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The Gleaner September 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,

It is hard to believe it is already time for the September Gleaner to come out. There are so many things I had hoped to accomplish this summer that are not yet done. Some of them may still be finished, others will not. I am reminded a bit of David and his desire to build a house for the Lord. The Lord sent word to him that he would not be the one to build it. It was prefaced with a list of things the Lord had already accomplished. The Lord shows that in the larger scheme of things, David's building a house for the Lord is not important. Other things were important. (2 Samuel 7:1-17) I try to remember this as I look at my list and see that everything I desired to do, to accomplish, has not come to fruition.

During our Charge Conference in January our District Superintendent, Kate Jones, suggested we consider revising the mission statements for each church. David thought he knew what his mission was but, with the help of the Lord, realized he was not on the right track. Missions change over time as circumstance change. They need to be short enough that they can be remembered. The vision of the Church is drawn from the mission statement and how the Church functions, what it does should reflect the mission. If it doesn't, it needs revisiting.

As United Methodist, we all come under the denomination mission- to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Individual church mission statements reflect this in a particular community. The UMC of Boyceville directed a task force to consider it's mission statement and vision statement. They began by looking at the current mission statement and how the Church community was living it out. From there they considered putting this in words, developing a draft. With a working draft they considered a vision of what this would look like. The mission statement and vision statement were adopted at the last Ad Council meeting. It is now up to the leaders and congregation to make the vision come to fruition. Each church will have an opportunity to do this.

When I look back, maybe I have accomplished what needs to be accomplished for now. It's time to look forward, to the future, both short term and long term.

Christ's peace, Pastor Shannon

Pastor Shannon's Office Hours

No office hours at Faith or Boyceville in September. Pastor Shannon will be on vacation Sept. 10-12 & 14-16.

Other times are available by arrangement.

Office hours are subject to weather and occasionally other obligations.



Those in grades 7 through adult considering confirmation, please contact me so we can look at requirements and decide the best times for class sessions.



Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be Sunday September 9th and September 23rd. Carol Cherney and Marguerite Blodgett are serving on the 9th. Volunteers are needed for the 23rd. Please talk to Marguerite if you would like to serve.

Boyceville Ushers

September Ushers – Kevin & Sonya Zebro

October Ushers – Mike & Gloria Kelly



Boyceville Mission Statement: Growing in the active love of God and neighbor.

Boyceville Vision Statement:

We will grow in the active love of God and neighbor by:

- intentionally reaching out to others with acts of service and grace
- Lovingly sharing the Good News with our neighbors
- Providing meaningful worship opportunities
- Creating opportunities for connections, relationships and transformations

Scripture Readers and Greeters for Boyceville

	Reader	Greeter
Sept. 2	Kim Silvius	Marguerite Blodgett
Sept. 9	Steve Silvius	James Hall
Sept. 16	Jim Harvey	Delphine Danovsky
Sept. 23	Deanna Wagner	Charlie Hall
Sept. 30	5 th Sunday Service at Faith UMC in Prairie Farm	

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 Virginia Engebretson
Loraine 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, September 18th.
Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-265-7710 or
tmsnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Faith United Methodist Church News for September

Worship Service at 8:30 am



140th Church Anniversary

Join us for our 140th Church Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 30th at Faith United Methodist Church, Prairie Farm. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. with special music and the message will be given by our district superintendent, Rev. Kate Croskery-Jones. Following the service will be a slide show presentation and a catered dinner.

Parish Duties for September

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
Sept. 2	Ecumenical Service at Ridgeland Park at 10:00 a.m.		
Sept. 9	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
Sept. 16	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Margie Wiseman
Sept. 23	Frisle's	Open	Frisle's
Sept. 30	Barbara Bender	Open	Catered Dinner

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women will meet on Sept. 6th with potluck at 12:30 p.m. Business meeting will follow. Pat Frisle has the Pledge Service, and Margie Wiseman, Chair of Nominations, has Election of Officers for 2019. The Potato/Buttermilk Pancake Supper will be at the Ridgeland Community Center on Sept. 26th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Notes of THANKS

- To Christina Salsbury for spraying to kill the weeds.
- To Roxanne White for weeding around the preschool building in the intermittent rain and heat on August 4th.
- To Bill Wiseman, Chris Burke, and Robin Burke (for a short while) for applying a coat of linseed oil to the ramp. It looks very nice.
- To the ladies who did the church cleaning.
- Roxanne White, Chris & Robin Burke, and Barbara Bender for vacuuming and cleaning the preschool.
- Andy Grahow for sharing his story and songs.
- To Coffee Servers: Janice Salsbury, Frisle's, Gary & Gloria Kahl, and Barbara Bender.
- To Lay Readers: Barbara Bender, Frisle's, Gloria Kahl, and Ray Wreford.

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.

