

The Newsletter of People's UMC

The LINK...Keeping You Connected

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NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year



Christmas Worship Schedule

December 18

Youth Christmas Program @ 9am service

December 24

4pm: Kids and Family service

7pm: Vocal & Bell Choir with Communion

December 25

Worship @ 10:30am

December 31

Worship @ 5pm

January 1, 2012

Worship @ 10:30am



6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 In the future, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day.
—2 Timothy 4:6-8



As I am looking to retirement I am surprised at the emotional process. For example this past weekend was All Saints, Memorial Weekend where we remembered those from our church and in our lives that have died. During the 2nd service it struck me that “this is the last time I will do this”. I was aware that it was not only the last time I would do this with People’s UMC but the last time in my career as a full time Clergy. Christmas bears that same feelings, as well as Easter.

As I am praying about and working with these feelings the scripture above came to mind. The context is that the Apostle Paul is talking about the end of his ministry. We are not sure how that ended and he references that for him it was a fight but it talks about a departure. I look at the images of finishing a race and keeping the faith.

Last weekend we used the song “Guide my Feet, While I run this race”. All of these wonderings bring me to Advent and Christmas. Much of what we do seems like a race. We race to get things done, race to our jobs, race to get ready for Christmas.

My prayer for us all would be that this Christmas our race would be a slower pace with time to thank God for all the gifts of life and to enjoy family, friends and your church. And if our race is not slower then we will be aware that God is guiding even our feet in this race. I invite you to take time to celebrate with me the closing of one chapter in my life and our church and the beginning of another.

May God’s Grace and Peace Hold you tight.

Below is an interesting article I found in sermon preparation for Christmas....Enjoy! Pastor Jon

“Matthew's genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:1-17), extending roughly 840 years (14 x 3 generations @ 20 yrs), contains adulteresses and whores and pagan social pariahs -- and ends with the Virgin Mary ... "When we look first at Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba, and then at Mary, do we not see the full humanity of Jesus as well as his divinity? As much as Christ represents a new act of divine creation by the power of the Holy Spirit, just as much does he represent a family of questionable parentage, including our four ladies of ill repute.

God is with us means precisely what it says -- that God has taken on our human condition, God has become part of the human family, warts and all "God has become one with us. We may well not be whores, or social outcasts or murderers, or adulterers, but each of us, like so many biblical characters, is a tangle of ambiguity, sometimes good, sometimes bad, sometimes kind, sometimes mean, sometimes faithful, sometimes faithless -- and sometimes, perhaps, even wondering if the Christmas story is really true. But this is the nexus of incompatible intersections. It is precisely to be with us as imperfect men and women that God has come in Christ. As Jesus would say later on, he came 'to call not the righteous but sinners' (Matthew 9:13)."

--Thomas W. Mann, To Taste and See (Cleveland, Ohio: Pilgrim Press, 1992), 12-13.

Getting to Know Peg and Warren Schmidt

Peg and Warren Schmidt have been members of Peoples United Methodist Church for almost 20 years. Peg grew up in Wausau, and Warren is from West Bend. They met when Warren was a first year law student at the UW and Peg a first year nursing student at Madison General Hospital, and her nursing school dorm was invited to a UW fraternity house for Friday night supper. Lifelong Wisconsinites, they have lived in Whitewater, Madison and have spent the past 40 years in rural Brooklyn.

Prior to retirement, Warren was Assistant Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin. Peg, a registered nurse, worked in obstetrics, pediatrics and family medicine. 2 of their 3 children live in the area.

Daughter Rebecca lives in Albany, WI. Her husband is a Methodist pastor, and they have 3 children. Claire works for AmeriCorps in Wausau. Drew is a freshman at Hamlin University in St. Paul, MN. JD is a 5th grader at Albany Elementary. Rebecca is the Type A perfectionist who work very hard in the University of Wisconsin's Department of Human Ecology.

Son Daniel and his wife Melanie live in Oregon. He is the family entertainer. Both Daniel and Melanie love to cook, and they prepare exceptional meals for all family occasions.

Daughter Kristy's home is in Mukilteo, WA. A social butterfly, always looking for change, she is currently teaching in Bangkok, Thailand, where her family will reside for 2 years. Her husband is also a teacher. Daughter Ahnika is a high school sophomore and daughter Mikayla is in 7th grade.

