



NORTH POINTE NEWS

NOVEMBER 2021

FROM PASTOR SUE

Many of you are familiar with the hymn *Give Thanks* composed by Henry Smith and found in our Faith We Sing Hymnal. We have used it as a doxology during our worship services and will sing it again during the month of November. The first line of this hymn is “give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.” While we should always be aware of how much God has given to each one of us, the month of November offers a moment to reflect upon the goodness and generous abundance of our God. When we think about it, everything we are and have is a loving gift from the hands of our kind and gracious God. We did not create our bodies; the ground we walk on; the air we breathe; the sun that gives us life; the birds, flowers, and animals; the food we eat; and everything that enables us to live on the earth. Everything, absolutely everything in creation is a gift from the hands of our most gracious God.

The worship series for the first three weeks in November is entitled “The Gratitude Path” and will be part of a Gratitude Campaign. We give some of our time, talent, and treasure back to God not out of obligation, guilt, or a need to meet a church budget. A Gratitude Campaign recognizes that all we are and have is a gift from God and we give to God “just to say thanks” for all that God has first created and given to us.

For many of us this past year has been filled with challenges, heartache, and sorrow as we struggled to understand and cope with the effects of the CoVid Pandemic. God has been with us through these difficult times guiding us, loving us, and comforting us. We may find it difficult to give thanks, and yet through these trials God’s presence has been a very present help.

There is an older hymn that many of us know titled “Count Your Blessings.” As we continue to give God thanks, let us remember to count our many blessings.

When upon life’s billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings,
name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your blessings, see what
God has done! Count your blessings, name them one by one, And it will
surprise you what the Lord has done.



I invite you to join me on our Gratitude Path as we remember what God has done for us and look forward to what God has in store for us and for North Pointe UMC. Every day I thank God for you and our amazing church.



Veteran’s Day November 11, 2021

WE REMEMEBER OUR VETERANS

Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Dr. Terry Barham Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

Dr. Terry Barham was inducted into the Emporia State University Music Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 2nd in Emporia, Kansas. Terry was Director of Choral Activities at Emporia State from 1987-2010. The highlight of the induction ceremony was a choir made up of former students. Congratulations Terry.



Afghanistan Relief . .

While Paula, Mark and Tucker brought the donated items for the Afghanistan Relief to the Salvation Army in Oak Creek, they were told the Salvation Army was no longer taking items for Fort McCoy. We will check out other options and let you know when we will again be collecting items.

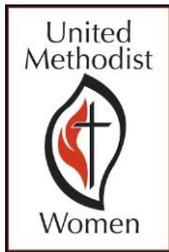
Thank you for all the donations you have already donated.

Warm Clothing for Children at Jerstad Agerholm and Julian Thomas Elementary Schools.



Our December and January Mission Focus is warm clothing such as mittens, gloves, scarves, socks and hats for the children at these Elementary Schools.

There will be a box in the Narthex for your donations. If you would like, you may bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings, or to the Church Office during the week (Monday—Thursday, 9:30 am—2:30). Let’s help to keep children warm this winter. **The deadline for your donations is Sunday, January 16, 2022.**



There will be NO United Methodist Women Meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2021 , at 1:00 pm



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Food Pantry Items For November

Jam/Jelly

Instant Oatmeal

Canned Meals



PILLOWS AND PILLOWCASES FOR HALO --- UPDATE

On Sunday October 31, a representative from HALO, attended our worship service to give a brief message about their interaction with Halo and to thank us for the pillows and pillowcases.

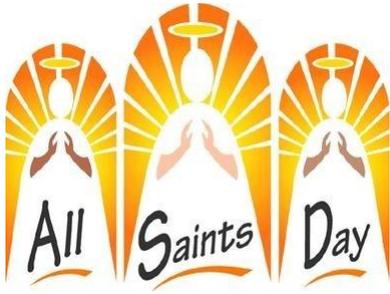
“It takes a village to raise a child” and it took North Pointe United Methodist Church’s entire congregation to provide more than 400 pillows and pillowcases for our local homeless shelter this fall. We would not have been able to make this happen without folks purchasing pillows or donating funds for pillows, donating fabric, and sewing pillowcases.

