

NORTH WINDSOR & POYNETTE INCH



Faith Life Monthly

February 2018

A Message from Bishop Hee-Soo Jung:

Psalm 104:33 – “I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.”

My brothers and sisters, thank you! Let us celebrate and sing, rejoice and be glad. Together, we have done a wonderful thing! Because of our commitment and generosity, lives have been saved, people have been given hope, and the loving grace and power of Jesus Christ have been shared around the world. God is doing amazing things through us, and we should be joyful. I want every pastor in our Conference to share the good news with the whole congregation: Wisconsin Conference paid its General Church apportionments in full, 100%, for 2017. In fact, we paid our commitment to Africa University at 105%!

Many in our Church live under a myth about apportionments. They feel these are administrative costs, or pay insurance, or overhead, or salary support. And while a very small portion does go to these costs (less than 6%), the vast majority fund life-saving, faith-raising, hope-giving mission and ministry locally, denominationally, and globally.

In Wisconsin, we have camps and campus ministries and mission teams funded through our apportionments. We support health and welfare ministries, young clergy education and development, clergy and laity training, new congregational development, and a host of mercy and justice ministries. Our Boards of Ordained and Lay Ministries are funded. Local, jurisdictional, national and international missions, ministry, projects, and programs are supported.

Globally, we help The United Methodist Church be early on the spot in times of natural disasters and human suffering. This year, Wisconsin was present in Mexico, Florida, Texas, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Haiti, Zimbabwe, and a host of other locations around the world through our connectional and second mile giving. We support Sager Brown in Louisiana and Midwest Distribution in Illinois, numerous local and national projects through Volunteers in Mission, and internationally through International Volunteers in Mission, and many ongoing projects through our denomination.

We are in partnership with many of our General Boards and Agencies, and the ministries they carry out. We celebrate United Methodist Committee on Relief, The General Boards of Global Ministries, Church and Society, Pensions and Health Benefits and others. We are connected to our General Council on Finance and Administration, United Methodist Communications, Discipleship Ministries, the Commissions on Archives and History, Religion and Race, and the Status and Role of Women. We have been richly blessed, and superbly resourced by many of these agencies.

We are in ministry, together. I openly acknowledge that for many of our churches it is a struggle to pay apportionments in full. It has been a sacrificial struggle for the Conference to make apportionment payments to the General Church a priority, as well. But we know that there is no greater, or more faithful way for us to be in ministry together than to celebrate our connectional identity and recommit to our Wesleyan roots by funding first the works of justice, mercy and truth. We may argue over theology, and we may have vastly different understandings of the meaning of scripture – we may even debate the structure and future of the denomination, but what doesn't change is our commitment to be a witness for Christ in the world. That is what paying apportionments is: our witness of the love and grace and power of Christ in the world. When we all do our part, God blesses us and the Holy Spirit works through us to do amazing things.

And so, once more, I thank you. I encourage you to celebrate that we paid 100% together as a Conference of The United Methodist Church. I also encourage all of our churches to set 100% payment of local church apportionments as a goal for 2018 and beyond. It is our shared ministry, and it is the way we are all faithful to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” And one last word, please be sure to highlight, promote, celebrate, and participate in UMCOR Sunday, March 11, 2018. More information is available: <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing>.

Grace and Peace,
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For those unable to worship at a faith community on a regular basis ...

There are times when folks are not able to worship as they would like. And this can happen for a variety of reasons. Yet, keeping connected to your faith family is also important! Both faith communities have opportunities for folks to keep connected. If you would like a visit and have not been visited, please contact the appropriate person.

North Windsor – Ken & Sharon Saeger can bring communion the first week of the month and visit any time of the month. 608-846-2295 or sksaeger@charter.net.

Poynette Inch – has a group of volunteers who do home visits. Donna Luessman is the coordinator. Please contact her at 608-635-4448.

