

November
2025

The Current

Monthly News from Port Edwards United Methodist Church



*Pouring Forth the Living Water:
Bloom by the River!*



MORE THAN A LITTLE BAZAAR



Joy, Diane, Gloria

NAMES
BETWEEN
PHOTOS ARE
WORKERS
NOT-PICTURED



Becky, Candy, Rose, Lucy, Sara



Candy, Jody, Rachel



Nina



Pat

Patsy S.
Glenna S.
Maribeth L-S
Jeanne B.
Alison B.
Page C.
Barbara T.



Mike & Chuck

Matt & Jenna B.
Lindsey H.
Lori H.
Jennifer M.



Erin

Sue M.
Mary H.



John & Bill



Joan & Jerene



Sharon

Julie B.
Leo T.
Bob B.
Jack M.
Ellen M.

Our 2025 Bazaar was a fantastic success! Bravely & masterfully overseen by Julie B. and Becky T., it always takes an entire village and a half to make it what it is! Pictured are just *some* of the numerous PEUMC saints who fell smoothly into their roles on Saturday, November 1st. The weather & the crowds were very pleasing!



Patricia & Margie



Sara & Nikki



Midge, Tiara, Sue



Becky & Judy



Nina



Jef



Nancy L.



Julie B.



Kim J. / Linda P-L.



Jean & Kathy



Pastor & Gloria



Pastor & LuAnn



Lucille



Events in November

Two WICKED Events!

The movie, based on the Broadway musical, based on the Gregory Maguire's 1995 novel, is a reimagining of L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Set in the Land of Oz prior to Dorothy Gale's arrival from



Kansas, the plot explores the early relationship between Elphaba, the future Wicked Witch of the West, and her dormitory roommate Galinda, who becomes Glinda the Good Witch.

The musical is split between two movies: *Wicked* (2024) and *Wicked: For Good* (2025).



Indoor movie matinee:

"Wicked" (Part 1)

Monday, November 17th

PEUMC Fellowship Hall

1:00p - 3:47p

Night at the Movies:

"Wicked: For Good" (Part 2)

Tuesday, November 25th

Rogers Cinema - downtown Rapids

12:30p

Mission Day Trip to Milwaukee

to tour two United Methodist ministries:

NORTHCOTT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE / ROOTED & RISING

Tuesday, November 18th

Carpool from the church parking lot: ~8:00a

(visit N.N.H., have lunch, visit R&R, drop off our collection, return home)

Arrive back around ~5:00p

Lucy S. is organizing this trip. Let her know if you'd like to go with us and be a part of the carpool.



P.E.U.M.C.'s week to serve @ Neighborhood Meals
(formerly 'The Neighborhood Table')

is **Thursday, November 20th (3:45p - 6:00p)**

We need **17** volunteers!

Roles: serving tables / plating the food / preparing beverages/desserts
If you can't sign-up in-person, notify the church office to add your name to the list!

Events in November

Hanging of the Greens

Come help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season!

Saturday, November 29th – 10:30a – noon

A chili lunch will be provided!

GATHERINGS FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

MemoryShare:

Tuesday, Novemb. 4th @ 10:30a – *El Café*

Tuesday, Decemb. 2nd @ 10:30a – *El Café*

Men's Breakfast:

Saturday, November 1st – 8:00a – *El Café*

Saturday, December 6th – 8:00a – *El Café*

U.W.I.F.: Thank You, Brunch – Nov. 6th – 9:30a
December 10th – 12:15p

Circle of Friends: December 10th

Sunshine Reading: Wed., Nov. 19th – 11a



First Saturdays of each month.

8:00a – *El Café*

Open to all the men of the church (*no girls allowed!!!*)

Socialize with some devotions



MemoryShare

First Tuesday of each month.

10:30a – *El Café*

A support group

for all who have lost a loved one.

Attitude of Gratitude Bouquet Pick-Up Date

If you purchased a bouquet from the Sunrise Rotary – the pick up date is

Monday, November 24th 7:30a – 5:30p at Love Inc.

(710 20th Ave. S, Wisconsin Rapids) –

unless you will have them delivered.

Prayer Requests

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST ELECTRONICALLY

Send your prayer requests (joys or concerns) to prayer@peumc.org
(email goes to pastor's private email).

OR you can use the online form available at peumc.org/prayer or this QR Code:



How do QR Codes work?

