



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

### PEUMC participates in United Women in Faith Global Assembly in Indianapolis



**Diane S., Lucy S., and LuAnn S.** joined over 3,000 United Methodist women of faith from around the world at their 21<sup>st</sup> quadrennial (every-four-years) global assembly. The event took place May 15-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Their theme was **“DREAM IT! BELIEVE IT! DO IT!”**

The weekend was filled with faith, empowerment, and difference-making. Those in attendance found their souls uplifted, faith strengthened, and bonds of sisterhood fortified.

After attending her first UWIF Assembly in 2022, Linda Cockett could not wait to attend her second such gathering this year. *“When you have this many women gathered and excited about their faith and excited about the mission,”* Cockett said, a member of Torrington United Methodist Church in Torrington, Wyoming, *“it just breeds excitement in you.”*

The message throughout the weekend was: **When women unite to carry out God’s mission, they are “unstoppable.”**

The Rev. Stephenie York Arnold, who served as the assembly’s theologian-in-residence, preached that those gathered at the assembly have the power to help fulfill Jesus’ promise of “abundant life.” *“When I look over this body of loving, courageous, faithful, resilient women, I can’t help but wonder: How might the world change if we all chose to shine our light?”*

Sally Vonner, top executive of United Women in Faith, stressed the ongoing and building threats facing women, children, and youth. UWIF has long focused on addressing climate change, stopping the school-to-prison pipeline, and promoting racial justice. Vonner pointed

out that the U.S. federal government is cutting support for primary and college education,



separating children from their migrant parents, imperiling voting rights for women and people of color, and reversing strides toward renewable energy and environmental protection even as the U.S. in March capped the hottest 12 months since official records began in 1895. Federal cuts also have affected UWIF's 80+ National Mission Institutions that serve women, youth, and children across the U.S.

Even amid all these challenges, UWIF members heard about the various ways that they are still making a difference to help people live an abundant life – providing crucial scholarships, supporting migrants and cultivating women leaders who drive economic development around the world.

The assembly opened with an acknowledgement that the host site stands on the ancestral lands of the Miami and the Potawatomi. After the Rev. Angel Armstrong of Trinity United Methodist Church in Indianapolis led the acknowledgment, UWIF committed to giving a \$2,000 contribution to the Miami Nation of Indiana Honor Fund, a program to support the tribe in sustaining its community and culture.



Vonner challenged those present to raise \$100,000 for mission during the weekend. They revved up participants while wearing orange racing jumpsuits – referencing the Indy 500. By the closing ceremony, the assembly has raised more than \$300,000 to support UWIF missions!

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, a consecration service took place for 22 deaconesses (women) and home missionaries (men). These individuals are part of the United Methodist consecrated orders for laypeople, which UWIF/UMW have overseen since 1888. Indiana Conference Bishop Tracy S. Malone stressed that the movement of Jesus has always relied on the witness of lay people. *"It is through the lives of the laity that the Gospel is embodied in homes, workplaces, communities and in every place where hope is needed and justice is sought for generations,"* she preached.

The assembly also included multiple workshops where participants learned how they might get more involved in such efforts as supporting migrants, cleaning up the environment, ending mass incarceration, and serving at General Conference.

Keynote speaker was Stacey Abrams. Stacey is an American politician, lawyer, voting rights activist, and author who served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 2007 to 2017, serving as minority leader from 2011 to 2017. She founded the Fair Fight Action in 2018, an organization to address voter suppression. She was born in Madison, Wisconsin. Her parents, Robert and Carolyn Abrams both pursued divinity degrees at Emory University and became United Methodist ministers.

Abrams appeared as an actor in the season 4 finale of *Star Trek: Discovery* as the president of United Earth.

Her reverend mother, Carolyn, was the second keynote speaker for the weekend.

United Women in Faith (U.W.I.F, formerly United Methodist Women – U.M.W.) is the largest faith-based organization for women in the world, with roots going back to 1869.

Diane, Lucy, and LuAnn were grateful for the use of the Dorothy Gallery Trust Fund to help support their trip.



# BREAKING NEWS:

## P.E.U.M.C. WINS SETTLEMENT WITH CHURCH MUTUAL

Many of you are aware of our ongoing dispute with Church Mutual Insurance over a hail damage claim from a hailstorm that took place on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. In the aftermath of this event, many homes in Port Edwards, including the local Lutheran Church (which also had Church Mutual) received new roofs. All the homes around PEUMC also got new roofs. Initial inspection that year showed there was, indeed, hail damage. But a Church Mutual-appointed “second opinion” showed that there was no hail damage after all. PEUMC filed a complaint with the Wisconsin State Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. A careful step-by-step process ensued for the next two years. (For more information, seek the wisdom of **Jeff T.**)

*(It should be noted that, by the grace of our good God, PEUMC took out a hail damage rider on our insurance in 2024.)*

Lauren Exteriors has been our public adjuster (representing the church to the insurance company). This agreement came about that if we won, Lauren would have the job to repair/replace our roof.

However, pressure was building toward May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the end of the two-year statute of limitation. After this date, PEUMC would lose the right to pursue legal action involving this claim, and we would be entirely responsible for repairing the damaged roof out of pocket.

On Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Jeff T., Leo T., Nina P., and Pastor Caleb met via ZOOM in the Memorial Lounge with Attorney Ryan R. Graff (MGW Law, LLP – a law firm dedicated to advocating for policyholders and accident victims who have been treated unfairly by insurance companies) and a project manager representing Joseph O’Keffe Adjustment Firm named Josh (Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC – works with Lauren Exteriors).

