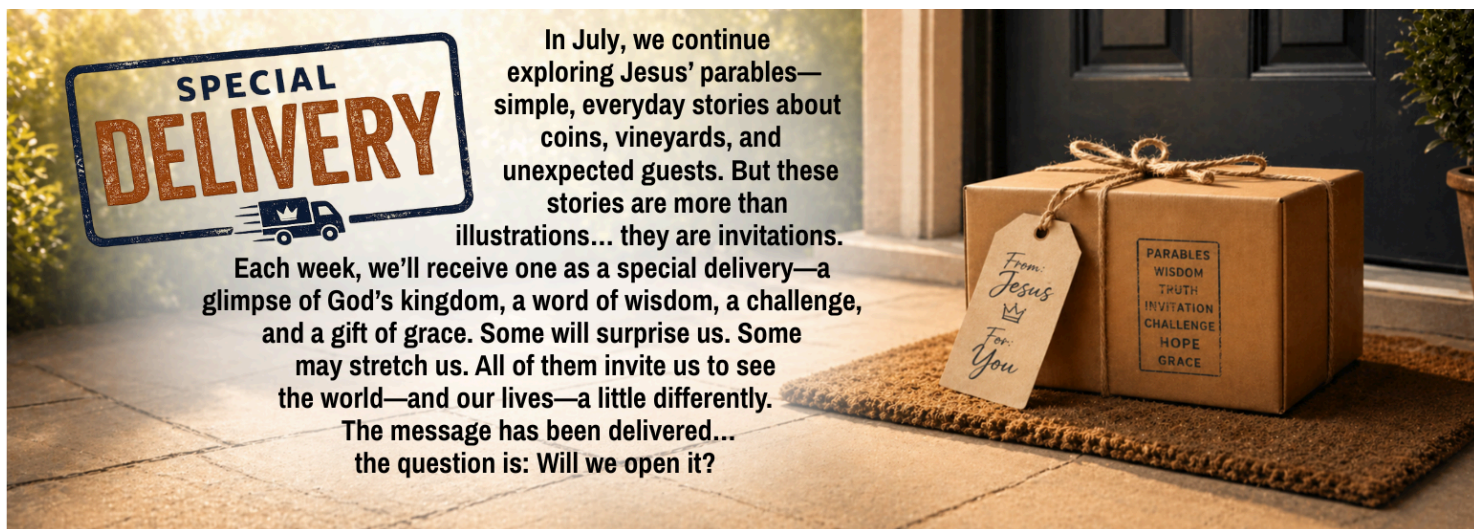


Sundays

In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship begins at 9:00am, in-person in the Great Room and livestreamed on People's UMC YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/peopleschurchoregonwi>).

Sunday School for grades 4K–5th grade has concluded for the year, and will return in September.

Nursery Care is available for children age 4 and under every Sunday. You are welcome to check your child in prior to the start of the service in our nursery on the lower level.



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| July 5 | Luke 7:41–43 | <p>Return to Sender</p> <p>The parable of the Two Debtors: When we recognize the depth of grace we've received, love naturally overflows.</p> |
| July 12 | Luke 11:5-13 | <p>No Shame in Knocking</p> <p>The parable of the Friend at Midnight: Persistent prayer keeps us connected to God's generous heart.</p> |
| July 19 | Luke 12:13-21 | <p>This Package Won't Last</p> <p>The parable of the Rich Fool: True life is found in God, not in possessions.</p> |
| July 26 | Luke 15:1-31 | <p>Lost and Found</p> <p>The parables of the Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son: God rejoices when the lost are found.</p> |

Revyvibes: Faithful in Every Season

by Pastor Vicki Brantmeyer (she/her/hers)



Summer has a rhythm all its own.

Children are out of school. Families travel. Weekends fill with graduations, camping trips, family reunions, and long-awaited vacations. It is a season many of us look forward to all year.

And yet, while our schedules change, the ministry of the church continues:

The lights still come on each morning. Worship is planned and led. Staff continue caring for people, answering calls, visiting those who are hurting, and supporting families through life's joys and challenges. Little Angels continues serving children. Our congregation continues collecting food and personal care items for the Oregon Area Food Pantry, helping support neighbors in need. The work of ministry does not pause simply because the calendar says summer.



