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STRONGHOLD
OF MY LIFE.
PSALM 27:1

The Gleaner August 2018

Newsletter of Boyceville, Faith and Grace United Methodist Churches
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Faith Worship Service 8:30, Boyceville Worship Service 9:45,
Grace Worship Service 11:00
Welcome

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Those of you who have been in worship or spoken with me over the last month or so know that I have been looking forward to this week. On July 19 my daughter and granddaughter from South Carolina came. On the night of July 20 my daughter from Oregon flew in. It's been six years since everyone has been together, four years since my daughter from Oregon has been back. As I write this, the oldest and her daughter are already headed back to South Carolina.

I have/am trying to relish every moment I have with these daughters as well as the daughter and grandchildren who live in western Wisconsin. But as the oldest has left, I am aware of how quickly this anticipated time together will be over. It reminds me of how quickly summer is going and that August is only days away. The summer day's rest and renewal will soon be over. Soon schools will be back in session, fall preparations will be made for winter, and a season of monthly holidays will begin, confirmation will be offered to those in seventh grade and up, and it will be time to prepare for Charge Conference again.

Last Sunday's message at worship was called many. The focus was Jesus drawing crowds. People wanted and needed healing, wholeness, renewal, and restoration. The people in the crowds wanted to be changed. Word had spread that with this teacher and his disciples, these things could be found. Jesus brought hope. The world hasn't changed so much now from then. People still want, need and seek healing, wholeness, renewal, restoration, and especially, hope. Contrary to what some would have us believe, Jesus still draws crowds. He draws when we study what he did, how he did it, and we become the body of Christ today, letting the Holy Spirit work through us. He draws when we all make being a part of this body one of the priorities in our lives. In a future letter we will consider the vows that were taken when we became members.

At the last Charge Conference our District Superintendent suggested we look at the mission statements of each church, mainly because they are lengthy, more vision statements or how we will carry out the mission. The process has been started at Boyceville. In the process, we have had to consider, whether or not the church reflected the mission as written. (The church—that's the people.) It isn't a quick and easy process.

In my last letter I asked that everyone be in prayer for our nation, our communities, our denomination, our churches, each area of our ministries, and every person who may walk through our doors or be met in our communities. As we enjoy the last few weeks of our summer schedules, I would ask that you continue in prayer that we may open the flood gates that may be holding back the Holy Spirit in our churches as we explore what our mission is.

Peace and blessings be with you.

Pastor Shannon

Pastor Shannon's Office Hours

No office hours at Faith Church in August.

Pastor Shannon has office hours at **Boyceville** on the following Wednesdays in August:
8, 15, 22 & 29 from 9-11 am.

Other times are available by arrangement.

Office hours are subject to weather and occasionally other obligations.



Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be Sunday August 12th and August 26th. Anita Harvey & Marguerite Blodgett are serving on the 12th and Delphine Danovsky & Nancy Smith on the 26th.

Boyceville Ushers

August Ushers - Meryln and Shirley Jones
September Ushers – Kevin & Sonya Zebro



The Boyceville church council will meet Sunday August 5th. Potluck starts shortly after noon, followed by the meeting.

Scripture Readers and Greeters for Boyceville

	Reader	Greeter
Aug. 5	Steve Silvius	Judy Schlottman
Aug. 12	Meryln Jones	Earl Blodgett
Aug. 19	Kim Silvius	Kim Silvius
Aug. 26	Pete Bodette	Gloria Kelly
Sept. 2	Kim Silvius	Marguerite Blodgett

Greeters: If you are unable to be at church on your Sunday, please find someone to trade with. If you can't find someone, call Dawn Rogers, 643-2116. Thank You.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Angie Thomas	David Wilcox	Larry Smith
Megan Johnson	Dawn Rogers	Karen Smith
Lucas Edwards	Sonya Zebro	Family of Irene Talmage
Lorraine Blodgett	Earl Blodgett	Victims of Natural Disasters
Relief Workers	Victims of Violence	
World Peace	Coat Closet	Missionaries
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes.		The Food Harvest Ministry

There is power in prayers to God.