Almost concurrently, Church Mutual denied our most recent appraisal claim, prompting Attorney Graff to encourage PEUMC to initiate a “notice of intent to sue.” This had to be filed by May 18<sup>th</sup> in order to hold Church Mutual accountable for their contracted coverage. On Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, PEUMC’s Leadership Council voted unanimously to pursue this lawsuit against Church Mutual. An intent to sue was filed by the attorney on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, PEUMC was notified that Church Mutual agreed to settle out of court for the sum of **\$205,000**. This total settlement amount includes the estimated cost of repair from the *initial* damage report, plus any legal fees that may have been incurred.

**ROOF REPAIR?** Currently, we do not know the extent of the repair or replacement of the roof. *Parts of the church? The whole thing? Gazebo, too? Parsonage?* PEUMC will be working closely with Lauren Exteriors so that the necessary repairs or replacement be covered as much as possible within the settlement total. And, of course, we are dedicated to pursuing this roofing job armed with the wisdom of the roof damage fiasco back in 2018.

NOTE: All United Methodist Churches in Wisconsin had a single group plan with Church Mutual (based out of Merrill, WI). The expectation was that collective bargaining would ensure quality coverage. Unfortunately, due to the volatile world of insurance right now, Church Mutual started dropping churches from coverage, increasing their premiums, while also increasing their claim denials; this violated the contract with the Annual Conference. This prompted the Conference to look for other insurance options. 2024 was the last coverage year with Church Mutual, meaning that even as we were pursuing this hail damage claim with them, our Conference entered a contract with Travelers Insurance for 2025. (This has since changed for 2026 to GuideOne Insurance – property and liability – from Des Moines.)

The CEO of Church Mutual, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, is Alan S. Ogilvie, a Port Edwards graduate.



# The Journey Ahead: Recognizing Our Graduates!

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> was Graduate Sunday.



## Collin B.

During high school, I was a part of the drama club, forensics, Day of Caring, and art club. As a freshman, I thought graduation was going to be in 20 years. I feel like it went fast, and I wish I had just a little more time to spend with my friends. I have changed so much since I was a freshman, and I am very proud of the person that I am today. I have a summer job lined up, and I will be going to Mid-State to do my Gen Eds and then transferring to UWSP for psychology. I'm looking forward to this new chapter in my life, and I'm very excited I get to finally chase my dreams.

College: Mid-State Technical College  
Major/Minor: University Transfer Associate of Arts



## Ethan B.

I'm excited for summer and to further pursue my education at Mid-State for arbory once summer comes to an end. Obviously, I'm going to miss sports and other extracurricular activities. Whether it was being a captain on the football team, a leader on the baseball field, or playing basketball and running track for the first time. I also served as president of the Spanish club. I also helped tutor our middle schoolers and participated in a new program called Blackhawk Buddies, which helped kids who could benefit from a friend due to several different reasons. I also participated in our drama club, forensics, and math league. And this basically sums up what I have done for the school.

College: Mid-State Technical College  
Major/Minor: Arbory



## Melanie S.

I'm grateful to share that I have graduated from Des Moines Area Community College with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Funeral Service (mortuary science). This journey has challenged me academically, emotionally, and spiritually, and I thank God for the strength and support he has provided through each step. I feel called to use this degree to serve families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives by offering compassion, dignity, comfort, and care through funeral service. In the future, I hope to continue growing in this profession while being a light to others, showing Christ's love through kindness, respect, and service to those who are grieving. Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement, and support throughout this journey.



Special thanks to **Ellen M.** who obtained the cake for the reception.



# SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS AT THIS YEAR'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Soggy weather couldn't keep these hearty egg hunters away!



Over 1,500 eggs were stuffed by various members of the congregation, including our MemoryShare friends. *Thank you!*



The Easter Bunny laid them all in the wee hours of the morning on April 4<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the 10:15 AM Community Hunt. It was soggy and a bit cold, but we still had a decent turn out. All 12 golden eggs were found, which awarded each winner a \$3.00 gift certificate from Swiftwater Ice Cream in Nekoosa.

They were also treated to hotdogs, chips, and drinks, courtesy of **Rachel and Chuck L.** *Thank you for your hot-diggity-dog generosity!*

## Godliness Wrapped Up in Smiles



**Symphony and Gracie** enjoy their time in Sunday School on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. These girls helped raise **\$132.00** of noisy offering funds for this year's college care packages!

**THANK YOU,  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!**

**Lori H. / Sara T. / Becky T. / Ellen H.**

**Thank you for guiding our young ones through their bible lessons, music, and crafts this year!**

## A GREAT LAST SUPPER!

**Nancy H., Lucy S., Candy P., and Pastor Caleb** enjoyed an evening at Marshfield Wesley United Methodist Church's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Live Last Supper event. What started as a simple church program turned into a perfectly ecumenical and community event. The variety of faith traditions from the Marshfield area that participate is incredible: United and Global Methodists, Lutherans, Catholics, Seventh Day Adventists, and Latter Day Saints.



