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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 Hyejung Hwang

Since I started CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) in Merrill, and working at my local site, which is St. Michael's Hospital, I have met many people, including family of patients and staff. My intention of visiting is to help people feel better about their lives through the assistance with the spirituality side. I learn about people's needs in their time of feeling vulnerable and I develop the pastoral care that I can offer.

As I talk with people who are in different seasons of life, I see clearly that our life always has light and darkness. As autumn has equal length between day and night, it might be a good time to recognize our darkness as well as light within us. I read a quote of how we can accept our darkness by Joyce Rupp, Catholic writer and poet. *"I gratefully acknowledge how darkness has become less of an enemy for me and more of a place of silent nurturance, where the slow, steady gestation needed for my soul's growth can occur. Not only is light a welcomed part of my life, but I am also developing a greater understanding of how much I need to befriend my inner darkness."*

As the leaves change their colors and fall down to bring new life, it reminds us that we also are being transformed by God's grace to bring hope and we are called to change and grow. It is more than just the cycling of a year, when we recognize that we are in God's plan, who is caring for us even in this moment. Reflecting on this season when trees are losing their leaves of beautiful colors, I feel God's presence, and I am thankful for God's plan to bring new life as well as giving thanks to God for this year's harvest. I believe that God's presence gives us hope whatever the season of our life is. Invite God to be with you in the season of your life. God is waiting to enrich us and give us strength.

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United Methodist Church Websites

United Methodists in Stevens Point & Plover: www.stevenspointumc.org

Annual Conference Website: www.wisconsinumc.org

United Methodist Committee on Relief Website: www.umcsgiving.org

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United Methodists in mission together, locally and globally

NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS

HOLIDAY BASKETS

LOOSE COIN OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER

HOLIDAY BASKETS

Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County 2820 Post Rd, Plover

On October 13, 2015 Interfaith Food Pantry served: Families 169 (20 new), Individuals 594 (55 new), Children 192 (15 new) and Seniors 63 (6 new).



TRUST ME...



Has someone ever told you "Trust me," and then let you down? Our Stephen Ministers are people you really can trust. They are committed to providing the best Christian care possible to their care receivers. They are people you can trust and depend on.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center Trip

Again this year Bonnie Lund and Mary Gurlea are leading a mission trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois in January. We are leaving on Wednesday am, January 13, 2016 and returning 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 now. The next \$100 will be due on November 15 and the remainder by January 1, 2016. Please make your check out to United Methodist Church with MMDC in the memo part and give to Bonnie or Mary (this is important). There is still time for you to sign up for this mission trip to Chatham. Please let us know as soon as possible that you are interested.

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.



A Message from Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

A Change of Seasons, A Season of Change

Autumn in Wisconsin is a beautiful and wonderful season. The air is crisp and clear, the trees burst forth in color, the days begin to shorten towards earlier darkness and we begin thinking toward the upcoming fall and winter holidays. We won't go into the snow at this point; for now, we just enjoy the lovely autumn.

Seasons are a good and powerful reminder to us that change is a normal, natural and positive part of life. Through change, the creation renews itself and generates life and vitality. We know that for each ending there is a new beginning, and that things will not stay stuck for long. Night gives way to day, cold gives way to warmth, drought gives way to rain, and each returns again. Change, by itself, is neither good nor bad. But, change IS.

In Revelation, John reminds us that God makes all things new (21:5). Paul reminds the church at Corinth - and our Church today - that we know only in part and that we see only a portion. There is more to the story and more to come. We must learn to be patient, and we should learn to make the most of what we are given, no matter what it may be. [Read More . . .](#)

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 third is . . .**

Developing Principled Christian Leaders - A renewed commitment to congregational excellence and clergy effectiveness led us to offer multiple training/learning opportunities focusing on new faith for new people in new places, the turnaround-church movement, congregations as discipleship systems, community engagement and partnerships, the Institute for Congregational Development, the Learning Leader Academy, and workshops on evangelism, worship, missional outreach, spiritual formation, covenant building, stewardship, and laity leader development.

Adult Ministry

Church family members: There is still time to connect with each other through small groups of various kinds. We invite you to explore the "Sign in Center" in the Gathering Area. Sign up and someone will contact you to get you connected.

Also, check out the "Places to Go, Things to Do Board" in Fellowship Hall. You may get some new ideas, or perhaps you have one to share...please feel free to do that as well. Stickpins are available in a baggie on the board.

The "Connection Center" in the Gathering Area has been updated. We invite you to glean a better understandings of the various ministries of the church for all ages.

An Advent Study will be offered by JuliAnn Norton and Hyejung Hwang at the Plover location. The study will be on Tuesday's from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. The group will gather December 1, 8, 15 and 22. Text to be announced.