A reminder: Please remember our shut-ins with visits, calls and cards

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due Tuesday August 21st. Please contact our new secretary, Tammy Nelson at 715-265-7710 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Faith United Methodist Church News for August

Worship Service at 8:30 am



- To Roxanne White for maintaining the Memorial Garden. She put in many hours on July 7th in the hot sun weeding and mulching.
- To Margaret O'Flanagan and family for serving cake and ice cream for Margaret's 96th birthday. It was, also, good to see them all with us for the worship service.
- To Pastor Shannon for an interesting Children's Sermon and prayers at the Ecumenical Service for Dairy Days.
- To Lay Readers: Frisle's, Bill Wiseman, Roxanne White
- To Coffee Servers: Frisle's, Margaret O'Flanagan and Family
- To those who spent time writing ads or interviewing for our new church secretary, Tammy Nelson.

Parish Duties for August

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
August 5	Barbara Bender	Barbara Bender	Janice Salsbury
August 12	Frisle's	Open	Frisle's
August 19	Gary & Gloria Kahl	Gary & Gloria Kahl	Gary & Gloria Kahl
August 26	Open	Open	Barbara Bender

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women will meet on August 16th for our church cleaning day at 9:00 a.m. There will be pot luck lunch at 12:30 p.m. We thought maybe this could be the Work Day for the church as there was talk of painting the kitchen and entryway. Also, there needs to be some work outside. There will be no business meeting. Our September meeting will be the Pledge Service and Election of Officers for 2019. Pat Frisle has the program. The date is September 6th.

Faith Administrative Council meets on August 9th at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a picture for the slide show, please give to Roxanne White by September 1st.

Faith Telephone Ministry – 715 455-1233

If you can't make it to church, you can call and listen to the Prairie Farm service. Their Sunday service is at 8:30 am and is generally on for all scheduled services. You don't have to be a member of Faith to take advantage of the Telephone Ministry.



Hi! My name is Tammy Nelson and I am the new church secretary. A little about myself: I've been married to Rick for 28 years and have 2 children, Samuel, 17 and Mackenzie, 16. I have been part of the United Methodist Church my whole life and currently attend the Downing UMC. I look forward to getting to know everyone. My contact information: 715-265-7710 (home) 715-505-2657 (cell) rtsmnelson@hotmail.com

Parish Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

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| 2 - Jessica Hiben | 18 - Darlene Wilcox |
| 2 - Anita Harvey | 19 - Duane & Kendra Kostman (anniv.) |
| 3 - Virgil Schoonover | 21 - Pat Schoonover |
| 7 - Jared Kegen | 21 - Dusty Harren |
| 8 - Sandy Christian | 21 - Ray & Karen Wreford (anniv.) |
| 8 - Becky Dunn | 23 - Russell Roemhild |
| 8 - Leslie Olson | 25 - Edna Forrest |
| 9 - Mason Nelson | 25 - Gary Kahl |
| 10 - Hunter Jones | 25 - Earl & Marguerite Blodgett (anniv.) |
| 13 - Zackery Smith | 27 - Larissa Krueger |
| 14 - Anthony Wilcox | 30 - Jerry Neck |
| 17 - Jessica Gove-Minor | 31 - Ila Knutson |
| 15 - Tina Dunn | 31 - Gary & Ila Knutson (anniv.) |

Thanks!

Earl Blodgett took the Ingathering items from the charge to Annual Conference. The Midwest Mission Distribution Center has sent this:

UMC,

Thank you for choosing to partner with Midwest Mission. You have helped change the world by showing God's love in a practical way.

Chantel Corrie

You are a blessing!