In Paul's letter to the Galatians we read, "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

As we enter the heart of summer this month, one of the ways we continue supporting the ministries we value is by remembering that the church's work continues even when our schedules take us elsewhere.

If People's Church is part of your regular giving, I invite you to remember us during the summer months, whether through online giving, mailed contributions, or by making up missed weeks when you return. If you are still fulfilling a Paving the Way pledge, your continued faithfulness is deeply appreciated as well.

Most importantly, thank you.

Thank you for the generosity that replaced our parking lot. Thank you for the gifts that support worship, children, youth, music, missions, outreach, and care for our community. Thank you for helping ensure that People's Church remains a place where people connect with God and grow in their faith.

Faithfulness may not always make headlines, but it quietly keeps ministry moving forward.

Office Help Needed

We are currently seeking to hire additional office assistance, as Amanda has made the decision to return on a limited basis. Amanda is currently covering the church office from 9:00am to noon, Monday through Wednesday. We are looking to hire a new staff member to cover the office from noon to 2:00pm, Monday through Wednesday.



Until the position is filled, we are seeking volunteers to help cover the office. If you are available and willing to help on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 12:00 to 2:00, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084CAAA62BA7FC1-62243063-office>

July Mission of the Month: UW Arboretum

by Anne Staton, Mission Team

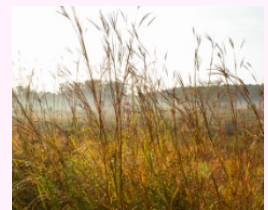


The mission team has chosen the University of Wisconsin - Madison Arboretum as the July mission of the month organization. The mission of the Arboretum is to conserve and restore Arboretum lands, advance restoration ecology, and foster land ethics.



The Arboretum is a global source of knowledge about and a model for restoring ecologically sustainable relationships between people and the land through science, stewardship, education, and public engagement. Currently, their water project is working to address the problem of stormwater and will be the recipient of our July mission giving.

The Arboretum lies near the low point of the Lake Wingra watershed and receives millions of gallons of stormwater each year from surrounding neighborhoods and commercial areas that carry pollutants, excess nutrients, and sediment. The Water Project is a collaborative effort to reduce the harmful effects of this urban stormwater and improve watershed health. It involves community engagement in stormwater issues and neighborhood-focused actions that can make a difference across local watersheds.



For more information, please visit the Arboretum website at: arboretum.wisc.edu. The mission team thanks you in advance for your support of the July mission of the month.

Mission of the Month donations can be made by cash, check (write Mission of the Month: Arboretum in the memo line) or online on the GIVE tab at www.peoplesumc.org.

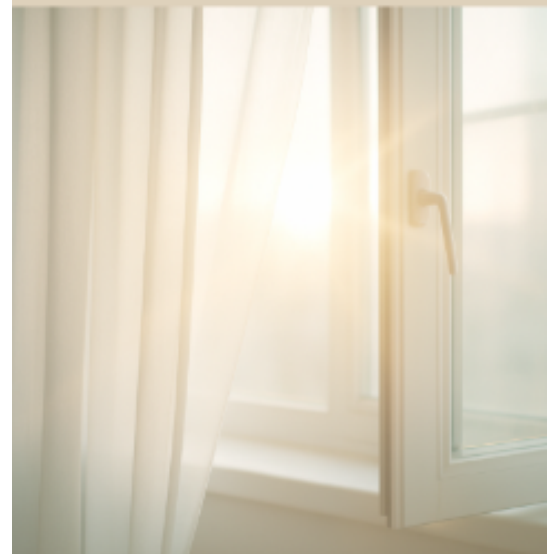
Halfway through the year,
take a moment to pause.
What has God been
teaching you?
Where have you seen grace?
What invitation is still
unfolding?

LISTEN

The journey isn't over yet.



Growing in trust and
transparency...