Poynette Inch Choir Schedule for 2018:

Thursday February 15th 6:30 PM Practice

Sunday February 18th 9:15 AM Practice

Sunday February 18th 10 AM Sing during worship

Thursday March 8th 6:30 PM Practice

Sunday March 11th 9:15 AM Practice

Sunday March 11th 10 AM Sing during worship

Wednesday March 28th 6:30 PM Practice

Sunday April 1st 9:15 AM Practice

Sunday April 1st Easter Sunday 10 AM sing during worship.



Thank You:

- Thank you from Colton Neabling for the scholarship money. He will be graduating this May with a BS in Construction Management. He has accepted a job with Gilbone as a Project Engineer at the Milwaukee Office.
- Thank you from the Columbia County Humane Society for all the gifts for the dogs and cats.
- Thank you from the Poynette Military Troop Support Group for the generous donation from our Simple Gift offerings. \$80 was sent and will help continue their Mission of Gratitude for our soldiers in Afghanistan!
- Thank you from Scott, Jennifer and Wyatt Doherty for the generous donations they received from the church and church members. They are so deeply grateful not only for the monetary gifts but all the prayers for their family.
- Thank you from the PAD Pantry for the donations for food and money. In 2017 they gave 944 boxes of food to needy families. Thank you also for those from your church that volunteer to help at the pantry each month.

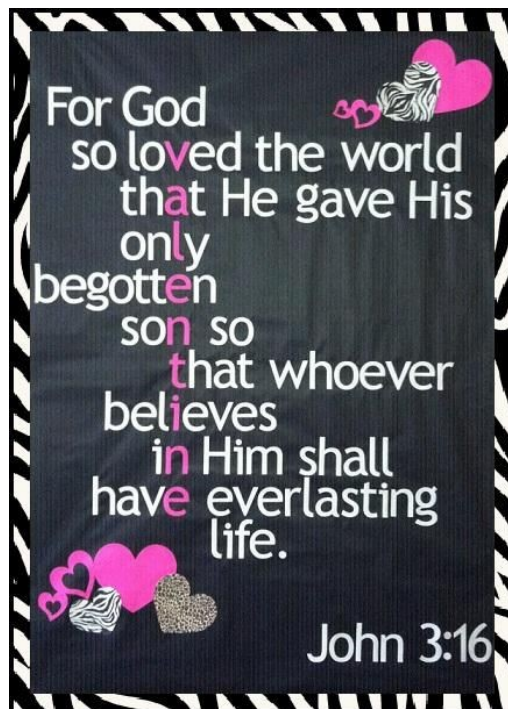
All of these thank you cards we received this month are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for anyone that wants to read them!

**Prairie Dartball League-February**

North Windsor Dartball League is in full swing. If you have any questions feel free to contact Bob Meixner at 608-825-6257 or meixrs@msn.com.



- Feb. 1 North Windsor will host the Knights of Columbus
- Feb. 8 North Windsor will host Bashford
- Feb. 15 North Windsor will travel to Windsor UCC
- Feb. 22 North Windsor will host ASLC





Blessings in a Backpack Update

The Poynette Blessings Program has had a great school year. Here are a few highlights:

- The Poynette Research Products (Aprilaire) made a \$2,000 donation in October. This was the result of a challenge the company had over the summer.
- Generous donations were received from the St. Thomas Christian Women, the Poynette Area Family Fun Festival, Arlington United Methodist Women, United Community Bank, Pflanz Mantley Mendrala Funeral Home, Poynette Inch UMC and Poynette -Dekorra Community Fire Department.
- Several individuals have made donations as well. One of particular note was a donation made in memory of a loved one.
- In December, students from the Poynette Elementary School held a craft fair and bake sale. Blessings was invited to participate. Students were encouraged to donate some of the proceeds from the sale of their items. Blessings received \$254.88 from students and other attendees!
- In December, the Steve Sticker American Family Golf Outing awarded grants totaling about \$1.7 million back to the community. The Poynette Blessings Program received a \$5,000 grant from this foundation!
- It was a goal for our local Blessings program to give each student who receives a weekly Blessing bag a new pair of pajamas before Christmas. The Arlington Branch of Monsanto generously participated in this, provided about half of the pajamas. We were so excited to be able to share warm pj's with students as a special Christmas gift. A huge thank you to Monsanto and their staff for making this happen!