Operation: Back to School Mission Project for Grace and Boyceville for August



It's that time of year again to collect school supplies. Last year West Cap, with the help of donors just like you, provided school supplies to over 400 students in Boyceville, Colfax, Elk Mound, Glenwood City and Menomonie School Districts. Supplies needed: large backpacks, spiral notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, washable markers, 24 count crayons, colored pencils, scissors, pencil boxes/pouches, loose leaf paper, highlighters, basic & scientific calculators, 3-ring binders, glue & glue sticks, rulers, pencil sharpeners, dry erase markers, black sharpie markers, USB/flash drives, and erasers. Don't want to shop, we will be collecting cash donations. The noisy can will be making its way around in Boyceville until Sunday August 5th. Let's fill up that Noisy Can. Thank you for your support.

Food Harvest Ministry News

Rummage/Thrift Sale at 1002 Main Street, Boyceville (Formerly the Eagle's Nest)
Thursday, August 16 8:00-6:00 p.m.
Friday, August 17 8:00-7:00 p.m.

If you have items to donate you can call Sandy at 715-643-2020
to set up a date and time to drop items off

Food Harvest Distribution
Saturday, August 18

8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Boyceville United Methodist Church

We hand out food boxes to anyone who shows up needing food. We run on donations only!

We are collecting aluminum cans to raise funds for Food Harvest. They can be dropped off in the trailer at the United Methodist Church parking lot or anytime during the distributions.

Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction
Sunday, August 26th
11:00-2:00 p.m.

At Pafko Park in Boyceville

Cost of dinner is a good will offering to raise funds for Food Harvest.
Come join us for good food and fun!

Harvest cards are in! To get yours, please call Brandy at 715-704-9200 or stop in during distribution. They are only \$10, and all proceeds go to the Food Harvest.



Sign up for VIM Work Camp at Harbor House Crisis Shelters

Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission (VIM) is planning a trip to Harbor House in Superior, WI from September 9 – 15, 2018. Projects may include painting, dry wall work, repairing water damage, clearing out garages, and outside yard work. Housing of the group will be at the Faith UMC, 1531 Hughitt Ave., Superior, WI. The trip cost is \$150. Some multi-date registrations will be available at a per day rate. Please make checks payable to WAC/VIM. This is a drive-to camp. Jeff Cupery is the co-leader, and can be reached by 920-887-8726, 920-318-9513, or underthesonhome@gmail.com. Registrar Chuck Wedemeyer can be reached at 414-354-8285, 414-517-5576, or jcwede@gmail.com. Registration deadline is August 30, 2018. A \$25 deposit is required.



Giving Stewardship Best Practices August 2018

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is initiating Stewardship Challenge Grant 2.0. The purpose of the grants is to encourage and reward churches (up to \$2000 over three years) for using best practice of stewardship. Best practices (BPs) are procedures that are accepted or proven correct or most effective. (Check out the BPs at www.wumf.org/stewardship-grant). Ask your church's stewardship contact whether your church is getting this free money.

Why bother with best practices? Isn't what we are doing good enough? In a word, no. Among the core activities of any church is moving people toward fully committed discipleship.

However, according to the Gallup Organization, only about one in five church members is a fully committed disciple*. Yet, Gallup has shown that committed disciples are more satisfied with their lives, do more inviting of others to church events, spend more time volunteering in their communities, and give more financially. Stewardship best practices help us move toward Christian perfection, as John Wesley encouraged us to do. What will you do to increase your own spiritual commitment? What will you do to increase the spiritual commitment of others in your congregation?

* A fully committed disciple will strongly agree with most of these statements: 1) I spend time in worship or prayer every day, 2) My faith is involved in every aspect of my life, 3) Because of my faith, I have forgiven people who have hurt me deeply, 4) Because of my faith, I have meaning and purpose in my life, 5) My faith has called me to develop my given strengths, 6) I will take unpopular stands to defend my faith, 7) My faith gives me an inner peace, 8) I speak words of kindness to those in need of encouragement, 9) I am a person who is spiritually committed.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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