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## **We Are A Ministry With**

**Open Hearts...**

**Open Minds...**

**Open Doors...**



**We are a  
Stephen Ministry  
congregation.**



## **A Message from Pastor Howard Hintzman**

At the wedding for my niece Noelle and her husband Scott in September, I started the ceremony with a real bang; I referred to my niece as Nicole instead of Noelle. She called me out on it right on the spot. I justified it by saying I would be officiating at a wedding for another relative in October and the bride's name is Nicole, thus it was an understandable slip. (I do not think it helped.) Our names are very important to us, they are who we are. I was reading in the Upper Room, our devotional magazine, about a person whose name is very common, Bill Smith, and how he has been confused for other Bill Smith's throughout his life.

At our baptism we are given a name, Christian, child of God. That name says a lot about who we are. I don't think my name, Howard, says much about who I am (I think it is a very boring name, so maybe I am boring), but I know for a fact that when I say I am Christian it is anything but boring. I invite you to be reading the gospels in order to find out what that name means, as lived by Jesus, from whom it comes. When I think of Christ, I think of extravagance, where he did not hold tightly to what he had from God. He shared out of the abundance he had of his time, his energy, his resources, and most importantly his love and grace expressed through unconditional acceptance and forgiveness. Everything about Jesus was extravagant, from his giving to his calling to task those persons who claimed to be faithful to God, but were only faithful to themselves.

We, as a community of faith called the church, are to be Christian, to be extravagant in all we are and with all we do for the sake of Jesus Christ. I invite you to look at your life and see if extravagance describes who you are as a Christian.

Let me close with these often quoted words of John Wesley,

“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.”

### **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PASTOR HYEJUNG AND PASTOR HOWARD:**

Both pastors can be reached by telephone through the Point office at 715-344-3557, Monday-Friday 9 am-3 pm and the Plover office at 715-344-9192, Tuesdays 9 am-12 pm and Wednesdays 9 am-1 pm.

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When you have an emergency or a pastoral care need outside of office hours, please call the pastors in the following order:

Howard Hintzman at home: 715-342-0907

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## United Methodists in mission together, locally and globally

### OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS

Canned Fruit and Vegetables

### LOOSE COIN OFFERING FOR OCTOBER

Appalachia Service Project  
Repairing homes of those in need

### ***Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County 2820 Post Rd, Plover***

On September 9, 2015 Interfaith Food Pantry served 141 families (11 new), 526 individuals (37 new), 190 children (16 and under) (16 new) and 61 seniors (65+) (2 new).

On September 22, 2015 Interfaith Food Pantry served 143 families (10 new), 545 individuals (35 new), 197 children (16 and under) (10 new) and 45 seniors (65+) (no new).



### **ADJUST: TO ADAPT OR CONFORM TO NEW CONDITIONS...**



Have you or someone you know recently had to adjust to any of these situations: a new job, a new baby, a new boss, a new house, a separation, a grown child moving back home, a seriously ill parent, a death, a best friend who has moved? Be caring and helpful to those around you who are having to make adjustments in their lives. You can make a difference and really help by encouraging them to talk to someone. Also, remember that our Stephen Ministers are trained and available for listening to and helping people as they face changes in their lives.

### **Midwest Mission Distribution Center Trip**

Again in January Bonnie Lund and Mary Gurlea will be leading a mission trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois. We will leave on Wednesday am, January 13, 2016 and return on Saturday pm, January 16, 2016. The total charge to each person will be \$250. This will cover the cost of gas, food at the center and lodging. Food on the way down and back is on you. The first \$50 is due on September 30, 2015. The next \$100 will be due on November 15 and the remaining by January 1, 2016. Please make your check out to UMC with MMDC in the memo part and give to Bonnie or Mary (this is important).

Come along to work on the various kits, sew school bags, fix bicycles or sewing machines, make school desks or sort the items needed for each kit. We meet people from various walks of life, from many other churches and various ages. We play games, if you wish, on our time off or you can travel the area to see the sights. If you have any questions or are planning on going with us, please let me know as soon as possible at [mgurlea@gmail.com](mailto:mgurlea@gmail.com) or 715.321.2102.

### **Imagine No Malaria Giving Surpasses \$850,000!**

Director of Development Jean Nicholas said today, "Thank you for your continuing generosity and commitment to those who suffer from malaria around the world. With deep gratitude, I share that the Wisconsin Annual Conference has raised a total, in cash and pledges, of \$865,484 toward our \$1 million goal for Imagine No Malaria! As Paul prayed for the Philippians: *'I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.'* (Philippians 1:3-5, NRSV) These numbers represent gifts that have been sent to the Conference Office through August 31, 2015. Please send any further gifts to Lisa King, Conference Treasurer at 750 Windsor Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590. Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Annual Conference and mark them for "Imagine No Malaria."



