

In This Issue. . .

- ◆ From Pastor Howard
- ◆ Missions
- ◆ Ministry News
- ◆ Announcements
- ◆ Calendar
- ◆ Worship Corner

**We Are A Ministry
With**

Open Hearts...

Open Minds...

Open Doors...



**We are a
Stephen Ministry
congregation.**



A Message from Pastor Howard Hintzman

The following is an excerpt of an article in the Wisconsin Conference [E-News](#) for the week for March 29. It is in an invitation to prayer for General Conference. I am calling those of us who are in relationship with God through the United Methodist Church in this area to spend the month of April in prayer for this important gathering of United Methodists from around the world. Yes! It does matter and it does make a difference. Also, please go to the "prayer guide" and "denominational resources" sites noted in the article to assist you in praying for our church.

Engage in Prayer for General Conference on Friday

In May, delegates from Wisconsin will join hundreds of United Methodists from around the world in Portland, Oregon for the 2016 General Conference. The General Conference, the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church, meets once every four years to revise Church law and adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. In the weeks leading up to this meeting, the Council of Bishops has invited each Annual Conference to participate in a day of prayer to listen for God's work for the current day and future of The United Methodist Church. The Wisconsin Conference's Day of Prayer for General Conference was Friday, April 1, Our Spiritual Formation Resource Team has produced a [prayer guide](#) for the Conference and we have posted [denominational resources available on our website](#).

I have included a prayer of John Wesley's also that I use often and find so very helpful. May we grow into having truly open hearts, minds and doors as a denomination as we make disciples for the transformation of the world.

Affirm your commitment to working for the love of Christ to fill The United Methodist Church by praying aloud the Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (#607 UMH): "I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt; Put me to doing, put me to suffering; Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen"

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.

Hyejung Hwang: Email: hhwang@stevenspointumc.org; 715-344-3557

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 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

United Methodists in mission together, locally and globally

APRIL MISSION FOCUS

CLEANING AND LAUNDRY PRODUCTS

LOOSE COIN OFFERING FOR APRIL

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Partnering with local communities to address affordable housing needs.

United Methodists are Nearing Our Denominational Malaria Goal



As the denomination’s roving ambassador for malaria prevention, United Methodist Bishop Thomas Bickerton has heard “story after story” about people energized around a cause that can make a difference. The Imagine No Malaria campaign, which United Methodists will celebrate May 18 at General Conference 2016, has raised more than \$68 million so far. Linda Bloom has the story. [Read story and post a comment](#)



Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County

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



On March 8, 2016 Interfaith Food Pantry served 153 families (36 new), Individuals 532 (100 new), Children 165 (29 new) and Seniors 52 (8 new).

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

#15-4 Give Willingly.....” Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God.” (Matt. 22:21)

Did you know? The average tax refund in Wisconsin is \$2330! How will we spend our tax refunds? We know that some taxpayers do not receive a refund. But, of those who do, how do they spend it? The most popular answers are: 1) Pay off Debt; 2) Have fun - do something special or buy something special and 3) Save it. On most lists of ideas the thought of 4) Giving it Away to a favorite charity is either last on the list or never makes the list!

If we are going to “give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”, what are we called to give away? As people of faith, we may wish to consider giving a tithe (10%) or some portion of our tax return to the church to say thank you to God for the jobs we have and the earnings we receive. Consider tithing. If the average refund is \$2,330 and 10 people tithe at \$233 each, the total giving to your church would increase \$2,330. That might pay most of the heating bill for the winter or help you do something new and creative for Vacation Bible School.

Your tithe might be more or less than average, but a gift of \$233 would save 23 lives at \$10 apiece for the Imagine No Malaria Campaign. Gifts totaling \$2,330 would also make a big difference in paying the mission giving through our apportionments for a number of churches - for some it would pay their apportionments in full, for others it will cover 1/10 of the total or one month.

What is God calling you to give?

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation 750 Windsor Street, Suite 305 Sun Prairie, WI 53590
1-608-837-9582 or wumf@wumf.org



WARMTH

What warmth can you bring to someone frozen in despair?

Photo by Allen Butte.

Deuteronomy 15:11 *For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’*

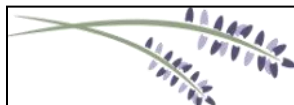
Adult Ministry

We really do want to be responsible servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to provide ministry that makes a difference in your lives...allows for personal growth in your faith, and provides ways to connect with others... providing ministry to them. So, we would like to hear from you! Please share ideas you may have for something new or strengthening of existing ministries.

