

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Many thanks to the workers & contributors that helped make this year's bazaar a success!

PEUMC Showing of



**Monday, November 17th
1:00p 3:40p – Fellowship Hall
popcorn included!**

What is this movie about?

“Wicked” is based on the Broadway musical based on the book of the same name by Gregory Maguire. It is an imagined story about the origins of Glenda the Good Witch and the Wicked Witch of the West, starting from their days at school.

But I don't like musicals!

Don't worry, so many first-time reactions online have also said, “*I don't like musicals*” but later added “*this is my exception!*” “Wicked” is as visually and musically stunning as was *Wizard of Oz* when it first premiered! There is something in it for EVERYONE! (*Pastor's favorite movie of 2024.*)

Why is this a church event?

Because the musical contained some very important social themes for us today, which we can discuss quickly following the viewing. It explores themes like systemic injustice, propaganda, identity, and resistance – challenging viewers to rethink who society labels as “wicked” and why.

Cinema Showing of



Tuesday, November 25th

12:30p – 2:47p

Rogers Cinema in Rapids (church group event)

(\$5.00 Tuesday tickets)

“Wicked” is just Acts 1 & 2 of the musical. “Wicked: For Good” is Act 3.

“Mission” Day Trip to MKE

Tuesday, November 18th

Lucy has organized a day trip to Milwaukee to visit two of our United Methodist community ministries:

Northcott Neighborhood House / Rooted & Rising.

We will leave @ ~8:00a from the church (carpooling), visit N.N.H., have lunch, visit Rooted & Rising (drop off our donations), and return ~5:00p. We are not doing hands-on mission work this time but touring their respective facilities. Let Lucy or Pastor know ASAP that you want to go, so we can organize the carpool!

PEUMC Sponsors FOCUS Neighborhood Meals

Thursday, November 20th

Sign-up begins TODAY! – we need 17 volunteers total!

Arrive by 3:45p – be done before 6:00p

November Mission Project

**Support the “Christmas Cheer” program at Port E.
+ collecting can openers for FOCUS Food Pantry**

RSVP Cards for Celebration Luncheon – due TOMORROW

NEXT SUNDAY (11/9):

**Stewardship Consecration Sunday
& Celebration Luncheon**

IN TWO SUNDAYS (11/16):

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

IN THREE SUNDAYS (11/23):

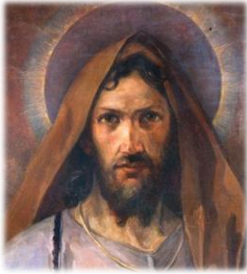
First Nations' Sunday

Reception into Membership: Jennifer & Dave Murphy

Community Thanksgiving Service – 6:00p – Rapids Moravian Church

IN FIVE SUNDAYS (11/30):

BLESSING OF THE GREENS SERVICE



Our Historic Saints:
Saint Jude (c. 10 – c. 65)

“Lord, why will You show Yourself only to us? Why not to all the peoples of the world?” (John 14:22). These are the only words of the Apostle Jude recorded in the Gospels, which prompts Jesus to respond with an explanation of God dwelling in each person’s heart.

The name “Jude” is a variant of “Judas,” a common name at the time. To avoid confusion with Judas Iscariot, Christ’s betrayer, translators often referred to him as Jude, Thaddeus, or Lebbaeus.

Little has been handed down about the life of Apostle Jude (or any apostle), though he was a disciple of Christ throughout His public ministry.

According to tradition, the Apostle Jude actively preached throughout the Mesopotamian region. In all probability, he was a farmer by trade.

Some legends state that he died by the ax (with the Apostle Bartholomew), while others tell that he was clubbed to death (with the Apostle Simon the Zealot).

Eventually, his relics were transferred to Rome where he was buried beneath St. Peter’s Basilica. From September 2023 to 2024, the “arm” of St. Jude went on a pilgrimage in the United States, making stops in 100 cities.

Jude became known as the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes. This practice is said to stem from the belief that few Christians ever invoked him in fear of accidentally praying to Christ’s betrayer. The ignored Jude, thus, became quite eager to assist anyone who sought help, to the point of answering even the most desperate of prayers.

Devotion to Saint Jude decreased over the centuries, almost disappearing, until he was reintroduced in the United States. He was desperately sought after during the Great Depression and throughout WWII. Many Christians faced incredibly difficult circumstances and having a saint whose patronage was “lost causes” gave them great hope. Being known as the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes, he has become synonymous with children’s hospitals. His is also the patron saint of the Chicago Police Department. His Feast Day is October 28th.

Our Methodist Saint:

William Wesley Van Orsdel (“Brother Van”)
(December 20, 1881 – December 9, 1965)



Rev. Orsdel was a Methodist circuit rider in Montana who made a significant contribution to the spread of Methodism in Montana and to early developments of the state’s public institutions. Throughout his career, by inspiring others and standing his ground against all odds, Brother Van

founded a children's home, two universities, seven hospitals, and over one hundred churches! He would often say: "*We must not let this opportunity for service pass us by.*" He worked with the elite and the poor, the famous and the forgotten in a career that spanned nearly 50 years.

Born in Hunterstown, PA, in 1848, Van Orsdel arrived in Fort Benton, Montana by steamboat in 1872. He traveled by horse from cow-camp to cow-camp spreading the gospel and baptizing the young cow hands. He held a service almost every day and traveled around 15,000 miles a year. He was loved by the Indians of Montana who gave him the name 'Great Heart.'

Governors repeatedly appointed him to the State Board of Charities, and he was the friend and confidant of every Montana governor from the time of his arrival until his death. When he stopped by the capitol, governors dropped everything and offered to take him to lunch; they liked being seen with him because Brother Van was more popular than they were.

He became a Presiding Elder (District Superintendent), and was known for his charismatic personality and a deep love for the people.

In 1890, with Van Orsdel's leadership, the Methodist Conference established Montana Wesleyan University near Helena, and in 1909, they opened the Montana Deaconess Preparatory School (now Intermountain). He also helped to establish present-day Rocky Mountain College, one of the first institutions of higher learning in the state.

Rev. Van Orsdel died being known as the "best loved man in Montana."



Our Port Edwards Saint: Jim Herschleb

The following was prepared by members of PEUMC:

#1: Jim is a loving father, grandfather, and great craftsman.

#2: Jim is a fun-loving man and always wanting to help out whenever needed. He is a very hard-worker and loves the Brewers.

#3: Jim is always a kind and helpful man. I worked at the hospital when he was there, and he was always there to help people out. A real asset of the hospital community, and never complained.

#4: I know Jim to be a very selfless man. His gift is producing with his hands. While he earned a living building things from scratch, he has also blessed many people by crafting things on request, donating time & supplies. Almost every corner of this church (and parsonage) bears the unique wooden-fingerprint of Jim: handrails, racks, shelves, closet doors; all heartfelt pieces of craftsmanship. The same can be said about First UMC of Rapids and the Riverview Hospital, too. He has made clear his deep desire to be able to be back with his worshipping church family; he misses us just as dearly as we miss him! After a lifetime of hard work and impeccable dedication of backbreaking sweat & toil, we are happy to tell him now: *Good job, good and faithful servant!*

RECOGNIZED POSTHUMOUSLY:

Barbara Taylor / Thomas DeMeuse