

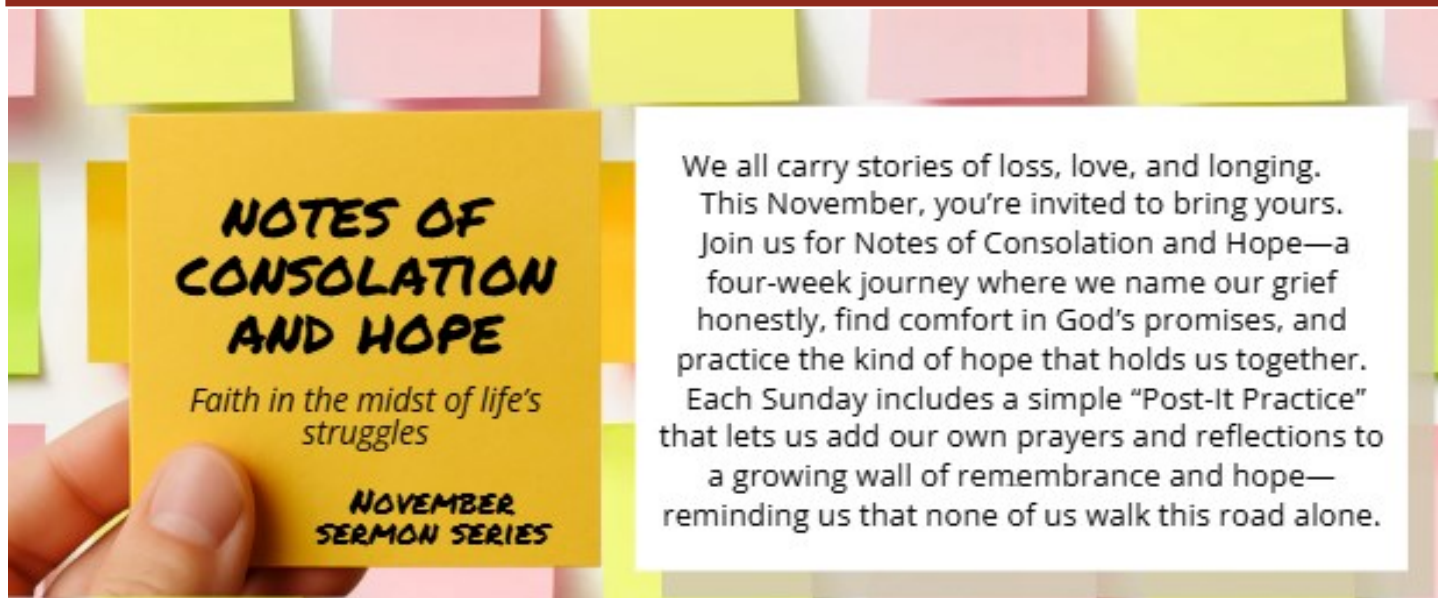


Sundays

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 meets at 9:15 in the lower level. Adult Sunday School ("Sunday Second Cup") meets in the Fireside Room 15 minutes after worship ends.

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



November 2 All Saints Day	Revelation 7:9–17	Consoled by the Cloud of Witnesses We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses whose lives encourage us to keep running the race of faith.
November 9	Matthew 11:25–30	Consoled in Our Feelings God welcomes us just as we are. We don't have to pretend to have it all figured out. Jesus invites the weary, the burdened, and even the confused to come honestly and find rest in him.
November 16	Philippians 4:4–9	Consoled in Our Practices of Resilience God provides tools for peace and resilience—prayer, gratitude, community, and focus on what is good.
November 23	Lamentations 3:19–24	Consoled in Hope Even when life is hard, God's steadfast love never ceases. Christ is our hope and center.

RevVibes: We're Letting in the Light—Growing in Trust and Transparency

by Pastor Vicki Brantmeyer (she/her/hers)

As People's continues to grow in ministry and mission, we also want to grow in transparency and trust. Healthy churches don't hide challenges; they face them together, prayerfully and with faith in God's provision.

Over the past several months, we've taken a closer look at our designated and dedicated accounts. That review revealed that a few unexpected costs created a significant shortfall. Three primary factors contributed:

- An external audit that, while necessary and beneficial, was not included in the budget.
- Interest payments on our line of credit, which had not been budgeted for several years.
- A sharp rise in insurance premiums, reflecting increases seen across many churches and organizations.

None of these expenses were the result of mismanagement — they were simply under-accounted-for costs that now give us a clearer picture of where we stand.