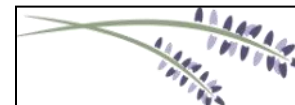
Team: Keith and Lisa Yolitz, Cathy Martin, Jeff and Julie Troestler, Vern Walters, Karen Phelps, Mary Gurlea, Patti Hermes, Nea Miller, Pastor Howard.

Invitation to the New Testament

This is a new study...March 30-May 18, Wednesdays, Point location 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Fletcher Hall.



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



Saturday, April 30, 2016

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 which includes lunch and the items needed to participate. For reservations email Mary Gurlea at mgurlea@gmail.com or call 715-321-2102.

Social Creed Ministry

Earth Week Highway Clean-up

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9:00 am

The highly successful highway stewardship project will take place on Saturday, April 23 as part of Earth Week celebrations. Those wishing to join in this celebration should meet at 9:00 am in the Aldi's parking lot on east US Highway 10. The United Methodist Church is responsible for, and recognized and publicly noted with signage by the Wisconsin DOT, caring for a two-mile stretch of Hwy 10 east from Aldi's east to Stockton Road.

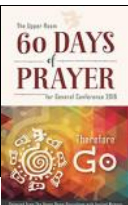
Since we will be walking and picking up trash and recyclables along the side of the route, long pants and gloves are recommended. Trash bags and reflective vests are provided by the Portage County Highway Department. For further information, contact the Social Creed Committee, either Kay Witt or Scott Frazier, at 715-344-4933.



On Sunday, April 24, 2016, we will have a special Earth Day-themed service with special guest Dr. George Kraft, who will speak on local water issues. Materials and displays will also be available after the service.

"Tool Box Brigade" - Painters Needed

The Tool Box Brigade list is being updated. We are in need of some folks who would be willing and able to do some painting around the church areas. If this is for you and you can help out at designated times, please let me know. Thank you. Bonnie Lund



The General Conference Prayer Ministry designed a "60 Days of Prayer" daily prayer book that runs March 31-May 29 so that church members can connect through the same Scripture, meditation and prayer each day. For more information and to sign up for daily prayer email or text visit:

<http://60daysofprayer.org/>

Outreach Ministry

Connection Class to be offered

On Sunday, April 10, 2016, the Outreach Ministry will be offering a Connection Class. The class is designed for persons who:

- ◆ Desire to grow in Christian faith and the Christian community
- ◆ Want to learn more about the United Methodist Church, as well as the United Methodist church in Stevens Point and Plover
- ◆ Might be interested in joining the church
- ◆ Are looking to identify personal spiritual gifts

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 are unique. Lastly, we will discuss how you can make a connection with the church.

The class will be approximately 2½ hours in length. We will share a meal and discuss relevant issues. The class will be held at the Stevens Point parsonage, 3400 Jordan Lane, on Sunday, April 10 at 12:00. (The house is across the street from Point location north parking lot.) Childcare will be available as needed at the church.

Call the church office at 715-344-3557 or 715-344-9192 or email the church at stpauls@stevenspointumc.org to register.

Stephen Ministry

LISTEN: To hear with thoughtful attention.



Did you ever talk to someone but feel as if that person just wasn't listening? Stephen Ministers are trained to listen well. They will hear what you have to share and respond lovingly and non-judgmentally - rather than telling what you should or should not have done. If you need someone who will really listen to you as you work through a problem in your life, consider Stephen Ministry. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Howard, or Randy Hermes, Coordinator.

UWSP Campus Ministry

New Meeting Place--Fellowship, Talks, Prayer, and Service for Campus Ministry

Crossroads Campus Ministry is pleased to announce they have a new meeting place! Monday nights at Newman Center offers a much needed place on campus to call "home". Crossroads Campus Ministry is a progressive, open and affirming ministry on the UWSP campus--ALL are welcome here! For more upcoming campus ministry programs and events, follow us on Facebook at UWSP Crossroads.

- ◆ Laundry Love at Burroughs Hall: Monday, April 4 - (see Facebook for full schedule)
- ◆ Dinner Church at Newman Center: Monday, April 11, 5:00-7:00 pm
- ◆ Night Prayer at Newman Center Chapel: Monday, April 25, 9:00 pm



Come to the *Why Christian?* Talks Series on the third Monday of the month, 5:30-7:00 pm at Newman Center. Jes Kast-Keat is the featured speaker for April. Jes is the associate minister at West End Collegiate Church in New York City where she preaches, facilitates various education classes, and leads a weekly soup kitchen for some of the most vulnerable in our society. Jes works with various LGBTQ religious organizations to advocate for and celebrate full inclusion in the church. To find out more on Jes, including her written work, see her website at jeskastkeat.com

Women In Action

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Time to go through your closets, garage, kitchen cupboards, books, etc. and recycle those items that you no longer need. We have folks that need your good clean items. The dates are May 3 and 4. Items will be moved from the stage after the service on May 1. Set-up is Monday, May 2 from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. The Rummage Sale is Tuesday, May 3, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm and Wednesday 8:00 - 11:00 am. Wednesday items are \$4 a bag. Many hands are needed for set up, working the sale and clean up after the sale on Wednesday. If you can give an hour or more of your time that is appreciated. We have great fellowship and treats are provided. If you can help out or have questions, contact Bonnie Lund at 715-345-0247 or bonnielund@charter.net. Thank you.