An extra shout-out goes to Donna Wendt who teamed with Jan McReynolds and a small group of sewers. A special thank you goes to Joyce Francis, former Pastor Don’s mother (age 99!), who has sewn the majority of the pillowcases.

Pillowcases have been in the construction process since February, and we have had people sewing from as far away as Delavan and Jackson, Michigan! Also, a fabric/bed sheet donation was made by a Next Door Neighborhood friend in memory of her Mom.

Many thanks to all who participated in one way or another to provide a clean, cheery pillow for a person in need to lay their weary head. They may not be aware, but God’s love and comfort are hidden in each and every pillow.

All SAINTS SUNDAY November 7, 2021



All Saints Sunday is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember those who have passed on during this year.

For this reason, the names of persons who have died during the past
year will be read during our worship service on Nov. 7th.

In the past, individuals have come forward to say the name of their loved one. Due to CoVid, this year we are **asking you to send the name of your loved one to the church office. We will have one person read all the names and another person light each candle in remembrance. Please call the church office or email Sue Dennison the name by Wednesday, November 3rd.**

When We Remember Those Who Have Passed This Year



We will have a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 24th at 6:30 pm. This will be a joint service with the United Lutheran Church.

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 25th

The Church Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (November 25th) as well as Friday, (November 26th).

Remember to turn your clocks “back” before you retire on Saturday, November 6th. **Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am Sunday, November 7th.**

SCRIP NEWS



Need ideas for gifts for that hard-to-buy-for someone in your life? Scrip gift cards offer over 750 choices!! Go to www.shopwithscrip.com to see the entire listing (bottom of page – Retailer Listing) or view the copy on the Scrip table in the Narthex.

A few ideas ... Amazon.com Many restaurants Southwest Airlines Barnes & Noble Menards Groupon.com United Airlines Bath & Body Works Jo-Ann Fabrics Delta Airlines Bed, Bath & Beyond Kohl's Disney Ace Hardware Instacart Ross Dress for Less Crate & Barrel Peapod Online Grocery Visa Gift Card Grocery Stores Various Gas Stations

Did you know ???

Any of the retailers listed in the blue notebook on the Scrip table in the Narthex can be added to the paper order form, or are easily available when placing an on-line order

\$10 Scrip Gift Cards will be available in November and December for stocking stuffers

The Scrip Team - Jan McReynolds (681-5343); Lillian Brown (598-4888), and Elinor Offerdahl (744-0414) are available to answer questions and help you place an order. We can teach you the online process over the phone – it's a snap!

Kohl's Scrip gift cards can be used to pay off your Kohl's credit card bill

A small assortment of gift cards are available for sale in the church office –during regular church office hours and on Sunday after worship. We take check or cash.

Minimize identify theft by using gift cards versus your credit card.

NEWER GIFT CARD: “Happy Moments” – good at Macy's, Red Lobster, Regal Cinemas, Buffalo Wild Wings, Bed Bath & Beyond, Sephora and Cheesecake Factory – 8% Rebate!

Another newer gift card: “Happy Dining” – good at Red Lobster, Cheesecake Factory, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cracker Barrel, PF Chang's and McCormick & Schmick's.

Don't forget Thanksgiving – perhaps you'll be needed extra groceries for guests or a gas card to travel to your holiday destination. We have it all!!

And, together, we have raised almost \$30,000 for the church since February 2014!!

NO ORDER IS TOO SMALL – IT ALL ADDS UP!!!

(Remember: These funds are earned with a rebate from G. L. Scrip; no additional monies are coming from our pockets!). A BIG thank you to those who have helped check orders, sort cards, deliver cards and to all of you who have ordered. This could not happen without ALL of you!!!!