The good news is that we know what's happening now, and that knowledge helps us plan better for the future. The Servant Leadership Council, Finance Team, and Trustees are working together to ensure our budgeting process fully reflects ongoing costs, and that our dedicated funds are restored in a healthy, transparent way.

Growing in trust and transparency...



**Line of Credit total:
\$106,019**

We will also be introducing a visual display in the Gathering Area to track our progress in paying down the line of credit. Each month, we'll celebrate that number moving downward — a reminder that small, steady faithfulness adds up to big progress over time.

Our financial story, like our faith story, is one of perseverance and hope. We face challenges, yes — but not alone, and not without purpose. Together, with open hands and trusting hearts, we will continue to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

*see page 5 for information on the Consecration Stewardship Program

Stewardship Q&A: Understanding Where We Are

What are "designated/dedicated" funds?

These are special accounts set aside for specific purposes — like missions, maintenance, or capital projects. They ensure that gifts given for a particular ministry are used exactly as intended.

Why do we have a line of credit?

The line of credit was opened when People's built the current church, a project costing over a million dollars. Proceeds from selling the old building reduced that balance significantly. During the 2008 recession and again during COVID, payments shifted to interest only, but several faithful gifts have since helped pay it down.

Does this mean the church is in financial trouble?

No. It means we're taking an honest look at our finances and adjusting for expenses that hadn't been budgeted in the past. This is a healthy step toward clearer planning and long-term stability.

How can I help?

Pray for wisdom and unity. Continue giving faithfully as you're able. And if you'd like to take part more actively, consider joining the team that will plan, prepare, and carryout this year's Consecration Sunday Stewardship program. Your participation will help create a meaningful celebration of generosity and shared ministry. *

Connect

Wednesday Night Supper Ministry

by Barb Feeney

People's Church has provided a made-from-scratch community meal on Wednesday nights for over 30 years between the months of September and May. That is an amazing record and one we hope to extend. During those years, a small number of people have taken turns preparing the meal, while a larger group of wonderful volunteers have been present to serve, clean up, make desserts, etc.



In the last two years, we have lost four of the lead cooks. This has served to highlight how dependent this ministry has been on a small group of people to survive. We are now looking to put this ministry on a sounder footing by expanding the number of people who are willing to cook occasionally. We are looking for six or seven teams of two or three people who are willing to prepare the meal once or twice between January and May.

This can be a fun way to spend time with your spouse, your teen, or a friend - while giving a gift to our community. We have recipes that are straightforward and simple - but there is room for creativity if that is your thing.

To learn more, contact Barb Feeney at 608.843.2272 or bafeeney@gmail.com



Supper menus are subject to change

Serving 5:00-6:30

November 5: Turkey/Chicken Tetrazzini

November 12: Pork Loin

November 19: Beef Stew

(No Wednesday Night Supper on November 26)

SAVE THE DATES

Town Hall Meeting

November 16
after worship

Church Conference

November 17
6:30 pm



Don't forget to
"fall back!"

Turn your clocks back
one hour on November 2.

Music Ministry at People's UMC

by Kate Rush

If you are a lover of music, there is room for you in music ministry at People's! It has been great to welcome a few new members to our choirs this fall. If choir is not your thing but you love to sing worship songs during our services, you can get involved by requesting hymns or contemporary praise songs you'd like us to use. If you have a keen ear and enjoy working with technology, you can get involved by learning to use our sound system and helping in the tech booth during services.

If you are interested in singing with the choir in the ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Monday November 24, please let me know! You do not need to be a regular choir member. There will be singers from many different churches coming together for this special service.

Hand Bells

Bell practice is on Sunday mornings following worship (about 10:15). The bells are directed by Faith Portier, and we play at worship services monthly. Everyone is invited to give it a try.



Vocal Choir

Vocal Choir rehearses Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Great Room. We sing great music and have lots of fun together. Come and join us!

Solos and Small Ensembles

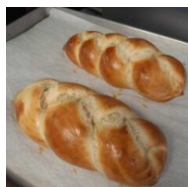
Our church is blessed with musicians who contribute special music to our services. If you would like to share your favorite song with the congregation, please volunteer for Special Music!



Questions or suggestions about music ministry? Please feel free to contact me at kate@peoplesumc.org or chat with me on a Sunday!

Yummy Treats from Just Bakery Coming Soon

On Sunday, November 9th, Just Bakery will be here with their delicious baked goods to sell. Please plan to stop after worship and buy your favorite goodies to take home. Don't forget to say hello to Phil and thank him for being at People's.



Just Bakery provides vocational training to individuals experiencing barriers to employment such as past incarceration, homelessness, or lack of education. When you purchase baked goods from Just Bakery, you are supporting a vital mission and also enjoying a delicious treat!