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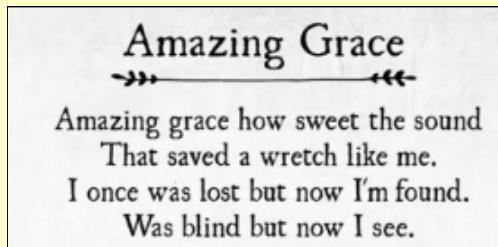
Truly Amazing Grace

by Kate Rush, Director of Music



"Amazing Grace" might be the most famous hymn in America. The words describe God's promise to forgive us and love us, through every trial. For two centuries, Christians have relied on these words for solace and inspiration.

When I was a child, I heard the story of the hymn's author. I remember being told that John Newton was a slave trader who found himself in a terrifying storm at sea, and asked God to save him. When the storm was over, he wrote the poem "Amazing Grace" as he was overcome by God's love for a sinner such as himself. He turned the ship around and never traded slaves again.



That story was appropriate for a child, and taught the essence of the story. But now I know that the truth was more complicated. And the words somehow become more meaningful. The full biography of John Newton is too much for a one-page article, but I'd like to share a few things.

To sum up his early life, John Newton was a scoundrel and a heavy drinker. Apparently he always had a talent for writing verse, because when he was on the slave ship he wrote obscene poems and songs about the captain. He gained notoriety as being one of the most profane men the captain had ever met, using every foul word and even creating new ones.

Then in 1748, the ship did indeed encounter a dangerous storm. It swept a crew member overboard who was standing in the place Newton had been only moments before. Newton and a crewmate tied themselves to the ship's pump to avoid being washed overboard. Newton is reported to have said, "If this will not do, then Lord have mercy upon us!"

Later in life, he wrote about how after the storm he contemplated his cry for mercy to a God he had previously denounced. But his conversion was not at all immediate. He did try to clean up his language (mainly to win over the family of a woman he wished to marry) but he spent seven more years working on slave trade ships. He was even named captain of one ship. When he stopped sailing at the age of 30 it was because of a severe illness, not a moral conviction.

Newton and his wife settled in a small town where they immersed themselves in the church community. It was at this point in his life that his passion for God grew, and he started teaching himself theology. He began preaching about his experiences and his sins, and eventually he started speaking out against the slave trade. He published a pamphlet with his thoughts in 1788 – 33 years after he stopped working on slave trading ships.



I always thought John Newton wrote "Amazing Grace" in the immediate aftermath of the storm in 1748. But the hymn was written in 1772, 24 years later. Newton's near-death experience planted a seed of faith, but he still needed to do a lot of living before he truly found a relationship with God.

The hymn says *I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see*. Unlike Paul on the road to Damascus, Newton's blindness didn't go away immediately. I imagine it was like years of blurry vision gradually becoming clearer as time went by. He slowly began to understand what it meant to live a life committed to God. And history doesn't consider him to be a worse man for needing time. At least, I don't.

If you feel like you haven't figured it out yet, or you're struggling with demons that you can't shake, remember John Newton. He was lost, but then was found. He was blind, but later he could see. God loves you with a grace more amazing than we can understand.

News from Little Angels Early Learning Center

by Katie Grady, director

We are looking forward to a slower summer at Little Angels, including some gardening and water days with our summer childcare students.

Our biggest news is that we are hiring a new Assistant Childcare Teacher! Please see the flyer below, and reach out to Ms. Katie with any questions.



NOW HIRING ASSISTANT CHILDCARE TEACHER

To Apply

- ✓ Submit resume or summary of work and volunteer experience and contact information
- ✓ Submit a cover letter or brief statement explaining your interest in this position
- ✓ Submit documentation of your qualifications

Position Details

- ✓ Monday-Friday from 8:45 AM-5:15 PM with one monthly evening staff meeting & training during the school year
- ✓ Starting at \$16-19/hour based on experience
- ✓ Paid time off: holidays, vacation, & sick time

Job Description

Assist with planning

Assist with planning and implementing activities, daily schedules, and routines.

Assist with setting up and maintaining a classroom environment that is safe, fun, and nurturing for children ages 3-6.

Communication & Relationships

Assist with classroom communications to parents and other staff members.

Build, foster, and encourage positive and meaningful relationships with all students, parents, and staff.

Modifications & Leading

Meet every child where they are, making modifications to activities, routines, and the environment as needed to promote student growth.

You are a leader, in this role you become a lead teacher for the last 2 hours of each day.

