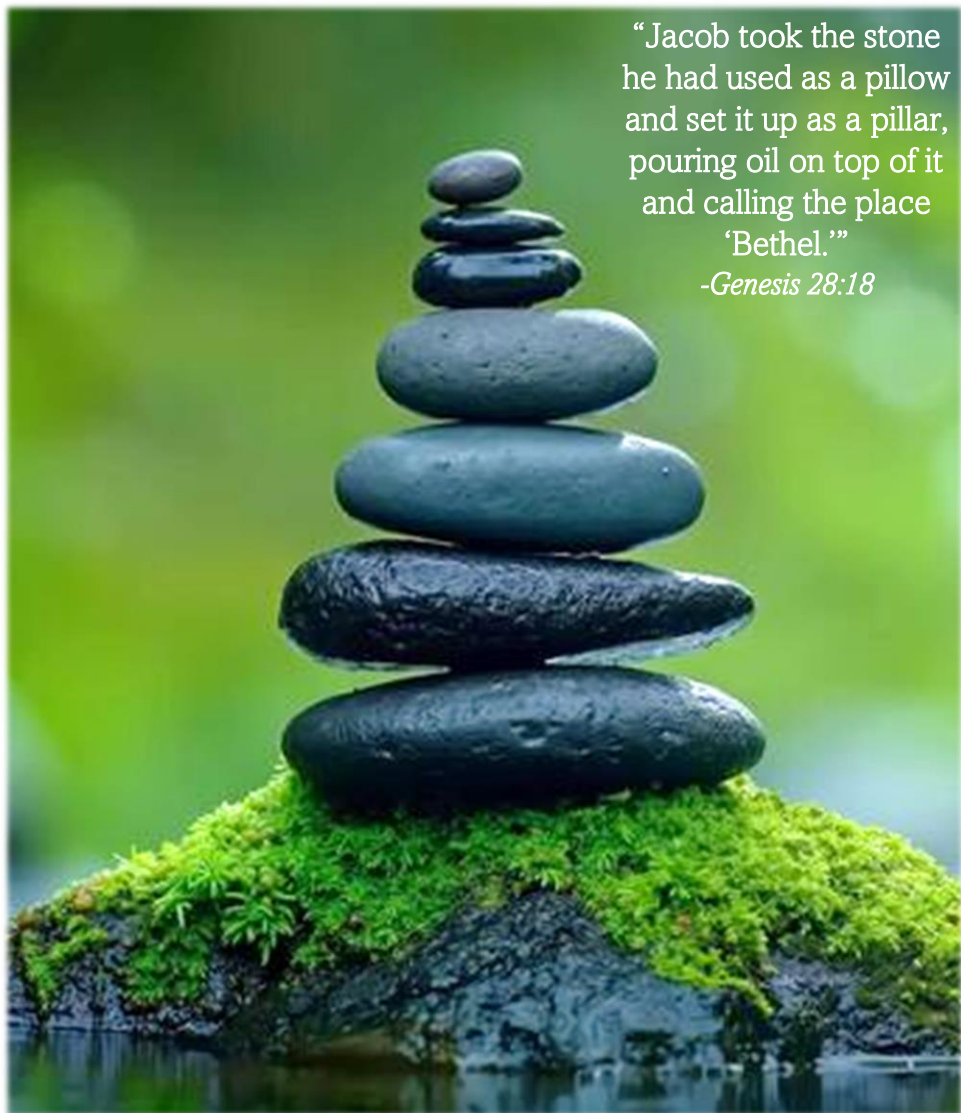


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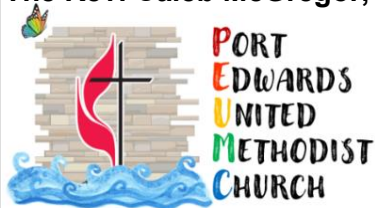
WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!



“Jacob took the stone
he had used as a pillow
and set it up as a pillar,
pouring oil on top of it
and calling the place
‘Bethel.’”

-Genesis 28:18

The Rev. Caleb McGregor, Pastor



Leo T., Lay Leader

Sue M., Accompanist

Ethan B., Media Technician

Bob B., Liturgist

Julie B., Greeter

Pat Mc., Usher

Diane S., Guest Relations

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY:

"Wilderness seasons bring testing and challenge but are also the places of desperation where we're open enough for God to finally meet our deepest needs." - *Tripp Prince*

"God had to break Jacob to make him useful. Then the deceiving 'heel-catcher' can become Israel: 'he who wrestles with God and wins.'" - *John C. Maxwell*

"The God of Jacob is our fortress." - *Psalm 46:7*

[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
CENTERING MUSIC
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS



†*HYMN OF PRAISE: *God Will Take Care of You* UMH 130
SHARING OF GOD-SIGHTINGS

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

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

SCRIPTURE † *Genesis 27 & 28 / John 1:47-51* ("We'll Build a World")