Consecration Sunday for Stewardship

by Vicki Brantmeyer

This winter, People's UMC will begin a new stewardship program designed to help us grow in gratitude and generosity. The series will conclude with a special celebration on **February 2** — Consecration Sunday — when we'll offer our financial commitments to God in worship and share a meal of thanksgiving together.

Preparation for Consecration Sunday



To make this meaningful experience possible, we're forming a Consecration Sunday Team to guide the planning, preparation, and celebration. We're looking for several people to help:

- Consecration Sunday Facilitator – helps coordinate and oversee the overall process
- Celebration Luncheon Coordinator – organizes the meal following worship
- Congregational Prayer Facilitator – leads efforts to surround the program in prayer
- Congregational Dinner/Telephone Coordinator – assists with invitations and communications
- Three Announcers – share short, inspiring messages during worship in the weeks leading up to Consecration Sunday

If you're interested in being part of this team, please contact Pastor Vicki or the church office. Together, we'll prepare not just for an event — but for a season of renewed faith, gratitude, and generosity.

People's Connect and Share

by Justin Less

COMING SOON: A welcoming space for our church family to stay connected!

The bulletin board will offer a place to share news, events, and opportunities—like a child's upcoming performance, a community cause, or even a neighborhood garage sale.

The mail folders will invite you to connect personally with one another—exchange notes of encouragement, share sheet music, or pass along helpful resources.

Nametags will continue to be stored in the wooden mailboxes.



Thanksgiving Week

Ecumenical Service

On Monday November 24 there will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving service held at St. John's Lutheran Church at 6:00pm. Several Oregon churches are participating, and we look forward to worshipping together.



Wednesday Night Events Canceled

On Wednesday November 26 there will be no Wednesday Night Supper, youth group, or Creative ConnXions.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, People's will host a meal and fellowship time for anyone who wants to partake. The meal begins at noon. If you would like to attend, please sign up ahead of time so we know how much food to make! Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering space at church in November.

We could use a few more volunteers to help prepare the Thanksgiving meal. Most of the preparation is done on Wednesday. If you would like to help out, please contact the church office

(office@peoplesumc.org)



Hanging of the Greens on November 30

by Duane Draper

Join us for our annual Hanging of the Greens after service on Sunday, November 30! This is a time for us to work together to decorate the church for the upcoming Christmas season. There are jobs available for all ages and all skill and ability levels. Have fun with your church friends and make our spaces festive at the same time. We even have some new plans this year that we're excited to have you put into action!

Plastic Mat Project

by Kathy Kuehl

Are you looking for another creative outlet that would benefit others as well as yourself?



Midwest Mission has provided the opportunity to make plastic mats for those people that would otherwise need to sleep or sit on the bare ground. These mats are created with a loom, and they are made from plastic shopping bags cut into strips. We have a loom thanks to Pastor Vicki and Howard. We would love to get a group of people who could work together to construct the mats. If you are interested in how it works, Midwest Mission has put a tutorial on YouTube that you can watch at [this link](#).

First, plastic grocery bags to make the strips are needed. There is a quilted bag near the church office door for collecting these bags. If you have bags at home, please bring them to church!

If you are interested in this project, please let Kathy Kuehl know. More information will come in the near future!



Stephen Ministers Available

by Pastor Justin Beatty

People's Church has a group of trained, dedicated Stephen Ministers available for anyone in our church community who would like a sympathetic ear as they go through a difficult or complicated time. Reasons for wanting a Stephen Minister include (but are not limited to) illness, death in the family, rift in the family, divorce, losing a job and/or starting a new one, pregnancy and becoming a new parent, or any combination of things that add up to feel overwhelming. If you would like somebody to talk with as you go through any difficult thing, please reach out to Pastor Justin at justin@peoplesumc.org, or (206) 769-1390.

Join Us for Book Club!

by Lois Flee

The last book club for this year will meet November 11th. November's book is *A Gentleman in Mosco* by Amor Towler.

We will then take a 3-month break, staying home reading books to recommend for the club to read next year. This year we have decided to read a classic book over our break: "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

We will start up again March 10th, 2026, when it starts to be warmer and stays light longer.

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; we hope to see you on November 11th at 6:30.



News from Little Angels Early Learning Center

by Katie Grady, Director



October highlights:

October was another fun filled month. Ms. Kelly, the children's librarian from the Oregon Public library came to read to us. Each group got to enjoy a visit from the fire department. The Lion's Club came to do vision screening for all 4K students. I got to read the book Fire Drill by Paul DuBois Jacobs and Jennifer Swender to each class and we did another fire and tornado drill.



