

Sundays

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

Sunday School for grades 4K-6th 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 ages 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.

A Steady Heart

November 1 Sermon

As we remember those who have gone before us and face an uncertain future, we'll explore Jesus' promise of peace and the assurance that we never face life's challenges alone.



Gratitude in Motion

November 8-22 Sermon Series

Gratitude is more than something we feel or words we say. It's a way of living! Together, we'll explore how to recognize God's goodness even when gratitude feels difficult, how sharing our thankfulness strengthens relationships, and how putting gratitude into action can make a difference in the world around us. Join us as we discover how God's presence steadies our hearts and gratitude moves us to live out our faith!

November 1	John 14:18-27	A Steady Heart Faith does not remove uncertainty, but it gives us somewhere to stand when life feels unsteady.
November 8	Psalms 13:1-6	When Gratitude Feels Hard Christian speech is not meant to tear down, humiliate, or wound. Even in disagreement, followers of Jesus are called to speak in ways that give grace and reflect the character of Christ.
November 15	Psalms 100	Shared Gratitude Gratitude grows when it is shared. Thankfulness was never meant to remain private—it strengthens community and reminds us we belong to one another.
November 22	Psalms 126 Colossians 3:12-17	Giving Feet to Gratitude Real gratitude moves beyond words into action. Thankful people become generous people who reflect God's love in tangible ways.
November 29	Matthew 24:36-44	Quick, Look Busy! We often confuse busyness with faithfulness. Jesus calls us not to frantic activity but to wakefulness—to pay attention to God and to what God is doing around us.

Unexpected Women in Jesus' Family Tree

A Four-Week Advent Bible Study

Before Matthew tells the story of Jesus' birth, he introduces four remarkable women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba. Their stories are filled with courage, resilience, difficult choices, and unexpected grace. Why did Matthew include these particular women in Jesus' family tree?

Join us as we explore their stories, challenge some familiar assumptions, and discover what they can teach us about Mary, the coming of Christ, and God's surprising ways of working in the world.

Tuesdays 5:30-6:15 starting December 1!



Join Us for Book Club

by Lois Flee

The next Faith Book Club meeting is scheduled for November 10th at 6:30. We will be discussing "The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore.

In past year we would take a winter break for December, January and February, but this year we decided to meet in December and read "The Redbird Christmas" by Fannie Flagg. With winter break starting in January.

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.



LISTEN

November invites us
to give thanks.

As you reflect on life's blessings,
listen for God's presence
in both the joys and challenges.
Gratitude grows when we pause
long enough to notice grace.



Growing in trust and
transparency...



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by Pastor Vicki Brantmeyer (she/her/hers)



November finds us standing at the intersection of many things. An important election will take place, our congregation will gather for Church Conference on November 22 to make decisions about the coming year, and before the month ends, we will enter the season of Advent.

Meanwhile, the world around us continues to remind us how fragile life can be. Violence, including heartbreaking school shootings, political divisions, and uncertainty about the future can leave us feeling overwhelmed and wondering what difference we can possibly make.



Yet Paul reminds us, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

Notice that Paul doesn't tell us to ignore suffering or pretend everything is fine. Instead, he invites us to hold on to hope even in the midst of life's challenges.

Christian hope isn't simply wishing things would get better. It is trusting that God is still at work and recognizing that we have a part to play in that work.

We may not be able to solve every problem in the world, but we can choose how we respond. We can listen when others speak, offer compassion instead of judgment, seek understanding where there is disagreement, and work toward peace in the places where God has planted us.

As we gather for Church Conference, we will make decisions about budgets, ministries, and priorities. But beneath those decisions is a much larger question: How will we continue to share God's love with our neighbors in the year ahead?

And perhaps that is a fitting question to carry with us as Advent approaches.

In a world that desperately needs hope, may we be people who not only believe in it but help bring it to life.

Rice Bag Recap by Kathleen Kuehl

The Rice Bag Event at Sugar River UMC took place September 26, 2026. There were 10 churches that participated, requiring 165 volunteers for set up, clean up, and 3 shifts of bag assemblers. There were 31 people affiliated with PUMC that volunteered: Laurie & Tom Kelly, MacArthur family(4), Linda Outhouse, Karen Baker, Sue & Nancy McCartney, Carol Copan + 2, Anne Staton, Harm family(4), Sandy Franson, Karen Austin, Jackie Nofsinger, Vicki & Howard Brantmeyer, Linda Hulett, Cherie Mozuch family(6), and Kathy Kuehl.

Only 5,000 bags were completed due to a shortage of vitamin packets. However, volunteers at Midwest Mission completed our designated boxes, to give us full credit for 5,200 bags. People's church contributed \$910 and Bratfest raised \$1395 for this project, as well as contributions from other sources to equal goal of \$12,000.

