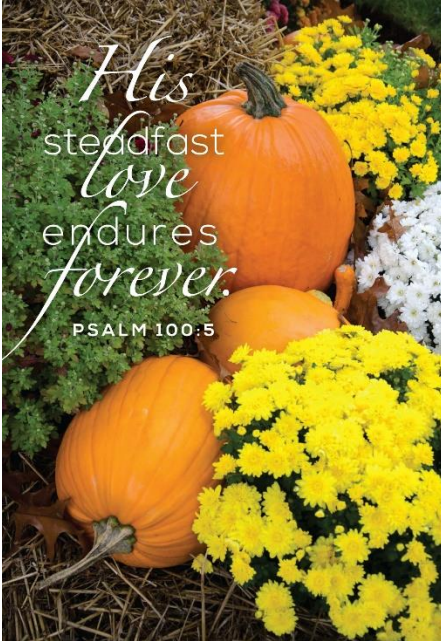


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Newsletter of Boyceville, Faith and Grace United Methodist Churches

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Faith Worship Service 8:30, Boyceville Worship Service 9:45,

Grace Worship Service 11:00

Welcome

Exodus 18:20 Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave

Exodus 33:13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

Deuteronomy 4:9 Only be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Deuteronomy 11:19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 32:2 Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

Proverbs 9:9 Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

Matthew 8:19 Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”

Acts 2:42 [The Fellowship of the Believers] They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

1 Timothy 4:11 Command and teach these things.

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September 19, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I write this in September for our October issue of the Gleaner. At this time of the year, there are reminders everywhere that the new school year has begun. Fall is here, and sooner than seems possible, we will be moving into the busy season of Advent, and Christmas.

With school starting, I decided to look up verses with the word teach or a form of it. I found 361 verses with some form of teach in them, at least in the New International Version of the Bible. I have included a sampling of them above. Although our focus on the word teach may gravitate more to children, it is interesting that teach in these verses reference all ages. Doing the same search for the word learn, the NIV has 101 verses with the word or a form of it. Again, they include all ages.

Last month I lamented not accomplishing everything I had hoped to and ended my letter saying maybe I had accomplished everything I needed to and it is time to look forward. I

followed this with information on Confirmation. During confirmation students are given the opportunity to explore their own beliefs and to choose to confirm the baptism that was done for them or, if not yet baptized, to choose baptism for themselves. A second part of confirmation is in choosing to become a full member of the congregation. To do this, they are asked to be involved in the work of the congregation and are instructed on what it is to be a member.

There will be a confirmation class at Boyceville and Faith has youth who want to join as full members. To help them and refresh our own understanding of our membership vows, in October and the beginning of November there will be a sermon series looking at these.

In looking forward, there are a few other things to take note of. It will be time for the coat closet for the Boyceville (Wheeler) school district to be open. Packing for the weekend food program will begin, and as always, check with Margie Wiseman for Prairie Farm food shelf needs. We will try to have some of them printed in bulletins.

Office hrs were suspended for much of the summer. Rather than office hrs at Boyceville, I would like to try a coffee time for the charge congregations and anyone they would like to invite. At present, it will be at 9:00- 10:30 on Wednesday mornings. The day of the week may be subject to change if it is found that another time will work better.

I look forward to learning with you this season.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Shannon

Pastor Shannon's Office Hours

"Coffee time" will be 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Boyceville.

Other times are available by arrangement.

Office hours are subject to weather and occasionally other obligations.

Pastor Shannon will be at School of Ministry October 3-5.

Please note: October 17th is the packing date for the weekend food program, an outreach of the Boyceville & Wheeler area churches. We need at least two to three individuals to help.



Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be Sunday, October 14th and October 28th. Anita Harvey & Irene Schmidt will serve on the 14th and the Food Harvest Ministry will serve on the 28th. Please talk to Marguerite if you would like to serve.

Boyceville Ushers

October Ushers – Lynn Smith & Dawn Rogers

November Ushers –Stephen & Kim Silvius



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. 30	5 th Sunday Service at Faith UMC in Prairie Farm	
Oct. 7	Merlyn Jones	Jerod Nelson
Oct. 14	Jim Harvey	Makayla Nelson
Oct. 21	Pete Bodette	Kendra Kostman
Oct. 28	Earl Blodgett	Merlyn Jones

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.

Honduras Medical Mission

The Boyceville Mission Team is challenging the Boyceville Congregation to raise \$100 a month to support the medical mission work of Sister Alegría and Sister Confianza in Honduras. The Sisters work at the local health clinic to improve healthcare for the poor. Our donation to this medical mission could provide prenatal vitamins, asthma medicine, antibiotics, deworming medicines and more. If just 25 people would donate \$4 a month, the cost of one coffee at Starbucks, we would make our goal! Please consider giving \$4 a month in support of this mission project. Gifts may be marked Honduras and placed in the offering plate.

Thank you!