Set Up & Clean Up

Assist with meal/snack set up and clean up.

Assist with nightly cleaning duties, and fixing or discarding broken toys or books.

Reset the childcare room for the church nursery on the last day of care each week.

Qualifications

- ✓ Must be a minimum of 18 years old, with a high school diploma or GED, and satisfactory health report
- ✓ Must have the State licensing approved assistant teacher course, CPR/ AED/First Aid, Abusive Head Trauma, & Mandated Reporters trainings or be willing to complete in a timely manner
- ✓ Must be able to pass the state licensing required background check that includes getting fingerprints
- ✓ Must be able to remain active and engaged for extended periods of time, including standing, walking, dancing, bending, and sitting on the floor

Men's Fellowship Group

by Howard Brantmeyer

On the first Saturday of every month, Men's Fellowship meets at 9:00am in the great room. It is a time to connect with other men in our community, and enjoy coffee and donuts together. Please join us, and invite a friend!

For the July meeting of Men's Fellowship, we will move the date to **Saturday July 11** to avoid the holiday on Saturday July 4.



Trustees are looking for painting help!



We are looking for volunteers to help paint the Nursery/Little Angels Childcare Room and Little Angels Office.

During the week of August 3rd - 9th
All paint and equipment will be provided.

If you are interested or for more information, please contact:
Steve Staton trustees@peoplesumc.org or
Katie Grady laelc.director@gmail.com

Join Us for Book Club

by Lois Flee

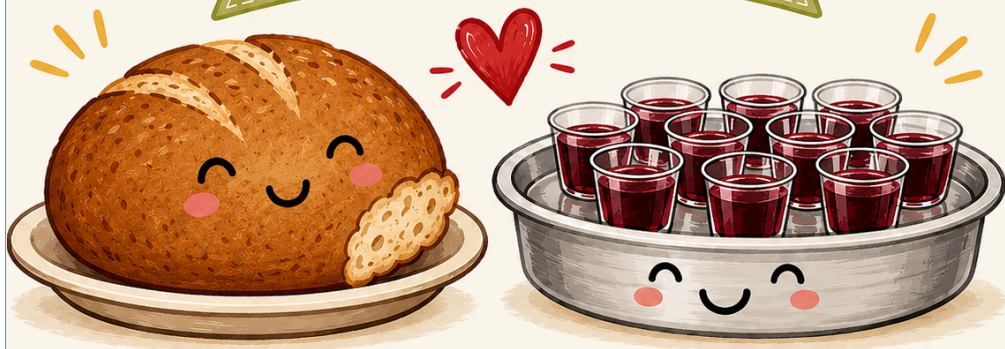
The next Faith Book Club meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 6:30. We will be discussing Anna Johnston's book *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*.



The meeting will be held at Lois Flee's house at 324 Concord Dr. If you have questions give Lois a call at 608-291-2328. Come even if you have not read the book. We would love to have you join us and bring a friend; we hope to see you then.

Communion Companions

NEEDED!



Help share Christ's grace at the table!



Offer the cup and share the words, "The blood of Christ shed for you."



Offer the gluten-free elements and share the words, "The body of Christ given for you."



Occasionally assist with the bread and share the words, "The body of Christ given for you."

Join the Communion Companions!
Training provided. All are welcome!

From People's UMC Financial Secretary

The financial giving statements from January - June 2026 will be sent out by email on July 7. If the church does not have an email address on file for you, a copy of the statement will be sent to you by mail. If you have any questions about your statement, you can either email Diane Strohmenger at diane@peoplesumc.org or call the church office at 835-3755 and leave her a message. Thanks for your continued financial support of People's UMC!



Last Chance to Be Included in Our New Directory

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent photography sessions with Universal Church Directories! We appreciate everyone who took the time to have their family photo taken.



This is the final opportunity to submit your own photo and be included in our new church directory if you were unable to attend a photography session.



If you would like your family included, please email a photo to office@peoplesumc.org no later than 12:00 PM (Noon) on Sunday, July 12. Photos received after this deadline cannot be included, as we will immediately begin the final production process with Universal Church Directories.

Please don't miss this last chance to be part of our church directory! Thank you!

