



NORTH POINTE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2021

FROM PASTOR SUE

Members and Friends of North Pointe UMC,

As you have heard in the news, the United States is hosting and assisting many people from Afghanistan. We received a letter from our Bishop outlining how we, as individuals or churches, can help with this relief effort. During the four years I have been in ministry with you, I have witnessed the outwardly focused mission work of this congregation. A pastor friend from Kansas once commented that he wished his congregation was involved in as much mission work as North Pointe is.

One of the ways our Bishop indicated that we can help is through financial gifts to our Immigrant Assistance Fund #7795. If you feel called to donate to this fund, we ask that you make your checks out to North Pointe UMC with the word “Afghan” on the memo line. We will send one check to the assistance fund. The last date for donating will be Sunday, September 12th.

As I read the Bishop’s letter, I was reminded of Jesus’ words in Matthew 25:35 – For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. We may not be able to welcome our friends from Afghanistan in person, but we can offer our prayers and our financial assistance.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Sue

I have enclosed the letter from Bishop Jung.



Dear Beloved Siblings in Christ,

We have arrived on the shore of a defining moment. Afghan refugees are landing in Wisconsin and with their hasty departure, they are arriving with the ingredients of grief, trauma, and fear.

Refugees are being processed here in Wisconsin at Fort McCoy in an effort the U.S. Army is calling, “Operation Allies Refuge.” We might name it a “Good Samaritan” moment that will help us renew appreciation of who is our neighbor in ways that heal us and them. Many of us have come from refugee moments after wars in Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

I write today in partnership with Donna Veatch, Chair of the Wisconsin Conference Committee on Immigrant & Refugee Ministries. Together we will ask you to pray and consider how United Methodists in Wisconsin can respond to this crisis.

Let’s remember the 2016 Book of Resolutions defines refugees as, “persons outside their country of origin who are unable or unwilling to return for fear of persecution based on race, religion, ethnicity, political affiliation, or opinion” (p.547). This section goes on to affirm: “Christians do not approach the issue of migration from the perspective of tribe or nation, but from within a faith community of love and welcome, a community that teaches and expects hospitality to the poor, the homeless, and the oppressed” (p.550).

We would invite you to:

- Pray for the Afghans arriving here and those left behind.
- Consider a response as a congregation that might be financial or even involve partnering with people on the ground locally to help resettle Afghans.
- Consider an immediate financial gift through our Immigrant Assistance Fund #7795, which was created for such a purpose as this.
- Watch our conference website and ENews for up-to-date information.

You can give through your local church or through the Immigration Assistance button on the homepage at www.wisconsinumc.org.

One of our lectionary texts this week features the letter of James and the challenge to, “be doers of the word, and not merely hearers.” Please join us in prayer that seeks the healing that would make Christ known.

Thank you.

In the hope that is ours in Jesus.

Hee-Soo Jung, Bishop Wisconsin Annual Conference



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT FOR HALO

It's that time of year again when we are collecting pillows to donate to HALO, our local Homeless Shelter. You can either purchase pillows yourself or make a donation for pillows to be purchased by a church member. If you'd like to make a donation, please put "HALO Pillowcases" on the memo line of your check.

We will make every effort to purchase Kohl's Scrip gift cards with these donations, so your donation is even worth more than the initial value of your check!!! The Store Manager of our local Kohl's works with Jan McReynolds to give us a decent deal - \$2.99/pillow - if she makes the purchase and no sales tax is paid when using our Tax Exempt certificate.

We are also in the process of sewing pillowcases – fabric and instructions are available in the church office. Please be sure to log in what you take so we have an idea of how many more to pre-cut. If you have fabric you are willing to donate for the pillowcases, please leave that in the church office too. Needed: cotton or cotton/polyester approx. 42" wide by 35/36" long. If have a piece of at least 27" we can make that work by sewing on a coordinating cuff using a 9-10" piece of fabric.