Peg likes reading and belongs to Oregon's oldest book club. Their yard has way too much space just for flowers, so she is learning to garden. In addition to caring for her grandson when needed, she enjoys sewing and is a volunteer with Agrace HospiceCare.

Warren likes to fix machinery and do yard work with their grandsons. He enjoys his computer nook and all of his electronic "toys". Anyone who knows Warren, will tell you he definitely keeps up to date on world affairs!

Although they have done some traveling, they most enjoy being at home, getting together with family and friends. While they have retired from keeping beef cows, sheep, a goat, cats, horses and a donkey, their one dog still keeps them busy and entertained.

Both have served on many committees at PUMC. Warren currently serves on Staff Parish Relations Committee, Care Team and is the church check signer. He is also a confirmation mentor. Peg is an active participant on the Care Team, Health & Wellness Committee and Church Council. She also is a Sunday School teacher sub and has been a 3rd Grade Bible mentor, as well as a confirmation mentor. In her spare time, she manages to co-organize the popular annual SERRV sale at PUMC. They both really enjoy getting to know the young people at PUMC.

Their active participation in volunteer and church activities allows them to get to know needs and to help solve issues in a constructive way. They believe that Christians are called to care for all spiritually, mentally and physically. We are to care for members of society who feel challenged financially, vocationally and physically. Caring for the environment is another important issue for us all. As they say, "Serving and working with our church family feels good."

Peg and Warren do what they do because they believe in sharing their faith and finances, and they aspire to help others however they can. Aren't we blessed to have them at Peoples' UMC?





Children & Youth PROGRAM

Reminder: Sunday, December 4th is the deadline to drop off items for Host-A-Family.

Crafting Fun for All Ages

Another inter-generational Christian crafting opportunity will be offered on Wednesday, December 7th from 6-7 pm. Kids can choose to participate in this event, facilitated by Pam McIntyre or regular mid-week programming.



Christmas Caroling!!

All are welcome to join the fun as we spread Christmas joy! We will carol and deliver cookies to others in our community and then return to church for a treat of hot chocolate (with your choice of marshmallows or whipped cream)!! Mark your calendar and join us on **Friday, December 9th @ 6:30--8:00 pm**. Dress warm and bring a flashlight if you have one.

Christmas Around the World

The theme of our Christmas program is "Christmas Around the World". Join us on **December 18th at the 9:00 am** service to see how others around the globe celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the greatest gift of all! The Sunday School children have been practicing songs and other entertainment for this program, please plan to attend if you have children in Sunday School!

On **Wednesday, December 14th** we will have a Christmas party and "White Elephant" gift exchange during our regularly scheduled Wednesday evening activities. Additional details will be sent home with the kids on November 30th.

There will not be Wednesday evening programming on December 21st or December 28th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

Anyone interested is welcome to attend our first Youth Advisory Council (YAC), on Sunday, January 8th following the 2nd service. Snacks will be provided.

C&Y Staff

Diane Haag & Cathy Weis
Children & Youth Coordinators

Katie Grady
Little Angels Preschool Dir.
Parents Day Out Dir.

Amy Gonzalez
Children's Music & Drama Dir.

Stacy Thompson
Lead 4-K Teacher

Lisa Unertl
Little Angels Preschool Teacher
Parents Day Out Teacher

Sandy Donner
Little Angels Preschool Teacher
Parents Day Out Teacher

Celeste Johnson
Nursery Attendant

Marisa Koch
Nursery Attendant

Aleksandra Martinka
Nursery Attendant

Little Angels Christian Preschool (LACP) & 4K

In November we worked with the letters T, I, U, C and the number 4. The children's librarian from the Oregon Public Library read to the T/TH PM class, and Rebecca Otte read to our 4K class. Our Bible stories included The Ten Commandments, Israelites, The Upper Room, as well as Creation. Thanksgiving week we had our pajama, movie, popcorn parties.

In December we will be learning about the letters O and Q, as well as the number 5. Our Bible lesson will be Jesus being the One and Only Son, Quail from Heaven, and the Nativity. Pastor Jon will be reading to our Monday/Wednesday morning class. We will have a visit another visit from the children's librarian (hopefully to read to our 4K class).