Boyceville and Wheeler: You all were invited via the May Gleaner for our 140th Year Celebration on our 5th Sunday Worship. We need to plan with our caterer how many will attend. Would one person from your congregation give us a count by September 14th? Phone or email Margie Wiseman—715-455-1246 mwiseman@chibardun.net or Barbara Bender at 715-455-1471 obbender@chibardun.net We hope you can make it –our District Superintendent will be speaking, special music, and a slide presentation. Free will offering for the catered dinner

Pancakes



Faith United Methodist Church *Pancake Supper*

Wednesday, September 26th
Ridgeland Community Center
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Menu: Potato & Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage,
Syrup, Applesauce, Cookies, Milk and Coffee
Prices: Adults \$7.50 Child 6-12 \$3.50
Preschool Free
Bake Sale During the Supper



Parish Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

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| 1 - Pete Bodette | 18 - Skyler Hall |
| 4 - Sheila Hegeman | 19 - Delphine Danovsky |
| 5 - Merlyn Jones | 19 - Chris & Robin Burke (anniv.) |
| 6 - Jeff & Connye Kegan (anniv.) | 20 - Larry Thomas |
| 8 - Alys Wilson | 20 - Jim & Anita Harvey (anniv.) |
| 10 - Brittany Saunders | 20 - Mike & Gloria Kelly (anniv.) |
| 10 - Randy Nelson | 20 - Nancy & Jerry Schlottman (anniv.) |
| 12 - Leslie Frisle | 23 - Jennifer Hall |
| 12 - Russ & Roxanne White (anniv.) | 27 - Kate Rubusch |
| 15 - Samantha Christian | 27 - Lori & Dale Feyen (anniv.) |
| 15 - Doug Wirth | 29 - Nancy Smith |
| 14 - Mike Kelly | |



Thank you to the Grace, Faith and Boyceville congregations for the lovely retirement gifts. I was totally surprised to be recognized at the 5th Sunday Service. The gifts were so thoughtful, teas, chocolate, a geocaching tee-shirt, gift certificates to quilt shops and more. You know me well. While I have retired from nearly 32 years as charge secretary, I'm sure I will still find lots to do. I am truly blessed by my church family.

Marguerite Blodgett

Food Harvest Ministry News

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.

The next distribution will be from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, September 15th at our new location, 1002 Main St., Boyceville, WI. Aluminum cans can also be dropped off at this location.

Fall 2018 Listening Sessions for General Conference 2019

Why is there a special General Conference coming February 23 – 26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO only a year before the regularly scheduled 2020 session in Minneapolis? How might my church be affected by this talk about choosing among a One Church, Connectional Conference and Traditionalist plan? Will other possibilities emerge? Change is coming for The United Methodist Church and there will be meetings this fall to help Wisconsin UMs understand what is being proposed. Formed following authorization by General Conference 2016, the Commission on a Way Forward identified three possible options, or plans, for our denomination as we move into the future. The Council of Bishops has recommended adoption of the One Church plan. The Wisconsin Delegation to GC 2019 is hosting nine educational and listening sessions around the state to allow feedback about the proposals. These sessions for interested clergy and laity will each last between 60-90 minutes. The dates and locations near us are:

Sunday, September 30, 3:00 pm, Webster Grace UMC, 25603 Muskey Ave.

Monday, October 1, 7 pm, Eau Claire Lake Street UMC, 337 Lake Street.

In addition, invitations have been extended to Conference boards, agencies and other groups to provide their feedback to Delegation members. The purpose of all this information gathering is for the Delegation to hear from the diversity of membership which makes up Wisconsin United Methodism. The desire is to better understand thinking and feeling within our annual conference about our denomination's future.



GIVING

Spiritual Maturity in Stewardship

September 2018

I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready... (1 Corinthians 3:1–2)

The goal of discipleship is spiritual maturity. As Scripture tells us in Hebrews 6:1, “Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ, and not laying again the foundation”. The aim of mature spirituality is to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus, but usually comes in stages of commitment whether it be prayer, presence, service, witness, or giving.

Previously, we identified four stages of giving. In Stage 1, people spend on themselves and give to God from what is left over. They usually give little or nothing. They are not ready to commit.

In Stage 2, people take responsibility and wonder what equal shares of the goal (e.g., church budget) are. Of course, this fails to recognize that households have different levels of resources. People at this stage are ready to give regularly and many of commit to pledging.

In Stage 3, people want to put God first in their lives, even if they must change spending habits and attitudes toward having things. They understand that an offering to God is intended to be a sacrifice. They look to move toward tithing, giving ten percent of their income to God, by increasing the percentage of income they give each year.

In Stage 4, people want to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. They see even what they spend on their own needs to be support for their discipleship. Often, their giving to church substantially exceeds the 10 percent tithing mark. Where are you in your discipleship journey? Is this the year, you make a change? Let’s pray for one another as we grow together.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation Helps for the Stewardship Chair

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