



# NORTH POINTE NEWS

**JUNE 2021**

## **FROM PASTOR SUE**

Life brings many changes for each one of us – some good, some not so good. And yet, we grow and change as we encounter these life events. As Christians, we have faith that God is walking beside us always and forever, comforting us and giving us peace and calm assurance. God is here in the midst of all life offers us.

Last year at this time, we were trying to understand and make sense of this thing called Covid-19. At first, I didn't realize how much my life would be affected, but as the days turned into weeks and then into months, the reality began to sink in. Spending time with family and friends was no longer a part of my daily life. Even though the life of the church continued with outreach ministries, we no longer worshiped in our sanctuary. We bought groceries online and learned how to communicate through Zoom and Facetime. The first verse from Ecclesiastes 3 often came to my mind – “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”

My family's life changed drastically when my mom, Joyce, died on May 6, just three days short of her 90th birthday. Even though she had expressed her desire to leave this earth, her smile and laughter are greatly missed. My mom was a preschool and elementary classroom teacher her entire life. I would listen to her stories about students as we ate supper. These children brought so much joy to her life. She taught me how to knit and bake, how to sew and how to treat people with kindness and respect. My sisters and I knew that when we got into trouble, if we could make her laugh, she would forget about what we had done wrong. My family and I would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the many cards and condolences we received from our church family. “. . . a time to be born and a time to die.” (Eccl. 3:2)

One more change is about to take place for me. As you know, I am currently an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church. I believed that being ordained a deacon was God's final call on my life. I've learned to never say never when God is leading your life. After writing one more paper, answering pages of questions, and sitting through a number of interviews with the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Great Plains Conference, I will be ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church on June 12th. When I first answered God's call to ministry, I was pursuing ordination as an elder but changed to the deacon track because of family circumstances. So, I have come full circle in answering God's call. “. . . a time to plant and a time to uproot.” (Eccl. 3:2)

Changes can bring tears, and they can bring joy. Changes allow us to grow and experience life in new and exciting ways. Changes can be challenging and exciting. I admit that there are times I fear change but then I am reminded of what the prophet Jeremiah tells us: “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jer. 29:11)

Let us continue to grow in our faith and love for God as we see what changes God has in store for us and for North Pointe UMC remembering that “we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.” (Phil 4:13)

Pastor Sue



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**HALO is so much more than a bed. What can we do to help??  
We can provide pillows and pillowcases!!!**

Progress is already being made in the goal to sew pillowcases for our fall mission project – pre-cut fabric and instructions are available in North Pointe’s church office. Please be sure to log what you take to sew and what you return, so we have an idea of how many more are needed to pre-cut.

If you have fabric you are willing to donate for the pillowcases, please leave that in the church office (or sew it into a pillowcase). Needed: cotton or cotton/polyester approx. 42-44” wide by 35-36” long. If a piece is at least 27”, we can make that work by sewing on a coordinating cuff. Sometimes fabric can be found at garage sales at reasonable prices. Also, flat sheets in very good condition can be cut for pillowcases.

Our former Pastor , Don Francis’ mother, Joyce has already sewn over 100 pillowcases! The rest of us just need to sew whatever else is needed to cover the pillows we will be collecting in September. Can’t stop now. Thank you, everyone!

## **North Pointe Women’s Ministry Group**



A planning meeting was held on Thursday, April 29, 2021 with eleven women in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and plan activities for the remainder of this year.

All meetings and activities are open to all women who attend North Pointe UMC. The following activities will be held:

- Prayer Shawl Ministry. Meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the church lounge. (Contact person Paula Thorson)
- • Quilting. Meets on the first Friday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the education wing. (Contact persons Jan McReynolds and Linda Jackson) • Pillowcase-making for H.A.L.O. On-going throughout the year. Pre-cut materials and directions available for pick-up in the church office. (Contact persons Donna Wendt and Jan McReynolds)
- • Sunshine for “shut-ins.” Multiple contacts throughout the year. Master list available in the church office. (Contact persons Jeanne Tyree-Francis and Cathy Loesch)
- • Social outing. Date and location to be announced. Planning in conjunction with North Pointe UMW. (Contact persons Kathy Young and Linda Jackson)
- • Kitchen cleaning. Date to be determined once Northside Food Pantry resumes “normal” distribution of food. (Contact persons Linda Jackson and Michie Simpson)
- • Assist decorating the sanctuary and Christmas tree. Date and time to be announced. (Contact persons Mary Ann Furrie and Karen Anderson)
- • Christmas party. Date and time to be announced. (Contact persons Linda Jackson and Cathy Loesch)
- • Serve funeral luncheons at the church upon request. (Contact persons Linda Jackson and Cathy Loesch) If you would like to organize another activity such as luncheons at Crystal Bay/Pillars, cooking lessons, book club, etc., please contact Linda Jackson at 262-633-7417 or Cathy Loesch at 262- 945-1580.



## 2021 Graduates

**Liah Bauer** Liah is graduating from the REAL School where she has been named Salutatorian. She will be going to University of Wisconsin-Madison to study Education and Dance. Liah's parents are Valerie and Jack Bauer.

**Jacob Faris** Jacob Faris graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in May of 2020. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the field of Criminal Justice. Jacob's parents are Wanda and Craig.

**Ashley Felsman** Graduated from Greendale High School and will attend the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Nancy Larsen is Ashley's grandmother.

**Rachel Ann French** will be graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies. She will continue her education in the Graduate Program at the University of Miami, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Studies. Rachel's parents are Laura and Scott French.

**Alicia Jackson Hazen** graduated from Edgewood College with a Masters in Organizational Leadership and Change. Alicia's Mother is Linda Jackson.

**Dara Herold** graduated from Berea High School in Kentucky. In the Fall she will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to study Sociology. Dara's Father is Steve Herold.

**Austin Sharpe** will be graduating from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. Austin is the grandson of Jim and Mary Ann Furrie.

**Nick Swift** graduated from Iowa State University with an Industrial Engineer Degree. Nick is the grandson of Jacquie and David Brittig.

**Bryan Wendt** is graduating from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa with a degree in Choral Music Education. He plans to work in high school music education hopefully somewhere in southern Wisconsin. Bryan is the grandson of Donna and Tom Wendt.



## Farewell Quilt for Janet Vetovec

Jan Vetovec has been an integral part of the Quilter's Fellowship since it was resurrected in 2006. She will be dearly missed not only by this group, but also by the entire congregation. The Quilter's Fellowship group has sewn a quilt especially for Jan with fabrics that depict significant aspects of her life. It will be a visual reminder to her of all of her friendships and connections at North Pointe United Methodist Church. The pattern of the quilt top is called "Around the World." It has significance as it has often been used by the group. Fabrics used:

- In the very center of the quilt is hand-stitched one of Jan's favorite Bible verses, Jeremiah 29: 11-13. It has been central to her life. • Next are musical instruments - including guitar and piano - to represent her love of music.
- The compasses depict both the moral compass that has guided her throughout her life, and her extensive travels. • The multi-colored hands portray all of the hands that she has touched in her life –
  - o As a school teacher o As a mother
  - o As a grandmother o As a sister
  - o As a friend o As a volunteer
  - o As a compassionate visitor
- Sewing machines and scissors reflect her involvement with both the Quilter's Fellowship and the Halo pillowcase mission project.
- The fabric with many sayings depicts her way of life, e.g., "Faithful in prayer," "Grateful for all things."
- Currency represents the numerous times she's served at church as a counter of offerings; her participation with the Scrip fundraiser; and also the many bake sales she organized to raise monies for the Women's Ministry.
- The farm and church scene are in remembrance of her family farm in Iowa and also of the church where she grew up and learned to love the Lord.
- Surrounding all of the squares is a border of ears of corn (Iowa corn).

As Jan moves on into the next phase of her life, she will continue to build on the central foundation of the Bible, which has always guided her .