We enjoy doing many art and craft projects, which are usually hanging in the lower level hallway (near our classrooms), we are proud of our work, and would love to share it with you...if you are able please take a moment or two to come check out what we create.

PLEASE HELP: Our program collects Kwik Trip Milk Moola (caps or labels from Kwik Trip milk and orange juice), Campbell's Soup labels, and Bills Food Center receipts (with orange stickers). This year all the proceeds we raise from these programs (as well as from our shirt sales) are being deposited into a fund to help with the much needed repair/replacement of the playground. These items can be placed in Katie Grady's mailbox in the office, or in the bins located near our classroom on the lower level. THANKS!

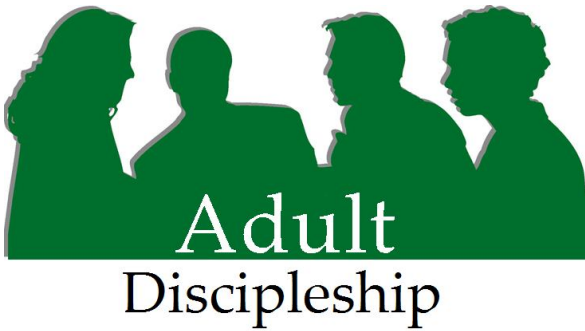


December Mission Focus

The December Mission of the Month will be a combination of support for Host a Family Giving Tree gifts and Christmas support for an Operation Homefront military family in need. You can help by taking a gift request tag off the Giving Tree outside the Gathering Room and return the gift by Sunday Dec 4th. You can also make a Missions donation in the weekly offering in December and we will use the funds to purchase the gifts for left over tags. We will use remaining December Missions giving to support Christmas requests for a Wisconsin military family in need. You can make a difference in people's lives today with a donation or buying a gift.

Operation Homefront needs volunteers to help with Christmas donations pick up from Dollar Tree stores and distribution to military families.

To help, contact: Darcy Clardy, Operation Homefront-Wisconsin, 608-658-5290
darcy.clardy@operationhomefront.net



Advent

Night lengthens. The world waits, hushed, expectant. Except where the neon signs scream “SALE!!” How will you prepare for the coming of the Christ this Advent? Let it be with prayer, care for those who are poor and lonely, and gifts that come from the heart.

All Are Welcome!

Christian Crafts

- Wednesdays, Nov 30 and Dec 7, 6-7pm
- Facilitator: Pam McIntyre
- Make Prayer Beads and Prayer Bundles. They are traditions with ancient roots and contemporary meaning. Kids welcome!

SERRV Sale

- Thanks to all who participated in the sale, either as helpers or buyers. Together, we sold about \$1600 of fair trade items. You've made a significant impact in the lives of people in impoverished countries. Thank you!

Who Is God, Really?

- 10:15am Sundays, Nov 13, 20, 27 and Dec 4
- Facilitator: Dan Behrend
- Explore how God is portrayed in Scriptures, looking at topics such as mercy and justice, free will, and God's long-haul love..

Advent Prompts

- Watch for the handouts from Adult Discipleship during worship. There are turtles, cell phones, new verses to old songs, and even stars coming your way. Each one will give you some ways to deepen your faith this Advent.

Yoga by Candlelight: Jane's Last Class

- 5:45-6:45pm, Thursday, December 8th
- Rekindle your inner fire. A free-will offering is accepted. This is Jane's last class before she moves. But never fear: Jo Temte will teach yoga here soon on Tuesdays, same time and style.

Growing Roots...

Are you looking for a deeper connection? Do you want a place you can share your stories? Would you like to laugh, talk, learn, and grow? A great opportunity is coming your way near the end of January. Keep your eyes peeled for more details!

Prayer Time

Prayer Tree

- Beginning Sunday, Nov 28th
- Write your prayers, have them put on an ornament and hung on the Prayer Tree

With Open Hands Prayer Group

- 6-7pm Wed, Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21
- Lift up Prayer Tree prayers. Pray with and for others during the Advent season.

Save the Date

Dan Dick, Director of Connectional Ministry, will be facilitating “Leading Together through Effective Communication & Collaboration” on Feb 4th. See page 7 of this [LINK](#) for more details.

