

“See, I am making all things new.” Revelation 21:5b

Monday evening, October 26th, I attended a meeting at St. Paul’s UMC in Stevens Point. Yesterday morning I attended a brunch at St. Vinni’s, and in the afternoon I had a personalized training session in PowerPoint. What do all three of these experiences have in common? They all have to do with something that is new.

Our Circuit #10 is involved in developing a new cooperative ministry between St. Paul’s UMC and the Wesley Society on the UW Campus in Stevens Point, and The Springs UMC in Plover. The goal is to create a new way to reach people within, between and just outside of these three campuses. It is exciting to see this new venture progress in its development as leaders from all three of these campuses have been coming together in dialog for the last three months.

St. Vinni’s, here in Marshfield, is not only continuing to provide the comprehensive services that they have been providing for so many years, but are seeking to expand them in order to better help people in need in the community. They investigated organizing a free dental clinic until they became aware that one was already in the planning stages. They have also been thinking about starting a homeless shelter here in town, and since May they started providing a free meal on Wednesday nights for anyone who desires to come.

Yesterday afternoon Lindy Duffy was kind enough to take an hour and a half to get me started working with PowerPoint – something that has been on my “wish to be able to do” list for some time. It was an exhilarating lesson as I discovered thus far untapped resources on my computer, and the ease with which beautiful visual pieces could be created.

Our Lord is always in the business of caring for us and for the world that he has created. But in the process he also continues to create new things—new experiences, new opportunities. What new thing is the Lord doing in your life? How is he calling you to explore new life-giving ventures for him in the future?

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Ruth