Wisconsin UMC Camps

The first day of Spring was last week and Summer is quickly approaching! The lakes have melted and the sounds of birds and frogs chirping, seeing cranes and woodpeckers come back around camp, and the grass starting to turn green all mean that summer will be here very soon! We have great camps for all ages this summer at both Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne. Family camps are offered almost every week this summer! New events like Astro Adventures, Video Game Adventures, and favorites like Treehouse Adventures all waiting for campers to sign up! If you have been to camp before, you know the incredible power of camp - it changes lives. It's possible to come to camp thinking you will not be changed, but it is impossible to leave without having been changed. Sign up for camp this summer, and invite a friend! If you aren't able to come to camp this summer, please consider helping someone else find God by donating to our camper scholarship fund so that they can experience the new friends, new experiences, and a week away from normal life that makes camp incredible!

We are currently looking for healthcare staff! If you are - or know of a retired, semi-retired, or otherwise available RN or other health care provider for this summer, or parts of this summer please contact Collin Grooms - Program Director Summer Camps to talk about joining our team and helping to provide a safe place and incredible experience for all of our campers!

2016 Summer Staff Application! The application can be found at <http://wiumcamps.campbrainstaff.com> Summer camp serves as an incredible opportunity for youth to have fun, make new friends, and learn more about their faith in a safe, supportive environment surrounded by peers and role models. Those role models-summer camp staff- are the backbone of Wisconsin United Methodist Camps; a group of college-aged individuals committed to a summer of service and ministry. Many positions are available and the only skill requirements are the desire to work hard to build community, equip disciples, and model care of creation in ways that reflect the love and grace of God. For more information contact Collin Grooms- Program Director of Summer Camps cgrooms@wisconsinumc.org



Basic Lay Servant Class

Dates: Three Sundays, April 10, 17, & 24

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Place: Medford United Methodist Church, 287 E. Allman St., Medford, WI 54451

Facilitators: Pastor Kyochul & Medford Lay Servant Group

Prerequisites: None but willing heart for serving and growing in the body of Christ

Registration Fee: none but full participation Text book: "Lay Servant Ministries - Basic Course Participant's Book" by Sandy Jackson with Brian Jackson

To Register, send an email to mcumc@tds.net or call 717-748-2165 by April 7, 2016.

United Methodists in Ministry ~ News, Events, Announcements

In Sympathy

Jan Northcraft's father passed away in March. Please keep Jan and her family in your prayers.

Ava Haas, long time member of The United Methodist Church, passed away on March 20, 2016. A funeral service was held at the Point location of The United Methodist Church on March 24, 2016. Please keep Ava's family in your prayers.

Thank You

I want to take this opportunity to give everyone a great big THANK YOU for all the thoughts, prayers, and concerns over the past few months. I especially want to thank you for the bright and beautiful quilt that I received. It is such a comfort knowing that so many prayers were said in the making of the quilt. Thank you to all the Prayer Chains, Quilters, and others who took over all my duties and have been praying for me. I have learned that Prayer is Very Powerful. Blessings to All - Judy Hill

Advanced Lay Servant Class Spiritual Gifts

Dates: Sundays, April 17, April 24, 2016

Time: 1:00 to 6:00 pm

Place: Trinity United Methodist Church Montello, W3032 Fern Dr., Montello, WI 5394
(Behind Crawford Funeral Home 453 E. Park St.)

Teacher/Facilitator: Reverend Jeff Radley, Vikki Trimble, Susan Hutchings, Dorothy Radley

Theme: Spiritual Gifts.

Prerequisites: This course is one of the seven required advanced classes for becoming a Certified Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church. To be enrolled, you must have completed a Basic Lay Speaking Course.

Prescribed/Suggested Text: Students should purchase and read "Each One a Minister: Using God's Gifts for Ministry" by William J. Carter. This can be purchased on line from the Upper Room, Cokesbury or Amazon

The registration fee for this class is \$25.00 and can be paid on the first day of class.

