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**We Are A Ministry
With
Open Hearts...
Open Minds...
Open Doors...**



**We are a
Stephen Ministry
congregation.**



United Methodist Council of Bishops issues pastoral letter on racism

"Grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ!

We, the bishops of The United Methodist Church, are meeting in Berlin, Germany, 70 years after the end of World War II. As we gather, we renew our commitment to lead, as together we seek to become the beloved community of Christ.

We are a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. On every continent, people called United Methodist are boldly living the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Yet, the people of our world are hurting, as injustice, violence and racism abound. Our witness to the dignity of all human life and the reign of God is needed now more than ever.

Our hearts break and our spirits cry out, as we see reports of migrant people being attacked and burned in the streets of South Africa, note the flight of Jews from Europe, watch the plight of Mediterranean refugees, and see racially charged protests and riots in cities across the United States that remind us that systems are broken and racism continues. The evidence is overwhelming that race still matters, that racism is woven into institutional life and is problematic to communal health. This reality impacts every area of life - in the church and in the world.

Racism is prejudice plus intent to do harm or discriminate based on a belief that one is superior or has freedom to use power over another based on race. Xenophobia is an unreasonable fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers or of that which is foreign or strange. Racism and xenophobia, like other sins, keep us from being whole persons capable of living up to our full potential. They deny the profound theological truth that we are made in the image of God with the handprint of love and equality divinely implanted in every soul.

As bishops of the Church, we cast a vision for a world community where human worth and dignity defeat acts of xenophobia and racism. We acknowledge that silence in the face of systemic racism and community fears serves only to make matters worse.

We commit to lead, model and engage in honest dialogue and respectful conversation and invite people of faith everywhere to join us. Let us repent of our own racial bias and abuse of privilege. May we love God more deeply and, through that love, build relationships that honor the desire of people everywhere to be seen, valued, heard and safe. As we proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, may we lead the way in seeking justice for all, investing in and trusting God's transforming power to create a world without hatred and racism.

As United Methodists, we affirm that all lives are sacred and that a world free of racism and xenophobia is not only conceivable, but worthy of our pursuit. We renew our commitment to work for a Church that is anti-racist and pro-humanity, believing that beloved community cannot be achieved by ignoring cultural, racial and ethnic differences, but by celebrating diversity and valuing all people.

"This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also." 1 John 4:21 (CEB)

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

www.facebook.com/StPaulsUMC.Point

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United Methodists in mission together, locally and globally

JUNE MISSION FOCUS

Beverage and Snack Items

"For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord,"
~ 2 Corinthians 8:3

LOOSE COIN OFFERING FOR JUNE

Project Fresh Clothes

Provide funds to help purchase sizes of clothes that are in short supply as we help school age children start school in the fall with "new" school outfits.



Dear Friends,

We praise God for the work of Imagine No Malaria (INM) and for the work of Wisconsin United Methodist Churches and people to raise funds and awareness for this life-saving project. So far, over 48,000 lives have been saved by the work of the churches all across the state. And we know we can make it to our goal of saving 100,000 lives.

With passion and commitment to that goal, we are excited to announce that the INM campaign has been extended for another year - ending at Annual Conference 2016. As part of the denomination-wide \$75 million effort, we stand strong in our commitment to raise \$1 million and save 100,000 lives for this important ministry of the UMC. Imagine No Malaria's life-saving programs focus on equipping and empowering the people of Africa with the tools, treatment, and education they need to eliminate the threat of malaria in their communities.

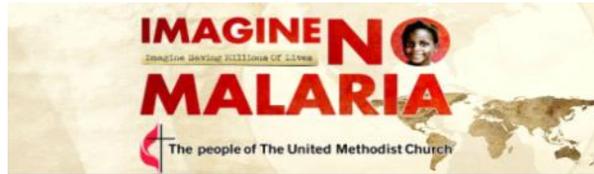
Wisconsin churches that have not been involved or could do more are encouraged to do so. Please visit www.ImagineNoMalariaWI.org for more information and resources to get involved.

In just the last eight years, malaria deaths have been cut in half. But we still have more to do until the work is done. Thank you for your continued commitment to this incredible change.

In God's Hands,



Hee-Soo Jung, PhD
Bishop



Annual Conference 2015

Annual Conference

This year Annual Conference, our denomination's holy conferencing, will be June 12-15 at the Marriott in Middleton. The lay persons attending will be Arvy Crawford, Yvonne Chojnacki, and Mary McComb along with Pastors Hye-jung and Howard. The conference is focusing on how we can be fruitful as churches in our communities. The agenda includes meaningful worship, ordination of clergy, reading of appointments (our own Eric Taylor will be receiving his first appointment to Parfreyville), hearing the story of the church's mission and ministry and yes, affirming our ministry through the approval of a budget. Please be in prayer for this event and the persons attending. For additional information on the Annual Conference, visit www.wisconsinumc.org.



Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

~ Mother Teresa

Adult Ministry

ADULT MINISTRY THANK YOU

Looking back on the past season, we need to celebrate multiple leaders who have come forth to take roles in strengthening existing groups and activities, and those willing to take the risk of launching something new.

We have been blessed in abundance! And we also thank those of you who have chosen to be a participant in small study groups, groups designed to build community with each other, and groups designed for serving others beyond the church walls.

Most of the programs will continue in the Fall. We'll have a few new choices in all categories. Please pray about your involvement in at least one area. Rally Day (the kick off to the new season) is Sunday, September 13. Adult Ministry will have a display in the gathering area where you can explore ways to connect and people will be available to answer questions for you!

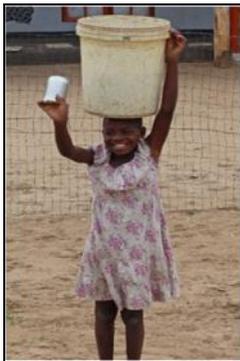
Come join us as we work at "Growing Disciples and Being Good Neighbors".

BARHOPPING WITH THE PREACHER

Barhopping will continue on the second Thursday of the month. On June, 11 we will gather at Post Road Pub, 1211 Post Rd, Plover, WI at 6:00 pm. This continues to be a good way to connect with the people of our community. Persons who have attended in the past are: Howard & Julie Hintzman, Randy & Patti Hermes, Tom & Karen Zielinski, Becci Weigand and Marv Van Kekerix, Carol & Dave Pringle. Feel free to talk with any of these persons if you have questions or want more information.



The Middler/Senior lunches will be prepared by Mary Landrath at a cost of \$5 per person. Anyone and everyone is invited to these luncheon/programs.



Middler/Senior - Noon Luncheon

June 25, 2015

Lunch @12:00 noon

"Ghana Travelogue"

Presenters: Barb Munson

No Passport needed and all are invited!

Questions or to make a Reservation

Call Point office @ 715-344-3557

Reservations appreciated!



JUNE 2015 A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

Giving is a form of praise.

"...Praise God's glorious name; bring an offering and come into his Temple". (Psalm 96:8)

It is summer time and the ice cream carts are starting to make their rounds. In some places the vendors are on motorized carts, others use pushcarts and some ride bikes. All of them are eventually surrounded by excited patrons of all ages looking for a cool treat.

Is ice cream a need or a want? That is the question late at night when I want something cool and sweet, but it is the last thing I need! Ice cream is not the only temptation we face as summer begins to emerge.

Please click [here](#) and then click June 15 for the complete article.

- Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

From the Trustees

Thank you to everyone that helped clean, dust and wash windows, at the Spring Clean-up on Wednesday, May 20.

Don Huibregtse, Chair

Outreach Ministry

Neighborhood Meet and Greet

Outreach is happy to announce a special summer ministry. Pastors Hyejung and Howard would like you to invite them to your neighborhood this summer. Each Wednesday night during June, July and August, they are committed to getting to know your neighbors by walking around your neighborhood with you to meet people, ask them how we as a church can care for them and if there is anything for which they need prayer. The nights no one has invited them to their neighborhood, people will be invited to join them in walking around the areas surrounding each of our facilities, meeting and greeting people. So, quick, contact the church office via phone call (715-344-3557 or 715-344-9192) or email stpauls@stevenspointumc.org and choose your date for meet and greet in your neighborhood.

Fall Fest Returns

Outreach is planning another Fall Fest to be held 9/20/2015 from 12:00-3:00 at the Point location. Tom Pease has already been confirmed as a featured entertainer. We encourage all groups in the church to plan an activity to help make this a successful church outreach event. We hope some groups will again provide food items for sale. Outreach will provide lemonade and water. Tracy Roland is chairing the event. If you have ideas for your group, please contact Tracy at 715-544-4470 or call the church office and leave a message for her. More details will be coming.

Nurture Ministry

Disciples' Diner Ministry

Another successful season of Disciples' Diner has come to a close. Thank you to everyone who served on the Diner team and to all participants who came to enjoy the food, fellowship and music. Special thanks, also, to an anonymous donor who periodically provided complimentary meals for diners throughout the year. Everyone's support is greatly appreciated and essential to the ongoing Disciples' Diner ministry. THANK YOU!