Tips and Tools for Money Management and ReWorking Your Job Search

one-on-one help: see the kiosk for more info

PUMC BLOG

Interested in a class but can't make it in person? Heard something in a sermon that touched your heart? Discuss it at pumctalks.blogspot.com

Dan Dick,
Facilitator

Leading Together through Effective Communication & Collaboration

For all Circuit 46 clergy, committee members, and lay leaders

Have you ever:

- Wondered why it is so difficult to get people to come to meetings?
- Said yes to serve and didn't really know what you agreed to (even after a few meetings?)
- Thought everyone was in agreement when they weren't?
- Found yourself in an argument and couldn't figure out how it happened?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, plan to spend Saturday, February 4 learning effective and efficient leadership and communication techniques that will better equip you as a leader in God's church. Enjoy presentations by Dan Dick, Director of Connectional Ministry, and share ideas and practical suggestions with other churches' members.

DATE:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

TIME:

9AM-3PM
REGISTRATION AT 8:45AM

COST:

\$10
(INCLUDES LUNCH: PLEASE INFORM US OF ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS)

REGISTER:

REBECCA OTTE, DIRECTOR OF ADULT DISCIPLESHIP,
ROTTE@WISCONSINUMC.ORG 608-835-3755 X33

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OREGON, WI 53575

Christmas Donation in Honor of Pastor Jon

For the past couple of years the congregation's gift to Pastor Jon has been a donation in his honor to a non-profit organization. The money that is given this year will go to the Road Home. Your contribution can be put in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office between now and the end of the year.

Please be sure it is marked "Jon's gift".
Thank you. Staff Parish Relations Committee



Dear Family and Friends,

The close of the year approaches again. December and the holidays are on the way one more time. Joy, baby Jesus, parties, gift-giving, special holiday music! But also, shopping-till-dropping, late-night present wrapping, extra house cleaning before company, baking/cooking/more baking. When I think back over the 11 years that I've written LINK articles (132 articles by my calculation), I'm guessing I am revisiting the topic that I probably most frequently write to you about – the secular stresses of this sacred season.



I do realize that some of the frenzy is unavoidable. But maybe we can resolve to dampen the stresses a bit by consciously making some pre-holiday decisions. Maybe you/we could try some of these strategies:

- Resisting the urge to buy the “perfect” gift for all those on our lists (note: nothing is perfect!)
- Buying gifts within our means or making simple gifts (keep in mind that time is precious, too, and projects can take on a life of their own)
- Reserving some quiet time for yourself for prayer and reflection (pencil it in on the calendar)
- Keeping eating and sleeping routines that keep us healthy (and remember to wash hands)
- Maintaining some form of exercise/activity (exercise-induced endorphins assist mental health)
- Using alcohol in moderation, if you drink alcohol
- Attending church every week to steep ourselves in the special blessings of the holy season.

While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger. (Luke 2: 6-7) Really, this is what the season is all about, isn't it?

Peace and joy,
Susan Payne, People's Parish Nurse



The **First Monday of December** will be here for all to enjoy on **December 5th**. I promise a wonderful time of Christmas cheer as we gather for our **potluck meal at 11:00 AM to be followed by a program at noon!** Our **guest speaker is the Master of Humor, Al Brown**, former office manager right here at People's Church. Those of you who know Al will know that his quick wit will keep us laughing long after the program ends. Please invite friends to be part of the joy of the season! Nurse Susan

Status of 2012 Stewardship Drive

PUMC has been very fortunate to be able to maintain the current level of building maintenance, programming and staff through some difficult economic times. This is in contrast to many area churches that have had to make significant cuts. The generosity of our members/friends have allowed us PUMC to remain a sanctuary of grace and a beacon of light in the community. The Finance Committee is working on finalizing the budget for 2012, and finds **we are about \$25,000 short**. Our staff have been very frugal and offer a fantastic level of programming with very modest budgets. We have been blessed with their commitment, and with the commitment of many church volunteers who give so much in time and talent. *If you have not completed a pledge card yet, please do so. Blank cards can be found in the back of the sanctuary and on the Welcome Table.* Completed cards can be dropped in the offering plate or left in the office.



