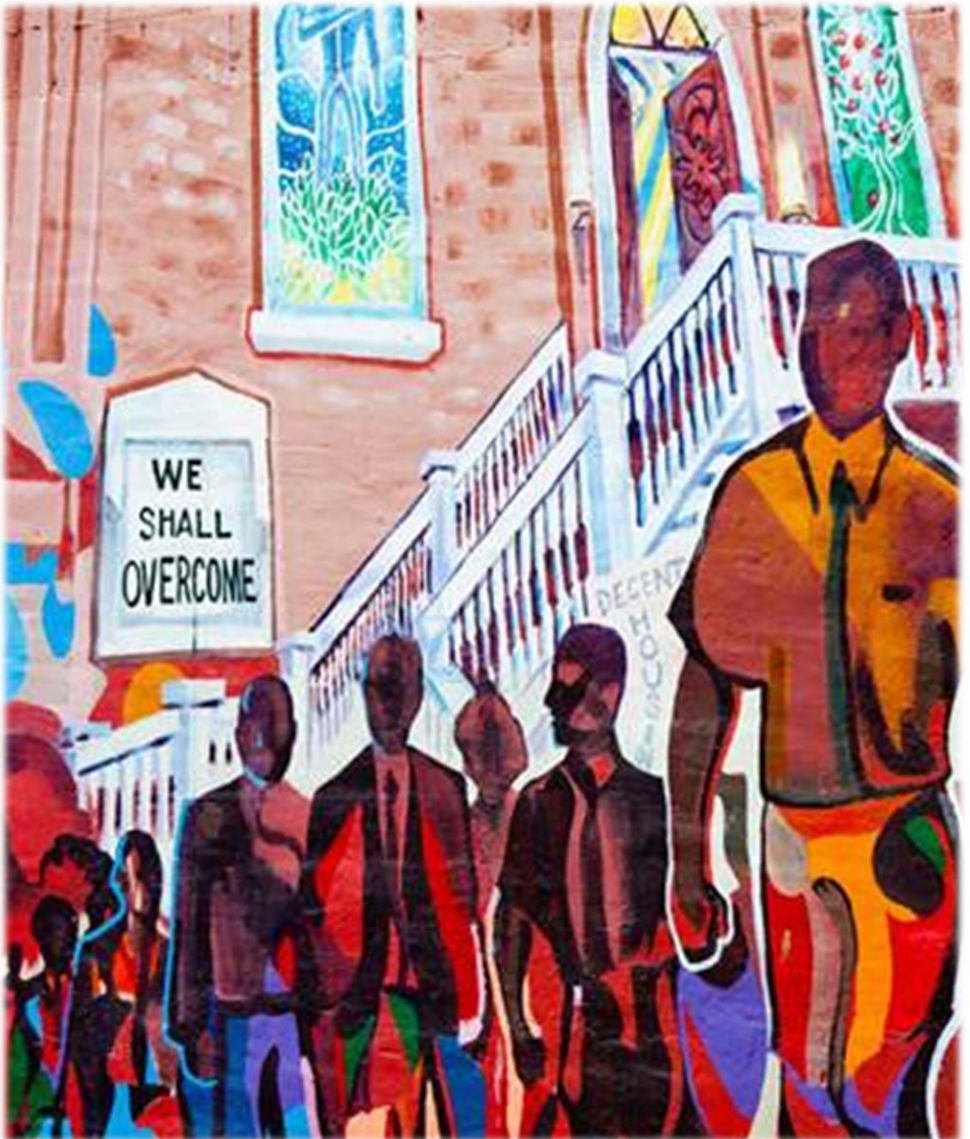


# Black History Sunday

Sunday, February 16th, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



The Rev. Caleb McGregor, *Pastor*



Leo T., *Lay Leader*

Sue M., *Accompanist*

Colby G., *Media Technician*

Candy P-T., *Liturgist*

Sara Tyne., *Greeter*

Pat M., *Usher*

Diane S., *Guest Relations*

## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"To liberate a society, one must start by liberating minds." –*Angela Davis*