As we plan for the 2015-2016 season, we invite you to consider if Disciples' Diner might be a ministry in which you would like to serve. People will be needed to fill openings on the Diner team for which the commitment is typically once a month on Wednesdays from September - May. However, we would welcome your help for a portion of the season if you are unable to commit for the entire time or perhaps you would prefer to serve as a substitute to be called when needed. Also available is the opportunity to prepare an ethnic or specialty dish once during the season. Cost of food can be reimbursed and we will arrange for help as needed. If you would like to volunteer in any way for the Diner ministry or if you need further information, please contact Sandy Shave at 715-592-4346 or sandra.shave@gmail.com.

From Worship

A decision has been made that we will be discontinuing the Oakridge prayer/communion services after the July 7 service. Having very low attendance, even with the Presbyterians joining us, is the main factor in making this decision.

We have given it a great, 6-year run but the pastors both agree it is time. When we began, there were 20 people crowding into the Chapel upstairs. Many of them are no longer with us.

Many thanks to the dedicated folks that welcomed everyone each month. The special music was always welcome.

I am sure God has another plan for us all.

Women In Action

Thank you for your donations to the Spring Rummage sale. We cleared about \$2100.00. This money will be used for landscaping around the Gazebo, Memorial Garden, other landscaping and mulch. Thank you for supporting this project.

Bonnie Lund, Chair

SHOW THEM YOU CARE!

When you see people who are sad, lonely, or grief-stricken, don't just tell them you care...show them you care. Ask how they are, listen to what they have to say, share the love of Jesus. And if their need is great, encourage them to consider Stephen Ministry as a way to receive the transforming love and care of Jesus. Show them you care, and you can make a real difference in their life.



United Methodists in Ministry ~ News, Events, Announcements

In Sympathy

Jim Shulfer's sister passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 14, 2015. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers.

Kathy Tessmer's stepmother's partner Rob passed away Wednesday, May 13, 2015. Please keep Kathy's family in your prayers.

Dave Crawford's niece's son passed away unexpectedly. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Carol Liston's son passed away in May. Bill lived in Las Vegas. Please keep Carol's family in your prayers.

Cathy Martin's dad, Leonard Goemaat passed away May 16, 2015 in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Please keep Cathy and her family in your prayers.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ji-Tae Park. Ji-Tae graduated from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary on Friday, May 15.

Senior Recognition

God has a wonderful way of blessing wonderful people!

Congratulations to all our 2015 Senior High School graduates: Josie Ehlenfeldt, Julia Graham, Allison Kerske, Elliott Mutschlecner, Sydney Neale, Tom Negaard, Troy Nowak, and Cassie Shulfer.

Best wishes and good luck to all of you in your future endeavors.

Thank You

I would like to thank all who sent cards, get-well wishes, food, hugs and PRAYERS while I was recovering from the surgery to replace my broken shoulder. It was amazing to me how much these all meant to me and Bob during this time. Thanks for all, to all.

Shalom, Lois and Bob Kitto

Celebrating 90+ Years



Special Birthday Wishes to our members and friends celebrating their 90th and over birthdays.



Mary Wright June 22 92

Friday and Wednesday Study Groups

Women on the Grow, Fly High & Happy Hour will not be meeting during the summer and Wednesday night Bible Study will also take a break for the summer.

Celebrating the Ministry of the Chippewa and Heartland Districts & Honoring the Ministry of Rev. Ann Spindt Henschel, District Superintendent (2008-2015)

Sunday, June 7, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Lake Street United Methodist Church
337 Lake Street Eau Claire, WI 54701

Gifts in honor of the celebration may be designated to one of the following:
Harbor House Crisis Center (Advance 7788)
Imagine No Malaria (Advance 3695)

Any and all are invited to attend.
If you are unable to attend but wish to send a greeting, please get that to
Pastor Howard and he will see that it makes its way to her.

Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me".