The Boyceville Mission Team


 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers


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|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Angie Thomas | David Wilcox | Larry Smith |
| Megan Johnson | Dawn Rogers | Karen Smith |
| Lucas Edwards | Sonya Zebro | Jean McIntyre |
| 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



Gleaner news is due Tuesday, October 23rd.
 Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-265-7710 or
tmsnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Parish Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

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| 2 - Mitchell Matthaei | 16 - Bob & Sharon Wyss (anniv.) |
| 3 - Kay Jones | 17 - Larry & Glenise Thomas (anniv.) |
| 5 - Elaine Grutt | 17 - Pete Bodette & LaVonne Nelson (anniv.) |
| 5 - Terry & Vilai Wilcox (anniv.) | 18 - Lori Koehler |
| 6 - Judy Steinberger | 19 - Samantha Nelson |
| 7 - Lauren Olson | 19 - Gary & Becky Dunn (anniv.) |
| 7 - Bill & Margie Wiseman (anniv.) | 23 - Kelly Dummer |
| 8 - Chelsey Piper | 25 - Harry Christian |
| 9 - Dan Miller | 25 - Tom & Kelly Dummer (anniv.) |
| 9 - Mindy Nelson | 26 - Virgil & Pat Schoonover (anniv.) |
| 9 - Kevin Zebro | 27 - Dean Frisle |
| 10 - Ray & Carol Cherney (anniv.) | 27 - Gary Dunn |

Church Charge Conference

All member Church Charge Conference will be held at the Glenwood City UMC on Monday, October 29th. There will be a meal at 5:00 p.m. followed by the charge conference at 6:00 p.m. All leadership including committee members should attend if possible. **Please have all paperwork turned in by Thursday, October 18th!**

Faith United Methodist Church News for October

Worship Service at 8:30 am



Notes of **THANKS**

- To Bill Wiseman and Chris and Robin Burke for preparing and painting the ramp. It looks beautiful!
- To Lyle Minor for furnishing the apples for applesauce.
- To Lyle Minor, Janice Salsbury, Chris and Robin Burke, and Barbara Bender for preparing the apples for the applesauce.
- To Lyle Minor for furnishing the potatoes for the pancake supper, and to his crew for peeling and cutting the potatoes.
- To Ray and Karen Wreford for furnishing the lard.
- To Barbara Bender for rendering the lard.
- To Roxanne White for trimming the shrubs and cleaning up the stump grindings. It should hold moisture around the irises.
- To Lay Readers: Roxanne White, Bill Wiseman, Frisle's, and Barbara Bender.
- To Coffee Servers: Roxanne White, Margie Wiseman, and Frisle's.

Parish Duties for October

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
Sept. 30	Barbara Bender	Open	Catered Dinner
Oct. 7	Robin Burke	Open	Robin Burke
Oct. 14	UMW Sunday	UMW	UMW
Oct. 21	Gary & Gloria Kahl	Gary & Gloria Kahl	Gloria Kahl
Oct. 28	Frisle's	Open	Frisle's

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women will meet on October 4th with potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. Business meeting will follow at 1:00 p.m. The program will be led by Barbara Bender. Election of Officers for 2019 are: President, Barbara Bender; Vice President, Pat Frisle; Secretary, Margie Wiseman; Treasurer, Kathy Neck. Various other offices pretty much remained the same. We always Welcome any other women who wish to join us.

Administrative Council is October 10th at 7:00 p.m.

The Faith Telephone Ministry has been discontinued.



Food Harvest Ministry News

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, October 20th at our new location, 1002 Main St., Boyceville, WI. Aluminum cans can also be dropped off at this location.

Coat Closet Distribution

510 Winter Street Boyceville, WI
(Entrance: Alley behind, This, That, and Everything)

Fall is here. Cold weather will not far behind.

Coat Closet distribution dates and times:

Sat. Oct 20th 9am---12pm.

Sat. Oct 27th 9am---12pm.

Sat. Nov 3rd 9am---12pm.

Sat. Nov 10th 9am---12pm.

Sat. Nov 17th 9am---12pm.

Questions call: Sonya Zebro 2 715-308-8435

Items needed: boots, snow pants, and water proof gloves



GIVING
Living in the Kingdom of God
October 2018

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'... But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:31, 33, NRSV)

According to John the Baptist, we must "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (KJV) What does repentant Stewardship look like? I recently (re)read *A Spirituality of Fundraising* by Henri Nouwen. He provides some answers to the question, "What will Stewardship look like in the Kingdom of God?" Here is a summary based on Nouwen's thoughts on stewardship as faithful discipleship.

Security in God. Do we place our trust in God or mammon? What is our relationship to money? There is money in the Kingdom; it finances building a community of love. However, there are no money worries, because in the Kingdom there is abundance rather than scarcity.

Community of Love. In the community of love, we care for one another and serve our neighbors. The middle class often resents the rich and fears the poor. In the Kingdom, we include all and love all alike.

Invitation. We invite everyone to abide in the Kingdom and participate in the building of the community of love. This means we are comfortable asking for money, because money is what the community needs to be fruitful in its missions and ministries.

Prayer and Gratitude. It is in prayer that our conversion begins because it re-orientes our thoughts toward money, toward others and toward our goal of the beloved community. "As our prayer deepens into constant awareness of God's goodness, the spirit of gratitude grows within us." (Nouwen, p. 57).

How is your Stewardship program inviting disciples into the Kingdom?

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

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