These are barcodes that your phone can read. You have to have a smartphone with a camera (that has QR capabilities – most do). If you open your camera app and hover over the funny-looking box, the phone will register it and there will appear a link on your screen you can use to take you straight to the location on the internet. (The QR code above takes you straight to the page: peumc.org/prayer).

Sundays in November

All Saints Sunday – Nov. 2nd

The first Sunday in November is always set aside as a day of remembrance and celebration that honors all faithful Christians – especially those who have died – as part of the “communion of saints.” This observance affirms the unity of the church across time and space – those living, those “gone on to glory,” and those yet to come. The emphasis is not on formal “canonized” saints but on all believers who have lived lives of faith and service.

Stewardship Consecration Sunday **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

A free, catered Celebration Lunch (by Chat-R-Box)
will follow the service.

Please return your RSVP Cards by Monday, November 3rd.

Reign of Christ Sunday – Nov. 16th

This observance – also known as ‘Christ the King Sunday’ is the ‘pivot Sunday’ that acts as both the first and final Sunday in the liturgical year. It proclaims the sovereignty of Jesus Christ over all creation and anticipates His ultimate reign of justice, peace, and love. It was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI (making it the youngest holy day in our calendar) in response to rising nationalism and secularism after World War I. It was intended to reassert Christ’s authority over human institutions and remind the faithful that ultimate allegiance belongs to God, not to worldly powers.

First Nations’ Sunday – Nov. 23rd



This date honors the original stewards of our land. First Nations people have lived in what is now Wisconsin for over 13,000, dating back to the end of the last Ice Age. After the last glaciers receded, the first peoples settled in the region now known as Wisconsin. These early inhabitants had complex societies, trade networks, and ceremonial practices. Today, Wisconsin is home to 11 federally recognized tribes.

First Nations’ Sunday honors the contribution of Indigenous North American peoples and their continue struggle for representation and land rights.

We will pick up a Special Offering for “Native American Sunday” on this date.



Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 23rd – 6:00 PM –
Moravian Church, Rapids (310 1st Ave S)

G.R.A.C.E. is at it again, hosting our third annual Rapids-area Community Thanksgiving Service. The offering taken up for this service helps to fund our organization, including our work to eliminate all student debt in our local schools.

Sundays in November

BLESSING OF THE GREENS SERVICE – NOV. 30TH

On the Saturday following Thanksgiving (11/29), we invite you to help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas Season from 10:30a-noon (with a chili lunch to follow).

On the 30th, we will have our Blessing of the Greens Service – where the decorations will be blessed, hung, and lit for the season.

Scripture & Series

Novemb 2 nd	<i>All Saints Sunday + Communion + Reception of Candy P.T.</i>	JOURNEY THRU THE BIBLE: JOHN!	Daniel 7 Daniel's Dream
Novemb 9 th	<i>Stewardship Consecration Sunday</i>	NEW SERIES: "HOPE IN THE RUINS: PROPHETIC VOICES FOR A BROKEN WORLD"	Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 "Let Justice Roll Down"
Novemb 16	<i>Reign of Christ Sunday + Reception of The Murphys</i>		Isaiah 9:1-7 "A Light in the Darkness"
Novemb 23	<i>First Nations' Sunday with Special Offering</i>		Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 "Hope for the Future"
Novemb 30	<i>Blessing of the Greens</i>		Daniel 3:1-30 The Fiery Furnace

November Sermon Series (Unit #3)

"HOPE IN THE RUINS: PROPHETIC VOICES FOR A BROKEN WORLD"

Each of the three Sundays will explore a different prophetic voice speaking into injustice, despair, and exile – yet each pointing toward divine justice, light, and restoration

Week 1 – November 9th – "LET JUSTICE ROLL" (God's demand for justice over empty ritual)

Amos confronts a people who long for the "Day of the Lord" but ignore the cries of the poor. Worship without justice is rejected.

Week 2 – November 16th – "WALKING IN DARKNESS" (Light breaking into despair)

Isaiah speaks to a people crushed by war and empire, promising a child who will bring peace & justice.

Week 3 – November 23rd – "SEEK WELFARE" (Faithfulness in exile)

Jeremiah writes to exiles in Babylon, urging them to build lives, seek peace, and trust God's future.

God remains faithful even amid political collapse.

(November 30th is First Sunday of Advent)

UMC Bishops Urge Gov't to Reopen

In an open letter dated October 23rd, the Council of Bishops issued a letter calling "on members of the United States Congress and all elected leaders to set aside partisanship, seek common ground, work together toward a just resolution and act responsibly for the sake of the welfare of all people who they have been elected to serve." The letter urged United Methodists to join together in prayer and to reclaim our call to be attentive to the needs of people within our communities.

