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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

Do you realize that we, the United Methodist Church in the Plover/Stevens Point area are a tool of the greater United Methodist Church around the world? An important word in our UMC vocabulary is connectional. What makes us unique in the Christian Church family is how we are connected to each other in order to *Make Disciples for the Transformation of the World*. We are not in this ministry business by ourselves:

- ◆ Together we grow up new pastors like Pastor Hyejung;
- ◆ Together we make school uniforms for children in Ghana and other places;
- ◆ Together we grow lay disciples through faith formation in Bible Study and Companions in Christ groups;
- ◆ Together we see that all retired pastors have a pension whether in Africa or Wisconsin;
- ◆ Together we fill our distribution centers, like the one in Illinois, so that people around the world can have sewing machines, school desks and flood buckets;
- ◆ Together we struggle with what it means to be inclusive in our theology and faith statements, even at the risk of brokenness as a denomination;
- ◆ Together we look to God as the source of all understanding with scripture, reason, tradition and experience as our guides;
- ◆ Together we love a God of amazing grace with millions of tongues who sing the praise of such a loving and live-giving Creator God.

Together, as a congregation, in a new year, we can work diligently and faithfully “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”.

- Pastor Howard

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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Howard Hintzman: Email: hhintzman@stevenspointumc.org; 715-344-3557

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

Hyejung Hwang at home: 715-544-0726

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.umcgiving.org

www.facebook.com/StPaulsUMC.Point

www.facebook.com/TheSpringsUmc

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United Methodists in mission together, locally and globally

FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS
SOUP AND CRACKERS

LOOSE COIN OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY

NO MORE MALARIA - NOTHING BUT NETS

Funds help save lives by preventing malaria through the use of treated bed nets.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center Trip - Thank You!

The team of volunteers that travelled to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center thanks each of you who donated supplies for the various projects. The donated supplies weighed in at 142 pounds. While we were there, we worked on desks, hospital blankets, school bags, personal dignity kits, and plastic bags for the cleaning buckets. The 500 personal dignity kits we packed were being shipped to Guatemala this week. This is such a rewarding experience for each of us as we see the ways this makes a difference in others lives. **Thank you for your help!**



CONTROL: To exercise directing influence, power and authority over conditions.



Humans like to be in control, having the power to choose exactly what is going to happen and when. Unfortunately, life is not like that...we only think we are in control. So when something happens and we realize we are not in control, we feel lost, overwhelmed, angry, even terrified. Stephen Ministers are trained to help when things are out of control. They provide support and encouragement while helping a person put faith and trust in God. If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Howard, or Tim Gurlea, coordinator.

Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County

501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation
Serving all residents of Portage County
2820 Post Rd., Plover, WI



On January 12, 2016 Interfaith Food Pantry served 148 families (of these 148 families, 30 were new to the pantry, Individuals 563, Children 194 and Seniors 48.

On January 26, 2016 Interfaith Food Pantry served 143 families (48 new registrants), 547 Individuals (147 new), 189 Children (49 new) and 44 Seniors (10 new).

Of the 48 new registrants for 2016, 10 were not registered in 2015.

An Update on Our Imagine No Malaria Giving



Our Wisconsin Imagine No Malaria total surpasses \$890,000! We are getting closer and closer to our \$1 million goal. The 2015 total amounts are still being counted at the national Imagine No Malaria office, so these are preliminary numbers. There will have a final amount of our giving through December 30, 2015 in the next few weeks. If you wish to give to this effort of our connectional church, place your checks or envelopes marked "malaria" in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Adult Ministry

FUN, FUND RAISER

God's people had a good celebration Saturday, January 23, 5:00 - 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We had a great Italian-themed meal, a fabulous Variety Show, and 50+ Auction items. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making it happen. The many ministry opportunities we offer thank you for making a difference for Jesus' sake.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL MINISTRY

We will be at Washington School daily for short periods of time helping with special projects in the Kindergarten rooms and assisting with a reading program. If you are called to this ministry, please call the church office 715-344-3557 or coordinator Cathy Martin 715-341-8426

SERVING PLACE OF PEACE MEAL

Thursday February 18, 2016 5:00 pm, 1948 Church Street, Stevens Point

MIDDLER/SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 25, 2016

Topic: "Portage County Vital Information"
(power of attorney, wills, meds, health issues, etc.)

Presenter: Vern Walters

Hosts: John and Barb Munson

NEW CLASSES

"AN INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT"

Starts Wednesdays, March 30 - May 18, 6:00 - 7:00 pm at Point location. Please call the office, 715-344-3557 to register or sign up on the board in the gathering area at Point so materials can be ordered; the text is \$15.00. Leaders: Dwight Cooper and Jim Miller.

LENTEN STUDY

Starts Tuesdays, February 16 - March 29, 4:00 - 5:00 pm at Point Location. The study theme is "Forgiveness". Leader: Pastor Hyejung Hwang. Please call the office to register or sign up on the board in the gathering area at Point so materials can be ordered

"COMPANIONS CLASS"

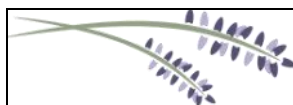
This will be offered in September. Watch for more information in the bulletins and newsletters.