Green Action Collective



F. Faithful
R. Renewal
O. Offering
G. Growth

The Green Action Collective hopes you are having a pleasant summer and are enjoying the beauties of our natural world. We urge you to read this saying, reflect on its meaning, and continue to love and respect God's creation.

May the sun bring you new energy by day
May the moon softly restore you by night
May the rain wash away your worries
May the breeze blow new strength
into your being
May you walk gently through the world
and know it's beauty all the days of your life

~ Apache Blessing ~

Just Bakery Visiting August 9



Mark your calendar – Sunday, August 9, will be Just Bakery's next visit to People's Church!

Be sure to shop after worship to get some of their fresh-baked breads, rolls, and other sweet treats. Our enjoyment of these yummy treats helps support this Just Dane program for formerly incarcerated people and other individuals with significant barriers to employment. Thank you in advance for your purchases.

Upcoming Blood Drive

Make an appointment at
redcrossblood.org

Thurs. July 23

10:00-3:00

People's United
Methodist Church



American
Red Cross

**GIVE
BLOOD**
SAVE A LIFE

The need for blood is urgent – if you are able, please donate! Thank you!

Copies of the July/August *Upper Room* devotional magazine are available in the office. Please email the church office (office@peoplesumc.org) to request one by mail.

 **THE UPPER ROOM**
WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TO PRAY

Voting Our Values

from the PUMC Social Justice Team

The **August 11 Partisan Primary** election is often overlooked in the busy summer season - but it is very important. This election will narrow the field of candidates for **Wisconsin Governor and Lieutenant Governor** - and determine the choices you will have on the November 3 ballot.

Seven Democrats and two Republican candidates met the requirements to be on the ballot.

The list of Republicans includes:

- Andy Manske
- Tom Tiffany

The list of Democrats includes:

- Mandela Barnes
- Joel Brennan
- David Crowley
- Francesca Hong
- Missy Hughes
- Sara Rodriguez
- Kelda Roys



In addition to governor, offices on the ballot include lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, the entire state Assembly, half of the state Senate and all eight U.S. House seats. Politics1 [Wisconsin Candidate & Election Guide](#) – **lists candidates and provides bios.**

Your ballot and local election information are based on where you live. Go to myvote.gov and enter your street address and city to:

- See what will be on your next ballot
- Find your next local election
- Learn more about voting in person

Seven Democratic candidates for governor will debate on July 28 at Marquette University. Other candidate forums will likely be held that can help you decide how to vote. July 28 is also the first day of early in-person absentee voting.

League of Women Voters Wisconsin provides a page of [detailed information](#) on all types of voting.



... And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". (Micah 6:8)

Calendar & Community Notes

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| Sunday | 9:00am | In-person Worship (Great Room) Livestreamed (https://www.youtube.com/peopleschurchoregonwi) Nursery Care (through age 4) |
| | 10:15am | Sunday Second Cup Adult Sunday School (Fireside Room) |
| Monday | 7:30am | Ball Exercise |
| Tuesday | 10:30am | Hugs & Stitches (Fireside Room) |
| | 7:00pm | AA–Room to Grow (Adult Meeting Rm. LL) |
| | 7:30pm | Aspire Rehearsal (Great Room) |
| Thursday | 7:30am | Ball Exercise |

Visit peoplesumc.org/calendar to see all events, meetings, and links to virtual groups.

Community Resources for Mental Health

Hotlines

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| Journey Mental Health | 608-280-2700 |
| Briarpatch 24 Hour Line for Youth | 608-251-1126 |
| Rape Crisis Center | 608-251-7273 |
| Dane County Housing Resource Line | 855-510-2323 |
| Domestic Abuse Intervention Services | 800-747-4045 |
| Oregon Police Department | 608-835-3111 |

Suicide Crisis Response Resources

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| Suicide Prevention Lifeline |
| 800-273-8255 |
| OR Text "HOPELINE" to 741741 |
| Trevor Project Lifeline |
| 866-488-7386 |
| OR Text "START" to 678678 |

Contact Information

Have Questions? Want to get involved? Staff check their email regularly on weekdays. If you are not sure who to contact about a specific ministry, email office@peoplesumc.org.

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