

NORTH POINTE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023

Pastor Emerita Post (P.E.P. Talk)

Dear Sisters and Brothers at North Pointe,

Here's an ancient greeting: Grace and Peace to you!

Here's a contemporary one, (taken from BBC dramas): Hope your day is going tickety-boo.

Here's a short bit of information re: our faith story that may be of interest:

Several Sundays ago, in a private conversation with a North Pointe member, the person said, "I don't believe in the resurrection."

"YAY!" I said. Please - before you ask the bishop to ask me to relinquish my orders, I want to say I believe in a "resurrection," but not in the way our religion has interpreted Jesus' life and death for the past 1700 years.

Rather, I learned that the word "resurrection" is translated from the Greek word anastasis, which means "rise up" or "to stand." Our faith ancestors used the word/phrase decades before Jesus was born in reference to people who had been martyred during revolts.

When they said "Stand Up," they were speaking to their community - the people, not individuals - who were continually being oppressed and abused. They encouraged each other to protest - even though consequences could be dire. They were claiming that the martyrs didn't die in vain. Resurrection, then, is a political statement. Jesus died, but the vision didn't. Jesus' death was not a finale, but a continuing affirmation of an ongoing story that points to an important human value.

We good church folk are called to "take a stand" against current oppressions and abuses, and "rise up" against policies and behaviors that are detrimental to the well-being of others. In many ways North Pointe takes a stand against and rises up to meet injustices and to care for a wide variety of needs. Pastor Sue regularly shares a long list of the work and successes this congregation supports.

Conversations in the Sunday morning adult class include ideas and reflections that help identify needs and provide support to each other as members. In addition, the class discusses religious terms (i.e. sin, sanctification, salvation, virgin birth, heaven, etc. etc.) that have been interpreted in ways that regulate, constrict, sometimes hurt, and continue to confirm misunderstandings.

The Christian religion is currently experiencing rapid change. Our own denomination has split, not just over LGBTQ issues, but some theological issues as well. Because of discoveries of ancient texts, studies of the earliest formations of Jesus followers are revealing exciting and enlightening new information. I enjoy talking with folks who want to explore their faith and welcome your questions.

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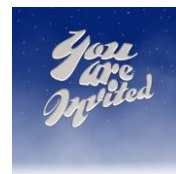
Pastor Emeritis continued

It is still a mystery how the story of Jesus took on a life of its own, and people held to his precepts in their daily life long enough for it to attract others. Given the diversity of Jesus-communities that eventually surfaced, there were undoubtedly uncounted traditions that grew and interacted. Some of these traditions had significant disagreements with one another over such issues as eating and circumcision. Sometimes resolutions could be reached (Jerusalem Council - Acts 15), sometimes not (also Acts 15).

It isn't until the time of Constantine and the development of the sequence of Creeds that his vibrant energy was structurally constricted into one attempt at regimented uniformity after another.

Wesley White, Reading Rewrites Mark's Gospel

You Are Invited to an **Ecumenical Prayer and Worship Service on Creation on Saturday, September 16th at 9:00 am at the Sienna Center**. The service is sponsored by RIC and Racine Churches. Everyone is invited.



Card-Making Workshop

Thursday, September 28, 2023 1:00p.m.

Fellowship Hall (West End)

Come join the women of North Pointe UMC as we make special Christmas and birthday cards for our members and friends who are unable to attend in-person worship and events. **Dianne Belland** will provide the necessary materials and examples for us to duplicate – or we can be creative and make our own designs. In appreciation to Dianne, the NP Women's Ministries will make a donation to Royal Family Kids Racine for their summer camp. RFK serves children ages 7 to 11 who have been abused, neglected or abandoned and are in foster care. This is an organization for which Dianne Belland has volunteered for many years.

There is no individual cost to you to attend this workshop, however, to be able to provide adequate materials, your registration is needed by Thursday, September 21st. You can register either by contacting the church office at 262-639-2441 or Linda Jackson at 262-633-7417.

Should you desire to make cards for your personal use, we will also accept and forward personal donations to RFK.

Come join the fun!

SEPTEMBER SCRIP NEWS

Can 't believe summer is over and fall is here. Fall means school is back in session, cooler evenings mean sweatshirt weather and the ending of outside get togethers.



Good News! School supplies are on sale, jackets and sweatshirts are on sale and time for apples for pies and applesauce. Better News, you can buy all of the above with a SCRIP Card.

The next SCRIP Ordering day is Sunday, September 10th.

