



NORTH POINTE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2025

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

Dear Family at North Pointe,

On Sunday, January 12, conversation in the Adult Sunday School Class involved reactions to a video seen at the beginning of worship from Bishop Dan Schwerin. He read a letter from the Council of Bishops regarding the Trump Administration's threat to the humanity, livelihood, and basic human rights of migrants, immigrants, and refugees.

Bishop Schwerin reminded us of our baptismal vow to resist evil in all its forms and to oppose policies that harm. He did not take a side or tell us how to vote. He called on us to welcome into our congregation and provide support to those who are threatened ... "Jesus among us."

In class the question arose about mixing faith and politics. The 45-minute discussion included opposing viewpoints. While, I imagine individual feelings and opinions about the conversation also varied, to my mind the interchange was important. The trust level in the class allowed people to be heard and their opinions respected. There were questions for clarity, and no personal attacks.

While the conversation may have had painful moments for some, I am grateful for those 45 minutes and the class members who had the courage to ask a question or speak their mind. I hunger for people of faith to be so caring for one another that they can disagree on important issues and still be friends. Especially religious and political issues.

Often during the conversation, the words faith and values were spoken. I am currently reading - Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening by Diana Butler Bass. Bass discusses a "belief gap" in Western religion. She traces a gradual change in our religious practice from what we believe to how we believe. She writes "When we ask how we're not asking for a fact, conclusion, or opinion. We're asking for a hands-on deeper knowledge of the thing - a neighborhood or city, a craft or recipe, an open possibility, an idea, a sense of ourselves or of a relationship."

For me, when I show up on Sunday it's not the what I believe about God, Jesus, resurrection, virgin birth, etc.*. (creedal stuff) it's the how I believe. It's how I interact with you, how I respond to what's happening, how I will spend the afternoon. (how I decide what to write in a P.E.P. ?) The how comes from a deeper exploration and experience of my life within the Christian faith.

I'm writing this P.E.P. thing on January 14. By the time these words go out over the internet, Donald J. Trump will have been President for several days. We will have many opportunities to hear the what's and consider the how's. I hope we will have the courage to have conversations that will mix faith and politics.

NBK

*What I believe might mean surrendering my Holy Ghost Outfit.



2025 Flower Chart Is Up!

The 2025 Flower Chart is up and ready for you to offer flowers for the altar in honor of an event or someone.

IF you want to bring in your own bouquet, that is fine. Be sure to let the church office know. IF you want us to supply the flowers the cost is \$35. We need to know if you want flowers by the Tuesday before that Sunday. Please sign your name and if possible, the reason for the flowers. Please use a pen or marker to sign your name, pencil is very hard to read. You may call the church office (262-639-2441) and we will take care of it for you.



Community Conversations on Sunday, February 23rd, at 2:30 pm. Guest Speakers: Linda Boyle and Sue Spicer. Topic: Understanding Immigration

UMCOR Helping Devastation in California

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) coming to the aid of those afflicted by the California Fires. You may help by making a donation to UMCOR through North Pointe. Please make your check or envelope out to North Pointe UMC and in the Memo Line: UMCOR. The deadline to donate is Sunday, February 16th.





Your Ideas Are Needed

The Mission Committee is asking you for your ideas on projects the committee can do in 2025.

We have completed our Pillows Project for HALO in October 2024.

We now have the two projects (school supplies and warm clothing). We want to be involved in the community.

We appreciate your ideas.

Thanking you in advance. Please contact Dianne Belland, Ellie Boldus and Georgia Owens.

God Bless Each of You



Self-care is heart-health care. Practicing self-care can keep our hearts healthy. Being physically active, eating healthier foods, getting enough sleep, not smoking, and finding healthy ways to reduce stress can help prevent heart disease. And, when we take care of our hearts, we set an example for those around us to do the same.

Warm Items For Students at S. C. Johnson and Olympia Brown Elementary Schools Update

Special thanks to everyone that participate in our Warm Clothing Project for schools: S.C. Johnson and Olympia Brown Elementary Schools.

We appreciate Murdell Davis, Ellie Boldus, Dianne Belland and Georgia Owens for organizing the items. We also thank Jean Gobeli for opening the doors for us on Monday, January 13th. WE ALL WORK WELL TOGETHER!

Items that were collected:

80 gloves 82 Caps 1 pair leggings 10 pair of socks 31 scarves 40 masks

Two (2) boxes were completed for each school.

The items were blessed on Sunday, January 19th, during the worship service. They were delivered to the schools by Ellie Boldus, Rommel Ellis and Georgia Owens.

The schools were overjoyed to receive the items.

Everyone, you are a jewel for giving.