To register or if you have questions send an email to: mtumc@frontier.com

Deadline for Registration April 13, 2016

Men's Breakfast



Saturday, April 23, 2016
8:00 am at Point location



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

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

Marge Rice	May 11	96
Glady's Wentworth	May 15	95
Olive Newby	May 18	93
Marjorie Merk	May 30	92



Middler/Senior Luncheon

April 28, 2016
Lunch @12:00 noon at Point location

"Come Fly With Me"

Presenters: Dave Pringle

Hosts: Len and Judy Hill

Questions or to make a Reservation

Call Point office @ 715-344-3557

Reservations appreciated!




Finance Corner

Feb. General Fund Offerings - \$31,033
Feb. Bldg Fund Offerings - \$1,559
Feb. Loose Coin Offerings (Imagine No Malaria) - \$567

April 2016



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<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>1 9:00 am - Women on the Grow (Lib) 12:00 pm - Fly High 1:00 pm - Happy Hour (Lib)</p>	2
<p>3 WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 11:15 am - Blood Pressure Clinic</p>	<p>4 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:00 pm - Campus Ministry (UWSP) 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - SM Peer Supervision (Lib) 6:00 pm - AA (A/B) 6:30 pm - Scouts (fl) 7:00 pm - GA (TC)</p>	<p>5 SPRING ELECTION (FL) 1:00 pm - Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm - Mary Martha @ PJ's Restaurant</p>	<p>6 DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 6:00 pm - Outreach</p>	<p>7 10:00 am - Elizabeth Circle 1:00 pm - Book Explorers 4:00 pm - Hope Center 5:30 pm - Trustees 7:30 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p>8 9:00 am - Women on the Grow (Lib) 12:00 pm - Fly High (TC) 1:00 pm - Happy Hour (Lib)</p>	9
<p>10 WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) 11:30 am - Family Ministry 12:00 pm - Connection Class 1:00 pm - Sons of Norway 7:00 pm - Cub Scouts</p>	<p>11 3:00 pm - TOPS 3:30 pm - Port. Co. Comm. on Transition 5:00 pm - Dinner Church 6:00 pm - AA (A/B) 6:00 pm - Cub Scouts (DZ) 6:30 pm - Scouts(fl) 7:00 pm - GA (TC)</p>	<p>12 1:00 pm - Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm - Cub Scouts (DZ)</p>	<p>13 DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p>14 6:00 pm - Stephen Ministry (J) 7:30 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p>15 9:00 am - Women on the Grow (Lib) 12:00 pm - Fly High (TC) 1:00 pm - Happy Hour (Lib) TRIVIA →</p>	16
<p>17 WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point w/ Communion (See pg. 8 for complete schedule) → TRIVIA</p>	<p>18 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:00 pm - Campus Ministry (UWSP) 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - AA (A/B) 6:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision 6:30 pm - Scouts (fl) 7:00 pm - GA (TC)</p>	<p>19 DCOM 5:15 pm - Fitness (FL) 5:30 pm - Nurture (TC) 6:45 pm - Pack Mtg. (FL)</p>	<p>20 DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p>21 5:15 pm - Fitness 7:30 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p>22 9:00 am - Women on the Grow (Lib) 12:00 pm - Fly High (TC) 1:00 pm - Happy Hour (Lib)</p>	23
<p>24  WORSHIP 8:45 am Plover 10:15 am Point w/ Koelemay Baptism (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p>25 3:00 pm - TOPS 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - AA (A/B) 6:00 pm - Cub Scouts (DZ) 7:00 pm - GA 7:00 pm - Adult Min. 9:00 pm - Night Prayer (UWSP)</p>	<p>26 1:00 pm - Staff Mtg. 5:15 pm - Fitness 6:00 pm - Cub Scouts (DZ)</p>	<p>27 DISCIPLES' NIGHT PROGRAMMING (See pg. 8 for complete schedule)</p>	<p>28 12:00 pm - Mid- dler/Senior Lunch 5:15 pm - Fitness 7:30 pm - N'Joy</p>	<p>29 9:00 am - Women on the Grow (Lib) 12:00 pm - Fly High (TC) 1:00 pm - Happy Hour (Lib)</p>	30
						<p>Women's Retreat (FL, HCH, Kit.)</p>



The United Methodist News
of
Plover, Stevens Point &
UWSP Campus Ministry

c/o The United Methodist Church
600 Wilshire Boulevard
Stevens Point, WI 54481
(715) 344-3557
www.stevenspointumc.org

Email: stpauls@stevenspointumc.org

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 16
Stevens Point WI

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 - 6:45 pm Children's Choir
- 6:00 - 7:00 pm Bible Study
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm Chancel Choir