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The Gleaner November 2018

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I grew up, this time of the year meant long hours for my dad and brother as they worked to get the crops out of the fields before the first real snow. Traveling throughout the countryside the last few weeks, it has been very evident that it is harvest time and the seasons will soon be turning again. It almost seems strange to watch as fields that were green with crops growing are becoming bare and brown.

As the harvest progressed it would be time for mom to wash the orange coats and hats so they were ready for deer hunting. Milking cows, my dad would stay in the area, hunting as chores allowed. But what I looked forward to was Thanksgiving dinner. We would pull out the dining room table, putting all of its leaves in. It would be decorated with center pieces and there would be special napkins. The kitchen table and sometimes an added card table would be prepared for the kids with just as much care. Mom and I would cook food enough for an army. No matter where the family was hunting, home or up north at a cabin, everyone made it home for Thanksgiving dinner. There was always plenty for all.

November is a time that we give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest that is provided. But the message that we hear today seems to be that the harvest is not plentiful, we live in a time of scarcity. As I prepare to give thanks at Thanksgiving, I have and will spend time considering the harvest. I think for most of us, we may find that the harvest is plentiful even as others would have us think we do not have enough.

The message of scarcity has impregnated the church body as well as our individual homes. Jesus spoke of harvest in both Matthew and Luke. In both he told his disciples that "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

As we have prepared reports for our annual Charge Conference and have considered who the workers may be that will help the churches function, it seemed at times that the harvest is not plentiful. But perhaps it isn't that the harvest isn't plentiful but that it has not been harvested yet.

In planning for preparation of youth to confirm their faith and/or to become members of one of our congregations I am reminded of the covenant that each member has made to God and one another; to uphold the church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

As we prepare to give thanks to God this month, remember that the harvest is plentiful. It is plentiful because God has provided the harvest.

Christ's Peace,

Pastor Shannon

Pastor Shannon's Office Hours

"Coffee time" will be 1:15-3:15 p.m. on Nov. 7 & 28 and 11am-12pm on Nov. 14. at Boyceville.

Other times are available by arrangement.

Office hours are subject to weather and occasionally other obligations.

Pastor Shannon will be on vacation November 20-25.

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be Sunday, November 11th and November 25th. Please talk to Marguerite if you would like to serve. Carol Cherney and Marguerite Blodgett will serve on Nov. 11th and Dawn Rogers is looking for someone to serve with her on November 25th.

Boyceville Ushers

November Ushers –Stephen & Kim Silvius
December Usher – Doreen Olson

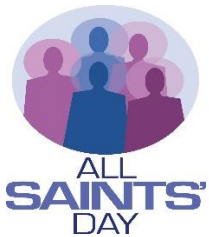


Boyceville Mission Statement: Growing in the active love of God and neighbor.

Scripture Readers and Greeters for Boyceville

	Reader	Greeter
Oct. 28	Earl Blodgett	Merlyn Jones
Nov. 4	Steve Silvius	James Hall
Nov. 11	Kim Silvius	Diane Dummer
Nov. 18	Earl Blodgett	??
Nov. 25	Glenise Thomas	Glenise Thomas
Dec. 2	Merlyn Jones	Jacob Nelson

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.



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, Nov. 4, we will remember the Saints that have gone before us at Boyceville. A candle will be lit for each person to be remembered. There will be a sign-up sheet at church or contact Marguerite Blodgett to have a loved one remembered.

Honduras Medical Mission

The Boyceville Mission Team is challenging our congregation to support the medical mission work of Sister Alegría and Sister Confianza in Honduras. The goal is to raise at least \$100 a month. That's less than the cost of a cup of coffee at Starbuck's per person a month. There is a "pie" chart at the church for tracking our progress. In October we raised \$136! If we raise over \$100 each month for a year we will celebrate with an Ice Cream Sundae Party next year. Thank you!

Decorating the Church at Boyceville

We will be decorating the church after the service on Sunday, Nov. 25. If everyone pitches in for a few minutes, it will be done quickly. The more the merrier!



Community Thanksgiving Worship is Monday, November 19th at 7pm at New Life Church of the Nazarene in Wheeler. Theme is: Traditions of t Season. Community Choir practice at 6:15pm. Monetary donations will go to the 'Boyceville Weekend Meal Program'. Food donations will be given to 'WestCAP'.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Wheeler: Grace Meatball Supper a success. It was a time of great food and fellowship!



Harvest Festival



Pork Loin Dinner



Thursday November 8th
3:30-7:00 pm

Boyceville United Methodist Church
804 St. John St.

Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Corn, coleslaw, Cranberries, Dinner Roll,
Pies & Deserts, Beverages

Free Will Offering



November 11th is Veterans Day. Remember to thank a veteran for their service to our country.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Angie Thomas	Jean McIntyre	Larry Smith
Megan Johnson	Dawn Rogers	Karen Smith
Lucas Edwards	Sonya Zebro	Family & Friends of David Wilcox
Loraine Blodgett	Missionaries	Victims of Natural Disasters
Relief Workers	Victims of Violence	
World Peace	Coat Closet	
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, November 20th.
Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-265-7710 or
rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Parish Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

4 - Madison Harren	20 - Judy Helgeson
4 - Judy Schlottman	21 - Lori Feyen
4 - Roger Smith	21 - Robert Stalker
5 - Carol Cherney	22 - Courtney Walk
5 - Justyne Frisle	23 - Barbara Bender
5 - Ruby Swisher	23 - Margie Wiseman
6 - Irene Schmidt	24 - Eva Mewes
9 - Gina Harren	27 - Jerry Olson
11 - Loraine Blodgett	27 - Russ White
11 - Kim Smith	29 - Julie Babbitt
14 - Dean & Leslie Frisle (anniv.)	29 - Dylan Hanson

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.