| <u>Mission Giving 2011</u> | | | |
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| January | NINA Fund | \$2,144 | |
| February | World Vision Orphans & Widows Fund | \$1,094 | |
| March | Second Harvest Foodbank | \$1,170 | |
| April | Heifer International | \$1,271 | |
| May | Harbor House | \$1,069 | |
| June | The Road Home | \$1,339 | |
| July | UMCOR - Spring Storm Relief | \$1,283 | |
| August | Samaritan Account | \$1,066 | |
| September | Church World Service/CROP | \$3,120 | |
| September | 10% of Hazel Edwards bequest to be used for Missions | \$5,147 | |
| October | Heifer International - Sunday School offering from 2010 - 2011 School Year | \$83 | |
| October | Three Gaits Therapeutic Horsemanship | \$1,183 | |
| Nov 1 - 20 | Operation Homefront | \$981 | |
| Mission Giving Year-to-Date | | \$20,950 | |
| General Fund Giving through 10/31/11 | | \$354,389 | This figure includes \$46,324 from the Estate of Hazel Edwards |
| Loan Balance as of October 31, 2011 | | \$138,530 | |

Apportionments have been paid through November



Council Minutes

November 7, 2011

Present: *From the Council* – Barbara Feeney (Chair), Karen Baker, Pastor Jon Bartlett, Charlotte Clark, Brandon Finch, Ken Kluz, Mary Malone, Barbara Mahr, Larry Mahr, Betty Mennenga, Pam McIntyre, Linda Outhouse, Peg Schmidt, Paul Smith, Anne Staton, Wendy Zimmerman; *From the Transition Team* - Jennifer denDaas, Laura Flood, Stan Schneider, Jim Shaver, and the Council Members underlined above.

Staff/Volunteer/Leadership Development

Church Member Profiles: The assignment of the member profile for the January Link was put on hold.

Council Notetaker & Policy Watchdog:

Everyone agreed that a single notetaker would be a blessing.

There was discussion about the policy function. Char Clark stated that policies for a committee should be the role of each chairperson. Definitely, but the question here is an overall watchdog who will remind the Council when a policy exists or may be needed, related to a discussion item; to insure that all policies are approved by the Council; and to remind chairpersons/ Council about the need for periodic review of policies.

Char also advocated for new Chair orientation; books of minutes, policies, and procedures for each committee to be passed on to new Chairs; and a standard way to write policies.

Barbara Mahr was appointed as the initial notetaker/ policy watchdog.

District Workshop for Council Chairs: The workshop was led by Dan Dick, the Conference Program Director. Betty Mennenga and Brandon Finch attended on our behalf. Brandon offered the Power Point presentation as good devotional materials. Betty talked about the emphasis on managing rela-

tionships, strengthening congregations, and good communication.

Generosity in Giving and Serving:

Stewardship Drive – Compared to last year about 50 commitment cards remain to come in. On most of those that have been received the givers anticipate giving at the same level as last year. A little less than \$200,000 is offered on these pledges.

Review of the Memorials Policy. Char Clark and Pastor Jon met and recommend that there be no Memorial policy changes from 2005. There are application procedural changes. (Changes in procedures do not require Council approval as long as they are faithful to the policy.)

The Memorials Committee met on October 18th. They reviewed the "In Memory of" sheet that is sent to families when money is received in memory of their loved one. Char clarified that gifts come in many different ways, e.g., into the office, in the offering plate, from non-family members. The Committee uses this form to ask the family how they wish the gift to be used. There was concern expressed that the suggested uses not be so specific that we are stuck with monies we cannot use. The Council recommended that a line be added to the form that states we will honor the family's wishes "if at all possible".

Trustees Report: Wendy Zimmerman reported for the Trustees and Finance Committee. The heads of the light poles in the parking lot will be replaced; they are waiting on delivery now. Repair of the parking lot will wait until spring, and Finance will look for a source of money for this.

Both bids for the playground were very high. Perhaps we will purchase some equipment but not all just now. Barb Feeney has talked with Katie and says she is kind of overwhelmed. She suggested forming a small group to work with Katie and the Trustees on this with Alan Fogel, if he is willing, to head this up. Anne Staton reported that Steve Staton has met with Katie and suggested he contin-

ue to work with her and a small group. Anne will ask Steve to reconnect with Katie on this. Wendy stated that our first equipment was the Pinto version and this proposal appears to be the Cadillac. Perhaps the small group could think of other options. Larry Mahr reminded the group that this equipment decision must go through the Board of Trustees who are ultimately responsible for all property related things – inside and out.