Additionally, I led a training for parent volunteers and our staff attended a training called Building Brilliant Minds and working with challenging/big behaviors that was facilitated by Dr. Liraz from Little Neurons & The Wisconsin Registry.

LAELC Annual Cereal Drive:

November 3-14th we will be holding our annual cereal drive to help fill the Oregon Area Food Pantry shelves. Last year we collected 220 boxes of cereal, This year we have increased the goal to 225 boxes.

Grow

Children & Youth Ministries



Sunday School

4K-5th grade
9:15am on lower level

Youth Group

6th-12th grade
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00

Children's Time Volunteers

Would you like to share a few moments with the children in our congregation during a Sunday service? Our pastors always enjoy leading Children's Time, but we would also love to have different adults taking turns to share messages with the children.

If you would like to know more about the opportunity to lead Children's Time, please talk to Pastor Justin who is our Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator.

justin@peoplesumc.org



Sunday School Sneak Peek

by Pastor Justin Beatty

Here are the stories the kids will be learning about in Sunday School this month:

- **November 2:** Family Worship Sunday, no Sunday School
- **November 9:** Malachi's Words
- **November 16:** An Angel Visits Joseph
- **November 23:** John Prepares the Way
- **November 30:** Lego Sunday

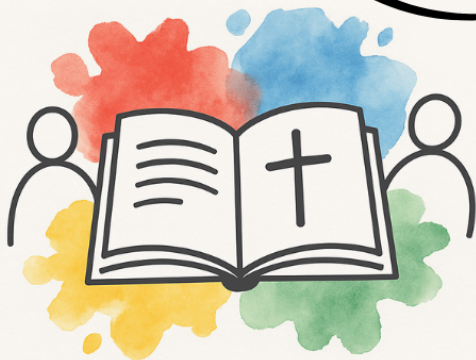


Sunday Second Cup



Stick around after worship for Sunday Second Cup... a relaxed, coffee-friendly space to dig deeper into the morning's message. We'll revisit key ideas, reflect on how they connect to our lives, and open up space for questions and conversation. Whether something stirred in you during the sermon or you just want to listen in, your presence matters. No prep, no pressure—just honest conversation and maybe a refill.

Wednesdays
at 6:53 pm



in the Great Room

Creative ConnXions for the Not-So-Creative

Join us Wednesdays for a weekly faithshop where we explore scripture and bring it to life with simple, hands-on creativity. The "X" marks the spot where God meets us just as we are — no perfection required — reminding us that faith-filled creativity can break the rules, coloring outside the lines as the Spirit leads in unexpected ways. Whether you feel creative or not, you'll discover that everyone has something beautiful to contribute.

November Mission of the Month: Another Hope Children's Ministries

by Anne Staton

November is traditionally the month when People's Church has a global organization as the mission of the month. The mission of Another Hope Children's Ministries is to bring hope to orphans and abused children in Uganda by providing love and care in a Christian environment. They work to improve the quality of life through education, proper accommodations, health care, and spiritual growth.



We have supported this ministry several times before through our mission giving. The needs are always great and our help provides the opportunity for the leadership to keep moving forward toward achieving their project goals and greater financial security. Two current projects are the planting of 700 avocado trees as a "long-term and high-value commercial venture" and the "purchase of 500 plastic chairs and 4 tents to start a rental business". The need for financial support for school expenses, digging another well to help the farm thrive, and completing the construction of the staff residence are ongoing needs. Our giving will be used for the greatest need they have at the time it is received.

Uganda often experiences unrest that involves disruption of services and sometimes violence. They currently have no mail service and have had to work with government requirements that make life even more difficult for them. Through this all, the staff continue to strive for success, focusing on the health, happiness, and safety of the children in their care. The mission team thanks you in advance for your support of this November mission of the month.



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

American Red Cross: Give Time, Save a Life

Upcoming Blood Drive:

Wednesday November 5 11:30-4:30

**Oregon Fire Station
131 Spring Street**



**Make an appointment at
redcrossblood.org**

Blessings Rice Bag Event Update

by Kathy Kuehl

The goal this year was 5,000 bags. Each bag feeds 6 people, making it possible to feed 30,000 people. But we surpassed this goal by 80 bags, adding another 480 people served. Also, each box contains 40 bags—so this equals 127 boxes transported back to Midwest Mission headquarters at Pawnee, Ill. All of this happened on Saturday, October 4 at Sugar River United Methodist Church in Verona.



Remember, each bag costs \$2 to make. So the base goal for fund raising was \$11,300. Again, this goal was met and surpassed.