Another Blessing Rice Bag event is scheduled next year, September 18th and production goal of 5,600 bags!!! So, if you were unable to help this year, perhaps consider next year!!!





Annual Church Conference

Sunday, November 22nd

All members of People's United Methodist Church are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Church Conference on Sunday, November 22nd, immediately following worship.

This important gathering is an opportunity to reflect on the past year, celebrate the life and ministries of our church, and look ahead to the future.

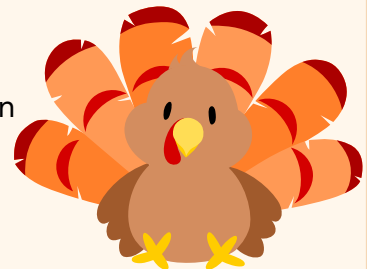
Together, we'll review church business, share updates, and discuss the plans and priorities that will help guide our congregation in the coming year.

Your presence and participation matter! Whether you've been part of our church family for many years or are newer to our congregation, we encourage you to join us as we continue working together to shape the future of People's UMC.

Thanksgiving Dinner : Noon-1pm

All are welcome to attend, however, we kindly ask that you RSVP on the form in the Gathering Space, so we know how many people to expect.

If you wish to contribute, you can sign up to bring a side dish or dessert on the RSVP form, but please note that contributions are not required to partake in the dinner and are simply offered as an option for those who wish to contribute.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 29th

Volunteers are welcome to join in the fun! We'll be hanging the greens immediately following the worship service.



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



Wednesday Night Supper

by Barb Feeney

Wednesday Night Supper is back and serving up delicious home-style meals every Wednesday night from 5-6:30pm!

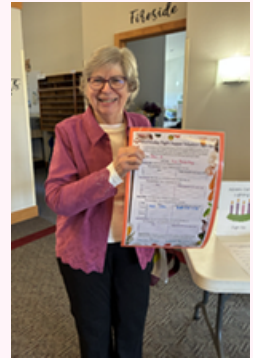
November MENU

November 4 - Pork Loin

November 11 - Howard's Killer Chili

November 18 - Beef Stew

November 25- NO SUPPER



We are always looking for volunteers to keep this amazing ministry going! If you have a free hour or two on an upcoming Wednesday afternoon, please write your name on our sign-up sheet. To learn more contact Karen Baker: karenabaker725@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Donation Drive – A Gobbling Good Success!

Our annual Thanksgiving Donation Drive officially wrapped up on October 26th, and what an incredible showing of generosity from our church family!

Thanks to our amazing team captains and everyone who participated, we collected over 650 Thanksgiving items for the Oregon Area Food Pantry! These donations will help local families enjoy a special Thanksgiving meal this holiday season.

Of course, there's still one important piece of business left... **Who will take home the coveted Golden Gobbler?** The winning team will be announced during worship on Sunday, November 1st!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who donated, organized, encouraged their teammates, and helped make this year's drive such a wonderful success. Your generosity is a beautiful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together to care for our neighbors!

November Mission of the Month

by the Missions Team

November is a month when the mission team usually chooses a global ministry to receive our mission giving. The mission of the month for this November is the United Methodist Committee on Relief or UMCOR. Because UMCOR focuses on the most immediate needs and works worldwide, it is often our choice. 100% of the money that we send to UMCOR is used for direct support.



As a part of Global Ministries, UMCOR comes alongside those who are affected by natural or human-caused disasters to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope. Working with individuals, churches, organizations, communities, and other local partners, UMCOR provides immediate relief and recovery support as well as long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. Along with the disaster relief and recovery efforts, UMCOR also supports the US supply depot network, provides help and guidance for refugees and migrants, leads environmental projects and initiatives, and helps to improve food insecurity through agricultural training and capacity building. Examples of some of their efforts are helping to provide direct aid inside Ukraine; working with partners in Israel, Gaza, and the surrounding areas to bring relief, food, and hygiene supplies to that war torn area; providing flood relief in Texas and Nepal-Tibet; and giving energy grants and guidance to help some US Methodist churches keep their doors open.

To learn more about UMCOR and Global Ministries, please visit their website at www.umc.org and click on "how we serve". The mission team thanks you in advance for your support of the November mission of the month.

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!

Men's Fellowship Group
by Howard Brantmeyer



Men's Fellowship meets in the Great Room on the first Saturday of the month.

Men's Fellowship is a time to connect with other men in our community, and enjoy coffee and donuts together. Please join us, and invite a friend!

**The next meeting is on Saturday,
November 7 9:00am in the Great Room.**

Social Justice Updates

from the PUMC Social Justice Team

Hello PUMC Friends,

The social justice committee and all volunteers at Peoples have had a busy month! Here's what the social justice committee has been up too!