### **BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

## From the Wisconsin Annual Conference

### Wisconsin Annual Conference Zeroes In On Four Focus Areas

The four focus areas of The United Methodist Church narrow our vision for ministry in the world to offer the greatest impact and effectiveness. Wise stewardship of our resources of time, money, people, materials and equipment is imperative for a high quality, lasting witness. The four areas are engaging in ministry with the poor, improving global health, developing principled Christian leaders, and creating new and renewed congregations. Here is a snapshot scorecard from Assistant to the Bishop Dan Dick for some of the ways the Wisconsin Conference is engaging in our four focus areas - ministry with the poor, improving global health, developing principled Christian leaders, and creating new and renewed congregations. The second is . . .

**Improving Global Health** - In a little over a year, the Wisconsin Conference raised almost three-quarters of a million dollars for Imagine No Malaria. Our International Volunteer in Mission projects strive to heal lives as well as rebuild devastated buildings. Health and wellness Ministries, parish nurse associations, and congregational education programs raise awareness and teach about global health.

### Adult Ministry

Well, the “on going” studies and activities are all up and running. Thank you leaders for your commitment to “Making Disciples and Being Good Neighbors”. We celebrate the new “short term” study “Following the Movement of the Spirit”. All groups are still open to new members. Please sign the board in the gathering space in Point or call the church office at 715-344-3557 or 715-344-9192 and someone in the group will contact you.

We would like to give a new ministry area a little press. We will be creating a miniature library, “Little Free Library”, at the Point location. We will share in the worldwide mission to promote literacy and the love of reading. Presently there are 20,000 little libraries around the world. It will also give us an opportunity to share books with a Christian message, and let them circulate in the community. Our hope is to have it up and in the ground before the frost doesn’t allow us to do that. There are brochures on the Adult Ministry bulletin board and sign up board with more specifics. There are also sign up ½ sheets in the bulletin if your passion seems to be moving you to come on board.

We invite you to be in prayer for all the ministries at the Church. God has commanded us to “go and make Disciples of all people.” Help us to focus on the things that are accomplishing that.

Blessings, Patti Hermes and Nea Miller (co-chairs)

### Lavender Springs Spa Women’s Retreat *a time to rest in God’s faithfulness*



Attention all women. Coming to the Point location on Saturday, April 30, 2016 is the Lavender Springs Spa Women’s Retreat. You are invited to this relaxing and spiritually nourishing spa-themed event. Learn and grow as you are reminded of God’s faithfulness and the power of connecting with other women.

We will journey through the Psalms, share our feelings, disappointments, celebrations and doubts of God with other women. You will leave with a fresh approach to prayer and deeper insights into the book of Psalms.

There is a time to quiet your mind so you can reflect on what the verses mean to your life. “*Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions.*” *Psalms 119:18*. This busy world is pulling women in too many directions. We need to be still to open our hearts and minds to God.

Please mark this on your calendar now! For reservations email [mgurlea@gmail.com](mailto:mgurlea@gmail.com) or call

715-321-2102 (Mary Gurlea). Don’t wait long to reserve your spot as we have many participants already.

## Book Explorers

### Book Explorers Knife Sale



The Book Explorers will be selling the remainder of the knives they have in stock on **Sunday, October 4th**, during the Meet & Greet in Fellowship Hall at the Point location.

## Finance Committee

### **Consecration Sunday Is Coming**

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Treasurer and Finance Chair have selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship, a pastor will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events!

God Bless~

**Joy Pennell**  
Finance Chair

### Ghana Mission Update

John and Barb Munson are pleased to report another shipment is on its way to Ghana; thanks to your generous support. The shipment included 10 soccer balls, 2 hand pumps and a package of inflation needles. There were 159 infant and child stocking caps for the Wenchi Hospital. We also collected a shipping barrel of school supplies. These included a large quantity of pencils, pens, crayons, chalk, lined paper, art paper, pencil sharpeners, erasers, scissors and glue. The next mission trip will be January 4-22, 2016. There will be a group of 10; including Pastor Howard. They will journey to the village of Aworowa and focus on providing more school uniforms for 200-250 children. They will also begin finishing the kitchen in the Methodist parsonage. In addition, they will be taking medical supplies to the village clinic and the Wenchi Hospital. If you would like to donate to support this mission trip, please send a check or cash to the Point or Plover church office. Be sure to mark the donation for Ghana Mission trip. Our goal is to raise \$5000.00.