# A Birthday Surprise to Remember!



Nine ladies of PEUMC, plus Pastor Caleb, and other mutual friends, surprised **Midge H.** for her birthday at her residence at the Waterford. The event was organized by her friend, Diane M. Midge was gifted a binder of written memories and notes of appreciation prepared by those in attendance, and others. The group enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship and

finger foods. Midge was all smiles the whole time! *Thank you, family of God for this gift of Presence!*

## Chemo Care Bags Presented to Aspirus



Members of PEUMC, in April, assembled 24 chemo care kits that were blessed on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> before being presented to Aspirus "Riverview" Hospital's Cancer Center. Each kit had a variety of items that were recommended for patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment: activity books, snacks, hand sanitizer, lip balms, hand wipes, and words of encouragement on behalf of their "friends from PEUMC."

BELOW: Pastor Caleb conducts the Wisconsin Area Community Choir at their Spring Concert on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He conducted a mash-up of *Sing, Sing, Sing* and *It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing*. Cason H. played the drum-set and Mary E. played the piano. This is the largest the choir has ever been in its 25+ year history!

*Pastor Caleb - We cannot thank you enough for the generous, and beautiful, Chemo Care kits your church family donated. Our patients will truly enjoy them and feel the love of our greater community.*

*Stacy Elle Barb Michelle Mary Lishie Brit  
Jana -Janel Stacy Ashley Annmarie Brie  
Jamie*



# Agradecimiento a los clients en *El Café!*

Here are some photos of PEUMC members that hung on the “customer appreciation” wall at *El Café!*



## Rev. Adam Hamilton Runs for Kansas Senate

The Rev. Adam Hamilton is distinguished as the founder of the Church of the Resurrection in the Greater Kansas City area, the largest United Methodist Church in the United States. His church has an average weekly attendance of about 25,000 across its nine campuses, including online and televised services. He has authored more than 30 books, many of them used at bible studies and sermon series at PEUMC over the years. He was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Presential Advisory Council on Faith-Based Partnerships in 2016.



In April 2026, he announced his campaign to run in the 2026 U.S. Senate race in Kansas to challenge incumbent Republican Roger Marshall. Initially drawing widespread criticism for running as an Independent, Hamilton later decided to run as “an Independent-Minded Democrat.”

**FUN FACT:** Pastor Caleb childhood friend who attended the same United Methodist Church in Mount Carmel, IL, Ashley Morgan, is one of several associate pastors at the Church of the Resurrection. Rev. Morgan is pastor specifically to the high school age population there.

**ANOTHER FUN FACT:** Pastor Caleb has worked with Pastor Adam a few times, at both the 2016 and 2024 General Conferences, Festival of Homiletics, and a few other places. They were, for a brief time, on a first-name basis, having worked closely in committee work at the 2024 G.C. in Charlottesville.

### Adam’s campaign is focused on:

- **Listening to Kansans:** Serving Kansans and listening to their concerns
- **Solving the Affordability and Opportunity Crisis:** Addressing the high costs of food, energy, and healthcare that are straining Kansas families.
- **Building Bridges:** Bringing common-sense back to Washington by working with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to find solutions that put Kansans first.
- **Restoring Decency and Humanity in Government:** Rekindling faith in the American Dream by centering our politics on decency and our shared humanity.

Adam believes that Washington shouldn’t be the world’s bully or a place of gridlock, but a functional government that listens to the people it represents. He isn’t a career politician; he’s a Kansan who believes we are better when we work together.

# Parsonage Exterior Project Now COMPLETE!



Having removed the damaged stone façade, installed new weather-resistant wooden siding, replaced the front steps with bigger, ADA-compliant steps, removed the built-in stone planter, poured a small front patio, and added gutters to this area, the project is now COMPLETE!

The total for this project was **\$11,500**.

Pastor Caleb and Doug have since painted the front door and frames, purchased a new address plaque and mailbox, moved a bench to the front, and began planting spring flowers to beautify the front exterior of the parsonage. Flower boxes will soon be added to the windows in front. These beautification efforts are at the courtesy of the parsonage family.

BUT: We are \*still\* asking for donations to close the gap of the congregation's portion of this project. The project is done, but the fundraising effort is exactly resting at 50%.

**A SPECIAL OFFERING OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE AGAIN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>.**

An online portal via VANCO is still active for this project. Or you can designate donations by writing "**STONEWORK PROJECT**" on your envelope or check memo.

Or scan this QR code:



## Bloomin' By the River!



The pride of our main entrance is this beautiful flower bed. It has now begun its annual journey of transformation through the spring-summer-autumn seasons. This garden is made possible by Judy M. and Master Gardeners like her. In fact, the garden now looks nothing like the pictures above. New blooms have sprung to life and will continue to do so for the next several months!

## RESURRECTION JOY!

The Easter services, in recent years, have begun with the sanctuary draped in funeral black (to represent death), and always ends up in the bright colors and whites of the Easter season! The children made a joyful mess in the chancel with the confetti canons!



# PEUMC Engages Paragraph 213

PEUMC is facing the exact same challenges almost every other church of every other denomination is facing: **income does not meet expenses**. This has been our reality since about 2013. But this gap has been slowly growing for the past 13 years.

On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Caleb offered a “Financial Vitality” presentation to the congregation after the morning service. He explained that the real culprit is the exponentially-increasing cost of goods while personal incomes have not kept up. It simply hasn’t been a kind economic reality for us, not for a while. This is not a “we’re too small” problem. And that’s the **truth**. *Why?* Because an analysis of our finances has proven that we are giving **more per person** than ever before, as far back as our financial statistical reports are available. In fact, since 2022, our **\*\*giving has increased just under \$1,000 a month!\*\*** That demonstrates the faithfulness and generosity of this congregation. *Thank you for your trust in our mission and purpose!*

Unfortunately, we have been drawing from the Endowment for far too long and in an unsustainable way. We are pulling out more than it can generate.