**On Sunday, June 27th, plan on staying after the worship service to attend a Celebration Reception of Pastor Sue's Ordination as Elder . There will be more information via email.**

### Food Pantry Items For June 2021

Canned Meals

Laundry Soap

Jam/Jelly



## *JUNE BIRTHDAYS*



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|----|-----------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1  | <i>Terry Barham</i>         | 18 | <i>Arlene Simpson</i>  |
| 2  | <i>Ronald Fox</i>           | 24 | <i>Jason LaSchiava</i> |
|    | <i>Jeanne Tyree-Francis</i> | 27 | <i>Mark Thorson</i>    |
| 4  | <i>Lillian Brown</i>        |    |                        |
| 14 | <i>Jaecee Kober</i>         |    |                        |
| 18 | <i>Marilyn Pishny</i>       |    |                        |

## **SCRIP NEWS**

We will be accepting orders throughout the summer, so plan ahead for ordering gift cards for your vacations and visits to see the family (gas, lodging, meals) – now that our options on travel and visiting are opening up.



Also, keep in mind weddings, Father's Day, June 20th, and the many high school and college graduations. This is a great way to minimize the hassle of trying to decide what to purchase for someone else! There is an order sheet of most popular items and a blue notebook of all 750+ retailers on the table in the Narthex, or go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) (Retailer List on bottom left side of page).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Although orders can be placed anytime, the church group order is processed on the **2nd Sunday of the month** with pick up on the **3rd Sunday**. Payment, by either cash or check (payable to North Pointe United Methodist Church), must be received prior to your order being included with that week's group order. Online ordering is very simple! If you'd like more info on how to do that, please contact one of the Scrip Coordinators: Jan McReynolds (681-5343), Elinor Offerdahl (744-0414), or Lillian Brown (770-4438). If you have ever placed an order, we already have an account open for you ... it's just a matter of updating your password.

Also, what we call '**Cash & Carry**' gift cards are available for sale after worship on Sundays and throughout the week when Sue is in the office. We try to keep a variety of popular cards on hand, but it's first-come, first-served. These cards can be paid for by either cash or check.

\*\*\* One-half of the Scrip profits are designated to the Women's Ministry. This is the only fundraiser that they have at the time, so your support by ordering gift cards is truly appreciated!

Scrip Tip: Avoid credit card scams and identity theft by using Scrip gift cards for your everyday purchases (as well as for gifts). This is especially helpful at the gas pump where skimmers are increasingly popular!! Idea contributed by David Brittig.

A big THANK YOU to all who have participated in any way – together, we can make a difference!

**JUNE GROUP ORDER PROCESSING DATE:  
June 13 with delivery the following Sunday June 20.**

## North Pointe UMC Accountable Leadership (ALB) Board Minutes

May 19, 2021

Board Members include: Pastor – Sue Barham      Chair – Pauline Mitchell      Vice-Chair -Tom  
Wendt  
Staff Pastor Parish – Sally Hoelzel & Jaymie Gister      Trustees Reps: – Sandy Doran & Paul  
Walquist  
Treasurer – Steve Oppeneer Finance – Tom Hughbanks & Tom Young  
At Large – Tom Wendt, Paula Thorson, Don Tyree-Francis, Susan Ford  
Leader Development – Ron Fox & Ellie Boldus      Secretary – Valerie Zinda

The meeting was held online using ZOOM and began with Roll Call by Tom Wendt followed by a prayer from Pastor Sue. Grace points were then shared.

**Finance:** – The April report was reviewed. The finances are in good shape. Continuing the conversation of online giving, the application needs to be compatible with our accounting system, low administrative costs (tracking/posting donations) and relatively low transaction costs.

**Erie Campus, Ruby Avenue Parsonage:** Spring clean up on Saturday, May 1st went well. The trustee rep presented a list of possible capital improvements to the board. No decisions were made, the board asked for more information and costs.

**Communications, Website, Church Safety, etc.** Michael Bolduc is asking for content feedback for the next updates.

**Missions:** Nothing to report.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor Sue is monitoring the counts, we can increase the number of people who can attend plus we have Live Stream, review our guidelines, please call office and make a reservation.