## Outreach Ministry

### **Outreach to Offer Connection 1 Class**

The Connection 1 Class is designed for persons who:

- ◆ Desire to Grow in Christian faith and the Christian community
- ◆ Learn more about the United Methodist Church as well as The United Methodist Church: The Springs and St. Paul's
- ◆ Might be interested in joining the church
- ◆ Look to identify personal spiritual gifts



The class will be at Pastor Howard's home, 3400 Jordan Lane, on Sunday, October 25, at 12:00 noon. (The house is located across the street from the Point location north parking lot.)

As the name implies, we hope to provide an opportunity for newer attendees to connect with one another. We also will provide information about the United Methodist Church and why we're unique. Lastly, we will discuss how you can make a connection with the church.

There will be only one session. We will share a meal and discuss relevant issues. The class will be approximately 2½ hours in length. One of the pastors and Barb Munson will visit with each attendee to answer questions and to get to know each other better. Anyone interested in joining the church will have the opportunity to join after the class. Call the church office at 715/344-3557 or email the church at [stpauls@stevenspointumc.org](mailto:stpauls@stevenspointumc.org) to register.

### **Outreach Says Thank-you**

On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, The United Methodist Church hosted Fall Fest. Outreach coordinated the event and was so pleased with the response from the church committees and with individual members. We had games, an inflatable obstacle course, food, big green truck rides, face painting, crafts, musical entertainment and baskets for drawings. The event was mostly free and open to the entire community. An estimated 300-400 people attended. Many of them were non-members so this was a positive outreach event. We couldn't have done this without all of the support from the members of our church. Members donated baskets, cakes and pies as well as helped run various activities. It was a great day for The United Methodist Church. Thank you.

## Children and Youth Ministry

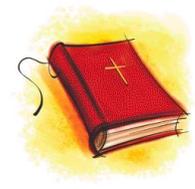
### **Children's Sabbath 2015**

This year's Children's Sabbath theme is "How Long Must I Cry for Help? Bending the Arc toward God's Vision of Justice for Children." As United Methodists, our roots rest in the care for those who are vulnerable, especially children, and we participate in this Sunday of advocacy for children "that aims to unite religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf." We join with other denominations and religions to bring to light the plight of children in a "bigger, more powerful and more inspiring way than the efforts of any one congregation" or denomination can accomplish on its own. Please join in the special programs and worship of **Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 25.**

### **Presentation of Children's Bibles**

We are so excited about getting the word of God into the hands of children. On Sunday, October 25, we will present Children's Bibles during the 10:15 am worship service. 3rd Graders and older children who have not previously participated are welcome to take part.

Please help us by putting families of children who are interested in participating in contact with us. For more information, email Laura Courtright Burns at [lauracourtright@gmail.com](mailto:lauracourtright@gmail.com).



United Methodists in Ministry ~ News, Events, Announcements

Baptisms

September 27, 2015 - Madeline Rose Cisewski, born April 3, 2015, daughter of Carey and Cherie Cisewski, and sister to Cora. Sponsors - Barbara Babcock and Kelly Cisewski.

September 27, 2015 - Rhody William Trzebiatowski, born April 21, 2015, son of Andrew and Erin Trzebiatowski, brother to Breck and grandson of Bill and Jane Fields. Sponsors - Tessa Trzebiatowski and Bryan Trzebiatowski.

**IT'S COMING!**

**TAKING ONE STEP FOR CHRIST!**

**ATTEND CHURCH - OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**DON'T MISS IT!**

**Great News!**



After much prayerful and careful searching, God has blessed us with a children's music director. Taylor Schmidt, a UWSP freshman from Wautoma will be assuming the role beginning October 1. She has extensive experience with music and children ministries in her home church. She is very excited to be part of our ministry. Please take time to welcome her and help her feel at home in our congregation.

**Men's Breakfast**



**Saturday, October 31, 2015**  
**8:00 am at Point location**  
Join men of faith for breakfast & fellowship.  
Menu: Egg casserole, rolls, juice and coffee



**Middler/Senior Luncheon**

October 22  
Lunch @12:00 noon  
Mary Landrath food for \$5

**"Choices to Change"**  
**Group homes in Wisconsin**  
Presenter: Danielle Morey, staff

Questions or to make a Reservation  
Call Point office @ 715-344-3557

Reservations appreciated!

