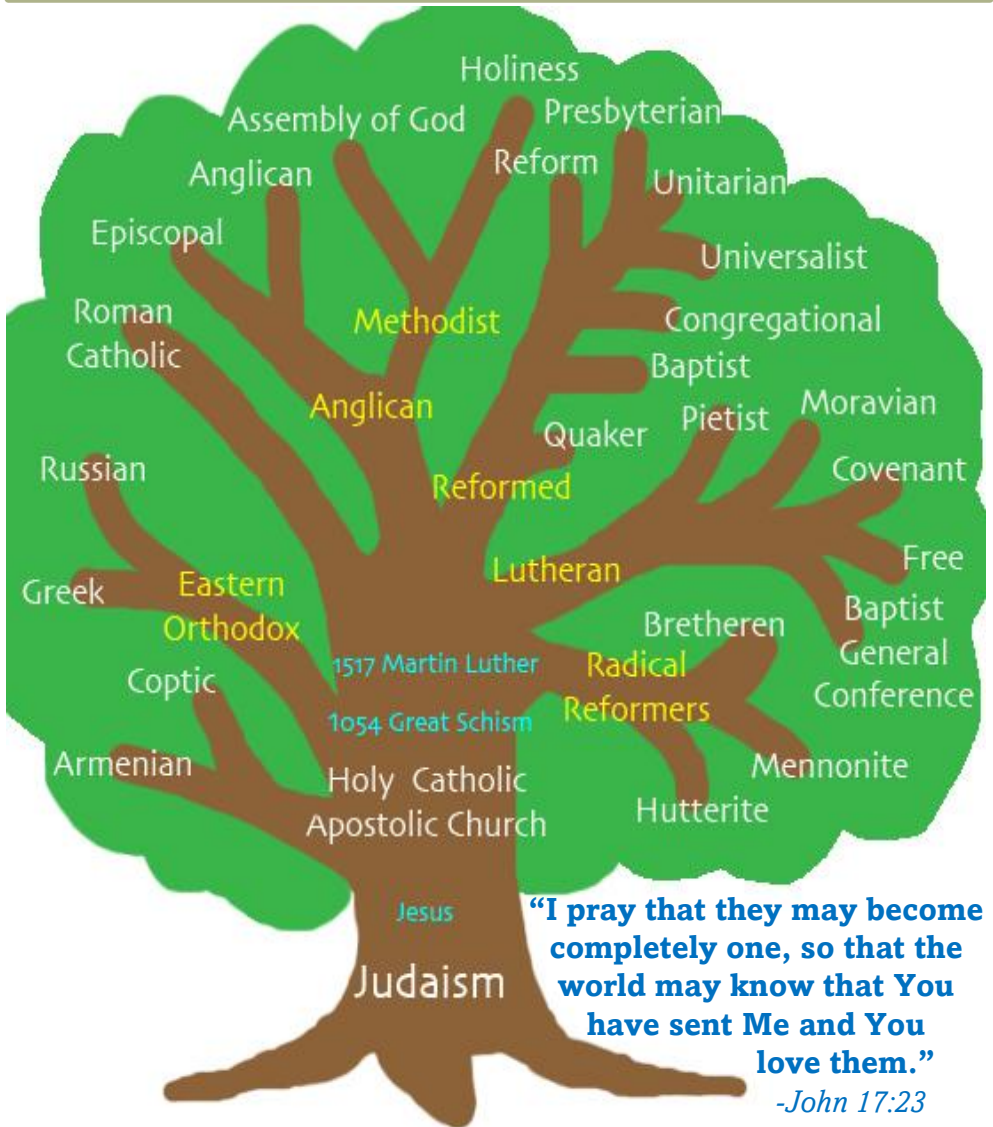


Ecumenical Sunday

Sunday, January 19th, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



The Rev. Caleb McGregor, *Pastor*



Leo Thomasgard, *Lay Leader*
Judy Miller, *Accompanist*
Colby Grunden, *Media Technician*
Kathy Mills, *Liturgist*
Candy Prah-Tell, *Greeters*
Leo Thomasgard, *Usher*
Diane Sweat, *Guest Relations*

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"The earliest church was not marked by uniformity, but diversity, because diverse perspectives enrich the world of justice." –*Dr. Fulata Mbanu-Moyo*