Worship Leaders

Communion: Sue M. Candles: Sue M.	Greeter(s)	Usher	Liturgist	Guest Relations	Refreshments
Sun., Novembr 2 nd	Pat & Kathy	Sue T.	Leo T.	Kathy Mc.	<i>Bazaar leftovers</i>
Sun., Novembr 9 th	Julie B.		Bob B.	Kathy Mc.	<i>Celebration Lunch</i>
Sun., Novemb 16 th	Sharon S.		Candy P.T.	Diane S.	
Sun., Novemb 23 rd	Candy P.T.		Kathy Mc.	Sue T.	<i>Cake Reception for New Members</i>
Sun., Novemb 30 th				Sue T.	

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

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



A Season of Saints - 2024

The Sundays in October, leading up to All Saints Sunday, is an informal observance we call the "Season of Saints," during which time we recognize the saintly people who are living amongst us now.

The saints of PEUMC we have recognized so far:

2021: Kathleen Mills (10/10/21) / Roger Sweet (10/17/21) / Midge Herschleb (10/24/21)
Roberta Morell (10/31/21) (posthumously)

2022: The Rev. Norman Silvester (10/9/22) / Jeffrey Taylor (10/16/22) / Mary Heuer (10/23/22)
Dorothy Fuller (10/30/22) (posthumously)

2023: Kathy McGrath (10/8/23) / John Sweat (10/15/23) / Glenna Sunderland (10/22/23)
Joyce Fehrman, Hans Hansen, Izetta Umland, John Casey, Tom Wirtz (10/29/23) (posthumously)

2024: Bill Lindroth (10/13/24) / Sue Thomasgard (10/20/24) / Ed Heuer (10/27/24)
Kathy Sweet, Bob Dunahee, Ginnie Oliver, Nancy Klahn, Gaylord Johnson (11/3/24) (posthumously)

2025: Lindsey Hintz (10/12/25) / Diane Sweat (10/19/25) / Leo Thomasgard (10/26/25)
Jim Huerschleb (11/2/25) / Posthumously: Barbara Taylor & DeMeuse (11/2/25)

♪ **A world without saints forgets how to praise.** ♪

(Words by Fred Pratt Green, 1977; "Rejoice in God's Saints" – UMH: 708)

Sunday School Dates:

November 9th – Lori H. / December 14th – Sara T.
(January – no class)

February 8th – Becky T. / March 8th – Sara T.
April 12th – Lori H. / May 10th – Ellen M.

The People of P.E.U.M.C.: Notices

Art & Carol Ann H. have new contact information (please correct it in your directory):

12812 W. Junipero Drive

Sun City West, AZ 85375

Their new email is: acharvestine@gmail.com

Lisa M. has an updated address:

1531 Genes Court

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Jennifer & Dave M. correction:

Their info. can be found in the newest church directory under “Friends in the Church” section. Both their phone #s and email addresses are reversed (Jennifer’s # is actually Dave’s and Dave’s email is actually Jennifer’s).

Welcome Our New Members!

Candy Prah-Tell

Candy has been worshipping with us for over a year now. She lives in Port Edwards and is transferring her membership from First Congregational Church in Rapids. She is being received into our membership on Sunday, November 2nd.



Dave & Jennifer Murphy



The Murphy’s are currently building a house on Lake Camelot. They hail from Benton, WI (south of Platteville, near the IL border). They have been active members at Grand View (Global) Methodist Church in Dubuque, IA. They are being received into our membership on Sunday, November 23rd (Dave’s birthday).

Edgewater Haven Service

Pastor Caleb has decided to step down from the Wisconsin Rapids clerical rotations at Edenbrook and Health Services to begin providing his own monthly worship service at Edgewater Haven in Port Edwards. The service will be on Mondays following Communion Sundays, and will feature Holy Communion at each service. In place of a sermon will be devotions based on beloved hymns.

He is providing this service on behalf of PEUMC at Edgewater Haven.

First Mondays @ 1:30p

News from October



G.R.A.C.E.

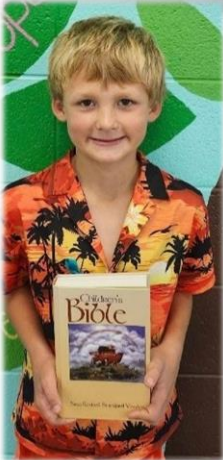
(Greater Rapids Area Churches for Ecumenism) hosted their second trivia night & silent auction.