What is absolutely in our future is two-fold:

- (1) figuring out ways to grow the church – and keep it growing AND**
- (2) finding ways to cut expenses**

In November 2025, PEUMC’s Leadership Council voted unanimously to entertain the possibility of sharing a pastor 50/50 with Nekoosa United Church of Christ. Two days later, the NUCC church council also voted the same.

However, our District Superintendent has encouraged us to *first* engage in “Paragraph 213,” named for its placement in The United Methodist Church’s *Book of Discipline*. The paragraph is called “A Process for Assessment of Local Church Potential” and its opening words read: “*Since every congregation is located in a community in some type of transition, every local church is encouraged to study their congregation’s potential. This shall include a study task force to study extensively the past, present, and potential ministry of the local church.*”

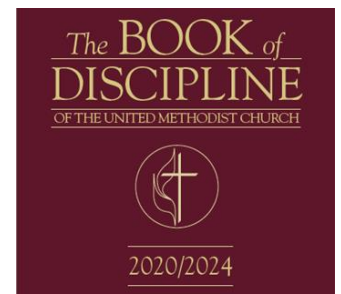
D.S. Park Hunter appointed us Rev. Scott Carlson, the Director of Congregational Development. Leaders and members of the congregation, so far, have sat with Rev. Carlson over two meetings, both held in the Memorial Lounge.

Throughout April, four work teams were picked to study various aspects of the church: our history, ministry, identity, areas of influence and possibilities, and our building and finances. At our second meeting (4/26) with Rev. Carlson, a report from each work team was shared with those gathered.

We are currently preparing for our third meeting with Rev. Scott Carlson, during which time we will begin discussing our strategic plan to grow the congregation and to return to the idea if moving to a part-time pastoral appointment is truly in our future.

The decision to move to a part-time pastorate, if it comes to that, will eventually be a congregational-wide vote. **HOWEVER**, the reality is, moving to part-time *still does not* close the gap between income and expenses.

Therefore, in whatever scenario, we mainliners need to learn how to invite people to church again. Because without the influx of *new* people – our church, like so many others, will go the way of the dodo bird. **What is the key?** Personal invitation by members.



## Pie-and-Ice-Cream

PEUMC raised **\$300.00** in their pie-and-ice-cream sell. This took place as part of the Port Edwards Village-wide Rummage Sale Weekend on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sue T., Chuck L., Becky T., Rose W., Karen V., and Tiffany K.** all brought 1-2 pies each.

## G.R.A.C.E. Trivia Night

The trivia night fundraiser for local student debt relief by G.R.A.C.E. raised over **\$550.00**. This is the nest egg for the '26-'27 school year. **Leo T., Karen & Mike V.,** and **Pastors Caleb & Doug** served as the PEUMC trivia team. We technically won the questions – but wagered all our points and lost!

## Miracle Sunday

A special offering requested by the denomination was collected on May 17<sup>th</sup> to help endow 500 scholarships for seminary students in Europe, Africa, and the Philippines. We raised **\$70.00** toward this cause.

## G.R.A.C.E. Disburses Student Relief Funds

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Caleb, treasurer of G.R.A.C.E. (Greater Rapids Area Churches for Ecumenism), disbursed **\$5,000.00** in donated funds to four local school districts. Each school was instructed to use these funds to first pay off any outstanding student account debt of the graduating senior class, especially food-related debt. All leftover monies were to be used to support students from food-insecure families. The following amounts were disbursed according to the needs expressed in each district:

<b>Port Edwards:</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Pittsville:</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Nekoosa:</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Lincoln High School:</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

These disbursements represented 99.96% of the funds raised this past year. This relief effort is made possible by the generosity of the members of the G.R.A.C.E. churches and community members at large. With the trivia night on May 17<sup>th</sup>, our fundraising efforts now start over for the next school year.



## **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEKOOSA**

*Empowering all students to succeed in a global community*

[www.nekoosasd.net](http://www.nekoosasd.net)

Greetings!

On behalf of the students, staff, and administration of the School District of Nekoosa, thank you for the generous donation of **\$1,500.00** from G.R.A.C.E. for senior lunch debt. Currently we have 37 seniors with a total of over \$3,600 in school lunch debt (with 3+ weeks of school remaining). Typically, half of that will be paid off by families before school is out. The remaining debt is covered by generous donations from community groups like G.R.A.C.E. This donation will make it possible for ALL our graduating seniors to graduate debt free.

**Paul Liebherr**  
Family-School-Community Outreach  
School District of Nekoosa

### **Patriotic Breakfast set for Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Mark your calendars! We are planning a special day in observance of our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We would like to provide a breakfast before the service.

The service will feature music, liturgy, prayers, and a message focused on the "grace that God has shed on thee."

# Miracle Sunday Results

The early results of **MIRACLE SUNDAY** (5/17) offered a powerful testimony to a growing global movement of generosity, faith, and hope within The United Methodist Church. The first 51 congregations that remitted funds worldwide contributed \$105,916, an average of \$2,077 *per congregation*. Notably, many of these congregations are communities of fewer than 50 worshippers, underscoring the extraordinary spirit of generosity driving this initiative.