THE MESSAGE: **DESERT DREAMS: BLESSINGS FOR THE BROKEN**

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

†*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Nearer, My God, to Thee* UMH 528
SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO GIVE & THE PRAYER OF JESUS

A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* UMH 418

*A BLESSING & GOING FORTH

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Prayer List:

Please pray for these members & friends throughout **September**:

Damon & Donna K. / Lynn D. / Lily S. / Jerry F. / Sue M. / Jerene & Mark S. Samantha G. / Revs. Caleb & Doug

Our Shut-Ins: Mabel; Midge & Jim; Mary; Chris; Lynn R.; Phil; Norm; Maribeth; Kathleen

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

Our Military: Colby Grunden (Wisconsin National Guard)

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

From 8/17: Prayers for **Mary H., Midge H., Melissa**; for the people of **Washington D.C., Ukraine**, throughout the **Middle East**, especially **Gaza & Israel**; for **peace talks** in Alaska and **starving children** in our country; **those affected by flooding** around Milwaukee. **JOYS:** beautiful sunsets in Saipan & Guam (Thomasgards); vacationed in beautiful places in N. Wisconsin (Taylors); birthing butterflies this summer (Judy M.)

From 8/24: Prayers for the **family of my son, David's, mother-in-law** who died suddenly (Lucy); prayers for **Melissa S.** before her surgery (Diane); prayers for **John E.** who was in a serious car accident (Diane). **JOY:** Great time at Rooted-in-Red; it is a beautiful place.

From 8/31: No prayer requests were collected – *Combined outdoor service*

From 9/7: Prayers for my friend, **Sue**, and her husband, **Bill**, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has 3-6 months to live (Jef); for the **people of Chicago** fearing military presence; victims of the **Milwaukee flooding**; for the families of the **two children killed** in the Minneapolis church-school shooting. **JOY:** I had a successful surgery (Nancy).

From 9/14: Prayers for dear friend, **Joe Clark**, whose cancer has returned—radiation to begin at UW Carbon Cancer Center (Thomasgards/McGraths); for **the family of Jeffrey Tyne**, Sara's son, who passed away suddenly last week (Heuer); **prayers for Lyle's family, my uncle** who passed away this week (Bill P.).

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (9/22): Genesis 29

Tuesday (9/23): Genesis 32

Wednesday (9/24): Gen. 35:16-29; chpt. 37 **Thursday (9/25):** Genesis 41

Friday (9/26): Exodus 1-2

Saturday (9/27): Exodus 15

Sunday (9/28): Exodus 16, 17:1-6

September-October Missions:

1. Collect items for Rooted & Rising (*Milwaukee*)
2. Collect \$\$\$ for new trash/recycling cans for church.



Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

THIS WEEK'S CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

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

- **Prayer theme:** For those whose voices are silenced
(intentionally or unintentionally).
- **Consider:** When does the “freedom of speech”
become harmful to others and counteractive?
- **Action:** Visit someone this week who is in their “wilderness season.”

Sunday Services – 10a

TODAY - September 21st

Scripture: Genesis 27-28, Jacob's Dream

September 28th

Scrip.: Exodus 16 & 17, Wilderness Manna
Hispanic History Sunday

October 5th

Scrip.: Exodus 32, The Golden Calf
World Communion Sunday

Wear Teal

for Trigeminal Neuralgia awareness

October 12th

Scrip.: Judges 4, Deborah & Jael

Sunday School

Sawyer to receive 3rd Grade Bible

October 19th

Scrip.: First Samuel 17, David & Goliath

UWIF Sunday (NOT on the 12th)

October 26th

Scrip.: First Kings 11 & 12, King Solomon

Marshfield Wesley UMC joins us in
worship, potluck to follow service.

Looking Ahead

COUPLES' NIGHT OUT – “NOT-SO-NEWLYWED GAME”

CANCELLED

**CHURCH WALKERS NEEDED FOR PORT EDWARDS HOMECOMING PARADE:
THIS THURSDAY (9/25) – 6:00p (line up: 5:30p) – 11 blocks long**

BIBLE STUDY – “OUR MIGRANT GOD” - MONDAYS - 15TH, 22ND, 29TH

6:00P TO 7:00P - PEUMC Memorial Lounge

You can still join even if you couldn't make it to Session 1.

In-person & on ZOOM!

NEKOOSA-LAKES HOME GROUP EVENT – Thursday, September 25th

Grace's Restaurant (Rapids) – 11:30a

(Let Sara T. know if you can attend, esp. if you are of the Nekoosa Zip Code)

PORT HOME GROUP EVENT – Friday, September 26th

Lily Henley Concert – 7:00-9:30p – McMillan Library

No admission fee or reserved tickets.

Meet at Perkins for a sweet treat after the concert – everybody
pays for their own. (*Perkins is open until midnight*)