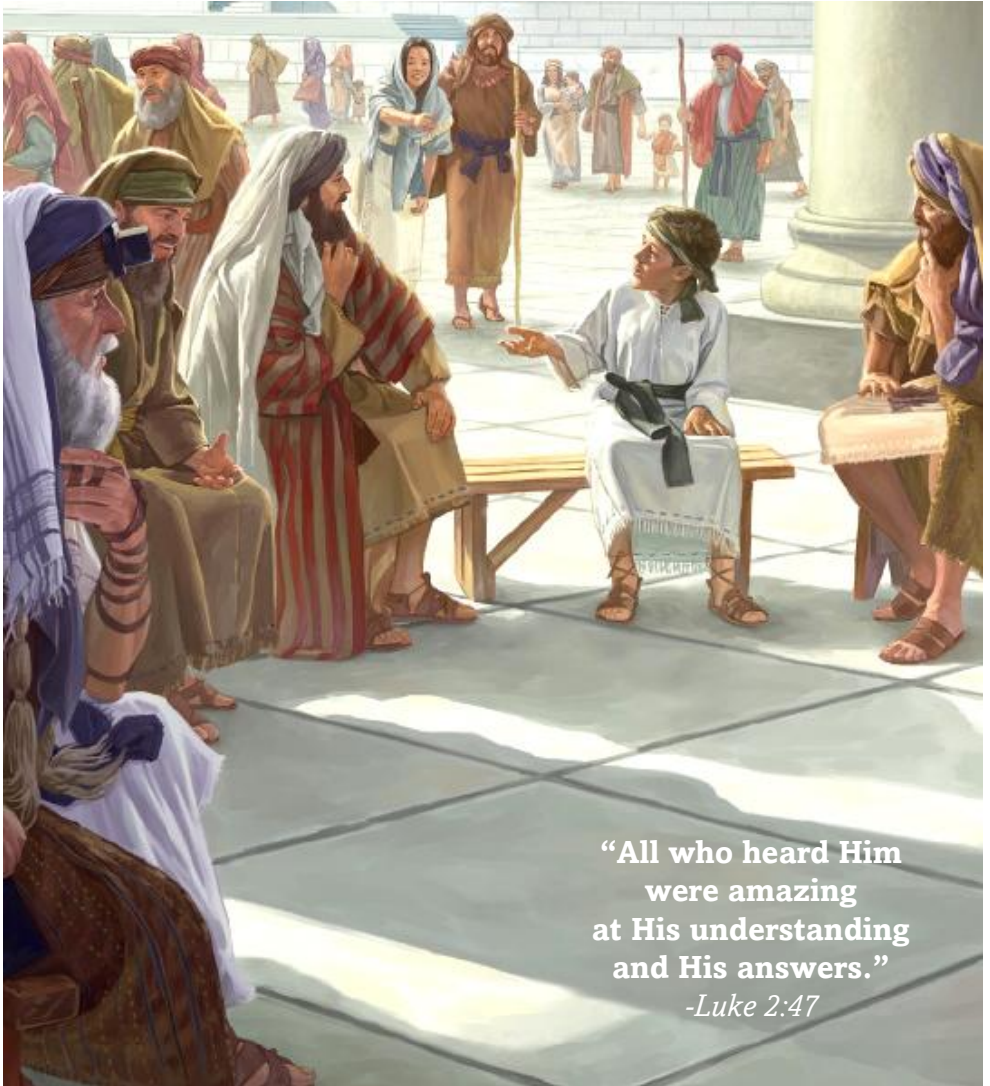


# Epiphany Sunday

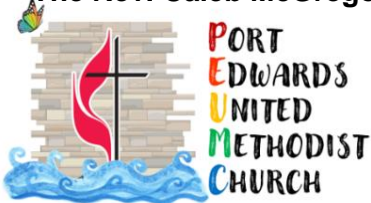
Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



“All who heard Him  
were amazing  
at His understanding  
and His answers.”

*-Luke 2:47*

**The Rev. Caleb McGregor, Pastor**



Leo Thomasgard, *Lay Leader*  
Judy Miller, *Accompanist*  
Colby Grunden, *Media Technician*  
Sue Thomasgard, *Liturgist*  
Marge & Randy Bauer, *Greeters*  
Mike Hintz, *Usher*

Maribeth Lacasse-Salo, *Guest Relations*

## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to." – anon.

