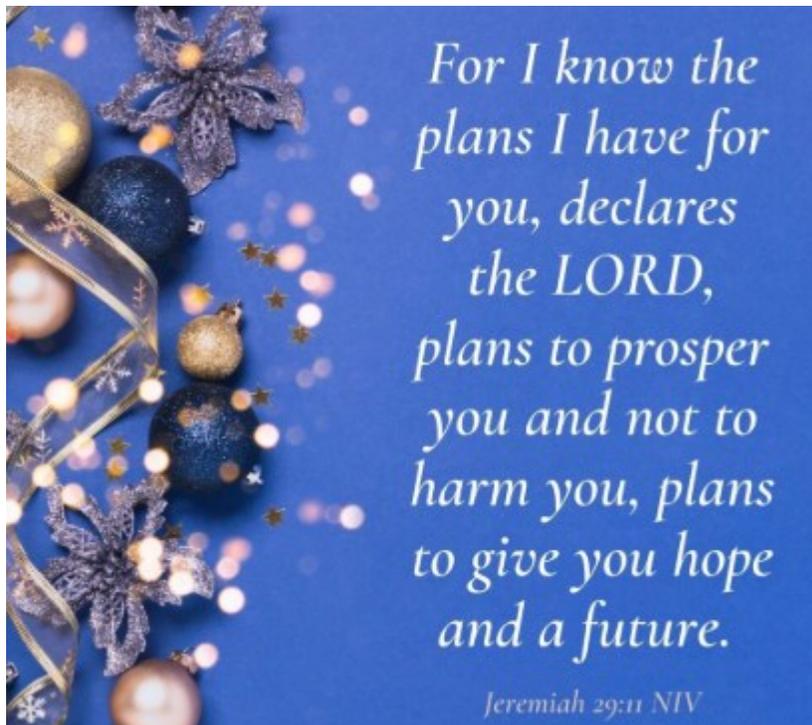




*Your January 2026
Beacon newsletter*



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JANUARY 2026
NEWSLETTER OF THE
STURGEON BAY & JACKSONPORT
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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: Jean, our Parish Nurse will be taking a holiday for the month of January. If there is a need, please contact the church office 920-743-3241. **ALSO,** The church office will be closed December 31st, January 1, & January 2nd.





Pastor's Corner – Sanctuary: Making Room January 2026

Happy New Year!

Greetings in the Lord, and Happy New Year!

What a beautiful, grace-filled Advent season we shared at Sturgeon Bay and Jacksonport United Methodist Churches. My heart is still full from the ways our church families came together—worshiping, serving, praying, and preparing room for Christ.