**Happy Birthday to our 90 and over members, constituents and friends**

Marge Reitzel                      10/21                      92



# October 2015



The United Methodist Church:  
Plover, Point and UWSP Campus Ministry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b><u>POINT OFFICE HOURS:</u></b> Mon. - Thurs 9 am - 12 Noon and 1 pm - 3 pm Friday - 9 am - 12 Noon</p> <p><b><u>PLOVER OFFICE HOURS</u></b> Tuesday 9 am - 12 Noon Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm</p>				<p><b>1</b> 10:00 am - Elizabeth Circle 1:00 pm - Book Explorers 3:30 pm - Hope Center Meal 5:30 pm - Trustees 6:30 pm - NAMI 7:00 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:00 am - Women on the Grow 12:00 pm - Fly High 1:00 pm - Happy Hour</p>	<b>3</b>
<p><b>4</b> <b>WORSHIP w/ Communion</b> <b>8:00 am Point</b> <b>8:45 am Plover</b> <b>10:15 am Point</b>  (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)  Blood Pressure Clinic</p>	<p><b>5</b> 3:00 pm - Stephen Minister Leaders 3:00 pm - TOPS 6:00pm - Stephen Ministry Peer Sup. 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Renewal 7:00 pm - GA</p>	<p><b>6</b> 1:00 pm - Staff Mtg 6:00 pm - Companions in Christ 6:30 pm - NAMI 7:00 pm - Mary Martha Cir. @ Jean Zierke's</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING BEGINS</b>  (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Bar Hopping w/pastor 6:30 pm - NAMI 7:00 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:00 am - Women on the Grow 12:00 pm - Fly High 1:00 pm - Happy Hour</p>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>11</b> <b>WORSHIP</b> <b>8:45 am Plover</b> <b>10:15 am Point</b> (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)  6:00 pm Sons of Norway</p>	<p><b>12</b> 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - GA</p>	<p><b>13</b> 1:00 pm - Staff Mtg. 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Companions in Christ 6:30 pm - NAMI</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING</b> (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 3:30 pm - Place of Peace meal. 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Finance 6:30 pm - NAMI 7:00 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:00 am - Women on the Grow 12:00 pm - Fly High 1:00 pm - Happy Hour</p>	<b>17</b>
<p><b>18</b> <b>WORSHIP</b> <b>8:45 am Plover</b> <b>10:15 am Point w/ Communion</b> <b>CONSECRATING SUNDAY</b> (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 7:00 pm - Troop committee mtg.</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:30 am - Clergy Covenant 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Peer Sup. 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - GA</p>	<p><b>20</b> 1:00 pm - Staff Mtg. 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Companions in Christ 6:00 pm - SPRC 6:30 pm - NAMI</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING</b> (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 12:00 pm - Middler/Senior Luncheon 5:15 - Fitness 6:30 pm - NAMI 7:00 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00 am - Women on the Grow 12:00 pm - Fly High 1:00 pm - Happy Hour</p>	<b>24</b> 12:00 - 3:00 pm Community Friends
<p><b>25</b> <b>WORSHIP</b> <b>8:45 am Plover</b> <b>10:15 am Point w/ Baptism- Troestler</b> <b>CHILDREN'S SABBATH</b> <b>12:00 pm - Connection 1 Class at Point parsonage</b> (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - Adult Ministry 7:00 pm - GA</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>1:00 pm -Circuit #NC05 Clergy</b> 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Companions in Christ 6:00 pm - Worship Ministry 6:30 pm - NAMI</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING</b> (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 5:15 - Fitness 6:30 pm - NAMI 7:00 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:00 am - Women on the Grow 12:00 pm - Fly High 1:00 pm - Happy Hour</p>	<b>31</b> 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast



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## Worship Corner

### Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:45 am - Worship - Plover (Communion served 1st Sunday of the month)
- 9:45 am - Fellowship time - Plover
- 9:00 am - Faithlinks Adult Class - Point
- 10:15 am - Worship - Point (Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)
- 10:30 am - Sunday School - Point
- 11:15 am - Meet and Greet - Point
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group - Intercession
- 5:30 pm - Touch of Brass - Point
- 7:00 pm - Evening Worship - Intercession

### Wednesday Disciples' Night Program Schedule

*(at Point unless otherwise indicated)*

- 2:00 - 5:30 pm Quilting Ministry
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm Placemat Ministry
- 5:30 - 6:00 pm Disciples' Diner
- 6:00 - 7:00 pm Bible Study
- 6:15 - 7:00 pm "Following the Movements of the Spirit" (*spiritual formation study - 7 weeks beginning September 16 in the Chapel*)
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm Chancel Choir