Food Bank weekly- We have food if you have a need

Diaper Ministry – Mondays 11am – 1pm

Quilting Ministry – first Friday of each month

Wednesday Bible study, Wednesdays at 1pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.

Pillow Ministry is on-going.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

**The next ALB Meeting will be June 21, 2021, at 6:30pm in-person and online with ZOOM.**

Humbly submitted by Valerie Zinda

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*Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of:  
 Joyce Horle, who passed away on May 3, 2021. Joyce is Rev. Sue Barham's Mother.  
 Cheryl Mitchell who passed away on May 13, 2021. Cheryl is the daughter of Paul-  
 ine Mitchell.*

## **New Addresses For Our Members**

Janet and Paul Vetovec  
 1319 Waldorf Blvd.  
 Madison, WI 53719  
 608-845-2305

Sherry Slaasted  
 3950 North Main Street  
 Racine, WI 53402



(Please make changes in your Church Directory)



## **Altar Flower Chart Is Up!**

The Altar Flower Chart is back up and ready for you to plan the week you would like to place flowers on the altar.

**The cost is \$35.** You need to sign your name on the chart on the week you would like flowers on the altar. Also, please, write the occasion for the flowers (birthday, in memory, anniversary or just because) You will be able to take the flowers home after the service, but please return the container to the office. If you have any questions, contact the church office (639-2441) Monday-Thursday

## **Thank You, Michael Boldus**

Thanks to Michael Boldus for so diligently working on the calendar for North Pointe's Website AND for walking your secretary through the steps to keep it updated (well, maybe Michael is still working on the last part!). Thanks again, Michael!



**Father's Day is Sunday, June 20th!**  
**Happy Father's Day to all our Father's, Grandfather's, God Fathers, and Father-like figures.**

**Have a great "special" day**



## United Methodist Women

There has been a lot of questions about the United Methodist Women. Here is information that you can learn more about the organization:

Wisconsin Conference UMW [www.wisconsinumw.org](http://www.wisconsinumw.org)  
WI Conference UMW Yearbook [www.wisconsinumw.org/about](http://www.wisconsinumw.org/about)  
WI Conference UMW Newsletter (Catch the Vision) [www.wisconsinumw.org/communications](http://www.wisconsinumw.org/communications)  
United Methodist Women District Newsletters: [www.wisconsinumw.org/communications](http://www.wisconsinumw.org/communications)  
UMW Online [www.umwonline.org](http://www.umwonline.org)  
Facebook [www.facebook.com/UMWomen](http://www.facebook.com/UMWomen) Twitter [www.twitter.com/UMWomen](http://www.twitter.com/UMWomen)  
Flickr [www.flickr.com/UMWomen](http://www.flickr.com/UMWomen) Pinterest [www.pinterest.com/UMWomen](http://www.pinterest.com/UMWomen)  
You Tube [www.youtube.com/umwomen](http://www.youtube.com/umwomen) Instagram [www.instagram.com/UMWomen](http://www.instagram.com/UMWomen)  
Church Women United [www.churchwomenunited](http://www.churchwomenunited)  
North Central Jurisdiction <http://umwnic.org?NCJ-UMW>  
United Methodist Church Wisconsin District Superintendents [www.wisconsinumc.org/about-us/districts](http://www.wisconsinumc.org/about-us/districts)

Our local unit is collecting items for the Ghana Mission Trip in January 2022. We are collecting clean, empty prescription bottles (labels removed). We are also collecting over the counter items: Band aids, adhesive tape, gauze, aspirin, toothpaste, tooth brushes. Any other items that can be used in the hospitals and clinics.

Also being collected are twin size bed sheets for the women's wing of the hospital.

There will be a collection box in the Narthex for the items. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Moser at 639-5321.

A Summer Outing is being planned. Details will be announced later.

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***What's wrong with being 72 or 82 or 92? If God is good enough to give you those years, flaunt them!***



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ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED



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**Email: [tumcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tumcoffice@sbcglobal.net)**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

***SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:20 AM***

**RESERVAIONS ARE NEEDED**

***Call the Church Office (639-2441)***

***Monday-Thursday***

***9 am—3 pm.***

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING OBSERVED**

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