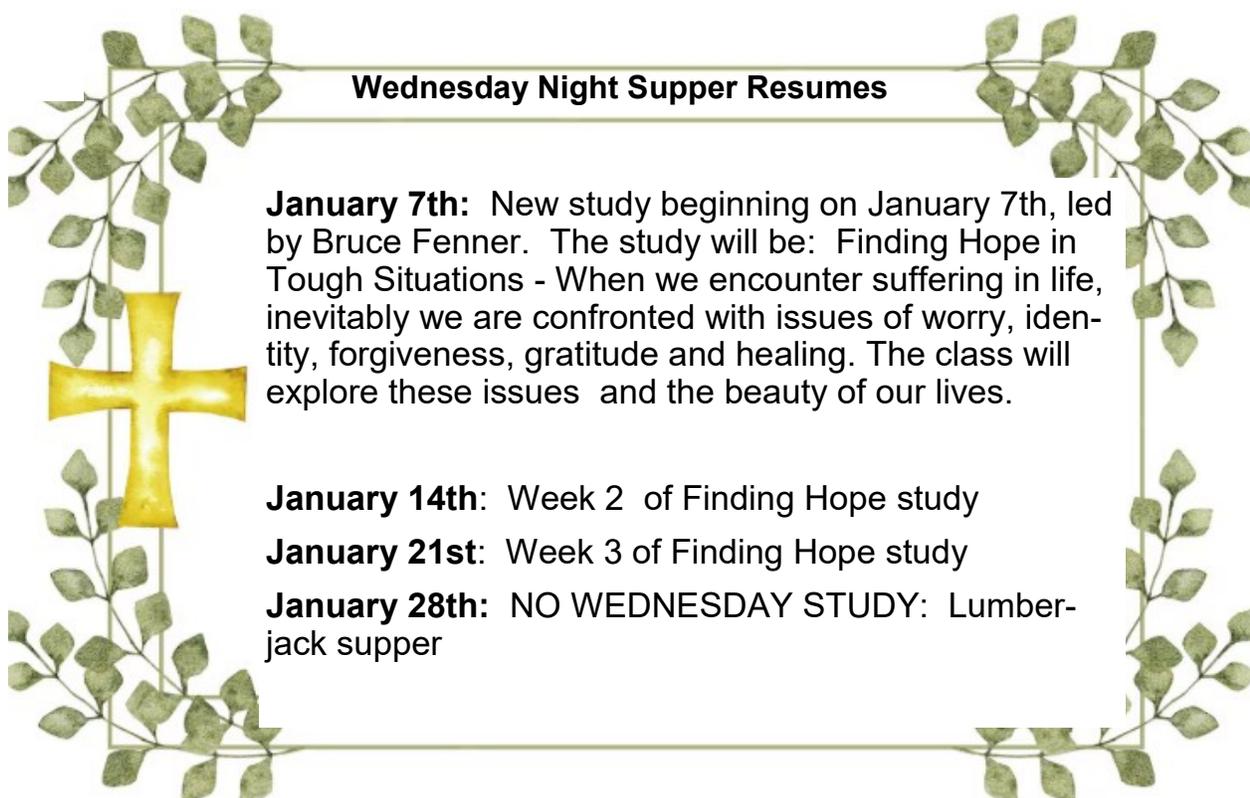
Now we stand at the doorway of a new year. I love new beginnings, don't you? And we serve an incredible God whose mercies are *new every single morning*. Scripture promises this to us! Each day is a fresh start—a chance to live in God's grace and follow His leading. That, to me, is the gift of the New Year: 365 new beginnings, wrapped in God's faithfulness.

So, as we step into 2026, may we focus on living Christ-centered lives, fully surrendered to His will. And on the days that feel harder than others, remember this: we can always come to God, ask for forgiveness, and begin again. As Lamentations 3:22–23 reminds us, *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness!”*

Happy New Year, Sturgeon Bay and Jacksonport UMC's! I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us and how this new adventure will unfold.

See you in church on Sunday!

Pastor JoAnn



Wednesday Night Supper Resumes

January 7th: New study beginning on January 7th, led by Bruce Fenner. The study will be: Finding Hope in Tough Situations - When we encounter suffering in life, inevitably we are confronted with issues of worry, identity, forgiveness, gratitude and healing. The class will explore these issues and the beauty of our lives.

January 14th: Week 2 of Finding Hope study

January 21st: Week 3 of Finding Hope study

January 28th: NO WEDNESDAY STUDY: Lumberjack supper



United Women in Faith

WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS Please Join Us

DEBORAH CIRCLE: We will begin the new year with our January 13th meeting at 9:00 AM in the church lounge. We will enjoy coffee and treats before having our business meeting and book discussion. **“Everyday Ubuntu” is the title of January’s book by Mungji Ngomave.** It was first published in 2020. Ubuntu is a South African word that means if we can see everyone as connected to us, we will never be able to dehumanize others or treat them as without any worth. This book includes applications and mindful exercises and is an essential guide to a more fulfilling life as part of the large family to which we all belong. It tells us how to live better, make sense of the world and understand our place in it. Look on the shelf by our secretary’s office for a copy of the book to borrow or just come to listen to the discussion and take a book to read after our meeting if you would like. We welcome all women in our church to join us, especially Sarah Circle members. If you aren’t an avid reader, come and enjoy the socialization! Our conversations are always interesting and lively. Questions? Call Julie Taylor, 920-743-5619