Only 2 Scrip shopping Sundays left till Christmas!! (Nov. 14 and Dec. 12)

North Pointe UMC Accountable Leadership (ALB) Board Minutes Summary October 18, 2021

Board Members: Pastor – Sue Barham Chair – Pauline Mitchell Vice-Chair - Tom Wendt
Staff Pastor Parish – Sally Hoelzel & Jaymie Gister Trustees Reps – MaryAnn Furrie & Paul
Walquist Treasurer – Steve Oppeneer Finance – Tom Hughbanks & Tom Young
Leader Development – Ron Fox & Ellie Boldus At Large – Tom Wendt, Paula Thorson

The meeting was held in person and online using ZOOM and began with a call to order and prayer by Pauline Mitchell. Grace points were shared.

Finance: The September financial report was reviewed. Offering income was down about \$5000 in September.

Erie Campus, Ruby Avenue Parsonage: Erie Street Outside Cleanup Day set for Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9:00 a.m. – noon. All help is welcome. ... No word from City about expected Handicapped parking spaces in front of the church. ... A replacement adapter to fix livestreaming problem was ordered but has not arrived. A borrowed adapter is currently being used. ... Because of a question about animals in the church sanctuary, the NPUMC Pet Policy is to be regularly posted.

Communications, Website, Church Safety, etc. Website continues to be updated. A suggestion has been made to add a “welcome video” showing the inside of the church.

Missions: Several North Pointe members have been attending RIC Zoom meetings regarding the resettlement of Afghan refugees. Pastor Kelly from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is the main point person for the Lincoln Social Services, which is heading the resettlement efforts for about 40 Fort McCoy refugee families settling within 50 miles of the Milwaukee area. RIC is hoping to help resettle 3-10 families in the Racine area. Besides monthly financial support of about \$500 per person, other concerns to consider are proximity to housing options, shopping, bus lines, schools, and other useful services. Because of North Pointe’s location offering several of those options, a motion was approved that we work with RIC to investigate supporting Afghan refugee resettlement in our area. Volunteers are encouraged to join the team to help such a plan succeed.

Long-term Planning: Future plans for North Pointe are still being discussed. Particular emphasis will be ways for NPUMC to help meet the wants and needs of people in the community around the neighborhood of the church.

Salaries: Staff salaries were discussed.

Church Conference: The annual church council is tentatively set for December 5, 2021, after church.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

The next ALB Meeting will be **November 15, 2021, at 6:30 pm in-person and online with ZOOM.**

Submitted by Ellie Boldus



Thanksgiving Facts

Thanksgiving is an unusual holiday because it doesn't always fall on the same day of the year. Unlike Halloween and Christmas, the holiday always falls on the same day of the week, Thursday. While this may make planning around the holiday easier every year, many people don't seem to know why the holiday is scheduled this way.

In 1939, however, the last Thursday of the month was also the last day of the month. President Roosevelt was concerned that this would hurt shorten the Christmas shopping season, so he issued a proclamation that Thanksgiving would occur on the second to last Thursday of November instead.

This was a controversial decision, and in 1941, the House and Senate passed a resolution saying that Thanksgiving would occur on the fourth Thursday of November. This would thereby maintain the Christmas shopping season during years when November had five Thursdays.

This may answer why the holiday is scheduled the way that it is, but it doesn't explain why Thursday was chosen instead of another day of the week.

Historians believe that Thursday was chosen because it was one of the more convenient days of the week to have an annual feast. For the early Puritan settlers, Sunday was the Sabbath. It's likely that the early days of giving thanks were purposely scheduled not to interfere with the Sabbath. Also, Fridays were commonly days of fasting, making them inconvenient feast days for many people.

Since ministers would often give lectures on Thursdays in the New England area, Thursday seemingly became a convenient day for Thanksgiving. As the years went by, it became a tradition. By the time George Washington issued a proclamation for a day of Thanksgiving, Thursday had already been associated with feasts of that nature.



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS AT 9:30 AM

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