Concealed Carry Sign: The Annual Conference, our insurance company, and the UM General Conference recommend that we post “no weapons” signs. Betty Mennenga has ordered signs that state, concealed carry of weapons is not allowed on this property. The law says that these must be posted at each entrance door.

Presbyterian Gift: Barbara Feeney requested authority to purchase a gift for the Presbyterian Church to celebrate their new building. It was decided that we purchase a \$500 gift card for landscaping from Winterland Nursery as a gift to the Presbyterian Church.

Finance Committee Report: Wendy Zimmerman reported that the Committee will compare pledges received to the proposed budget at their next meeting.

Increase Work Beyond Our Walls

Paul Smith requested input into a new mission idea. Under the KWIK Trip awards program KWIK Trip credit card holders can designate a charity to receive their rewards, (i.e., \$.03/gallon and 5% on in-store purchases). The Council was comfortable with saying “if you have a KWIK Trip card consider using it this way. We were uncomfortable with phrasing that promotes getting a KWIK Trip card. The funds would go to the Samaritan Fund, providing a continuous funding source for this community care ministry. (The Nina fund is only available to people with children in the school district.) There was no opposition to the LOF Missions proposal. Pastor Jon also stated that the local pastors have been talking about how to prevent people from taking advantage of the system by asking several churches for money.



December Treat Providers

- 4 Katie Grady & Ladonna Smith**
- 11 Jeanne Schwass-Long & Pat Stratton**
- 18 Jodie Jacobson & Jody Lien**
- 26 Joanna Simpson & Kathy Kuehl**



Coffee Connect

**Coffee Connect
December 4**

New to PUMC and figuring how you fit in, or been around for awhile and wanting to know how you can Connect? Come to a Coffee Connect, to be held after each Sunday service on December 4th. Coffee, treats and good conversation! We want to hear about your experience at PUMC.



**Annual Church
Conference
December 11, 2011
12 Noon**



December Birthdays

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| 1 | Berta Ostrander | 25 | Steve Staton |
| | Greg Schnelle | 26 | Dhea Kjellstrom |
| 2 | Brad Sterling | 27 | David Beauchaine |
| 3 | John Stehle | | Matt Bock |
| 4 | Alex Chase | | Clarice Huehne |
| 5 | Stephanie Severance | | Griffen Powers |
| 7 | Travis Jenkins | | Diane Zimmer |
| | Rob Meier | 28 | William Sanford |
| | Sue Olsen | 29 | Diane Haag |
| | Eric Patterson | 31 | Ronald Ramsden |
| 8 | Jennifer Den Daas | | |
| | Lydia Russell | | |
| 9 | Noelle Powers | | |
| | Ron Squire | | |
| 10 | Courtney Brooks | | |
| | Mackenzie Maier | | |
| 11 | Joanna Tofte | | |
| 12 | Rebecca Otte | | |
| 13 | Todd Huebler | | |
| | Susan Madsen | | |
| | Jenny Nelson | | |
| | Lisa Unertl | | |
| 18 | Merry Bachim | | |
| | Brian Olson | | |
| | David Skibba | | |
| 19 | Dave Koch | | |
| | Lief Olsen | | |
| | Bette Whited | | |
| 20 | Sue Koch | | |
| | Julie Olson | | |
| | Robin Powers | | |
| | Jenna Slack | | |
| 21 | Katie Mahr | | |
| 22 | Alison Capelle | | |
| 23 | Skip Bohse | | |
| | Bernie Brickner | | |
| | Sue Morschhauser | | |
| 24 | Mallory Rose Jacobson | | |

December Anniversaries

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| 5 | Uriah & Jeanne Carpenter |
| 9 | Rick & Barbara Cole |
| 15 | Dave & Stacey Anderson |
| 19 | Steve Newton & Deb Bossingham |
| 21 | Bob & LaNell Wagner |
| 23 | Bill & Pam McIntyre |
| 24 | Brian & Jonna Powell |
| 27 | Pat & Barb Dietrich |

**Do you notice an error or an omission?
If you are new to PUMC or have not turned in an updated information sheet recently, we may not have your birthday or anniversary date. Please notify the office, or submit your info on line at: www.peoplesumc.org/info**

The Christmas Heart

“Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost 2,000 years ... underneath all the bulging bundles is this beating Christmas heart.”
—George Matthew Adams



Have you lost anything lately?

