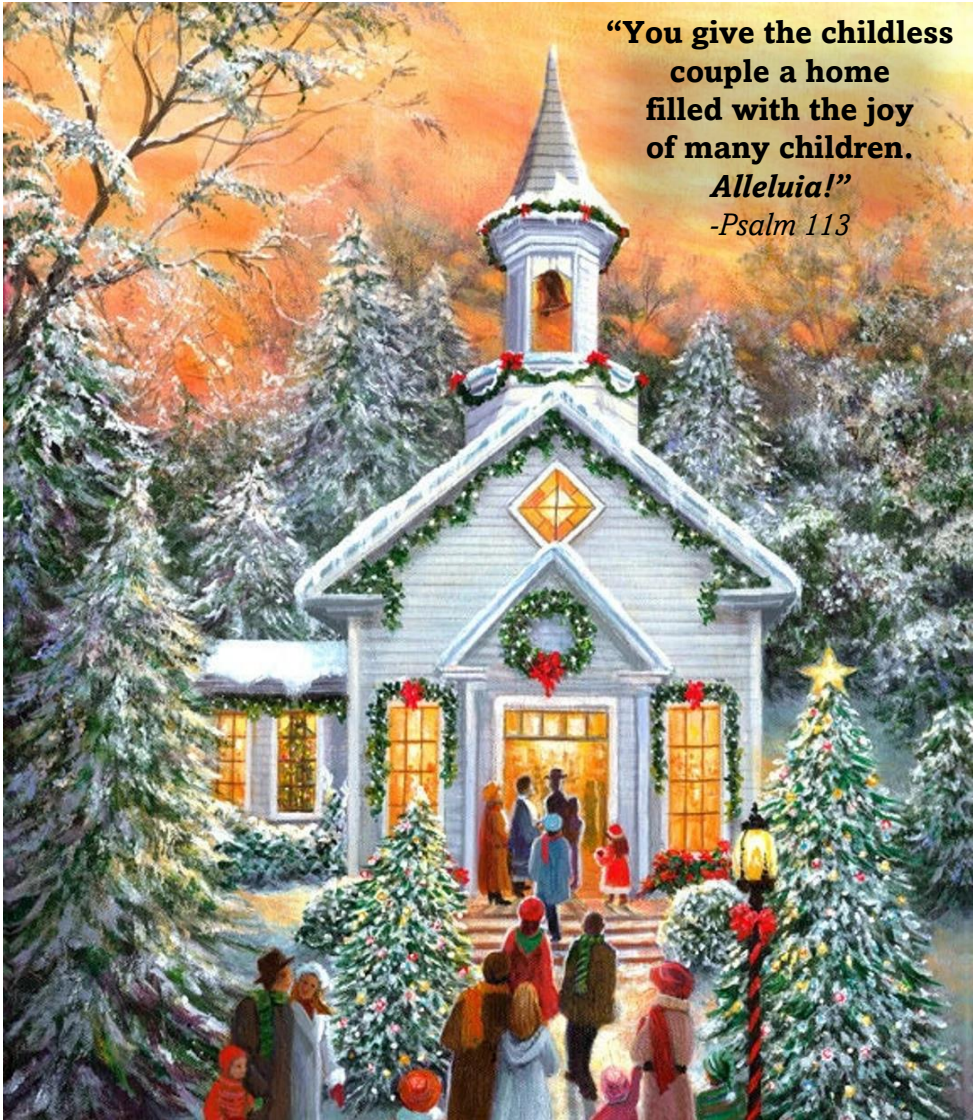


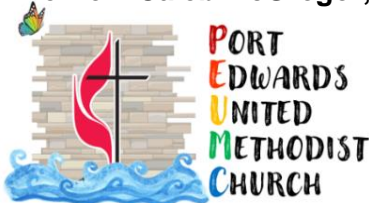
Last Sunday of advent

Sunday, December 22nd, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



**“You give the childless
couple a home
filled with the joy
of many children.
Alleluia!”
-Psalm 113**

The Rev. Caleb McGregor, *Pastor*



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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"If you want to experience the true meaning of Christmas, give something to someone who can offer nothing in return." – *Toni Sorenson*