As the offerings continue to be received, and as commitments are steadily increasing, to date, the total giving has already surpassed **\$1.5 million**, signaling widespread enthusiasm and participation. (*This works out to be less than \$40 per congregation across the connexion.*) PEUMC contributed **\$70.00** toward this cause.

## PARK AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Pastor Caleb and the Good People of Port Edwards United Methodist Church:

On behalf of Park Avenue United Methodist Church (Minneapolis, MN), thank you for your generosity to our Community Crisis Response fund.

We received **\$325.00** on March 5, 2026.

Contributions to the Fund have supported not only purchases of groceries, rent relief, and many loads of laundry for affected families, but also community healing events with trauma-informed therapists, vehicle repair so a displaced neighbor could return to work, provisions of meeting space for community organizers, and more.

The harm of immigration enforcement actions in our community will be felt for many years to come, but so too will the deepened understanding of what it means to be neighbors and to live in community – and understanding made tangible through gifts like yours.

Thank you and God's blessings,



Rev Dan Johnson  
Interim Senior Pastor



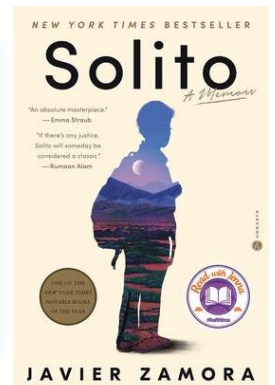
Sally Nixon  
Cornerstone Ministries Director  
Co-Dir Community Crisis Response



Rev Jennifer Ikoma-Motzko  
Minister of Spiritual Care & Formation  
Co-Dir Community Crisis Response



The **Sunshine Book Club**, and all who are interested, will meet for discussion of the book "SOLITO" at *El Café* at noon on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The book can be found at the library. It is about the incredible story of a 9-year-old boy's 3,000-mile journey from El Salvador to reunite with his parents in the U.S.



# 2026 Missional Giving Report

MONTH	NAME	AMOUNT COLLECTED	DATE VOUCHERED
Monthly	Ongoing Offering for Congregational Care/Community Hardship – YTD	\$360.00	----
Jan. Mission	Chemo Care Packages & Homeless Kits for Riverview Hospital	\$260.00	\$279.29 4/14/2026
Feb. Mission	Immigration Care in Minneapolis, MN (\$325 to Park Avenue UMC / \$300 to MN Annual Conference)	\$625.00	3/5/2026
Lenten Off.	G.R.A.C.E. – student debt relief	\$220.00	5/30/2026
March-April	Easter Lilies	\$217.00	\$239.76 4/14/2026
Apr. Sp. Off.	Wisconsin Disaster Relief to A.C. response to storm, tornado, and flooding	\$400.00	5/1/2026
UMC Sp. Off	Peace with Justice Sunday	\$140.00	5/1/2026
April	College Care Packages (\$120 used in gift cards) (\$20 to offset graduate gifts)	\$140.00	4/28/2026 4/28/2026
UMC Sp. Off	Miracle Sunday	\$70.00	5/30/2026
Sp. Offering	G.R.A.C.E. – student debt relief	\$250.00	4/22/2026
Sp. Offering	United Methodist Student Day – June 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Rescheduled	
UMC Sp. Off.	World Communion Sunday – Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2026		
<b>2026 Total Second-Mile Giving for Missions:</b>		<b>\$2,682.00</b>	<b>As of 5/30/26</b>

## June Mission Project

**SEND ONE APPRECIATION CARD TO EACH OF THE 100 EMPLOYEES OF EDGEWATER HAVEN NURSING HOME (Port Edwards)**

*There is **NO** financial commitment to this project, any undesignated mission-money will be applied to our Parsonage Project fundraiser.*

### 1. Parsonage Stonework Project Special Offering – 6/28

## P.E.U.M.C Supports Women-Owned, Minority Restaurant in Madison, WI



On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Madison Public Market – the first of its kind – announced its Grand Opening on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Located in the heart of the capital, the MPM will be a vibrant public gathering place centered around local food, merchants, culture, creativity, and community connection. Among the first seven merchants that joined this new venture is Shraddha Tilloo. She owns a food

service called “Chowpati: A Place for Chai, Chaat, and Chow.” This is a women-owned, minority enterprise specializing in authentic Indian street food. Their menu represents diverse regions of India.

Our local UWIF group used their connections through KIVA (the world’s first online micro-loan lending program) to support her youthful entrepreneurship. Our UWIF group will be taking a trip to Madison to meet her (and eat) on **Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** (carpooling from the church at 9:00 AM).

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE  
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH  
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Sat July 11, 2026 9:00-3:30  
Hotel Mead, 451 East Grand Ave,  
Wisconsin Rapids WI

## Third ¶ 213 Meeting - TBA

The third (and final?) meeting with The Rev. Scott Carlson is still in the works. We are hoping that this meeting will be set for the end of June. More information to come. Another Town Hall meeting will surely follow soon thereafter.