"If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. We must develop a world perspective." –*Dr. Rev. Martin L. King Jr.*

"How wonderful it is when God's people all come together as one." –*Psalm 133:1*

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!*

WORDS OF WELCOME
FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

GIVE



†*HYMN OF PRAISE: Спаси, Господи, люди Твоя screen

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

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SCRIPTURE Psalm 146 (sung) / *Luke 4:14-30 ("Jesus the Light")

SERMON **On Whom the Spirit Rests**

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

†*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *A Council Gathered* screen

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS

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

†*HYMN OF MISSION: *No East or West* UMH 548

*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 January:

Sandy & Helmuth Mable

116 4th Street
N., WI 54457

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

Rose

531 Griffith, Lot Z
W.R., WI 54494

Jef & Tom

3121 11th 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 12/23: 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. 28th) (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).

From 1/5: Prayers for the **family of Barbara Taylor** who passed away yesterday (Becky & Jeff T.); for the **people of New Orleans** after the New Years attack. JOY: Thanks & praise for the life, good works, and personhood of **President Jimmy Carter** (Leo).

From 1/12: Prayers for residents around Los Angeles and the firefighters fighting the **fires in S. California**; pray for **Jerry C.** whose wife, Carolyn, went to heaven yesterday (1/11, Diane).

Daily Scripture Readings (based on Sunday's Scripture)

Monday (1/20): Isaiah 58:6-12

Tuesday (1/21): 1 Kings 17:8-14

Wednesday (1/22): 2 Kings 5:1-17

Thursday (1/23): Luke 4:31-37

Friday (1/24): Luke 4:38-41

Saturday (1/25): Luke 4:42-44

Sunday (1/26): Psalm 90 / Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Notes & Prayers from Today:



January-February Mission Project:

1. Collect money for Reconciling Ministries Network.
2. Collected cans of soup for FOCUS food pantry.



A Call to Discipleship:

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

- Prayer theme:** for visible unity among Christian denominations and among our local churches for the sake of helping others.
- Consider:** How can you (and we) affirm a person's (or church's) calling without having to fully affirm their beliefs?
- Action:** Help someone lean on their *faith* rather than just their *beliefs*.
- 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 at Neighborhood Meals; food pantry; Meals on Wheels.
- Sign up as a greeter / usher / liturgist for a future service.
- Pray over the prayer list in this bulletin.
- Read a daily devotional, like the *Upper Room* (take a copy; it's free!)

SUNDAY SERVICES – 10A

January 19th

ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

Human Relations Special Offering

(Scripture: Jesus Brings Good News)

January 26th

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

(Scripture: Jesus Fishes for People)

February 2nd

"CANDLEMAS"

Communion

(Scripture: Jesus & Sabbath Rules)

February 9th

'Superbowl Sunday'

(wear your favorite team colors)

G.R.A.C.E. Pulpit Exchange –

Rev. Margo Peterson of

Woodland Lutheran Church in

Rome will be preaching here.

Pastor Caleb will be preaching

at W.R. Moravian Church.

(Scripture: Jesus Heals & Brings Life)

February 16th

BLACK HISTORY SUNDAY

(Scripture: Jesus vs. John)

February 23rd

(Scripture: A Woman Anoints Jesus)

OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The church office will be closed on Tuesdays starting this week through end of May to allow our Administrative Assistant to get her degree from Midstate.

Her hours will now be:

Monday, Wednesday – Friday:

8:00a – 1:00p

Christus Pluribus Unum

by Pastor Caleb

Full Communion is an agreement among various Christian denominations acknowledging the essential principles of Christian theology and allows for deeper partnership in mission and ministry. Most Full Communion agreements are between mainline Protestant denominations, and such an agreement enables not only greater cooperation but also the celebration of Eucharist (Holy Communion) among clergy in each other's tradition and the appointment of clergy to serve in each other's churches, as well as the accreditation of each other's seminaries and agencies. Such an agreement occurs on the denominational level but also has implications on the local level, too.