The event raised \$1,339 for their cause to eliminate all student debt (from required program fees & school meals) for all graduating seniors in our area public schools (Nekoosa, Port, and Rapids). The event was held at B's Taphouse in downtown Rapids on October 5th.

Bishop Dan Schwerin (Sure-EEN) visited with folks from PEUMC for about hour on Saturday, October 11th. He talked about what it was like leading the Church today and the opportunities of serving both Wisconsin and

Northern Illinois Conferences. He spoke about churches today needing to rediscover the art of "experimenting" and being "playful laboratories" of doing new things to reach new people. Later, Bishop Dan was given a tour of the building and heard about our history and our current ministries. He was very excited about PEUMC, who we are and what we are doing. He noted that whatever struggles we may be facing is shared by almost every other congregation in the Western World and that our situation is not necessarily unique. He noted how beautiful our building was, how beautiful this area

Sawyer,
God loves you
no matter what!
May this book
bring you peace +
joy!
Bishop Dan Schwerin



On October 12th, **Sawyer** was presented his 3rd Grade Bible during the worship service. Also on that day, **Lindsey** was recognized as one of our PEUMC saints.



For U.W.I.F. Sunday (United Women in Faith), on October 19th, **Ana Olivos**, an immigrant living in Portage, WI, shared about her experience being a DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) resident and what that meant for her pursuit to being a teacher in the U.S. For instance, while she has a right to attend school, in Wisconsin she is considered an out-of-state resident requiring higher costs without the ability to seek any loans, grants, or scholarships. She is always afraid of the future of the DACA. (See "What Programs Are Immigrants Eligible For" on next page)



News from October

What programs are **immigrants** eligible for?

Waiting period before eligible: **5** 5 years **0.5** 180 days ☐ Changed by 2025 legislation

Services	Citizen	Green card	Refugees & asylees	DACA	Non-tourist visa	Asylum applicant	Unauthorized
Social Security	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe	Maybe	Maybe	No
SSI	Yes	Yes 5	Yes	No	No	No	No
Medicare	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Medicaid	Yes	Yes 5	No	No	No	No	No
CHIP	Yes	Yes 5	No	No	No	No	No
Marketplace insurance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Maybe	Maybe	No
Marketplace subsidies	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
SNAP	Yes	Yes 5	No	No	No	No	No
TANF	Yes	Yes 5	Yes	No	No	No	No
Section 8 housing	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Federal student aid	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Head Start	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Public K-12 education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Duties							
Pay taxes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vote in fed. elections	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Eligible to work	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe	Maybe	Maybe 0.5	No
Eligible for work-auth SSN	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maybe	Maybe	Maybe 0.5	No
Serve in US military	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Eligibility assuming applicant meets all standard program requirements.



Wesley United Methodist Church of Marshfield, WI, joined us in worship on Sunday, October 26th. **Pastor Douglas Clement** preached on "choosing to love others instead of judging" based on the parable of the conceited prayer of the Pharisee vs. the humble prayer of the tax collector. Following the service, our two forces came together for a potluck and fellowship upstairs.

Our church was represented at the annual **village trunk-or-treat** event on October 26th. Our theme was "Fall for Jesus, He never leaves." The costumed children picked up bags of candy from a basket. Helping the pastor was Julie B. who also helped bag the candy, too. We happily ran out of candy and plan to give out granola bars (for similar) next year to help our food-insecure families.



From the Camera Roll of the Pastor



Pastor Caleb is a sucker for anything orange, and greatly enjoyed the beautiful red-and-orange maple hanging onto its leaves in the parsonage yard.



While driving down Wisconsin River Drive one evening, Pastor Caleb spotted these two ghostly figures grazing alongside the road. These two white deer – ubiquitous to this area – were quite the photogenic pair.



Pastors Caleb and Doug spent their second anniversary in Spring Green, WI, where they visited Frank Lloyd Wright's home, Taliesin ("Tally-ESS-in"), and concluded the day at Ishnala Supper Club in the Dells. In the photo, they are pointing at their dinner choice on the big board outside.

WINTER WEATHER

Let us review our winter-weather protocol:

- our parking lot and sidewalks will be plowed and salted for our every Sunday morning services.
- the drop-off area nearest the main entry will be de-iced, salted, and sanded as best we can.
- greeters are asked to look out for those arriving and who may be having difficult approaching the entry.