Because of these very generous donations, the Blessings program has been able to make more substantial bags over the holidays and on three-day weekends. Each week, the Blessings program is provided food to 55 students. Thank you to the many volunteers who help with the program: packing food, shopping, delivering food, providing administrative help and supporting this program. We're excited to make a difference in student lives every week.



Our youth are going on Mission Trips! They will become the hands and feet of God this Summer. We have two high school students that will be going for their 3rd year on the Sidekicks Mission trip to Washington D.C. We have six middle school students that will join Jason and Michele Koopmans and Jared Wentz up to Superior Wisconsin for the Wildfire Mission Trip. We will again be having a Garage Sale during the Poynette Community Wide Garage Sales in May. Please start cleaning out your homes and considering donating your items to the church for our sale. On May 5 we will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for these youth to be able to go be the hands and feet of God. Please save the date I hope you bring your appetite!

Feb. 11 is Kids Sunday. The WNCS kids will sing during worship. The FUEL Kids will help Tim with the worship service and we will have a special treat that Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see all our families there!

Looking ahead we will have Ash Wednesday Service here at Poynette Inch UMC on Feb. 14th at 6:30 PM and all WNCS/FUEL kids will participate during this worship service. So that night WNCS/FUEL will go till 7:30 PM. Look forward to having your children and families join us that evening.

God's Blessings!

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North Windsor Sunday School

North Windsor UMC has Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:30 to 10:30 AM!

Children ages 4K to 8th grade are all WELCOME! Contact Sharon Saeger at 608-846-2295



Happy Birthday to our Church Family Members:

Feb. 1	Marti Vanningan
Feb. 2	Jack Hipke
Feb. 2	Cherie Anderson
Feb. 4	Donna Bushie
Feb. 4	Kathryn Rowe
Feb. 5	Ronald Olsen
Feb. 11	Parker Hoskins
Feb. 11	Diane Meixner
Feb. 12	Jeanette Meixner
Feb. 13	Eli Milton
Feb. 17	Zander Kleist
Feb. 19	Trevor Moen
Feb. 19	Vicki Tomlinson
Feb. 26	Raven Kleist
Feb. 26	Jared Meixner
Feb. 26	Trevor Meixner
Feb. 26	Shelby Wheeler



WNCS/FUEL Mission Project for 2018

Personal Dignity Kits

The WNCS/FUEL Kids will be bringing in coins and dollars or the items below for us to take to our Wisconsin Annual Conference which is June 15-18, 2018. If you would like to donate items rather than money here is the list.

Kit Contains:

Hand Towel Bath	Shampoo 3 to 4 Oz
Wash Cloth Bath	Deodorant 2 to 3 Oz
Comb	Bar Soap 3 Oz or larger
Nail Clippers	Razor
Toothbrush	Toothpaste 2.5 Oz or larger

After the new year I will have a basket up in front of the sanctuary for items to go into and in April WNCS/FUEL Kids will help pack the full kits that we have!

God's Blessings!

~Michele



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February Service

North Windsor

Liturgists

4 Ken Saeger
 11 Sharon Saeger
 18 Ann Hoskins
 25 Dale Meixner

Liturgists

Charley Charmley
 Kids Church
 Donna Bushie
 Lavina Powers

Poynette Inch

Ushers

Bea Lindner & Kelly Trudell
 Kids Church
 Todd & Shannon Freimuth & Family
 Brett & Jo Wheeler & Family

March Service

North Windsor

4 Mary Ann Shippert
 11 Kevin Meixner
 18 Ken Saeger
 25 Sharon Saeger

Andy Ross
 Gerry Heuer
 Michele Koopmans
 Kids Sunday

Poynette Inch

Betti Palmer & Sandy Hornback
 Don & Debi Morgan
 Davey & Vicki Tomlinson
 Kid Sunday