"I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up." –*Rosa Parks*

"My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together." –*Desmond Tutu*

"A great multitude no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes, and peoples and languages, stood before the throne of God, dressed as victors." –*Revelation 5:9*

**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

†\*HYMN OF PRAISE:

*Siyahamba*



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

OPENING PRAYER (ADORATION & ILLUMINATION)

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 146 (sung)* / \**Luke 7:18-35* ("Corinthian Song")

SERMON **Your Choice: Taketh or Giveth**

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

†\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *My Tribute* (UMH 98)

SHARING OF CONCERNS, with Prayers of the People

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†\*HYMN OF MISSION:

*Lift Ev'ry Voice*

UMH 519

\*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*A BLESSING AND GOING FORTH

*(A Time of Healing & Anointing will take place after the service)*

(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 February:

**Harnisch Family**

265 Buehler Ave  
N., WI 54457

**Bill & Marna**

1380 Rain Dance Trail  
N., WI 54457

**Lisa M.**

341 Tyler Ave  
P.E., WI 54469

**Linda & Curtis F.**

1451 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
P.E., WI 54469

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

**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 1/19:** Prayers for a friend, **Donna**, who fell and broke her shoulder, and a friend, **Ruth**, who is in ICU (Sue T.); for my cousin, **Barbara S.**, who died on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> with graveside service held at Pine Grove Cemetery in Wausau in the spring of 2025 (Candy).

**From 1/26:** Prayers for the **family of Glen Opichka**, Mike H's uncle, who passed away on Friday from lung cancer (Mike); prayers for the **family of Alice Peters**, my mother, who passed away on January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sandy K.); prayers for quick recovery for **Jim H.** (Diane); **Tom D.'s** cancer is advancing (Jef); for **Sue T.** as she undergoes knee replacement this coming Thursday (1/30) (Leo); prayers for **Helmuth W.** who will be having shoulder surgery on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> (Helmuth).

**From 2/2:** Prayers for **Rose W.** having surgery tomorrow for kidney stone; Lord, in this time of uncertainty, please keep safe **members of the LGBTQ+ community**, protect their civil rights & humanity (Becky); for the **Thomas Ford family & friends** at his unexpected death; for **Glenna** who has flu-like symptoms (Sue M.); for **Arnold S.** who has stage 4 cancer, prayers for healing (Diane); prayer for God's love & wisdom to be bestowed upon our **Commander-in-Chief** (Jack).

**From 2/9:** Prayers of healing for my cousin, Jeff, who is sick with respiratory illness & skin cancer (Becky).

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

**Monday (2/17):** Proverbs 8:32-36

**Tuesday (2/18):** Luke 8:4-10

**Wednesday (2/19):** Luke 8:11-15

**Thursday (2/20):** Luke 8:16-18

**Friday (2/21):** Luke 8:19-21

**Saturday (2/22):** Luke 8:22-25

**Sunday (2/23):** Psalm 103 / Luke 7:36-50

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



## **February Mission Project:**

1. Collect money for Reconciling Ministries Network.

# A Call to Discipleship:

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

- Prayer theme:** Almost 200 students in the Wis. Rapids public schools are homeless. Pray for them.
- Consider:** Is acting on your morals always practical, efficient, or common-sense? Does *doing* right always *feel* right?
- Action:** Prayer for those who are the hardest to love or understand.
- 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

### Today, February 16<sup>th</sup>

**BLACK HISTORY SUNDAY**  
**A SERVICE OF HEALING & ANOINTING**  
(Scripture: Jesus vs. John)

### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

(Scripture: A Woman Anoints Jesus)

### March 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Transfiguration Sunday**  
(Scripture: Jesus is Transfigured)

### March 9<sup>th</sup>

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
*Communion Sunday*  
Lions Club Pancake breakfast  
8a-noon – PE high school.  
(Scripture: The Good Samaritan)

### March 16<sup>th</sup>

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
(Script.: Jesus Preaches Repentance)