SERVICE CANCELLATION:

An official call to cancel services due to bad, snowy, icy conditions will be made by 8:30 AM on Sunday morning. We will use these means to notify you: MailChimp (email), PhoneVite (phone), and on the main page of our church website. PLEASE make sure you sign-up for one of these services.

OUR ANNUAL PUBLIC SERVICE REMINDER:

EVERY YEAR, COUNTLESS MANY HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED OR DIED TRYING TO BRAVE THE WEATHER GETTING TO CHURCH. PLEASE EXERCISE GOOD JUDGMENT!

WHAT DOES PASTOR CALEB TITHE?

I want to share with you my financial planning and tithing practices,
to both inspire you and challenge you.

I had been a part-time pastor for a few years before I challenged myself to start giving regularly to my church. It was a new practice for me, and I was scared to start doing it. I had never given my money to an organization regularly. Before then, I retained all the money I earned. It was my understanding of the “means” which I had to live within. So, I challenged myself to start out small with **\$5.00** weekly. (And even that felt painful for me!)

When I started serving two churches simultaneously, I starting giving \$5.00 to *each* church weekly. *Ugh!*
The next year, **\$10.00** to *each* church weekly. *Eh.*

By the following year, I knew I needed to give a full **10%**. Since then, this has been my practice. It was rough at first – but only mentally – not in actuality.

Now, both Doug and I tithe 10% of our combined salaries and it does not affect our financial situation at all (and that’s also with car payments and insurance, student loan payments, and renters insurance, too).

My 2026 base salary will be **\$54,480**.
I’m choosing to deduct **15%** from my salary for my pension
(*which will be taxed & tithed upon in retirement*),
leaving a total of **\$46,308**.
My tithe (*note: calculated before taxes*) will be **\$4,631**.

From this amount, my 2026 tithe (10%) is broken into 3 components (all going to the Church):

- **1%** will go to greater denominational ministries (i.e., Reconciling Ministries Network): **\$463.08**
- **1%** will go to Wisconsin Conference ministries (i.e., conference camps): **\$463.08**
- **8%** remains at Port Edwards UMC: **\$3,704.84 (\$71.25 weekly giving)**.

Q: Can I also cap my PEUMC giving at 8% or factor in other non-church donations into my 10%?

A: *Ideally*, your full tithe is a dedication to Christ’s church – your ‘first fruits.’ A tithe is not just money given out to *any good cause*; a biblical tithe is specifically for “the running of the temple and income for the priest.” I give a full 10% to the church, on the local, conference, and denominational level. This is because I am a clergy member of the conference and I have vowed in my ordination to support the denomination at all levels by my own “prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.” You must determine for yourself how your other goodwill donations are part of your “church giving” or are given in addition to it.

Thank you for being faithful disciples in your financial contributions to our ministries!

Fill Out Your “Estimate of Giving” Card Online

If you cannot attend our November 9th worship service, you still have the option of notifying our Financial Secretary of your pledge for 2026 by filling out the electronic version on our website (**peumc.org/pledge**) and submitting directly it to the church office (only our Financial Secretary and his assistant see this). *This is the QR Code for the page:*



Tithe Calculations for 2026

Based on my (our combined) annual income of [a.],
 an annual tithe would be [b.],
 a monthly tithe would be [c.],
 and a weekly tithe would be [d.].

*(a tithe is defined as 10% -- you decide if this is **before** or **after** taxes)*

(try to use your 2026 income, if you know it)

(exclude money set aside for retirement; you will want to tithe on that when you draw on it)

(you should include all sources of income)

A tithe is a biblical ideal; not a mandate or command.