So how was this achieved?

(1) Bratfest volunteers declaring Sugar River rice bags as their charity: 35 volunteers committed to 160 hours of service at \$12/hr, earning roughly \$2,000.

(2) Donations: PUMC was able to add \$2,120 to this total through donations with Mission of the Month and shirt sales—but this does not include what the children raised the 2 weeks prior to the event.

VOLUNTEERS—According to Pastor Mike at Sugar River Methodist Church, there were around 150 volunteers that made this event possible. And 9 churches for sure that participated. So, let's break it down.

Each table line has 10 stations and there are 4 table lines, equaling 40 people per shift x 3 shifts=120 volunteers. Then there are 8 table monitors assigned throughout the day, making sure supplies are replenished as needed, give breaks, etc. Then people to set-up and clean-up when completed—not to forget those helping to unload the truck and load the truck after completion. Volunteers were incredibly well organized by Sandy Wolf.



I counted 17 people from our church that helped—Carol Copan, Val Brickner, Pam McIntyre, the MacArthurs (Kate, Ali, Wendy, Brett), Sue McCartney, Karen Baker, Laura Harm, Pastor Vicki, Howard Brantmeyer, Jane Morgan, Jody Lien, Linda Outhouse, Linda Hulett, and myself.



News from Our Social Justice Team

by Mary Malone



Updates on priority issues:

Immigration:

- Bishop Dan Schwerin, UMC Northern IL -WI area, forwarded an alert from the Council of Bishops regarding ICE treatment of children. Our church office emailed the alert message and letter to our congregation. If you haven't seen it, you may read it [here](#).
- The United Methodist Church states, "We affirm the dignity, worth and rights of migrants, immigrants and refugees, including displaced and stateless people." Read the full statement in [United Methodist Social Principles](#), page 39.

Gun Violence/Community and School Safety

- One area of concern voiced by Oregon School staff is that of bullying. We continue to look for steps we can take to create safe spaces in our schools and our community.

Voting our Values

- In order to vote our values, we need to be able to vote. Proposals at state and federal levels, if enacted, will make voting more difficult. Monitoring and knowing how to meet those challenges is important work for all of us.
- The Social Justice Team (SJT) has set January/February 2026 as the time to begin our voter education campaign.

People may have different opinions about what social justice should look like. Really, for us on the Social Justice Team, social justice is a way to show compassion through heart and action. A thoughtful look at our faith-based values will bring dramatic changes in our lifestyles and perspectives and will lead us to take steps rooted in courage and compassion. This month, we invite you to join us in one or more of these ways:

- Explore the Mission of the Month and consider donating time or financial resources.
- Be grateful for our families, whether biological, church, or community .
- Check our food pantry carts and fill them with needed items.
- Pray for and offer support to our church family and friends who are struggling right now.
- Participate in Pastor Vicki's November *Notes of Consolation* series and be part of the "We Are in This Together" post it campaign.

There is so much work to do right now. Sometimes, we need to take a deep breath and do a little soul nourishment. Father Richard Rohr's Center for Contemplative Action is a place to start. Here's a little nourishment from Brian McLaren: [Mind Your Mind](#).

Interested in joining the Social Justice Team? We welcome new members. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 in the Fireside Room.

Calendar & Community Notes

Sunday	9:00am	In-person Worship (Great Room) Livestreamed (https://www.youtube.com/peopleschurchoregonwi)
	9:15am	Sunday School (4K–5th) and Nursery Care (through age 4)
	10:15am	Handbells Rehearsal
	10:15am	Sunday Second Cup Adult Sunday School (Fireside Room)
Monday	7:30am	Ball Exercise
Tuesday	10:30am	Hugs & Stitches (Fireside Room)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Great Room)
	7:00pm	AA–Room to Grow (Adult Meeting Rm. LL)
Wednesday	7:30pm	Aspire Rehearsal (Great Room)
	8:30am	Line Dancing (Great Room)
	5:00-6:30	Wednesday Night Supper
	6:30pm	Youth Group
Thursday	6:53pm	Creative ConnXions for the Not-So-Creative (Great Room)
	7:30am	Ball Exercise

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

Community Resources for Mental Health

Project Recovery Crisis Counseling by Phone—Counselors are providing crisis counseling by phone free of charge, focusing on nonjudgmental listening and helping navigate emotions and reactions to stress caused by the public health crisis. Resource referral is part of the process, so counselors have knowledge of local resources for needs related to food, shelter, and health. To be connected to a crisis counselor call 608-237-1255, or call 2-1-1 and ask for Project Recovery.

Hotlines

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

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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