Faith United Methodist Church News for November

Worship Service at 8:30 am

*Thank
You*

- To all who made our 140th Anniversary Celebration a very special day: Those who cleaned on Sat.; decorated outside on Sat.; donated salads; parked cars; played piano; attended guest book; attended name tags; the Planning committee; slide show presenters. Special Memories!!
- To Roxanne White for giving her \$50 gift certificate toward pancake supper supplies.
- To Vilai Wilcox for donating take-out containers.
- To all who helped at the pancake supper.
- To all who helped on UMW Sunday.
- To Janice Salsbury for faithful garbage removal and Communion Steward.
- To Lay Readers: Robin Burke, Gloria Kahl, Frisle's
- To Coffee Servers: Barbara Bender, Robin Burke, Gloria Kahl, Frisle's

Parish Duties for November

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
Oct. 28	Frisle's	Open	Frisle's
Nov. 4	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Open
Nov. 11	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Ila Knutson
Nov. 18	Gloria Kahl	Gary & Gloria Kahl	Janice Salsbury
Nov. 25	Barbara Bender	Barbara Bender	Barbara Bender

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women had our most successful pancake supper this year with supper and bake sale income of \$1927, of course, less expenses. We served 180 adults and 14 children. We sent a Gift to Mission for Gage Wilcox and a Gift in Memory for Jennifer Albrecht. UMW Sunday was Oct. 14th. Our next meeting will be Nov. 1st with our Thank Offering program given by Barbara Bender. Don't forget your Thank Offering boxes or envelope. The Fall Annual Gathering was in Siren and three attended. We will meet on Nov. 1st at 11:15 a.m. to do our Mission Today report and plan next year's program. Potluck will be at 12:30 p.m.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of David Wilcox. The funeral will be Oct. 24th at 11:00 o'clock at our church.

Please add the date of 1997-98 and Rev. Richard Rushton to your Pastor's List in the Anniversary booklet. Inadvertently omitted.

Lending a Helping Hand

The Prairie Farm: Faith United Methodist Church is planning to give a Thanksgiving meal to a local family. If you would like to donate any items or extra food items, please bring them to church by Sunday, November 18. There will be a sign-up sheet at church or call Robin Burke with what you would like to donate. Also, Kathy, Dean & Lesiie Frisle's sister, is starting chemo and we, as a church, will be giving her items she can make use of during this time. Items such as food, personal items, gift cards and/or money. There will be a box at church to put items in. Many thanks for helping out and making their day a little nicer.

Prairie Farm Food Pantry

The Prairie Farm Food Pantry not only gives people a help up by supplementing their food needs, but backpacks are prepared for children who depend on school meals to eat. Some items are available through sources such as Feed My People at a cost much lower than the grocery store. Cash donations are helpful for these. But some items are not. Margie Wiseman has provided a list of items that can be used on a regular basis but are not available through other sources.

Ketchup Cereals Crackers Mac & Cheese (such as Kraft or others)

Box dinners such as the lasagna, stroganoff, cheesy enchilada (not Mac & Cheese type or Tuna Helper)

Toilet Paper Paper Towels Napkins Facial Tissue such as Kleenex

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next distribution will be from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, November 17th at 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)

Coat Closet distribution dates and times:

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

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

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

Questions call: Sonya Zebro 715-308-8435

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



GIVING
Abundance: Security in God
November 2018

And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. (Mark 6:42-44 NRSV)

The story of the loaves and the fishes illustrates God's abundance. It also illustrates the often seen configuration of Stewardship attitudes in our churches.

The needs of the many are great. It is late in the day and Jesus sees that the people are hungry and takes compassion on them. Then as now, Jesus tells his disciples to feed his people.

The leaders are skeptical. The disciples say, "There isn't enough. We don't have enough money to buy bread for all these people."

A few give generously, sacrificially. In the story, a young boy gives up his entire lunch, a few loaves and fishes.

Jesus blesses our gifts and multiplies them in ways that are difficult for us to comprehend. The few loaves and fishes given to Christ and blessed by him turn out to feed 5,000 with baskets of food left over.

Trygve David Johnson has noted, "that the ministry I serve in Christ pivots not on how much I have or what I can give, but rather on how much God gives by multiplying what I have."

Often at this time of year, when our thoughts turn to Stewardship, our churches act as if there is scarcity. Tentatively asking their congregants to give a little from their scarcity. The disciples said, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." But, if we have the right Stewardship attitude, then we will experience abundance. "Bring me your nothing, ask for my blessing," says Christ, "and I will turn it into something."

So this year, let us boldly invite people to abide in the Kingdom of Abundance.

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

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