There is always a reason to purchase and use the SCRIP cards!

Cash & Carry (cards that we carry 'in stock') are available for sale in the church office when Sue Dennison is in the office. First come, first served; and either cash or check are accepted. We carry a variety of cards in our Cash and Carry. If you have questions or need help contact: Elinor Offerdahl, or Lillian Brown.



Knit Newborn Baby Hats For Babies in Ghana

Rev. Dr. Listowell Mensah and wife, Felcia, take a group to Ghana every other year. They take items for the hospital and help provide a meal for 700 plus children on the last day of Bible School. You can help the little newborn angels by knitting or crocheting newborn baby hats. There will be a box in the Narthex for you to leave your hats. **The deadline for the hats is October 15, 2023**

Food Pantry Items for SEPTEMBER Canned Fruit and Vegetables Cake Mixes and Frosting



Mission Outreach For School Supplies

You still have time to donate school supplies for our Mission Outreach. The supplies will be divided between Jerstad Agerholm and Julian Thomas Elementary Schools. There is a box in the Narthex for your donations. You may bring your donations until Sunday, September 3rd. We are blessed to be so involved with our community.



Lylah Marie Chalkey, daughter of Kathleen and Jay Chalkey, sister of Lincoln, and granddaughter of Jeanne and Carl Korndoerfer, was born on August 15, 2023 and weighed 5# 7 oz. She might be small but she is mighty!

Our prayers and congratulations to the Korndoerfer and Chalkey Family.

We welcome Doris Zimmerman to our North Pointe Family.

Doris Zimmerman will become a member of the North Pointe on Sunday, September 17th. Doris has transferred her membership from Faith Bridge UMC to North Pointe UMC. Doris is a resident of St. Monica's Senior Living. Please add Doris to your Church Directory.



Doris Zimmerman
St. Monica's Senior Living
3920 North Green Bay Road Unit
#45
Racine, WI 53404



Congratulation To Alyssa (Vinz) and Matt Stees.

Alyssa and Matt were married on Saturday, August 12, in LaCrosse, WI. Pastor Barham participated in the ceremony

Our long time member and friend, Donna Wendt, passed away on Saturday, August 12th. Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Donna's husband, Tom, and their family.

Donna's Celebration of Life was held at North Pointe UMC on Saturday, August 26th, with Pastor Sue Barham officiating.



Youth Group Back at North Pointe And Has A NewName: YOUT.H. T.E.A.M

**We take YOU T(o) H(eart) As T(ogether) E(everyone) A(chieves)
M(ore).**

This is what the North Pointe Youth Group is doing in the future and what our goals are. We are having a Fundraiser to get our group going and will be taking free will offerings for the resin hearts that we made a few weeks ago. We will accept cash and checks but no credit or debit cards. The checks should be made out to NPUMC with Youth Team in the memo line. Thank you for your support and encouragement. The free will donations will support our Youth Team missions and ministries, one of which is our banned book library. You will hear more about this in the near future. Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement.

Community Conversations, Sunday, Sept. 10th

Community Conversations will be held on **Sunday, September 10th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary.** The title for this month's conversation is ***The Moral Imperative of Environmental Racism.*** It will be presented by Tim Hall, a promoter of Justice, Peace and Care of Creation with the Dominican Sisters of Racine. Everyone is invited.



New Email For North Pointe

North Pointe UMC has a new email address. It is
office@northpointeracine.org

Please delete the old address (tumcoffice@sbcglobal.net)

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 6th, at 1:00 pm in the Lounge. Everyone is invited.



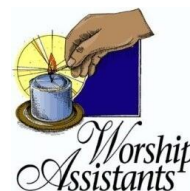
Worship Assistants in SEPTEMBER

Liturgists

September 3 Don Tyree Francis
September 10 Kim Hendrickson
September 17 Georgia Owens
September 24 Brigit McNeal

Ushers Team E

Carl Korndoerfer
Ron Fox
Tom Hughbanks
Paul Walquist



Fall Women's Activates

Please keep the following dates in fall open for women's activates

**Thursday, September 28th for card making at 1:00 pm
Sign Up TODAY. Deadline for registration is Thursday,
September 21st.**

Thursday, October 26th Come and make a Fall or Christmas wreath. Details for the wreath making class will be in October's Newsletter.

The deadline for articles for the October Newsletter is WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH.



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WORSHIP AT NORTH POINTE

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

ALL ARE WELCOME