SAVE THE DATE: Jan. 23, 2016 we will have our annual Fun Fund Raiser...5:00 - 7:00 pm, dinner, entertainment, silent auction...Save your Stuff!!!

Love God, Love Others, Serve the World!!!

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



Attention all women. Coming to St. Paul's 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! The fee for this is \$30 due on April 1st which includes your lunch and the items needed to participate. For reservations email Mary Gurlea at mgurlea@gmail.com or call 715-321-2102. Don't wait long to reserve your spot as we have many signed up already.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Fundraiser and Field Trip

Our Youth Group will serve at two Fundraisers to support the ministries of the United Methodist and Episcopal churches. On Sunday, October 25, Youth are needed to serve at the Intercession Episcopal Steak Feed--funds raised at the Steak Feed Bake Sale will help support our Youth Ministries. On Friday, November 13, Youth will prepare trail mix for Holiday Fest at the Point location. We'll celebrate these fundraisers and Youth service with a fun Field Trip on Sunday, November 15.

For more information follow us on [facebook.com/stpaulsumcyouth.point](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsumcyouth.point) or email Laura Courtright Burns at lauracourtright@gmail.com.

UWSP Campus Ministry

Theology On Tap

Theology on Tap meets weekly on Mondays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, in DUC Brewhaus for open faith discussions. On the second Monday of the month students gather at Brewhaus for rides to Dinner Church.

Dinner Church

Dinner Church meets on the second Monday of the month, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. at Farmshed for dinner, worship, and discussion. Students can meet at Brewhaus for rides to Farmshed.

Crossroads

The campus ministry and student organization is called *Crossroads*. The students are organized and have faculty advisors. This is a UWSP student organization and not a church organization. We do not direct them, but support them. We support them with our campus ministry staff, clergy, prayers, and some administration and financial support through the Wesley Foundation and Intercession Episcopal church. This is a joint ministry of the United Methodist and Episcopal churches of the Stevens Point/ Plover area.

In addition to the worship, meal, and discussions noted above, the students, faculty advisor, Jane Johnson, and Laura Courtright Burns meet weekly to plan for local service, mission trips, and sharing the Good News on campus to grow campus ministry and as disciples of Christ.

Crossroads is a safe, open, and affirming campus ministry, open to ALL.

Women In Action

Cookie Walk

Smell the aroma and warmth in the kitchen. Yes, it's that time to get the ingredients all together and roll out your favorite recipes for the "COOKIE WALK". The sale is Saturday, December 12, from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Baked goods can be brought to the kitchen on Friday, December 11. Set up is from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Needed: cookies, breads, coffee cakes, candies AND helping hands for both days. If you have questions contact Bonnie Lund at 715-345-0247 or bonnielund@charter.net. Please let Bonnie know if you can work either day. Thank you.



Holiday Baskets



Mark your calendars; Wednesday, December 9 is SHOPPING AT WAL-MART at 6:15 pm. Wednesday December 16 is SETUP after Disciples Diner. Thursday, December, 17 is PACKING AND DELIVERY 8-8:30 am until done. MANY HANDS NEEDED to make this mission project flow. A letter will follow with details. Thank you for the years of continued support. Bonnie Lund



WOMEN IN ACTION - FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Yes, the Fall Rummage Sale is right around the corner! We have already received many items that are located on the stage in Fletcher Community Center. The dates for the sale are Tuesday, November 3rd, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm and Wednesday, November 4th, 8:00 am - 11:00 am (\$4.00 a bag on Wednesday only).

WE NEED YOU! Sunday, November 1st, following Worship, to move items from the stage to Fellowship Hall and Monday, November 2, for set-up, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. Come anytime during these hours.

MEN NEEDED to help with clean up and moving tables after 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 4th.

Why do we host rummage sales? We are in Mission! It is a great way for the congregation to recycle their good used items. The clients that come to the sale know that our prices are more reasonable than other discount stores. We have the same folks come year after year, many we now know by their first names. Many share their stories with us. After the sale, Easter Seals comes and picks up the remains to be recycled back into the community once again. We strongly feel that we are doing a service for all through these sales. All those that volunteer their time are in ministry one to another with our the sharing of our stories and ourselves. This year the money from the fall sale will be divided between the new Warming Center downtown and River Point House for Women.



**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK. . .
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1ST**



HOLIDAY FEST ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

November 14, 2015 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fifty Wisconsin artists featured with a wide variety of arts and crafts.

Every half hour there will be a door prize drawing for the shoppers!

Enjoy a popular luncheon 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Make your own salad bar, homemade soup,
cheddar biscuits, beverage and ice cream!

Enjoy the musical entertainment during the luncheon!

Bake sale available until all items are gone! Tasty cinnamon rolls
and coffee earlier in the morning! Snack mix and sodas in the afternoon!