We have many things in our lost and found that would like to go home. The lost and found items are located in the coat area. Please take a look and see if anything is yours. Thanks.

Traveling Mugs are Missing.

We have many coffee mugs missing and are requesting that if you have one in your car or at home that you bring them back so we have enough for Sunday mornings. Thanks.

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm Worship: Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9am & 10:30am

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| Preschool Dir., Worship Coord, PDO | Katie Grady, x26 kgrady@wisconsinumc.org |
| Building Maintenance | Gary Haffele |
| Children & Youth Ministry Co-Coordinators | Cathy Weis & Diane Haag, x25 pumcchildyouth@wisconsinumc.org |
| Adult Discipleship Directors | Rebecca Otte, x33 rotte@wisconsinumc.org |
| Parish Nurse | Susan Payne, x24 spayne@wisconsinumc.org |
| Church Administrator | Kathy Itson, x21 peoplesumc@wisconsinumc.org |
| Bell Choir Director | Kathy Schneider, schneka99@gmail.com |
| 4-K Teacher | Stacy Thompson, x23 |
| Parents Day Out Teacher | Holly Rausch, x32 |
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| Board of Trustees Chair | Al Kuehl |
| Staff Parish Relations Chair | Anne Staton |
| Worship Chair | Mary Malone |
| Finance Committee Chair | Wendy Zimmerman |
| Memorials Chair | Charlotte Clark |
| Stewardship Chair | Scott Sanford |



**The next Fourth Thursday
Worship 'round the Table
will be
December 22nd
6:30 – 7:15 pm in the
Fireside Room.**



December 2011

December

AMR = Adult Meeting Room GR = Great Room
 FR = Fireside Room KIT = Kitchen
 CR = Conference Room LL = Lower Level
 GA = Gathering Area MR = Music Room

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 9am Worship 10am Coffee Connect FR 10:15am Who Is God, Really? AMR 10:30am Worship 11:30am Coffee Connect FR 12pm Adult Discipleship Planning Meeting FR | 5 11am First Monday GR 5pm Weight Watchers GR 6:30pm Council Meeting AMR | 6 7pm AA Meeting AMR | 7 8:30am Line Dancing GR 5pm Wednesday Night Community Supper GR 6pm 9th Grade Confirmation AMR 6pm Christian Crafts 6pm Youth Programming LL 6pm Bell Choir Practice MR 6pm Open Hands Prayer Group 7pm Choir Practice GR | 8 9:30am Hope Circle GR 5:45pm Yoga GR 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study FR 7pm Living Our Faith Missions Meeting AMR | 9 6:30pm Christmas Caroling | 10 5pm Worship |
| 11 9am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12pm Church Conference | 12 11:30am Staff Meeting FR 5pm Weight Watchers GR | 13 9:30am Oregon Manor 5:45pm Yoga GR 7pm AA Meeting AMR | 14 8:30am Line Dancing GR 5pm Wednesday Night Community Supper GR 6pm Youth Programming LL 6pm Bell Choir Practice MR 6pm Open Hands Prayer Group 7pm Choir Practice GR | 15 2pm Sienna Crest 6:30pm Disciple Bible Study FR | 16 5pm Worship | 17 5pm Worship |
| 18 9am Worship: Sunday School Program 10:30am Worship 12pm Soul Sisters | 19 11:30am Staff Meeting FR 5pm Weight Watchers GR 6:30pm Care Team | 20 5:45pm Yoga GR 7pm AA Meeting AMR | 21 8:30am Line Dancing GR 6pm Open Hands Prayer Group | 22 6:30pm Thursday Worship 'Round The Table FR | 23 7:30pm Taize | 24 4pm Kids & Family service 7pm Candlelight service |
| 25 10:30am Worship | 26 5pm Weight Watchers GR | 27 7pm AA Meeting AMR | 28 8:30am Line Dancing GR | 29 3pm Food Pantry Open | 30 5pm Worship | 31 5pm Worship |