Annual Income	a x 0.1	Annual Tithe	b ÷ 12	Monthly Tithe	b ÷ 52	Weekly Tithe
a. \$5,000		b. \$500		c. \$41.67		d. \$9.61
a. \$10,000		b. \$1,000		c. \$83.33		d. \$19.23
a. \$15,000		b. \$1,500		c. \$125.00		d. \$28.85
a. \$20,000		b. \$2,000		c. \$166.67		d. \$38.46
a. \$25,000		b. \$2,500		c. \$208.33		d. \$48.08
a. \$30,000		b. \$3,000		c. \$250.00		d. \$57.69
a. \$35,000		b. \$3,500		c. \$291.67		d. \$67.31
a. \$40,000		b. \$4,000		c. \$333.33		d. \$76.92
a. \$45,000		b. \$4,500		c. \$375.00		d. \$86.54
a. \$50,000		b. \$5,000		c. \$416.67		d. \$96.15
a. \$55,000		b. \$5,500		c. \$458.33		d. \$105.77
a. \$60,000		b. \$6,000		c. \$500.00		d. \$115.38
a. \$65,000		b. \$6,500		c. \$541.67		d. \$125.00
a. \$70,000		b. \$7,000		c. \$583.33		d. \$134.62
a. \$75,000		b. \$7,500		c. \$625.00		d. \$144.23
a. \$80,000		b. \$8,000		c. \$666.67		d. \$153.85
a. \$85,000		b. \$8,500		c. \$708.33		d. \$163.46
a. \$90,000		b. \$9,000		c. \$750.00		d. \$173.08
a. \$95,000		b. \$9,500		c. \$791.67		d. \$182.69
a. \$100,000		b. \$10,000		c. \$833.33		d. \$192.31
a. \$110,000		b. \$11,000		c. \$916.67		d. \$211.54
a. \$120,000		b. \$12,000		c. \$1,000.00		d. \$230.77
a. \$130,000		b. \$13,000		c. \$1,083.33		d. \$250.00
a. \$140,000		b. \$14,000		c. \$1,166.67		d. \$269.23
a. \$150,000		b. \$15,000		c. \$1,250.00		d. \$288.46
a. \$160,000		b. \$16,000		c. \$1,333.33		d. \$307.69
a. \$170,000		b. \$17,000		c. \$1,416.67		d. \$326.92
a. \$180,000		b. \$18,000		c. \$1,500.00		d. \$346.15
a. \$190,000		b. \$19,000		c. \$1,583.33		d. \$365.38
a. \$200,000		b. \$20,000		c. \$1,666.67		d. \$384.62
a. \$220,000		b. \$22,000		c. \$1,833.33		d. \$423.08
a. \$240,000		b. \$24,000		c. \$2,000.00		d. \$461.54
a. \$260,000		b. \$26,000		c. \$2,166.67		d. \$500.00
a. \$280,000		b. \$28,000		c. \$2,333.33		d. \$538.46
a. \$300,000		b. \$30,000		c. \$2,500.00		d. \$576.92
a. \$340,000		b. \$34,000		c. \$2,833.33		d. \$653.84
a. \$380,000		b. \$38,000		c. \$3,166.67		d. \$730.77
a. \$400,000		b. \$40,000		c. \$3,333.33		d. \$769.23
a. \$450,000		b. \$45,000		c. \$3,700.00		d. \$865.38
a. \$500,000		b. \$50,000		c. \$4,166.67		d. \$961.54

Calculating My Actual Tithe

(10% - a biblical *ideal*; *not* a mandate or command)

(before or after taxes – you choose)

(exclude any money that will be taxed later (pension, etc.))

My (our) [estimated] 2026 annual income will be: \$_____.

x 0.1 or 10%

My (our) 2026 annual tithe would be: \$_____.

÷ 12 (monthly)

OR

÷ 52 (weekly)

My 2026 monthly tithe (ideally) is: \$_____. OR My 2025 weekly tithe (ideally) is: \$_____.

Two most important things to consider above all else:

(1) Keep it regular

(2) Make it your *first-fruits* (the top/first portion of your income),
NOT what is left over.

CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE 2025

Saturday, December 13th – 11:30a – 12:30p – El Café

District Superintendent Park Hunter will be with us in-person.

Connection Lists – Time to Review & Renew!

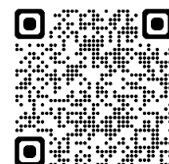
Connection Lists are about discerning the interests and gifts of our congregation by asking members to write down their name under *specific* categories for the possibility of being called to help the leadership complete a defined task. The **Lists** are set for the year, with an open call in the fall to review and renew.

Every member of the church has yellow **"Connection Card" Packet** with their name on it. They are available in the lobby of the church (or will be mailed to you later this month). It includes your responses from last year, inviting you to update your responses for 2026. This should be reviewed and turned back in by the end of November. If you cannot pick up your card in person, you can fill out the electronic version of your card by going to **peumc.org/connection** or using this QR code:

NOTE: Your card will be returned if you forgot to mark either of the two options in red on page 6 of your packet:

☐ **note additions, deletions, changes for 2026**

☐ **no changes for 2026**



2025 Missional Giving Report, YTD

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
June	G.R.A.C.E. local student debt	\$407.49
Sp. Offering	Habitat for Humanity (one-week special offering)	\$220.00
July/August	Habitat for Humanity	\$490.00
Sp. Offering	School Supplies (Stuff-the-Bus)	\$20.00
Sept/Oct	Recycling Bins & Trash Cans	\$285.00
YTD		\$3,761.49

November Mission Projects



1. "Christmas Cheer" Gift Program for Students

We are doing our annual fundraising efforts to support the school in providing holiday gifts for students whose families are in need of extra help this winter season.