# Dates in June-July

## GATHERINGS

### MemoryShare:

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30A – *El Café*  
Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30A – *El Café*

### Men's Breakfast:

No breakfast in June  
No breakfast in July

U.W.I.F. Friends: No meeting until September

Leadership Council: Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> Nurture: Tues., June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ noon – *El Café*  
Tues., July 7<sup>th</sup> @ noon – *El Café*



**First Saturdays of each month.**  
8:00a – *El Café*

Open to all the men of the church (*no girls allowed!!!*)  
Socialize with some devotions  
NO BREAKFAST IN APRIL (Next: May 2<sup>nd</sup>)



### MemoryShare

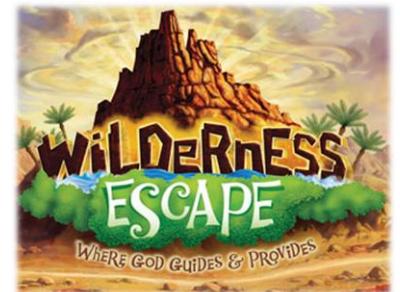
**First Tuesday of each month.**  
10:30a – *El Café*  
A support group  
for all who have lost a loved one.

## 2026 Summer Vacation Bible School:

Monday-Wednesday, July 13-15 – 3p-5p (meal at 5p)  
Final Celebration – meal: 5:30p – program: 6:30p – Thurs., June 16  
No entry fee. Use the QR code to register.

Sponsored by G.R.A.C.E. – hosted @ First Congregational  
PEUMC will be sponsoring the second meal of  
chicken nuggets, tater tots, veggies, and fruit.

We will be purchasing these items, but will also need 2-3 people  
to be at First Congregational Church cook and serve the meal.  
That will be **Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – meal at 5:00 PM**





**Church Summer Camp Season** is right around the corner! Information about the various church camps, and the age groups, hosted at our United Methodist camps in Wisconsin can be found at [wiumcamps.org](http://wiumcamps.org) (or use the QR code to the left)

## Prayer Requests

### **SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST ELECTRONICALLY**

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

OR you can use the online form available at [peumc.org/prayer](http://peumc.org/prayer) or this QR Code:



## Sundays in June

- Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** – special Guest Speaker: BobbieJoy Amann (*she/her*). No Communion.
- Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** –
- Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** – Father's Day – Outdoor Service with Marshfield Wesley @ PEUMC.  
*Pastor Doug to preach.*
- Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** – PRIDE Service / Special Offering for Parsonage Stonework Project.

## June Worship Leaders

Communion: Candles:	Candy Candy	Greeter(s)	Usher	Liturgist	Refreshments	Guest Relations
<b>Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup></b>		Sharon S.			X	Kathy Mc.
<b>Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup></b>						Kathy Mc.
<b>Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup></b>				Candy P-T.	X	Diane S.
<b>Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup></b>		Candy P-T.			X	Sue T.

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

[office@peumc.org](mailto:office@peumc.org) / 715-887-3011 /



## June Households



Throughout JUNE,  
our congregation is asked  
to pray for the following people:  
(randomly chosen on 5/28)

**The Hernesmans / Sandy R. / Jack M. / Jef D. /  
Carson P. / Colby G. / The Fahey-Heitmans /  
The Mayeks  
Pastors Caleb & Doug**

# DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS – 6/1 – 6/30

Below are daily scripture readings that are based on **Sunday morning's passages.**

These weekday readings help to connect one **Sunday's readings** to the next one.

**NOTE: THERE ARE NOW TWO READINGS PER DAY.** \*These will be printed weekly in our bulletins.

6/1	Job 38:39-39-12	1 Corinthians 12:1-3	6/16	Genesis 25:7-11	2 Thessaloni. 2:13-3:5
6/2	Job 39:13-25	1 Corinthians 12:4-13	6/17	Nehemiah 9:1-8	Luke 6:12-19
6/3	Job 39:26-40:5	John 14:25-26	6/18	Exodus 12:43-49	Hebrews 2:5-9
6/4	Genesis 13:1-18	2 Peter 2:17-22	6/19	Genesis 35:1-4	Acts 5:17-26
6/5	Genesis 14:17-24	Acts 28:1-10	6/20	Ezekiel 29:3-7	Luke 11:53-12:3
6/6	Genesis 15:1-20	Matthew 9:27-34	<b>6/21</b>	<b>Romans 6:1b-11</b>	<b>Matthew 10:24-39</b>
<b>6/7</b>	<b>Romans 4:13-25</b>	<b>Matthe. 9:9-13, 18-26</b>	6/22	Genesis 16:1-15	Revelation 2:1-7
6/8	Genesis 16:1-15	2 Corinth. 6:14-7:2	6/23	Genesis 25:12-18	Revelation 2:8-11
6/9	Genesis 17:1-27	Hebrews 13:1-16	6/24	Jeremiah 42:18-22	Matthew 10:5-23
6/10	Genesis 18:16-33	Matthew 12:1-8	6/25	Micah 7:18-20	Galatians 5:2-6
6/11	Genesis 21:1-7	Hebrews 3:1-6	6/26	2 Chronicles 20:5-12	Galatians 5:7-12
6/12	Genesis 24:1-9	Acts 7:35-43	6/27	Genesis 26:23-25	Luke 17:1-4
6/13	Genesis 24:10-52	Mark 7:1-13	<b>6/28</b>	<b>Romans 6:12-23</b>	<b>Matthew 10:40-42</b>
<b>6/14</b>	<b>Romans 5:1-8</b>	<b>Matthew 9:35-10:23</b>	6/29	Genesis 22:15-18	1 Thessaloni. 4:9-12
6/15	Genesis 23:1-19	1 Thessaloni. 3:1-5	6/30	1 Kings 18:36-39	1 John 4:1-6

**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS,  
FOR HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN APRIL & MAY!**



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

## Home Delivered Meals Drivers

**APRIL:** Pat & Kathy Mc. / Sue M.  
Nina P. / Becky T. / Leo & Sue T.

**MAY:** Skip & Ellen M. / Pat & Kathy Mc.  
Sue M. / Nina P. / Leo & Sue T.

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

## FOCUS Food Pantry Helpers in May



Lindsey H. / Lori H. / Chuck L. / Sue M. /  
LuAnn S. / Diane S. / Becky T. / Leo T.

