

OUR 2026 CHURCH COVENANT

PORT EDWARDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PEUMC has sought to be faithful Christ followers since our earliest days in **1898**.

This covenant, lived out in word and deed, is just one expression of our Baptism by Water and the Spirit in which we have together participated as each have been called.

On this first Sunday of our **128th year** in Port Edwards, Wisconsin, we, *the members and constituents of PEUMC who have signed below, vow to continue our quasquicentennial + legacy by renewing this annual covenant*

for the sake of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to our local communities and the whole world for many more years to come.

This signed covenant of 2026 seeks to encourage us to live in light of that much greater Divine Covenant;

one initiated by Love, sealed by Sacrifice, and kept for Eternity by our Humble Servant and Savior Jesus Christ, as expressed most deeply in His Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Relying on God's most gracious help, we do now solemnly and joyfully renew this covenant with each other, as a mere second expression of our common Baptism:

- We will **worship** the Holy Trinity **regularly** as God's people assembled together, in person, virtually, or in spirit, aiming always to **give God the glory** (Romans 11:36).
- We will involve ourselves in **groups**, as the opportunities present themselves, alongside our personal **devotions** for the sake of our spiritual growth and the support of our faith community (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- We will serve Christ by our **works of justice and compassion**, as individuals and as a congregation, and to serve others as we were created to do (1 Peter 4:10).
- We will **give back to God** joyfully, as far as we are able, recognizing God as the Source of all good things who asks of us to be living sacrifices of praise (Matthew 6:19-24).
- We will **support** for our leadership by praying for them, speaking the truth in love, providing creative feedback, and stepping up where there is an unmet need (Hebr. 13:17-18).
- We will **seek unity with God's people**, understanding God's design for the church is **unity in diversity**, placing the needs of others above any personal preferences (1 Peter 3:8-9).
- We will work to strengthen our efforts of becoming **fully inclusive** of all people by ensuring welcome and belonging for all through a safe and brave space (1 John 4:7-8).
- We will work together for the continuation of our **faithful ministry** in this local church, by sustaining its **congregational life**, raising up new and future **leaders**, and cheerfully supporting our congregation's **Nurture, Outreach/Mission, and Witness** by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.
- We will be **loyal to Christ** through The United Methodist Church and do all in our power to strengthen its ministries to spread scriptural holiness across the land.

*For the glory of God,
the Father, Son, Holy Spirit. . . .*

Signed by: _____, on this the 4th day of January, 2026.