We would like to get as much of the money raised by Black Friday, our shopping day.



2. Collect can openers for FOCUS Food Pantry

FOCUS has noticed that many of their clients do not have means to open canned goods.

They are requesting donations of (hand-crank) can openers to give to those without.

November Households



Throughout November,
our congregation is asked
to pray for the following people:
(randomly chosen on 10/27)

**Joy & Peter R. / Colby G. / Danial H. /
Leona S. / Diane & John S. / Sara T. /
Bill & Jody P. / Melora C.
Pastors Caleb & Doug**

At their September 21st meeting, held in the parsonage,
the Leadership Council made the following decisions:

- (1) *Discipleship Discussion*: Next year, we really need to have some intentional strategic planning in which we are continuously asking “How is this making new disciples?”
- (2) *Discipleship Team Update*: We are moving ahead with our nominations for 2026. It is quite possible that we can get a full roster with no, or few, duplications of names.
- (3) APPROVED: Upgrading our office door security system to the JO Series of AIPhone Systems. Installation to be done the week of November 3rd by Bill Doucette of Mobile Lock & Security.
- (4) DISCUSSED: Our current procedures for vouchering and paying our credit card expenses is satisfactory – no changes.
- (5) REVIEWED: Charge Conference reports were reviewed.
- (6) NEXT MEETING:
 - a. Approve 2026 Budget.
 - b. Seeking new accounting services in 2026 after current accountant’s retirement.

Church Office Receives Security Upgrades



Our previous camera system in our office was becoming outdated and temperamental. The AIPhone JO Series video intercom system features a 7-inch touchscreen monitor for both the main office and pastor’s office with direct access to unlock the exterior doors. The system can also be attached to individual’s smartphones through the app, allowing persons to communicate to visitors at the door even remotely. This new system will improve our communication between the office and the exterior door cam.

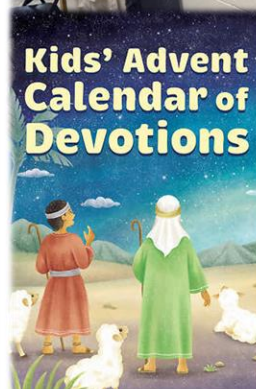
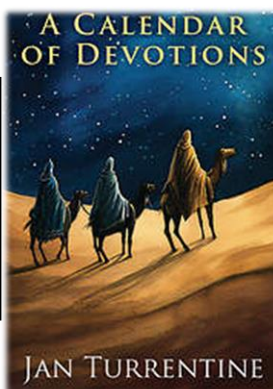
New Coat Hooks Installed Upstairs

Just in time for the bazaar, a set of coat hooks were installed in the upstairs hallway as a cooperative between Jeff T. and Leo T. The metal rack that was there previously were removed during the elevator project and could not be reinstalled because of the alterations of this wall space. Council voted in October to have low-profile hooks installed for those enjoying events like the bazaar. They got their first good workout on November 1st! Thank you, Saints Jeff & Leo!



Advent Devotions — free for you

On Sunday, November 16th, **free** copies of the latest Cokesbury daily Advent 2025 devotions will be handed out to each household, and later mailed to each household in the church. Children’s editions will also be available, too.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS– 11/1– 12/14

Below are daily scripture readings that are based on Sunday morning's lectionary passages. While not all parts of the Bible can be covered, the weekday readings help to connect on Sunday's readings to the next one.