SARAH CIRCLE: After many years, our wonderful Karen Leinus has stepped down as leader of Sarah Circle, and currently there will be no scheduled meeting in January. Until the group resumes, Debra Circle has encouraged all of you to join in with them at the meeting times above. Reading the book is not required. The continued fellowship together is what is most important.



WIF ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA





MENS' CLUB NEWS By Ken Boettcher

At our December meeting, the men, along with several ladies, enjoyed an evening with Rev. Jeff Meyer, the husband of Rev. JoAnn, hearing about his background and faith experiences. Jeff attended the University of Massachusetts, but grew up in Wausau, WI. He was employed by the Spaulding sport equipment company before responding to his call into the ministry. He is now the associate pastor at Green Bay First UMC. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 11, at 11:10 am, after worship. It will be the final gathering before the Lumberjack Supper, and we will update ourselves on our preparations. All men are invited to join us. Also, if there are those who can help wait on tables, or other duties, see Ken Boettcher or Louis Burlo.

THE 90th ANNUAL LUMBERJACK SUPPER

When: Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Dine in --- 4:30 – 6:30
Carry-out 3:00 – 6:30

Where: UMC fellowship hall

Tickets: \$20.00 for persons 12 or older, \$5.00 for children 6 – 12, free under 12
You may purchase at the church office from the hours; 8:00 – 1:00 Mon, Wed, Fri

90th ANNUAL
Wednesday January 28th, 2026
 Roast Pork Corned Beef
 Mashed Potatoes Cabbage
 Rutabagas Baked Beans

Tickets are also sold: Sunday morning after worship from Men's Club members.

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS



LUMBERJACK WORK WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Monday, January 26:** 8 am -10:00, Building Set Up
- **Tuesday, January 27:** 8 am – 11:00, Potato, Rutabaga, Cabbage Preparations, 1 pm, Table Place-Settings
- **Wednesday, January 28:** 8am – 10:00, Meat Slicing
- 3:00: Carry-outs begin
- 4:30: Table Dining Begins
- 7:00: Cleanup Begins

If you can help with any of these, see Ken Boettcher or Louis Burlo, or just come to the church at the scheduled time.



Thanksgiving Dinner Thanks!

Once again, our thanks for all that was contributed to our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner! Along with the food and help that was provided; we also received monetary donations from the congregation, community businesses, as well as from those who attended the dinner. We were able to provide over 300 meals to area residents who look forward to this event every year—your generosity helped to make that happen.

Donations from the Thanksgiving account will be made to the various programs in the community that provide food and meals to our community.

Thank you from the Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

And a good time was had by all.....

2025 THANKSGIVING DINNER PREP



OUR AMAZING CHOIR



MAKING GINGERBREAD HOUSES



TOYS FOR TOTS PACKING GIFTS FOR 650 CHILDREN IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL





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. Breakthrough 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

Please keep Shirley Burgess and family in your prayers for comfort and healing. Shirley's husband Keith just recently passed away. They will be having a very private ceremony.

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 our 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	Chuck Oxenford
Elva Spetz	Jeannie Hill
Sandy Temby	Faye Pontzloff
Bob Barnard	Steve Duhr
Janice Thorton	Rosemary Hintz



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:

Email:

Church Office, church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org

Pastor JoAnn Meyer:

pastorjomeyer@gmail.com

Jean at parish.nurse@sturgeonbayumc.org

Emergencies & Other Calls:

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Church Office phone number 920-743-3241

(if no answer a please leave a message).



NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

by Lorna Magliaro

I will be taking holiday time off this New Year. The Church Office will be closed: Dec. 31, Jan 1, and Jan 2. Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe, happy and healthy New Year!

Blessings



JANUARY MISSION: HELP of Door County, By Don Ziegelbauer

Every day, I see firsthand the impact our organization has on victims of domestic violence. This experience fuels my determination to enhance our efforts, providing more resources and greater security to those navigating uncertain times. My focus will be on bolstering prevention education, raising community awareness, and expanding our services to improve the lives of those we serve significantly. Together, we will work tirelessly to empower individuals, educate our community, and ensure that HELP of Door County remains a beacon of hope and support for all those affected by domestic violence.

-Moriah Benzow Executive Director HELP of Door County

HELP of Door County assists about 300 individuals annually.

One successful aspect of HELP is the Visitation and Exchange Program which *offers services to parents and children needing to visit or be exchanged in a safe, neutral location. It is a tool that can help families as they go through difficult and/or transitional times.* It allows the children to maintain a relationship with both of their parents without being a part of the parents' conflict and/or other problems. For visiting children, they can anticipate visits without the stress of worrying about what is going to happen, and enjoy their time in a safe, comfortable environment. Parents can feel confident about safety without having to communicate or have contact with a person with whom they are in conflict or by whom they might be in conflict with.

HELP of Door County provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence, as well as their family and friends.

Services of HELP of Door County include safe homes, legal advocacy, women's education and support group, information and supportive services, community outreach, youth and family services, older adult victim services, and transitional living program. The HELP hotline is (920) 743-8818.



MONTHLY MISSION YEAR TO DATE 2025	YTD Gifts
Back Pack Buddies	\$2,505.00
Clean Start Program	\$2,015.00
David Harsh - Bolivia Project	\$540.00
Interfaith Coalition For Housing SB	\$715.00
Food For Pantries (Food Walk)	\$2,170.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,180.00
Lend a Hand (Econo	\$801.33
Mittens & Blankets	\$567.95
Mujila Falls Agricultural Center	\$1,635.00
Operation Christmas Child	\$50.00
Rice Meals - Midwest Mission	\$4,508.96
SB Hispanic Ministries	\$1,715.00
Sunshine Resources of DC	\$1,095.00
UMCOR Water, Sanitation	\$990.00
UMCOR Disaster Recovery	\$4,275.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	\$25,763.24

Thank You for Your Generosity



UGLY SWEATER DAY!!! It was so much fun to celebrate JOY with our fun sweaters! Thanks to all of you who wore your festive clothes to church! Pastor JoAnn



SECOND PLACE



WINNERS!!!!



RESULTS OF THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST! It was neck and neck, and a tough decision as all entries were amazing. Here are the final results.

THIRD PLACE





The Gift of January: Embracing Quiet for Better Health

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After the bustle of the holidays, January arrives with a softer rhythm. The decorations come down, schedules slow, and nature itself seems to pause. This quieter season offers more than a change in pace—it provides an opportunity to support our health in simple, meaningful ways.

Periods of calm allow the body and mind to reset. Research consistently shows that quiet moments can help lower stress hormones, reduce blood pressure, and improve sleep quality. Even a few minutes of stillness each day can ease anxiety and help us feel more balanced and refreshed.

January is an ideal time to build gentle habits of rest. Sitting by a window with a warm drink, taking an unhurried walk, or enjoying a few moments of deep breathing can be powerful acts of self-care. These small pauses remind our nervous system that it is safe to relax.

Quiet also creates space for reflection. Without the noise of busy schedules, we can listen more closely to our bodies—notice lingering aches, changes in energy, or simply what brings us comfort and joy. This awareness often leads to healthier choices throughout the year.

As the new year begins, consider welcoming the calm that January offers. Peacefulness is not about doing nothing; it's about allowing room for rest, healing, and renewal. In the stillness of the season, we may find a stronger, steadier foundation for our health.



January 2026

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