I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you

Ephesians 1: 16

The Mission Committee





RIC Love and Justice Breakfast, Saturday, Feb. 8th Infusinos on Rapids Drive

Our own Michie Simpson will again be donating her delicious cake to be auctioned off during the breakfast. We are asking you to donate so North Pointe can bid on

the cake and bring it home! Please mark your donation “Cake” . The breakfast is from 8:00 am until 10:00 am. For tickets (\$30) and other information, contact



We are very proud of our North Pointe Musicians.

Special thanks to Tony Roland, Martha Jackson Oppeneer and Carol Smith who give so much to make our worship pleasant and inspiring with their musical gifts.

Thanks to our Bell Choir who take time to be at church early to practice and prepare for future worship service..

We are a church of Sharing and Caring.

Thought for the Day: How am I using my gifts to serve God?

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the gifts you give to each of us and for the opportunity to serve alongside others. Amen.

February 2025 Newsletter Article From the YOUt.h. T.E.A.M.

Need a Valentine?



The Youth Team will be offering their resin hearts in the Narthex area on **Sunday, February 9th** before and after our worship service; just in time for Valentine’s Day. A hug is always a great gift. The price is right too - all are offered for a free will offering. All proceeds help our Youth Team ministry and mission.

Peep Show

The Youth Team is also considering participating in the Racine Art Museum’s Annual Peeps Show in April (at the time of this writing, we are still waiting on some of our team members to cast their vote in regards to participating in this.) We would like to make an art exhibit and offer it for this annual exhibition. It’s a fun way to be a part of our greater community and we hope you will support us. **HOW????** We need



donations of a variety of Peeps marshmallow candies – only the Peeps brand is allowed in this friendly competition. We need your donations as soon as possible and by the end of February at the latest, because we need to let them dry out so we can use them to build our display. There will be a container to place them in, in the Narthex. Our final decision will be made by the end of January – so we will tell you all if we are going forward with this, so you can help support us. Thanks for considering this.

The other way you can help us is to actually go see the display at the Racine Art Museum from April 9th - April 26th and cast your vote for our exhibit. If we come up on top with the votes, we will be awarded the Peoples Choice Award. If you haven't seen this exhibition in the past years, we highly recommend you go. You'll have fun and see some very creative offerings.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET to come visit the YOUt.h. T.E.A.M. room and borrow a book or two from our banned book library (new books are added every month.) &/OR pick up a resin heart or two to help spread love and compassion in our world.



FEBRUARY LITURGIST

2nd Sally Hoelzel

9th Kathy Young

16th Maureen Ellis

23rd Lea Acord

FEBRUARY USHERS

TEAM E

Carl Korndoerfer

Ron Fox

***Don & Jeanne Tyree
Francis***

Communion Stewards:

Laura French and Jaymie/Skyler Gister

SCRIP NEWS

A New Year and a new winter season is here. Time to go through all those bins from last year and check out what you need to keep warm. February is also the month for Valentines Day. Maybe a special gift for your Valentine! is on your “to do” list. Don’t forget the romantic meal that goes along with that special day. You can check off your list by purchasing SCRIP Cards for on line gifts, a box of candy or a gift as well as a restaurant for that dinner or grocery store to purchase the ingredients for a meal.

Order your cards on Sunday, February 9th.

Cash & Carry (cards that we carry ‘in stock’) are available for sale in the church office when Sue Dennison is in the office. Cash or checks are accepted. We carry a variety of cards in our Cash and Carry. Questions/help contact: Elinor Offerdahl, or Lillian Brown.

Food Pantry Items for FEBRUARY

**Pancake Mix
Syrup Bar Soap**

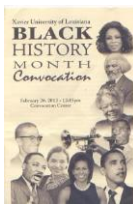


Dear North Pointe United Methodist Congregation,

Thank you for your continued support of the North Side Food Pantry. You provide a facility to host the pantry and the hot meal program sponsored by Saint Vincent de Paul. You volunteer to help unload trucks, you work at the pantry, and you provide \$4,000 of financial support to help meet the needs of the families who seek our help. In 2024, we served 1,900 families: consisting of 5,900 adults and children. Both are all-time records. Unfortunately, the need to provide these services to the community seems to continue to grow as we move forward into 2025.

Thank you for all your support and continue to keep up the good work.

Steve



February Black History Month

Black History Month is an annually observed commemorative month originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month.

It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora, initially lasting a week before becoming a month-long observation since 1970.

It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada, where it has received official recognition from governments, and more recently has also been celebrated in Ireland and the United Kingdom where it is observed in October.

G.E.T. U.P.

- G** Grow through what you go through.
E Elevation Requires Sacrifice
T Talk to yourself, not as you are at this moment but who you were created to be
U Unapologetically Walk in God's divinity designed plan for you
P Perseverance will require you to push past your pain in order to access your purpose

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday 9:30 am—2:30 pm

COME WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAYS MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM

COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE

MONTH ALL ARE WELCOME