For instance, in Wisconsin, Wild Rose United Methodist Church partnered with Hancock United Church of Christ to support one full-time pastor, agreeing to rotate clergy between their respective traditions. In Raymond, Illinois, a United Methodist congregation and a Presbyterian congregation agreed to share the same building, clergy, and ministries while remaining, in essence, separate. United Methodists and Presbyterians came together to share the same campus ministry at Northwestern called "University Christian Ministry." In Potter, Nebraska, Prairie West Church became a federated ELCA and UMC congregation.

For us, Full Communion is a marker of our distinct Wesleyan theology, which has borrowed from numerous traditions and has always placed Christian mission to make disciples above narrow disagreements on doctrine.

In addition to our partnership with other Wesleyan and Methodist traditions around the world, we are also in Full Communion with a wider spectrum of Christian denominations on an official level. The United Methodist Church defines "Full Communion" as *"the full embrace of the other as part of one holy catholic (universal) church, recognizing one another's sacraments and ministerial orders as legitimate, and allowing clergy from one denomination to serve an appointment in the other."*

The UMC is in Full Communion with the **five historically black Methodist denominations** which trace their origins back to black preachers who left the Methodist Episcopal Church or Methodist Episcopal Church South sometime in the 19th century.

The UMC also is in Full Communion with **The Uniting Church of Sweden**, a denomination formed in 2011.

In 2009, The UMC officially entered into Full Communion with the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**. In 2018, **The Moravian Church of North American** also ratified a Full Communion agreement with The UMC.

At the 2024 General Conference, The UMC approved Full Communion with **The Episcopal Church (TEC)** pending their ratification in 2026. Both denominations are descended from the same Church of England in which John Wesley was ordained and served throughout his entire life.

The United Methodist Church is, and always has been, an intrinsically ecumenical denomination, continuing to strive for greater unity and cooperation among different Christian traditions.

Sometimes Full Communion can be a door for dialogue for future merging of denominations, as has happened multiple times in the 20th century. However, Full Communion is *not* itself a merger. While merging traditions sounds like the ultimate sign of unity, history has shown that this is extremely hard to do correctly and honorably. Nobody wants to give up their own identity, and each side is worried about the domination of the other. Many Evangelical United Brethren worshippers felt their history was erased when they merged with The Methodist Church in 1968.

Instead, Full Communion is a better way to honor our unique histories while remaining separate. No one church can be all things to all people. Each has a history and DNA that makes them better suited for unique expressions of worship and discipleship. Full Communion is the Christian version of our nation's motto: "even in our diversity, we are still one" (*E pluribus unum*).

Whether or not denominations are in Full Communion with each other, we are encouraged to partner with any Christian tradition on the local level *that is willing to work with us*.

U.M.C.O.R. & LOS ANGELES FIRES

U.M.C.O.R. (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church and focuses on disaster relief in the United States and around the world. Its influence has often been compared to The Red Cross, and is known, in the face of natural disasters, for being one of the first to arrive and one of the last to leave. It is also known for sending 100% of donations to its intended project. CharityWatch.org gave UMCOR an A+ rating in 2024.

How does UMCOR work? UMCOR continues to train and send hands-on work teams to affected areas called “Early Response Teams.” But UMCOR no longer focuses on the sending of supplies (like flood buckets) to locations. This is for two reasons: (1) it is no longer cost-efficient to ship supplies and (2) it does not help stimulate local economies. Instead, UMCOR gives its money to local United Methodist churches in affected areas to set up local disaster recovery programs.

When a tornado caused destruction in Taylorville, Illinois in 2018, UMCOR sent upwards to \$100,000 to the Taylorville First United Methodist Church to set up a recovery program in their building. The local church was enabled to reach out to their own community. This method not only empowers the local church to reach out significantly, but it keeps the money local to help the economy. The overwhelming influx of good-intentioned donated supplies is what is known as the “second disaster.”

(NOTE: UMCOR money is not used to fix up damaged churches but allows them to be the hands and feet of Christ locally after a disaster.)

PRAY for California

As countless families and communities face the overwhelming aftermath of these wildfires, UMCOR is supporting the efforts of conference disaster response ministries across the region. Evacuees are receiving food and other essential supplies. Trained volunteers are preparing to assist where it is safe to do so.

Pray for all those impacted by this disaster, as well as first responders and volunteers. The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing.



Photo: Rev. Garth Gilliam, California-Pacific Conference

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by donating to UMCOR.**

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