"We say to our children, 'Act like grown-ups,'

but Jesus said to the grown-ups, 'Be like children.'" – Billy Graham

"All of you are God's children because you believe in Jesus Christ." – Galatians 3:26

**Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you!**

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!

### Presentation of the Gifts

WORDS OF WELCOME

FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

†\*HYMN OF PRAISE:      *There's a Song in the Air*      UMH 249



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

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SCRIPTURE      P *Psalm 1* (sung) / \* *Luke 2:41-52*      ("Jesus the Light")

SERMON      *A Holy Mystery: Ask Away!*

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

† Confession / † Assurance / \*The Peace of Christ

HOLY COMMUNION (*The Great Thanksgiving*)

**ALL are invited to partake! Christ invites you! We will serve you in the pews.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†\*HYMN OF MISSION:      *The Summons*      TFWS 2130

\*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:

NOTE: this has been corrected from the newsletter

**Pray for these members throughout January:**

**Sandy & Helmuth Mable**

116 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
N., WI 54457

1175 Blue Iris Ct, #307  
W.R., WI 54494

**Rose**

531 Griffith  
W.R., WI 54494

**Jef & Tom**

3121 11<sup>th</sup> St. S.  
W.R., WI 54494

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

**Our Children:** Addisyn, Brynlee, Eliza, Ella, Gabriel, Gabrielle, Gracie, Sawyer, and Symphony.

**Our College Students:** Michaela W.; Ethan B.; Danial H.; Carson P.; Melanie & Lilyann S.

**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!

**From 12/23:** Prayers for the **family of Gerold Lampman** who passed away this past week (Pastor); prayers for **Jim H.**, he is in the hospital and will be transferred to another facility for rehabilitation.

**From 12/29:** Prayers for **Jeff** who underwent emergency surgery yesterday (Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>) (Nina). JOY: Having our son & youngest daughter home for Christmas week, as well as all 5 of our grandsons! (Thomasgards). My cousin, **Debora Katz**, has completed all 33 of her radiation treatments and is well enough to visit her son and his family in February (Candy).

## Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

**Monday** (1/6): Matthew 2:1-12

**Tuesday** (1/7): Exodus 13:1-2

**Wednesday** (1/8): Leviticus 26:3-6

**Thursday** (1/9): Leviticus 26:7-13

**Friday** (1/10): Malachi 4:4-6

**Saturday** (1/11): Isaiah 62:10-12

**Sunday** (1/12): Psalm 51 / Luke 3:1-22

## **Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:**

**CORRECTION**  
**FROM LAST WEEK:**

*Evelyn Lampman's  
mailing address is:*

601 Seneca Road

**Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495**

**(NOT: Port Edwards)**

## **January-February Mission Project:**

Raise money for Reconciling Ministries Network;  
the agency that helps U.M. congregations become fully inclusive.



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

# A Call to Discipleship:

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

- Prayer theme:** for those who feel insecure about their knowledge; for those who are overconfident about what they know.
- Consider:** Am I trouble by the fact that no everything in faith makes sense to me? Does this mystery keep me from trusting?
- Action:** Ask the deep questions and appreciate someone's response.
- 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!)

## SUNDAY SERVICES – 10A

**TODAY - January 5<sup>th</sup>**

### ⲚⲠⲢⲠⲚⲠ SUNDAY

Communion

(Scripture: Jesus as a Young Boy)

**January 12<sup>th</sup>**

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

#### UNHANGING OF THE GREENS

(after the service)

(Scripture: Jesus is Baptized)

**Second Sunday Refreshments:**

*Leo & Sue Thomasgard*

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

Human Relations Special Offering

(Scripture: Jesus Brings Good News)

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

(Scripture: Jesus Fishes for People)

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### "CANDLEMAS"

Communion

(Scripture: Jesus & Sabbath Rules)

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**

'Souperbowl Sunday'

G.R.A.C.E. Pulpit Exchange –

another local pastor

will be preaching

(Scripture: Jesus Heals & Brings Life)

## EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

MEMORYSHARE –

EL CAFÉ – 10:30A

**Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

UWIF SOUP LUNCHEON –

F.HALL – 12:15P

# Our 2025 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 **127<sup>th</sup> year** in Port Edwards, Wisconsin, we, *the members and constituents of PEUMC who have signed below,*

**vow to continue our quasiquicentennial + 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 2025 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.*