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

11/1	Daniel 4	King's 2 nd Dream	11/23	Jerem. 29:1, 4-14	Hope for the Future
11/2	Daniel 7:1-18	Daniel's Dream	11/24	Jeremiah 29:15-23	Prophecy of Exile
11/3	Daniel 8	Daniel's 2 nd Dream	11/25	Jeremiah 30:1-11	Prophecy of Return
11/4	Hosea 11	God's Compassion	11/26	Jere. 31:1-14	Prophecy of Abundance
11/5	Hosea 14	Assurance of Forgiveness	11/27	Jeremiah 31:31-40	A New Covenant
11/6	Joel 2:18-32	God's Spirit Poured Out	11/28	Jerem. 32:26-44	Assurance of Return
11/7	Amos 4	Israel Rejects Correction	11/29	Jerem. 33:1-13	Healing a Punishment
11/8	Amos 5:1-13	Lament for Israel's Sin	11/30	Daniel 3:1-30	The Fiery Furnace
11/9	Amos 1:1-24	Day of the Lord	12/1	Jeremiah 14-26	Righteous Branch
11/10	Amos 9	Destruction & Restoration	12/2	Jeremiah 36	Reading of the Scroll
11/11	Obadiah (entire)	Vision of Obadiah	12/3	Jeremiah 37:11-21	Jere. Is Imprisoned
11/12	Isaiah 2	House of God	12/4	Jeremiah 39	Fall of Jerusalem
11/13	Isaiah 5:1-7	Unfruitful Vineyard	12/5	Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:1-10	Ezekiel's Call
11/14	Isaiah 5:8-23	Social Injustices	12/6	Ezekiel 3:1-11	Called to Be a Prophet
11/15	Isaiah 6	Vision of God	12/7	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Valley of Dry Bones
11/16	Isaiah 9:1-7	A Child has been born!	12/8	Ezekiel 39:25-29	Israel's Restoration
11/17	Isaiah 9:8-21	The Lord's Judgment	12/9	Ezra 1:1-11	The End of the Exile
11/18	Isaiah 11:1-9	Vision: Peaceful Kingdom	12/10	Ezra 3:1-7	Worship Again in Jerusal.
11/19	Jeremiah 1:4-19	Jeremiah's Call	12/11	Ezra 3:8-13	Rebuilding the Temple
11/20	Jeremiah 25:1-14	Jere. Prophesies Exile	12/12	Isaiah 52:3-10	Restoration of Israel
11/21	Jeremiah 27:1-22	Jere. Prophesies Again	12/13	Isaia 54:1-10	God's Covenant of Peace
11/22	2 Kings 25:1-21	Judah Taken into Exile	12/14	Isaiah 55:1-13	Seek the Lord

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



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

Home Delivered Meals Drivers

Julie Berg
Skip & Ellen Mazurek
Nina Pelo
Becky Taylor
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.



By Merging Strengths of SWEPS, Rapids Family Backpacks & The Neighborhood Table

FOCUS Food Pantry Helpers

Julie Berg
Lindsey Hintz
Lori Hintz
Chuck Lamb
Renee Marzofka
Diane Sweat
Becky Taylor

Your efforts to help put food on the table for our neighbors is so appreciated! Anyone interested in helping with these programs may contact Becky Taylor (715-887-2163) for more information. **THANK YOU!**

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
 @ Steelers - Noon		11:00 am - Nurture				UWIF Bazaar 10a - 2p
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Daylight Savings Time Ends Worship Service 10:00 A (Communion) All Saints Sunday  Panthers - Noon	Stewardship Consecration RSVPs due Edgewater Service 1:30p	MemoryShare 10:30a at El Café		9:30 AM - UWIF Thank You Brunch	Pastor's day off	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship Service 10:00 A Stewardship Sunday & Celebration Luncheon	 Eagles - 7:15p	Veterans Day			Newsletter items due Pastor's day off	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship Service 10:00 A 11:00 AM - Church Council Meeting "Reign of Christ Sunday"  @ Giants - Noon	"Wicked" Part 1 Movie Night - 1p Fellowship Hall		11:00 am - Sunshine Reading Circle at El Café	FOCUS Neighborhood Meals 3:45p-6:00p	Pastor's day off	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship Service 10:00 A Native American Sunday Community Thanksgiving Grace Lutheran - 6pm  Vikings - Noon	Delivery & Pick-up of Attitude of Gratitude Bouquets 7:30-10:30a & 2:30-5:30p	Nurture 11a "Wicked" Part 2 Movie Night Roger Cinema 12:30p \$5.00	PASTOR OUT OF TOWN			Hanging of the Greens 10:30-Noon (Chili Lunch)
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Blessing of the Greens Service 10:00A						8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast - El Café
Birthdays: Lynn D. 11/3, Guy D. 11/8, Phil O. 11/9, Ava S. 11/10, Melora C. 11/11, Lisa M. 11/15, Denise D. 11/17, Sawyer H. 11/17, Eliza H. 11/19, Linda F. 11/21, Dave M. 11/23 Anniversaries: Jon & Mandy M. 11/6, John & Diane S. 11/9				Church Office Hours: Connie: Mon - Fri. : 8:00a - Noon Pastor: Mon. thru Thurs. : 9a - 1:00		