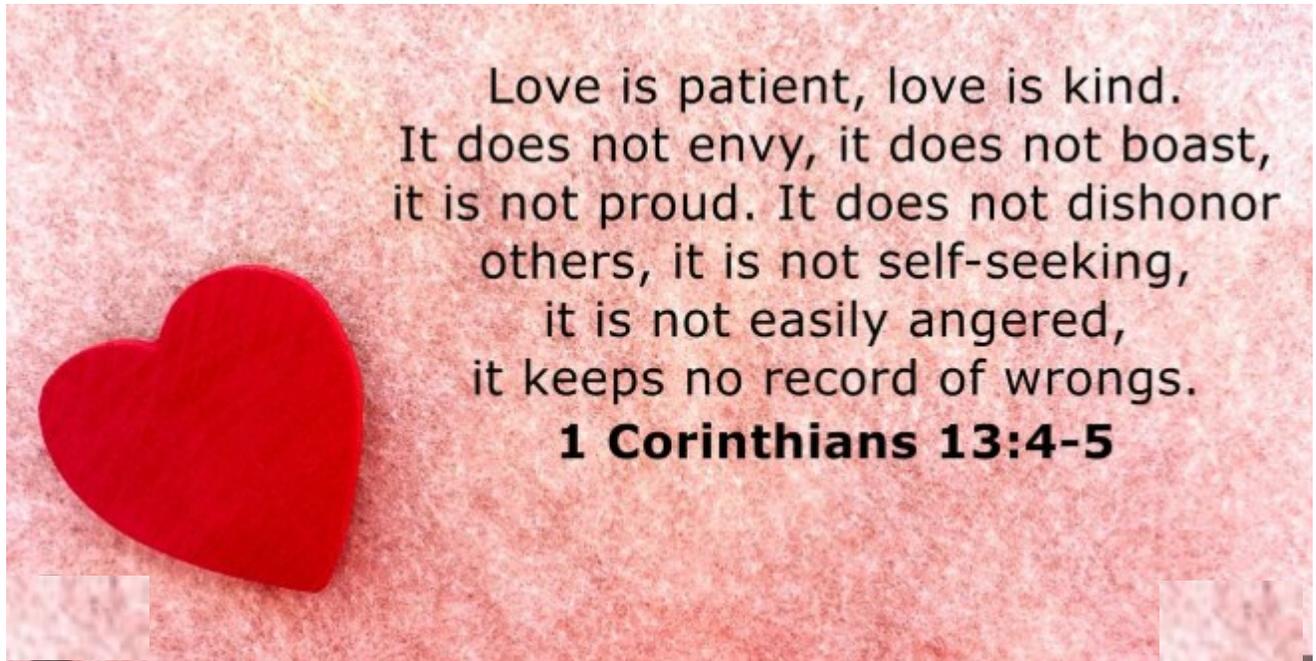




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FEBRUARY 2026
NEWSLETTER OF THE
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SBUMC Sunday Worship Service

10:00 AM

Available Remotely on our Church Website

YouTube: SB United Methodist Church

Service Recordings will be **delayed One Week** for WDOR Radio 93.9 FM or 910 AM
9:30 AM Sunday Mornings

JACKSONPORT Sunday Worship

8:45 AM Cave Point Road at Hwy 57,
Jacksonport WI

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OUT OF OFFICE: Lorna will be out of the office beginning February 3rd returning February Monday, February 9th.



Pastors' CORNER

February 2026 - Pastor JoAnn

Greetings church family! I am excited to be heading into the month of February! I have always thought of February as a month of love. I have such fond memories of sharing Valentine's with my classmates in grade school. I loved to fill out those Valentines with my classmate's name on them, and usually my mom let me add a piece of candy to it! I loved bringing home my decorated Valentine box and opening it to reveal all the notes of love from my friends. I kept that tradition going into middle school and high school. Still to this day, I love to celebrate Valentine's Day with my family and friends, because there is something special about telling people that you love and care for them. So, February is a natural month to stop and ponder God's great love for us. God showers upon us unconditional AGAPE love each and every day of our lives, and that is something to celebrate! God's AGAPE love for us fills us, and we are then able to overflow onto others. I would challenge each of us this February to look for opportunities to show love to everyone that you meet. I challenge each of us to look for ways that we can love others in our homes, workplaces, and in our community. Do you have a friend that is sick? Why not make them dinner? Does someone you know need encouragement? Why not send them a card? Do you know someone without a church home? Why not invite them to church? In this newsletter you will find a list of ideas to get you started. If everyone in our congregation committed to one random act of kindness a day, imagine the number of people that would be touched by the love of Jesus! The possibilities are endless! Go in love. Serve others. Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring your friend to Christ! See you in church!