We are happy to report that coats for community was a huge success! We had 311 coats donated and gave away 211 coats during the coat drive. Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed. The remaining children's coats were given to Oregon school district and the adult coats went to Centro for further distribution.

Also, we are looking into ways to help out with Moses of Madison on some of the criminal justice issues Madison is facing. The group is called MOSES in Madison and it stands for "Madison Organizing in Strength, Equity, and Solidarity".

This is a chapter of the Wisdom Network that is an interfaith group working for criminal and racial Justice. We will be learning more about Moses and ways we can help. If you are interested in learning more about this organization, check out www.mosesmadison.org

We have started up several groups based on our poll on ways we can connect, support, and feel better.

Sip and support take place the second Saturday of each month in the fireside room at 10AM. We enjoy each other's company through great conversations and sharing our highs and lows. Please join us and help us get to know each other, drink delicious coffee, and eat a pastry or two.

Our first nature walk took place on October 19th. The walk was at Anderson Park. To join the nature walk group reach out to be added to the contact list for any upcoming walks. For those who would like to get involved and volunteer we have opportunities coming up soon. Stay tuned!

We will also have a new group for parents/kids that will be starting in April.

Our next meeting is November 19th at 6:30.

Musical Notes

by Kate Rush, Director of Music



Leading worship is an honor and a responsibility that I take seriously. I often find myself pondering the concept of being a leader versus being a performer. When the whole church is singing together as one body, we need strong leadership to guide the congregation through the songs. But leading worship is not a performance from the platform.

I read an article on the Reforming Worship blog that sheds light on this subject. I feel we are doing our best at People's to be faithful to the guidelines below, but we are far from perfect. I continue to think and pray about congregational worship, and as always I welcome your feedback. Here is the article:

Ways Churches Silence the Singing of a Congregation

How Modern Worship Practices Turn Congregants Into Spectators

Congregational singing is meant to be participatory. No church is likely to tell its congregants, "Don't sing, just watch." Yet the way we structure worship can unintentionally convey that very message.

A Performative Band Becomes the Focus

When a worship team performs like musicians at a concert with solos, elaborate vocal runs, and attention drawn toward the platform, it sends a message to the congregation to watch. The goal isn't to hear the band play good music. It's to hear the voices of the congregation worshipping.

The Music Is Too Loud

Colossians 3:16 says we are to teach and admonish one another through our singing. But how can we sing to one another if we can't even hear one another? Don't drown out the congregation with loud instruments. Turn the volume down and let the church hear itself sing.

The Songs Are Difficult to Sing

A song can sound great on an album and still be a poor song for congregational worship. Complicated melodies, difficult rhythms, and large vocal ranges can make songs difficult for people to follow. If the average singer can't follow along, the average singer isn't going to sing.

The Room Looks Like a Performative Concert

You don't need stage lights or a darkened room to worship God. When the platform looks like a concert stage, we shouldn't be surprised when the congregation begins acting like a concert audience.

**Let the church sing! Simplify the music. Choose singable songs.
Minimize the performance. Don't be a hindrance to the
congregation as they attempt to obey God's command to sing.**



News from Little Angels Early Learning Center

by Katie Grady, Director



In October:

Ms. Katie read a book about fall to each class. Pastor Vicki started her once a week reading to the childcare students.

We also had the Oregon Fire and EMS visit us to talk about fire safety and to let us explore a fire truck and ambulance. The firefighters put on their gear for us to see how they would actually look if they had to come put out a fire.

Upcoming events:

The first 2 weeks of November we are collecting cereal for our annual cereal drive, we will do a domino style maze with the boxes, then donate the cereal to the food pantry.



November in Sunday School:

Building Faith, One Story at a Time! 📖

Join us this November as we explore God's Word,

Nov. 1 — Family Worship

Nov. 8 — Faith Like Abraham (Romans 4:13–25)

Nov. 15 — Zephaniah's Joyful Song (Zephaniah 3:14–20)

Nov. 22 — Isaiah's Words (Isaiah 2:1–5)

Nov. 29 — LEGO Sunday!



Saturday November 14 at 10am

Sip & Support will be held on the second Saturday of the month from 10am-11am in the Fireside Room at People's UMC. Everyone is welcome!

Come enjoy coffee and tea while spending time together in a relaxed and supportive setting.

Please reach out to Leslie or Lauren for more information.

Calendar & Community Notes

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 (music room - LL music room)
Tuesday	10:30am	Hugs & Stitches (Fireside Room)
	7:00pm	AA-Room to Grow (Adult Meeting Rm. LL)
	7:30pm	Aspire Rehearsal (Great Room)
Wednesday	8:00am	Line Dancing (Great Room)
Thursday	7:30am	Ball Exercise- (meets in music room - LL music room)

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

Community Resources for Mental Health

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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