Thanks everyone! This project has been a part of North Pointe's Mission for several years now and HALO is very appreciative of our gift to the shelter.

**Food Pantry Items For SEPTEMBER 2021 Toilet
Paper Canned Dinners Dish Soap**





We Are Collecting School Supplies

Sunday, September 12th is the deadline for donating school supplies.

There is a box in the Narthex for your items. **We are collecting pens, pencils, folders, theme paper, ruled spiral notebooks, crayons, glue sticks and other supplies children need for school.**

You may bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings or Monday through Thursday, 9:20 am to 2:30 pm.

We thank you in advance for your donations. We appreciate your gift of LOVE!

SCRIP TIPS

We are continuing to take SCRIP orders and sell Cash & Carry gift cards:



Next Order Date: Sunday September 12, 2021. Please have your orders and payment to the church office by end of worship service on Sunday, September 12th.

Cash & Carry gift cards are available when Sue is in the office and also available for sale on Sunday mornings after worship service. There is a list of the cards available on the small table in front of the church office window. (It might not be up-to-date, so please check with Sue or one of the Scrip volunteers).

Pillows for HALO (one of our Fall Mission projects) – if you'd like, you can make a monetary donation for a Kohl's gift card to purchase pillows. This is truly a win-win as a percent of the gift card amount will come back to the church and the entire face amount of the gift card will be used to buy pillows.

If you have any questions about this fundraiser for North Pointe, or would like help establishing an online account for ease in ordering, please contact Jan McReynolds 681-5343.

Thanks everyone for your continued support! This is a very easy way to raise funds for the Women's Ministry and also for the church's General Fund (Scrip profits are split 50-50).

NEXT GROUP ORDER DATE: SEPTEMBER 22nd

United Methodist Women



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

The next United Methodist Women meeting will be held in the Lounge on Thursday, October 7th, at 1:00 pm.

PLEASE, Be Sure To Lock and Check Front Doors

The front doors of the church will now be locked. Please take care when you go out the doors, and take a moment to make sure the door is locked (you just need to push the door closed).



If you are the last to leave, please make sure ALL the glass doors are locked. Thank you.

Thank You



Notes of Thanks

Our world has been turned upside down since we experienced the loss of someone we love. Words cannot describe the void that Vanessa's death has left behind. Your thoughtfulness has helped to ease the pain for a short while, and we are grateful for it.

Thank you North Pointe United Methodist Church for your kindness, prayers, support, and comforting words during this time of loss. We gratefully appreciate the cards, flowers, and kind expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. Gloria Oliver's daughter, Vanessa, passed on August 5, 2021. The Oliver Family

Dear Church Family,

Words can hardly express how appreciative I am for your phone calls, messages, and cards in the loss of my Mom. She was a wonderful woman and lived life to the fullest as much as possible for her 98 years. She will be greatly missed, but I have faith that I'll see her again one day.

*Thank you,
Jan McReynolds*



Jeanne Tyree-Francis is quite the photographer.

At this year's Racine County Fair, she entered photos in 46 categories and was awarded ribbons for 37 of those. In addition, she received the Judge's Choice Award in the Intermediate Division and was named Outstanding Exhibitor in the Intermediate Division! (By contrast, Elena and I compete in the Amateur Division.) Congratulations, Jeanne!



Due to the rise in the CoVid Virus, we will be asking you wear masks to worship on Sunday mornings as well as church activities and to observe social distancing..

**Tom and Bonnie Hughbanks have a new address.
Please make ethe change in your Church Directory.**

**8000 South Market Street
#312
Oak Creek, WI 53154**



**North Pointe United Methodist Church
3825 Erie Street
Racine, WI 53402**

ADDRESS CHANGE REQUESTED



SEPTEMBER 2021

North Ponte United Methodist Church

3825 Erie, Racine, WI 53402

262-639-2441

Website: NorthPointeRacine.org

Email: tumcoffice@sbcglobal.net



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS AT 9:30 AM

SEE YOU IN CHURCH