February Worship Services

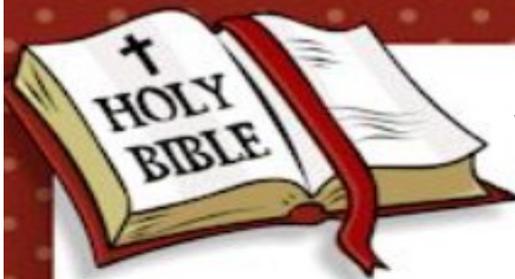
In February, we will continue our sermon series exploring **John Wesley's Theology of Grace** and how God's grace is at work in our lives every day. This series invites us to reflect on the many ways God meets us, shapes us, and draws us closer through grace.

We are excited to welcome **Pastor Jeff** back to the pulpit this month. As part of our ongoing pulpit exchange, Pastor JoAnn and Pastor Jeff are continuing to swap congregations as a way to deepen our connection and get to know one another's church families. It has truly been a blessing to worship together, share in ministry, and build relationships across our communities—and we look forward to continuing this meaningful time together.

Sunday February 1st: Sanctifying Grace: Worship led by Pastor JoAnn

Sunday February 8th: "How to Be a Supper Bowl Christian"

Sunday February 15th: Transfiguration Sunday: Worship led by Pastor Jeff



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER & STUDY:
"Finding Hope in a Time of Crisis." Taught by
Bruce Fenner. Here is a synopsis of the class:**

No one is an expert on suffering. Life is hard. Each of us needs inspiration. We need to absorb the life experiences of fellow travelers who have put the scriptures to the test and found the grace of God sufficient. In the midst of a crisis can we find a "better day." Where do we find strength? Is there real hope? As a backdrop, the class will be using the story of Ed Dobson who was diagnosed and lived with (ALS) Lou Gehrig's disease for fifteen years.

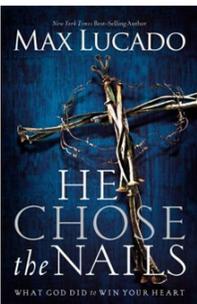
In the process of reflection, it is hoped we will discover "pearls of wisdom" that can be assets for us as we live in the land of "milk and honey."

CLASS BREAKDOWN:

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| January 7, 2026. - "It Ain't Over Till It's Over" | February 11, 2026 - "Ask Forgiveness" |
| January 14, 2026 - "Consider the Birds" | February 18, 2026. - No Class - Ash Wednesday |
| January 21, 2026 - "Be There" | February 25, 2026 - "Land of Milk and Honey" |
| January 28, 2026 - No Class - Lumberjack Dinner | |
| February 4, 2026 - "My Garden" | |



We will be having an Ash Wednesday Bread and Soup Supper on Wednesday February 18th at Sturgeon Bay UMC, at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Soup will be served from 6:00 until 6:45 p.m. and there will be an Ash Wednesday service immediately following at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



Lenten bible study beginning on Sunday Mornings:

On Sunday February 22nd we will be beginning a new 5-week Lenten bible study by Max Lucado entitled "**He Chose the Nails**". Class will meet Sunday mornings in the lounge at Sturgeon Bay United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Snacks/light breakfast will be served. Here is a description of what we will be studying: "The wood. The thorns. The nails. Christ's sacrifice has defined the very essence of mankind's faith for the past 2000 years. And now, Max Lucado invites you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance with He Chose the Nails. With his warm, caring style, Max examines the symbols surrounding Christ's crucifixion, revealing the claims of the cross and asserting that if they are true, then Christianity itself is true. The supporting evidence either makes the cross the single biggest hoax of all time, or the hope of all humanity." I hope to see you there!



DEBORAH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, February 10th at 9:00am in the lounge. We will have refreshments and a business meeting followed by the discussion of our book, **The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray**. This book is a work of fiction but could be called historical fiction. It is about a young light skinned woman who was colored but passed for white to be hired as the personal librarian to Mr. JP Morgan. She attended Princeton University. Mr. J.P. Morgan was an American financier and banker. He was one of World's foremost financial figures who founded one of the leading financial firms of the U.S., J.P. Morgan and Company. He was also an enthusiastic art collector and leading philanthropist of his time. The book tells about the life of Miss Bella da Costa Greene who was hired to work for Mr. Morgan as his personal secretary. All women in our church are invited and encouraged to join us to listen to/discuss this fascinating book.

Julie Taylor, Chairperson
Deborah Circle



MENS' CLUB NEWS By Ken Boettcher
Our next Meeting is **Sunday, February 8**, at 11:10, after worship. We will review our Lumberjack Supper event at that time.