Anyone interested in helping with these programs may contact Becky Taylor (715-887-2163) for more information. THANK YOU!

# Witness at the Border: Alligator Alcatraz

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 – 6:00-7:30p / McMillan Library

The Rapids Response group in Wisconsin Rapids will be hosting guest speaker, Rosie Vogan, who will be sharing her insights as a member of “Witness at the Border.” Rosie, a Minneapolis resident, has visited such places as Alligator Alcatraz in South Florida, along with other ICE detention facilities. The group has personally invited the members of PEUMC to receive this critical information.

## BobbieJoy to Give Message - June 7<sup>th</sup>



BobbieJoy Amann (*she/her*) is a licensed lay worship leader in the Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin. She is a member of Saint John’s the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Wisconsin Rapids, where she is very active. She represents the Episcopal Church at G.R.A.C.E. meetings.

BobbieJoy is a member of the trans community and will be speaking not only about her journey of becoming but also about her time doing missionary work in Lebanon. She is filling the pulpit while Pastor Caleb is at Annual Conference.

## Marshfield Wesley to Join Us for Worship – June 21<sup>st</sup>

Marshfield Wesley will be joining us for worship on Father’s Day. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor service in the gazebo lot, with a potluck lunch to follow. No sign-up. Just bring what you want to bring. (*PEUMC will provide drinks.*) We will let the congregation know 24-hours ahead if the weather requires us to have this indoors.



## Pride Sunday – June 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Why is Pride Month even necessary?**

*From the LGBTQIA+ Equity Advocacy Committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):*

“We will find you and we will kill you.” These are the words of President Trump in the presidential foreword to the 2026 United States Counterterrorism Strategy, released by the White House on May 6. Several pages later, the same document identifies “radically pro-transgender” people as terrorists. The federal government is now referring to transgender people, and their allies, in the language of extremism, surveillance, and national threat.

Affirming the dignity of transgender people is not terrorism; protecting trans children is not extremism. To feed the hungry, shelter the vulnerable, accompany the rejected, and love our neighbors without condition is not anti-American. In fact, it is following in the way of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

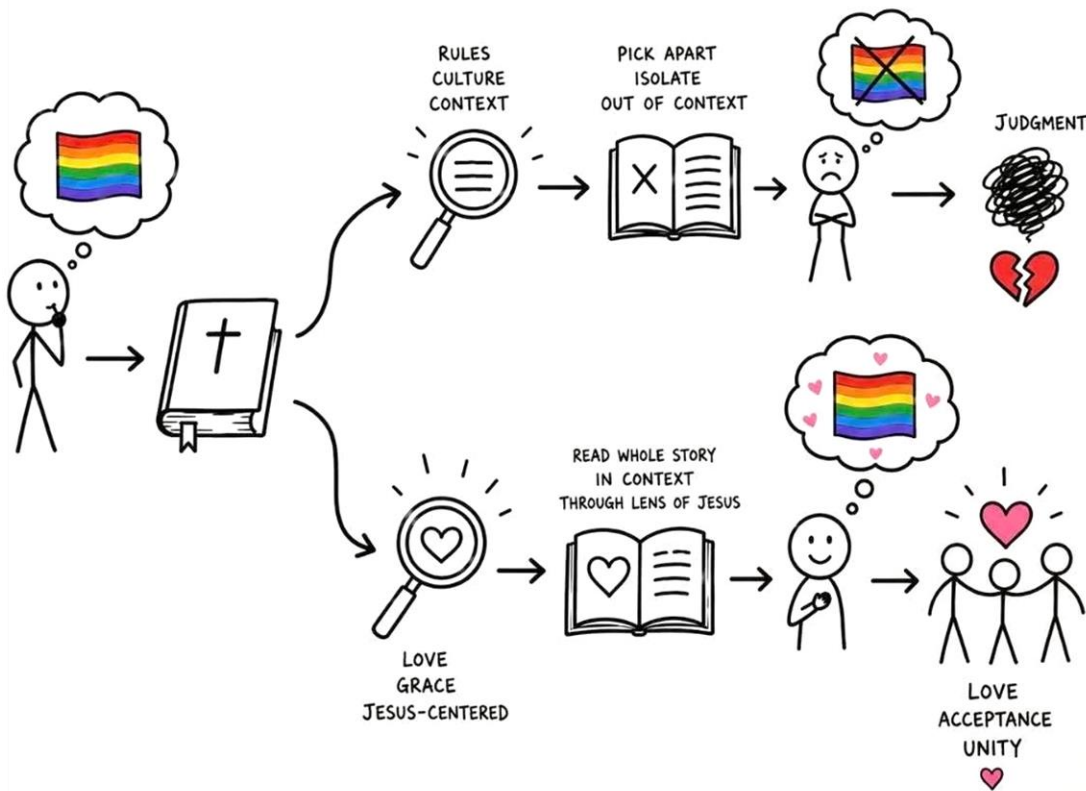
History has already known us what happens when governments start naming marginalized people as threats, and the Church cannot afford the sin of silence.