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

**Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00–8:00 PM**  
PEUMC Sanctuary

**Noon Lenten Study/Service – starting March 12<sup>th</sup> (5 weeks)**

Provided by the G.R.A.C.E. group – 12:15-12:45 PM  
Centralia Center Community Theatre.  
Theme: “Artisans of the Crucifixion”

**Evening Lenten Services – starting March 12<sup>th</sup> (5 weeks)**

Combined PE.UMC/N.UCC series – 7:00-8:00 PM  
Theme: “Meeting Jesus at the Table”

# **PEUMC Needs to Elect TWO Lay Members to Annual Conference for 2025 Soon.**

The WI Conference has indicated that PEUMC is allowed, again, to send TWO lay members to annual conference. Lay members represent the congregation and balance the clergy/laity ratio at annual conference. *But we do not yet have anyone yet to fill these spots!*

## **Dates:**

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

(First session begins at noon on Friday)

(Last session adjourns at 5:00 pm on Sunday)

## **Location:**

**Madison Marriott West Convention Center**

1313 John Q Hammons Drive, Middleton, WI 53562

## **What is it?**

Annual conference (the event) is the decision-making body for the annual conference (the people, all UMs in WI). Clergy members meet with an equal number of lay members for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference. The bishop presides over these meetings. Laity and clergy have voice and vote.

## **Deadline for registration:**

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

We need to identify our two people by this date.

## **What is covered?**

**Registration Fee / room / ticketed meals** are all reimbursable by the local church.

**Travel to Madison / any outside meals** are not covered.

## **What would I need to do?**

Before the start of annual conference, Pastor Caleb will sit down and give you an orientation. 2025 is a very, VERY important year because we must ratify major restructuring amendments for the denomination.

## **Qualifications?**

Lay members to A.C. shall have been professing members in good standing of The United Methodist Church for at least two years and shall have been active participants for at least four years.

## **Can a Couple Be Lay Members?**

Yes. In some ways, this helps with costs. But two individuals may be lay members, and we'll make sure you get your own rooms (and your own meals, too). 😊

**LET PASTOR CALEB KNOW  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

# **G.R.A.C.E. TRIVIA / SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**2:00 – 4:00 PM**

**B's Taphouse / Two Doors Down Brewery**  
*(downtown Rapids, near bridge)*

- Silent auction items
- Free-to-play trivia
- Full menu

*All proceeds will help the G.R.A.C.E. cause of eliminating student debt (caused by meal costs and programming fees) for all graduating students in the Rapids area.*

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 – 8:00 PM**

**PEUMC sanctuary**

# Noon Lenten Study/Service

A G.R.A.C.E. event for the community  
Ideal for those on their lunch break

**12:15 – 12:45 PM**

## Centralia Center Community Theater

(220 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S, Rapids WI 54495)

*(Food is welcomed in the space)*

**When:** Five “middle” Wednesdays in Lent  
Wed., March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Leaders:** The G.R.A.C.E. clergy will be rotating  
who leads each study/service.

### **Theme: “ARTISANS OF THE CRUCIFIXION”**

*Gain new perspective of the last earthly days of Jesus  
through eyes of 5 artisans as they speak about their  
unexpected role in the Passion of Jesus Christ.*

# Evening Lenten Services

A PEUMC / Nekoosa UCC tradition

**7:00 – 8:00 PM**

**When:** Five “middle” Wednesdays in Lent  
Wed., March 12<sup>th</sup> (PEUMC) / Wed., March 19<sup>th</sup> (NUCC)  
Wed., March 26<sup>th</sup> (PEUMC) / Wed., April 2<sup>nd</sup> (NUCC)  
Wed., April 9<sup>th</sup> (PEUMC hosts)

### **Theme: “MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE”**

*At each stop, we gather at a different table with Jesus, learning  
how to love, serve, and expand the hospitality  
of God’s grace to others.*

**Ushers & greeters are need for when we host,  
liturgists are needed from us when Nekoosa hosts.**