Ignite: Exploring Your Call: Mar. 13-15, 2026: Are you experiencing God's call inviting you into ministry? Or do you see God nudging someone else? Ignite 2026 is a special discernment event for people exploring ministry as laity, licensed, or ordained clergy. The North Central Jurisdiction of the UMC will host this at the Wespath building in Glenview, IL. Activities will include worship, workshops, presentations, agency fairs, and opportunities to speak with bishops and denominational leaders. The event is \$99, hotel not included. If you are interested, speak to your pastor or contact DS Park Hunter. Registration and information here... (<https://web.cvent.com/event/1326648c-98df-4fca-ad74-ff8150ec5a84/summary>)

Bishop's Convocation of Laity 2026

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 am- 2:00 pm, Portage

UMC: You're invited to join us at this year's Bishop's Convocation of Laity! If you are a member of **The United Methodist Church** and a disciple of **Jesus Christ**, this gathering is for you. Join laity from across the conference as we connect with **conference leadership** and come together in worship, learning, and fellowship around the theme "**Practicing Hope.**"

Together we will explore:

- What does it mean to practice hope?
- What did Jesus teach us about practicing hope?
- How is our Bishop calling us to live out hope today?

Registration is **\$10 per person** and includes a spirit-lifting day at **Portage United Methodist Church**, 1804 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI, with fellowship and lunch provided.

Watch-party locations are also available at no cost, offering the opportunity to participate online alongside others in your community.

To Register See Website: <https://www.wisconsinumc.org/>

SPECIAL EVENTS & NEW LENTEN SERIES



Win and get your name on the golden ladle!

COOKOFF: It's back! Super bowl Sunday soup'er chili cook-off. February 8th after church make your best chili or soup to share. We will be doing judging like we did in the past; money in the basket by the one you like. The soup or chili with the most money in its basket will be the winner of the golden ladle. Money raised from this will go towards a trip for the kids to go on. Thank you.



BINGO & PIZZA RIGHT AFTER CHURCH:

FEBRUARY 22ND, Pizza and drinks will also be provided. We ask that you bring a prize to share. Prize ideas include: money, candy, drinks, notebook/journal, or anything else you think would make a good prize. Hope to see you there!



LENTEN SERMON SERIES: Purple Theory: Habits and routines help us stay on track in many areas of our lives – whether it's our physical, mental, or emotional health. They can help us grow in our spiritual lives too. In this series, we will explore several spiritual disciplines, or faithful habits, that can help us deepen our relationship with God. Lent is the perfect time to commit or recommit to a spiritual discipline, as we enter a season of self-examination in preparation for Easter.

Wednesday February 18th: Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday February 22nd: Prayer

Sunday March 1st: Scripture

Sunday March 8th: Fasting

Sunday March 15th: Repentance

Sunday March 22nd: Journalling as a Spiritual Disc.

Sunday March 29th: Silence and Palm Sunday Funday

Friday April 3rd: Good Friday Service

Sunday April 9th: Easter Breakfast before worship and Celebration Service



AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.....



LUMBERJACK SUPPER 2026 CONTINUED





PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

Dear Lord, we are in a time of change in our culture which has left our churches with new challenges in our mission of sharing the Gospel with our communities and the world. I pray that you will guide us into what lies ahead with the knowledge that you are with us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and that your promise to us is that you will be with us even until the end of time. Break-through our uncertainties and fears giving us the courage that comes from trusting in your will in the time times in which we live. Amen.

SPECIAL PRAYERS NEEDED & PRAISE REPORTS

A young Sevastopol student is battling cancer. Please pray for their family that God's grace will give them strength and healing.

Please pray: For those living in fear for their security and safety, in our country and throughout the world. For those who are being persecuted or killed for their faith and/or ethnicity. For those whose country is torn by war and violence, we pray for peace.

We pray for the Hispanic Ministry that their congregation may continue to flourish and thrive according to God's will.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO NEED MERCY, HEALING, AND COMFORT

Barb & Dan Riederer	George Emmerich
Elva Spetz	Jeannie Hill
Sandy Temby	Faye Pontzloff
Bob Barnard	Steve Duhr
Paul Klansky	Janice Thorton (Pastor J)
Rosemary Hintz	Shannon Filsinger (Merry D)
Maddie Ostrand	Carol Moellenberndt



Isaiah: 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. 13 For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and



SBUMC & JUMC OUTREACH: If you or a loved one are ill, grieving, or experiencing a hardship, and our congregation may lift you in prayer, please contact the church office and let us know your need. We are not always made aware of your circumstances in a timely manner and Pastor JoAnn would like to stay better connected to you in your time of need. If you would like a call from Pastor JoAnn, or Jean, our Parish Nurse, please let us know when it would be good time to phone you for an update and prayer. If you have a need, please contact the church as follows:

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church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org
 Pastor JoAnn Meyer:
pastorjomeyer@gmail.com
 Jean at parish.nurse@sturgeonbayumc.org

Emergencies & Other Calls:

Pastor JoAnn 608-330-1461



NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE
 by Lorna Magliaro

Well, this has been quite a winter. The weather has not been kind. Please keep those who are homeless in your prayers. I was thinking about it as I was driving to work this morning, at -16 degrees, how horrible it would be to have to survive without shelter. Speaking of Prayers.....