As of 2026, the ACLU is tracking almost 400 anti-LGBTQ bills across state legislatures, while the Trans Legislation Tracker reports more than 645 bills targeting transgender and gender healthcare, education, public participation, legal recognition, and visibility itself.

A peer-reviewed study published in Nature Human Behaviour found that anti-transgender state laws were linked to increases of 72% in suicide attempts among transgender and nonbinary youth.

This kind of rhetoric is designed to make transgender people feel unsafe, unwanted, and alone, and the church must decide whether it will once again stand with power, or stand beside those being targeted by it.”

***This is why Pride Month and our mission of being a safe/brave space is nonnegotiable.***



## ADDRESS CHANGES:

(update in your directory)

**Kathleen M.** is still at Nekoosa Courts, but has changed rooms:  
**B-T-5**

**Chris L.** has moved from Arborwood Lodge to Arborview Court (*memory care unit*).

Her new address is:

**3750 Blue Violet Lane,  
Room #302  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
54494**

## “I’m United Methodist: Clarifying My Faith”

a Facebook post by Sharon Kay Cochran

United Methodist pastor at Canton-Fay-Watonga UMCs in Oklahoma

dated April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

I’ve spent most of my life introducing myself as a Christian. It was simple, familiar, and true. But over the last several years, I’ve watched the word “Christian” stretch so far that it no longer tells people what I actually mean. “Christian” has become a blanket term that covers everything from radical love to radical cruelty, and I can’t assume people know where I stand on issues or hold as beliefs just because I use the same label.

So I’ve started saying something more specific: **“I’m a United Methodist.”**

I’m trying to be more honest about the kind of Christian I am.

I am part of a tradition that believes grace comes first – before judgment, before certainty, before anything we do or fail to do. I am part of a Church body that teaches holiness of heart and life, not holiness of superiority. I am shaped by a doctrine that leans toward compassion, justice, and inclusion, not fear or exclusion. I am formed by a theology that insists faith must look like love in public.

When I say, *“United Methodist,”* I’m telling people where I actually lay my head – not on the pillows of comfort that come from vague labels, but on the firm ground of a tradition that has shaped my heart, my ministry, and my understanding of Jesus.

I want people to know that my faith is not rooted in cruelty, mockery, or the need to win arguments. It is rooted in **grace**. It is rooted in **community**. It is rooted in the belief that **every person bears the Image of God**, and that how we treat one another is the clearest expression of what we believe.

I’m not distancing myself from Christianity. I’m clarifying it.

I’m saying out loud the truth of my doctrine, because doctrine tells people what kind of Christian you are – what you value, how you interpret Scripture, and how you live your faith when the world is watching.

And in a time when the word “Christian” can mean almost anything – or nothing at all – I want to be clear about who I am, what I believe, and the tradition that holds me accountable to love.

I am a Christian.

But I’m also a United Methodist.

And those two truths together tell the story of my faith far better than one word ever could.



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
May 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Service 10:00 AM</b> Holy Communion Baptismal Reaffirm.		<b>MemoryShare</b> <i>El Café</i> 10:30 AM <b>Nurture –</b> <i>El Café</i> Noon	<b>“Witness at the Border”</b> presentation McMillan – 6-7:30p		<i>Pastor’s day off</i>	
				<b>Annual Conference June 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Service 10:00 AM</b> Guest Speaker: BobbieJoy Amann					<i>Pastor’s day off</i>	
<b>Annual Conference</b>						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Service 10:00 AM</b>					<i>Pastor’s day off</i>	Deadline to register for Mission U Overview 7/11/26 \$50 Diane Sweat - Contact
		UWIF Mission U Zoom 6:30-9:00 p		UWIF Mission U Zoom 6:30-9:00 p	<i>Juneteenth</i>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Service 10:00 AM</b> <i>Father’s Day</i> <b>OUTDOOR</b> <b>SERVICE</b> with <i>Marshfield Wesley</i> + <i>potluck</i>		Sunshine Book Club – <i>El Café</i> - Noon			<i>Pastor’s day off</i>	
		UWIF Mission U Zoom 6:30-9:00 p		UWIF Mission U Zoom 6:30-9:00 p		
28	29	30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4
<b>Service 10:00 AM</b> <b>PRIDE Service</b>					<i>Pastor’s day off</i>	
Parsonage Project Sp. Offering #2						

**Birthdays:** Julie B. 6/1, Leslie A. 6/3,  
Maribeth L-S. 6/3, JoAnn D. 6/4, Randy B. 6/9,  
Ken P. 6/13, Judy M. 6/15, Ellen M. 6/16,  
Joann K. 6/18, Jenna B. 6/19, Bill P. 6/19,  
Sara T. 6/19, Marie H. 6/25  
**Anniversaries:** Bill & Marna L. 6/1,  
Norm & Lucy S. 6/13, Larry & Judy M. 6/15,  
Don & Joan H. 6/15, Pat & Leslie A. 6/16,  
Jim & Midge H. 6/20, Mark & Jerene S. 6/24

**JUNE Mission Project:**  
*(no financial commitment this month))*  
**Send a card of appreciation to each of the 100 employees of Edgewater Haven (P.E.)**  
Parsonage Project Special Offering #2 – 6/28

**Church Office Hours:**  
**Connie:**  
Monday – Friday : 8:00a – 12:00p  
**Pastor:**  
Monday – Thursday : 9:00a – 12:00p