\$2.00 admission/donation. Bring a friend, shop, have lunch together!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

United Methodists in Ministry ~ News, Events, Announcements

Baptisms

October 11, 2015 - Kendall Joe Fields, born February 17, 2015, daughter of Craig Fields and Kaylin Zivney and granddaughter of Bill and Jane Fields. Sponsors - Erin Trzebiatowski and Bryan Nathan Shambeau.



"Pinned on the Seventh Green" Larry Iverson

On Sunday, November 15, following the 10:15 am service in Point, Larry Iverson will be reading excerpts from the story he has written about his son Eric's life dealing with epilepsy. The reading is planned for approximately. 45 minutes with a question and answer period to follow.

Children's Music Director



After much prayerful and careful searching, God has blessed us with a children's music director. Taylor Schmidt, a UWSP freshman from Wautoma, 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, November 21, 2015
8:00 am at Point location

Join men of faith for breakfast & fellowship.
Menu: Egg casserole, rolls, juice and coffee



Middler/Senior Luncheon

November 19, 2015

Lunch @12:00 noon

Mary Landrath food for \$5

**"LAUGH... AND STRETCH...
BECAUSE IT'S HEALTHY"**

Presenter: Judi Olson

Hosts: John and Barb Munson

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

Ruth Steffen 10/29 90

John Jochum 11/11 93



Homecoming Sunday



Mark your calendars for January 31, 2016 which will be "Homecoming Sunday". Pastors Marjorie and Kevin Rice Myers will be present for worship with Marjorie preaching in Plover and Bill and Jo Carlson will be our special guests in Point.

November 2015



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>WORSHIP w/ Communion 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p> <p>Blood pressure clinic</p> <p>Rummage Sale Prep</p>	<p>2 9:00 am - 6:00 pm -Rummage Sale Setup 3:00 pm - Tops 3:00 pm - Stephen Leaders 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm SM Peer Supervision 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - GA</p>	<p>3 8:00 am - 6:00 pm - Rummage Sale 1:00 pm - Staff Mtg 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Companions in Christ 6:30 pm - NAMI 6:30 pm - Vision Team 7:00 pm - Mary Martha</p>	<p>4 8:00 - 11:00 am - Rummage Sale</p> <p>DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p> <p>6:15 pm - Outreach</p>	<p>5 10:00 am - Elizabeth Circle 1:00 pm - Book Explorers 3:30 pm - Hope Center Meal 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - NAMI 7:00 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p>6 9:00 am - Women on the Grow 12:00 pm - Fly High 1:00 pm - Happy Hour</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p> <p>6:00 pm - Sons of Norway</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - GA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00 pm - Staff Mtg. 5:15 pm - Fitness 5:15 pm - Place of Peace meal plan. 6:00 pm - Companions in Christ 6:30 pm - NAMI</p>	<p>11</p> <p>DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:15 pm - Fitness 5:30 pm - Trustees @ Pastor Hyejung's 6:00 pm - Bar Hopping w/pastor (At "The Beat" - Formerly Archies) 6:30 pm - NAMI 7:00 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am - Women on the Grow 12:00 pm - Fly High 1:00 pm - Happy Hour Holiday Fest Setup 7:00 pm - Camp Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>HOLIDAY FEST</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point w/ Communion (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p> <p>11:30 am - Pinned on the Seventh Green-Larry Iverson 7:00 pm - Troop Committee</p>	<p>16</p> <p>3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision NO SCOUTS 7:00 pm - GA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1:00 pm - #NC05 Clergy 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Companions in Christ 6:00 pm -SPRC (Point) 6:30 pm - NAMI</p>	<p>18</p> <p>DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:00 pm - Middler/Senior Lunch 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>20</p> <p>9:00 am - Women on the Grow 12:00 pm - Fly High 1:00 pm - Happy Hour</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am - Men's Breakfast 12:00 - 3:00 pm - Community Friends</p>
<p>22</p> <p>WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p> <p>7:00 pm - Troop committee mtg.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 am - DCOM 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - Adult Ministry 7:00 pm - GA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:00 pm - Staff Mtg. 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Worship Ministry</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING</p>	<p>26</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Have a Blessed Thanksgiving</p>	<p>27</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point w/ Communion (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - GA</p>		<p><u>POINT OFFICE HOURS:</u> Mon. - Thurs 9 am - 12 Noon and 1 pm - 3 pm Friday - 9 am - 12 Noon</p> <p><u>PLOVER OFFICE HOURS</u> Tuesday 9 am - 12 Noon Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm</p>			<p>Page 7</p>



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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

Wednesday Disciples' Night Program Schedule

(at Point unless otherwise indicated)

- 2:30 - 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*)
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm Chancel Choir