OTHER EXISTING SMALL GROUPS

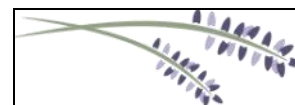
Going well . . . See Adult Ministry Brochure at the Connection Center for specific details, or call the office.

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO BOARD"

Check it out for new adventures!!!



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 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 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 many have signed up already.

Lent - Ash Wednesday Worship, Lenten Study and Wednesday Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday Worship will begin at 6:15 pm on February 10, 2016 at the Point location.



Lenten Study: Starts Tuesdays, February 16 - March 29, 4:00 - 5:00 pm at Point Location. The study theme is "Forgiveness". Leader: Pastor Hyejung Hwang. Please sign up on board or call the office so materials can be ordered.

Lenten Worship: Beginning Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:15 pm, Point location.

UWSP Campus Ministry

Theology On Tap

Theology on Tap meets weekly on Mondays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, in Dreyfus University Center Basement 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 (address).

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 to grow as disciples of Christ. Crossroads is a safe, open, and affirming campus ministry, open to ALL.

Youth Ministry



Soup's On!!

Souper Bowl of Caring & Tie Blanket Event
 ALL are invited to share a Tasty Bowl of Soup after Worship on
 Super Bowl Sunday!!

Please help Tie a Blanket for Project Linus too!
 All happening in Hazel Calkins Fellowship Hall
 Sunday, February 7, 11:30 am

Free Will offering to benefit Interfaith Food Pantry

Youth Ministry Sponsored Event

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in."

— [Mother Teresa](#)

Church Council Members

Council Chair: Jim Miller (2016)

Recording Secretary: Dwight Cooper (2016)

Adult Ministry Rep - Nea Miller
Board of Trustees Rep - Brad Northcraft
Family Ministry Rep - Laura Courtright Burns
Finance Committee Rep - Paul Glienke
Lay Leader - Jim Martin
Lay Member to Annual Conference - Vacant
Members at Large to Church Council - Sue Jeidy, Richard Drew
Men's Group Rep - Tim Gurlea
Missions Ministry Rep - Mary Schultz
Nurture Ministry Rep - Vacant
Outreach Ministry Rep - Randy Hermes
Staff-Parish Relations Committee Rep - Marv Van Kekerix
Staff Reps - Laura Courtright, Yvonne Chojnacki, Patti Hermes
United Methodist Social Creed Ministry Rep - Vacant
Women in Action Rep - Bonnie Lund
Worship Ministry Rep - Vacant
Pastors - Hyejung Hwang, Howard Hintzman

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 19, 2016

The Church Council's purpose is to walk the "cat walk" in the church and to insure that church life and ministry are on track; to provide a vision and plan for ministry; to make sure that resources for ministry are present, including leadership, facility, and money; and to ask what do you/we need to move forward.

Two action items were presented for church council action:

1. The Church Council will be the governing body over the Vision Recommendations and Strategic Action Plan document. This document is to be a living document for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020. The governing body should accept accountability for directing the actions required to live out our vision by supporting the action items with appropriate time, money and resources. At the appropriate time, the Church Council shall appoint another visioning team to evaluate and revise the Strategic Vision Plan of the church for the years 2021 through 2025.
2. The Church Council will approve the revised Mission Statement, proposed Vision Statement and revised Core Values at their first Church Council meeting in January 2016. The Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values are set forth as follows:

MISSION STATEMENT - To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

VISION STATEMENT - We are empowered by the Holy Spirit and enriched by our traditions to move boldly into a shared future where all people are invited to connect to Christ, cultivate faith together, and commit to serve as life-long followers of Jesus Christ.

CORE VALUES - The people of the UMC create a legacy by living these core values:

Maturing Faith - Our spiritual journey together transforms us into faithful followers of Christ.

Acceptance - We welcome all persons into our Christian community.

Passion - God's love inspires us to an adventurous life of commitment to ministry.

Social Justice - Through God's love we are a people of compassion reaching out to the world.

A motion was made by Barb Munson and seconded by Nea Miller to approve recommendations 1 and 2. The motion was approved unanimously.

United Methodists in Ministry ~ News, Events, Announcements

Birth

Adeline Mae Koelemay, daughter of Ryan and Amy Koelemay, was born on January 6, 2016. She was 8 lbs., 3 oz. and 20 inches. She will be welcomed home by her brothers, Austin, Evan, and Ian. *Congratulations!*



In Sympathy

Shirley Skillman passed away Saturday, January 16, 2016. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, January 19, 2015 at St. Paul's. Please keep Tom and his family in your prayers.

Carol Pringle's father passed away. Please keep Carol and her family in your prayers.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

On Sunday, January 24, 2016 we had a service of thanksgiving for, and remembrance of, those persons who died in 2015.