United Methodists in Ministry - Schedules

Point schedule: **

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS	GREETERS	CONNECTION CENTER	COMMUNION SERVERS	AV/PPP TECHS	CHILDREN'S MOMENTS
06/07	Eric Norton	Dennis & Mary Schultz Kari Schultz Amy Wise	N: Lance Lewis Family S: Julie Hintzman & Bonnie Lund	Jim Miller	Dennis & Mary Schultz Glen & Mary Ann Fink Jim & Nea Miller Linda Nash	Jordan Hansen Lisa Hansen	Laura Courtright Burns
06/14	Carol Rogers	Don & Barb Huibregtse Bruce & Wendy Miller	N: Lee & Kay Courtright S: Chris Kowalski Family	Tom Rogers		Ernie Taylor Colette Bernsteen	Tonya Kowalski
06/21	Scott Frazier	Pete & Joyce Kasson Dave & Carol Pringle	N: Gene & RuthAnn Cramer S: Mavis Kobishop & Diane Ogdon	Tracey Roland	Brad & Jan Northcraft Tom & Pam Slagowski Bob Linaberry-Charis & Bonnie Taylor-Charis Norma Halverson	Yvonne Chojnacki Jeff Troestler	Amanda Manzke
06/28	John Munson	Jim & Nea Miller Don & Judi Olson	N: Audrey Dean & Julie McGivern S: John Schultz Family	Judy Hill		Tony Hansen Shannon Hansen	Mary Schultz
07/05	Bev Wenzel	Ron & Sandy Shave Roger & Gini Wurtzel	N: Danielle Baird & Helen Gilman S: Andy Felt Family	John Munson	Jim & Sue Shulfer Andy & Elizabeth Felt Pete & Joyce Kasson Sharon Morell	Yvonne Chojnacki Jeff Troestler	Steve Faber

Plover Schedule: **

Date	Liturgist	Ushers
6/7	Mary Wykle	Royce Rossier/Bea Richards
6/14	Scott Neale	Donna Johnson/Richard Drew
6/21	Holly Neale	Pat Miller/Althea Rossier
6/28	Sydney Neale	Neale Family

** These schedules are not set in stone. Please be aware that they can be changed as needed. If you know you are not available on a certain Sunday, please notify Sue Jeidy (Plover) or Yvonne Chojnacki (Point) as soon as possible so we can make the necessary arrangements.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others". Philippians 2:4



June 2015

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
31 WORSHIP 8:00am Point 8:45am Plover 10:15am Point (See pg. 10 for complete schedule)	1 3:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Leaders 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - SM Peer Supervision 6:00 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - GA 7:00 pm - Adult Min.	2 1:00 pm - Oakridge 2:00 pm - Staff 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - Vision Team 6:30 pm - NAMI	3 6:00 pm - Neighborhood Meet and Greet 6:15 pm - Outreach Ministry No Disciples' Diner during the summer Bible Study will not meet during the summer	4 1:00 pm - Book Explorers 3:30 pm - Hope Center Meal 5:15 pm - Fitness	5 Women on the Grow, Fly High an Happy Hour will not be meeting during the summer	6 2:00 pm - Jordan Hansen Eagle Scout Ceremony		
7 WORSHIP w/ Communion 8:00 am Point 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 3:00 pm - Farewell to DS Ann Spindt Henschel- Eau Claire, 6:00 pm - SYC Bible Study	8 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 7:00 pm - Social Creed 7:00 pm - GA	9 1:00 pm - Staff 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 - 8:00 pm - IFFP Pantry Dist.	10 6:00 pm - Neighborhood Meet and Greet 6:30 pm - Project Fresh Clothes	11 5:15 pm - Fitness Class 6:00 pm - Barhopping w/Pastor 6:30 pm - NAMI	ANNUAL CONFERNECE 6/12 - 6/15			
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21 WORSHIP 8:00 am - Point 8:45 am - Plover 10:15 am - Point w/Communion (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 7:00 pm - Scouts Troop Comm.	22 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - GA 7:00 pm - Adult Ministry	23 1:00 pm - Staff 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 - 8:00 pm - IFFP Pantry Dist. 6:30 pm - Vision Team	24 6:00 pm - Neighborhood Meet and Greet 6:30 pm - Project Fresh Clothes	25 12:00 pm - Middler/Senior Luncheon 5:15 pm - Fitness	26	27 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast		
28 WORSHIP 8:00 am Point 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)	29 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - GA	30 1:00 pm - Staff Meeting 5:15 pm - Fitness 7:00 pm - Worship Ministry	July 1 Project Fresh Clothes 6:00 pm - Neighborhood Meet and Greet	 Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/StPaulsUMC.Point www.facebook.com/thespingsumc www.facebook.com/stpaulsumcyouth.point www.stevenspointumc.org				



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Worship Corner

Sunday Summer Worship Schedule

8:00 am - Worship @ Point beginning Sunday, May 24 in Fellowship Hall

8:45 am - Worship @ Plover (Communion served 1st Sunday of the month)

9:45 am - Fellowship time @ Plover

10:15 am - Worship @ Point (Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)

11:15 am - Meet and Greet @ Point

6:00 pm - SYC Bible Study @ Intercession Episcopal Church, beginning Sunday, June 7

7:00 pm - Evening Worship @ Intercession Episcopal Church