"Christmas is about an exchange of gifts: God's gift to us – God's son – and our gift to God – when we present ourselves as a holy & living sacrifice." – *Maya Angelou*

"Everyone who loves is born from God and knows God." – *1 John 4:7*

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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
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS
*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

†*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Lift Up Your Heads*

UMH 213

Lighting the Sixth/Last Advent Candle



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

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 113 (sung) / *Luke 2:1-6* ("All Earth")

SERMON ***THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM***

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

†*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *Love Has Come* screen

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Service of Leadership Exchange

SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, ends with †The Lord's Prayer

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*A BLESSING AND GOING FORTH

(You are invited to place any offerings in the **Offering Box** as you leave the sanctuary; you may also give online at peumc.org/donate or use the **QR Code** in this bulletin.)

Prayer List:

Pray for these members throughout December:

Jerry Fr.; Ellen & Skip M.; Lynn R.; Barbara T.; the Parks Family.

Our Shut-Ins: Mabel J.; Jim H.; Mary & Ed H.; Chris L.; Lynn R.; Barbara T.

Our Children: Gracie & Symphony

Our College Students: Michaela W.; Brandon & Nathan S.;
Danial H.; Carson P.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

From 11/24: Prayers for the **family of Rick Cook** who passed away this past week (Pat Mc.); **Julie B.'s mother** is hospitalized with a fractured vertebra; prayers for strength, comfort, and peace for a friend, **Pat**, whose health is failing; he needs round the clock care; God pour out your blessings upon him & his family (Becky).

From 12/1: Cousins: **Debora K.** – metastatic breast cancer, radiation treatments not going well; **Barbara S.** – inoperable bowel obstruction, in hospice care (Candy P.)

From 12/8: Prayers for the **family of Jim Hess** who passed away yesterday (Kathy Mc.); prayers of comfort for the **family of Pat** (a friend) who passed away last night; may he rest in peace (Becky & Jeff); pray for my sister, **Mary and family**; she just lost her husband to cancer (Marge B.).

From 12/15: Prayers for the **family of Roger Cole** who passed away this past week; Roger & Jan were former members here (Kathy Mc.);
JOY: Praise to the Lord for **Collin B.** return to health!

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (12/23): Psalm 128

Tuesday (12/24): John 1:1-14

Wednesday (12/25): Luke 1-2

Thursday (12/26): Psalm 67

Friday (12/27): Psalm 72

Saturday (12/28): Psalm 29

Sunday (12/29): Psalm 131 / Luke 2:21-40

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:

December Mission Project (ends today):

Fill baskets to brighten the holidays for **3** church members.
(Mission money given in December will go toward this project)



A Call to Discipleship:

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

- 0Prayer theme:** for those on a difficult journey right now, physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually.
- Consider:** What triggers my mind that reminds me I am not alone?
- Action:** How can you be a companion for someone on their journey?
- I will invite these person(s) to church: _____
- I will visit/call these person(s) this week: _____
- Donate \$_____ to a mission/charity/cause this week.
- Set aside \$_____ for my church offering next week.
- Volunteer: Neighborhood Meals; food pantry; Meals on Wheels
- Sign up as a greeter / usher / liturgist for a future service.
- Pray over the prayer list.
- Read a daily devotional, like the *Upper Room* (take a copy; it's free!)

Sundays Services – 10a

TODAY - December 22nd

Last Sunday of Est. Advent

(Scripture: Mary & Joseph in Bethlehem)

January 5th

ÉPIPHANY SUNDAY

Communion

(Scripture: Jesus as a Young Boy)

December 29th

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Newborn Saints Sunday

(info. due TODAY)

(Scripture: Simeon & Anna Meet Jesus)

January 12th

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

(after the service)

(Scripture: Jesus as a Young Boy)

Events & Meetings

Monday, December 23rd

**Christmas Caroling @
Edgewater Haven (P.E.)**

10:30 – 11:10a.

Nekoosa Courts

11:40a – 12:20p

Tuesday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE @ PEUMC

4p – Family Style (short)

7p – Traditional Candlelight

11p – Intimate Midnight Mass

We need volunteers to sign up for our Christmas Eve Services.

4:00p is filled.

7:00p needs lots of attention!

Thank you for helping out!