Members:

Arthur Fahrner
Oliver Andrews

DonnaMae Brown

Millie Martin

Friends & Family:

Brianna Higgins
Robert Steinke

Effie Enerson
Dorothy Boger

Raymond Wills
Ron Zingsheim



Middler/Senior Luncheon

February 25, 2016
Lunch @12:00 noon at Point location

"PORTAGE COUNTY VITAL INFORMATION"
(power of attorney, wills, meds, health issues, etc.)
Presenter: Vern Walters

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

Betty Konopacky February 9 93
Jessie Wieval February 18 94



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 27, 2016
8:00 am at Point location

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

Circuit NC12 Invites you to an Advance Course for Lay Servant Ministries

Course Title - Leading Worship (there is no charge for this course)

When: Sunday, February 28th, Sunday March 6th & Sunday March 13th 2016

Time: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Where: 308 N Main St Plainfield, WI 54966

Presenter: Rev Paul E. Gregersen, Almond/Plainfield UMC Pastor


RSVP: Rev. Paul Gregersen. Cell or text #608.558.7968 or email csumc09@tds.net

We will use the book *Worshipping with United Methodists*. The book may be ordered from Cokesbury. The ISBN is: ISBN -13: 978-0-687-33526-8, Author Hoyt L. Hickman. Please order the book and bring it along. Please read *Getting Sated, What Is Christian Worship and The Basic Pattern of Worship and Its Origins*

February 2016

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:00 pm - Theology on Tap (UWSP) 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Peer Suprv. 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - GA	2 1:00 pm - Staff Mtg. 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - SPRC (CR) 7:00 pm - Mary Martha @ Barb Huibregtse	3 DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 6:00 pm - Outreach	4 10:00 am - Elizabeth Circle 1:00 pm - Book Explorers 3:30 pm - Hope Ctr. 5:15 pm - Fitness 5:30 pm - Trustees (Plover) 7:30 pm - N'Joy	5 9:00 am - Women on the Grow (Lib) 12:00 pm - Fly High (TC) 1:00 pm - Happy Hour (Lib)	6 7:00 am - 6:00 pm - Walk to Emmaus (HCH, DZ, FL, Chapel & Kit.)
7 WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 11:15 am - Blood Pressure Clinic	8 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:00 pm - Theology on Tap (UWSP) 5:15 pm - Fitness (FL) 6:30 pm - Scouts (FL) 7:00 pm - GA (TC)	9 1:00 pm - Staff Mtg. 5:15 pm - Fitness 5:15 pm - Place of Peace Meal Planning 7:00 pm - Worship Ministry (Point)	 ASH WEDNESDAY DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 6:15 pm - Worship Service (Point)	11 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Stephen Ministry (J) 7:30 pm - N'Joy 8:00 pm - Barhopping w/the Preacher	12 9:00 am - Women on the Grow (Lib) 12:00 pm - Fly High (TC) 1:00 pm - Happy Hour (Lib)	13 8:30 am - Quilters Group (TC)
14 WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 11:30 am - Family Ministry 5:30 pm - Sons of Norway	15 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:00 pm - Theology on Tap (UWSP) 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Peer Super. 6:00 pm - Dinner Church - Farmshed 6:30 pm - Scouts (FL) 7:00 pm - GA (TC)	16 Spring Primary (FL) 1:00 pm - NC05 Clergy Meeting 4:00 pm - Lenten Study (Point) 5:15 pm - Fitness	17 DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 6:15 pm - Lenten Service (Point)	18 3:30 Place of Peace Meal 5:15 pm - Fitness 7:30 pm - N'Joy	19 9:00 am - Women on the Grow (Lib) 12:00 pm - Fly High (TC) 1:00 pm - Happy Hour (Lib)	20
21 WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point w/ Communion (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 11:15 am - Scout Breakfast 11:15 am - Mission 1:00 pm - Girl Scouts 7:00 pm - Troop committee mtg.	22 1:00 pm - World Day of Prayer Planning (Sanc) 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:00 pm - Theology on Tap (UWSP) 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:30 pm - Scouts 7:00 pm - Adult Ministry (CR) 7:00 pm - GA (TC)	23 1:00 pm - Staff Meeting 4:00 pm - Lenten Study (Point) 5:15 pm - Fitness	24 DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 6:15 pm - Lenten Service (Point)	25 12:00 pm - Middler/Senior Luncheon 5:15 pm - Fitness 7:30 pm - N'Joy	26 9:00 am - Women on the Grow (Lib) 12:00 pm - Fly High (TC) 1:00 pm - Happy Hour (Lib)	27 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Parents Morning Out Camp Meeting
28 WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)	29 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:00 pm - Theology on Tap 5:15 pm - Fitness NO SCOUTS 7:00 pm - GA			<u>POINT OFFICE HOURS:</u> Mon. - Thurs 9 am - 12 Noon and 1 pm - 3 pm Friday - 9 am - 12 Noon <u>PLOVER OFFICE HOURS</u> Tuesday 9 am - 12 Noon Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm		



The United Methodist News
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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)

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 2:30 - 5:30 pm | Quilting Ministry |
| 5:00 - 5:30 pm | Placemat Ministry |
| 5:30 - 6:00 pm | Disciples' Diner |
| 6:00 pm | Children's Choir |
| 6:00 pm | Parent's Group |
| 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Bible Study |
| 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Chancel Choir |