Please let the office know of upcoming surgeries, illnesses, or hardships so that we may lift you in prayer. We have some mighty prayer warriors in our church. You are not alone.

FEBRUARY MISSION: BOYS & GIRLS

CLUB: The boys and girls club in Sturgeon Bay provides a safe space where kids and teens 7-17 can spend time between school and home. They engage in a variety of activities and programs that include hands-on experiences from trained professionals. They also provide a space to help the members with their school work. Their mission statement is: "To inspire young people to explore what's possible". Thank you for donating to this important cause that helps grow the next generation.



MONTHLY MISSION GIVING 2026	
January - HELP of Door County	\$280.00
February - Boys & Girls Club	\$135.00
March – Backpack Buddies	\$200.00
April – Midwest Mission (Rice	\$105.00
May - SB Hispanic Ministries Marshall House	\$105.00
June – Red Bird Mission	\$105.00
July - Interfaith Coalition For Housing - SB	\$105.00
August - Sunshine Resources	\$105.00
September – Local Food Pantries	\$105.00
October – UMCOR - Disaster Recovery	\$105.00
December – Mittens & Blankets	\$105.00
Special - Clean Start Program	\$200.00
2026 Monthly Missions YTD Total	\$1,655.00

Thank You for Your Generosity



Monthly Mission Projects 2025 Follow-up by Ken Boettcher, Committee member

Thank you for your wonderful response to our 2025 Mission Projects. Here are the year totals:

UMCOR- Disasters	\$ 4575.00
Rice Meals	\$ 4615.77
Habitat, Door County	\$ 2180.00
UMCOR- Clean Water	\$ 990.00
Sunshine Resources	\$ 1095.00
Hispanic Ministry	\$ 1765.00
Blankets/Mittens	\$ 697.95
Backpack Buddies	\$ 3625.00
Food Pantries	\$ 2170.00
Mujila Falls, Africa	\$ 1635.00
Ecumenical Housing	\$ 715.00
Bolivia, Sr Housing	\$ 1540.00
Clean Start	\$ 2115.00
HELP of Door County	\$ 100.00

Thank You for Your Generosity

Dear Neighbors In The Pew - Thank you for helping me fill the blessing box. I have been assured that it is used daily. I am sorting out the expired food items. There have been some placed in the box and dates in 2017. Although some canned goods may be okay to eat past their expiration date, many years out may be risky. As always protein items (canned beef, tuna, salmon) are needed. Canned fruits also disappear quickly. Cooking oil, cereal and cooking stuff like flour and sugar get taken. With the colder weather, I've been putting in fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, and bread. Boxed milk always goes quickly. There is also always a need for your extra shopping bags. Hard to believe that in this rich country there are hungry people.

Friends in Christ, Susan Pfannenstiel



Nurses Notes

By Jean Kapolnek, RN

Happy Winter to everyone.....

As I have reflected on this past year of caregiving my mom and also my uncle in Florida, I've realized the differences of having "your affairs in order" vs nothing in any order. I am the power of attorney in both instances. My mom had everything done. The paperwork was in a neat folder. She had her funeral mass planned which included the luncheon place and had that paid for. My uncle things aren't that neat and tidy. I have found myself frustrated and a bit of an FBI agent mostly because he has a dementia diagnosis. This is the reason that I write this article today.

Planning Today for Peace Tomorrow

As people of faith, we know that earthly life is temporary, yet few of us take the time to prepare for the day when we will meet the Lord. Thoughtful planning is a final gift of love to our families, sparing them the burden of guessing our wishes in a time of grief. Consider taking a few simple steps: write a will, designate a trusted person as your healthcare proxy, prepare advance directives, and organize important documents like insurance policies, financial accounts, and funeral preferences. Sharing these with your loved ones ensures that when the time comes, they can focus on prayer, comfort, and celebrating your life—rather than searching for answers. Planning ahead is not a sign of fear but a faithful way to leave peace in your wake.

This is only a brief overview of the things that need to be done. I can dig deeper and get more specific if need be. We have great resources at our fingertips. The ADRC is an amazing place to start this journey if you haven't.

FEEBRUARY 2026

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