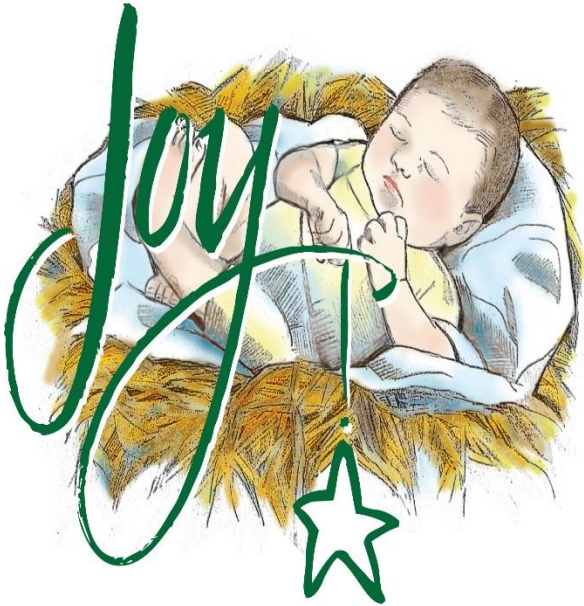


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The Gleaner December 2018

Newsletter of Boyceville, Faith and Grace United Methodist Churches
Pastor Shannon Mattison
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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,

Greetings. In Ecclesiastes we read that for everything under the sun there is a season. As we move into the season of Advent and preparation for the coming of the Christ child, many of us have a tendency to schedule activities leaving little time for ourselves to rest in God. So often it can seem that we are expected to do certain things, feel certain ways, act certain ways. This has been a stress filled year for many across our country. As we move into this advent season, please be gentle with your self and others. Set reasonable expectation and make time to set with God.

Christ's peace and Christmas wishes,
Pastor Shannon

Pastor Shannon's Office Hours

There was a death during Thanksgiving week that affects the pastors family. Every attempt will be made to keep office hours, but it will be necessary to be gone some of them to help in taking care of affairs. Please have patience with this.



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in the manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be Sunday, December 9 and December 23. The Sunday school will serve on December 9th and Sonya Zebro & Jennifer Hall will serve on December 23rd.

Boyceville Usher

December Usher – Doreen Olson



Scripture Readers and Greeters for Boyceville

	Reader	Greeter
Dec. 2	Merlyn Jones	Jacob Nelson
Dec. 9	Steve Silivus	Elaine Grutt
Dec. 16	Kim Silivus	Delphine Danovsky
Dec. 23	Earl Blodgett	Carol Cherney
Dec. 30	5 th Sunday service at Wheeler Grace	

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.



Boyceville December Mission Project

Coming soon - the Angel Tree! Any day now we will receive information on the 10 children we are sponsoring for Christmas through WestCap. Once we have the information the Angel Tree will go up with its wish list of tags. Each child will have several tags on the tree with wishes and needs. Do not wrap the gifts, we send gift wrap so the parents may enjoy wrapping gifts for their child. Gifts with tags attached must be returned to Boyceville by Sunday Dec. 9! Cash donations are welcome too. See Marguerite or place in the offering plate. Mark your gift "Angel Tree."

"The Early Bird Gets The Worm" - or - if you Prefer

"The Early Bird Gets A Cup of Refreshment and A Sweet Treat;

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Boyceville Pork Loin Supper a success.



Coffee and juice, along with a cookie or bar, will be served prior to the Boyceville service beginning in December and through June 2019. as a way to greet visitors and encourage fellowship of regulars. This is not in place of the twice-a-month gathering following the service, but more an enhancement to the full fellowship and worship experience. Invite a neighbor, friend, visitor, new acquaintance, work or classmate.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due Tuesday, December 18th.
Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-265-7710 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Boyceville Honduras Medical Mission

In October we raised \$141! So far in November we have raised \$105. Our goal is to support the Sister's medical mission at \$100 a month. Praise the Lord we are exceeding our goal!

An Update from Honduras

We have asked the Mission Superintendent to send a United Methodist pastor to Limón to found a UM church here and to help with, then finally, accept responsibility for the small orphanage run by our aging friend, Sor Leonarda. Unfortunately, her failing memory limits her energetic body and her mission. Sor is very pleased with the possibility, asking when that person could come. She has had some experience with adult men trying to seduce her girls, so really wants a woman pastor—or a married man. She loves these kids and wants them safe.

The Superintendent answered immediately and was very pleased with the idea. He will be meeting with Bishop Elías Galvan in December to discuss many issues. He has put Limón on the agenda.

Please pray that God's will prevail in this issue. We see through a glass darkly, but one day will see face to face. In the meantime, we try to follow God's will and try to become better and better at discerning that will. Sister Confianza and I try very hard to support Honduran projects, not start our own. There are enough ugly Americans to go around. The things I've seen are not always the news fit to print.

The Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Mission is in the first half of January (when appointments are officially announced). Until then, pray without ceasing. I'll keep you posted.

Bendiciones,

*Hermana Alegría
Amigas del Señor Monastery
Limón, Colón
Honduras*



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	The Food Harvest Ministry

Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes.

Those with an empty chair at the table during this holiday season

There is power in prayers to God.

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

Please keep our prayer list current by letting us know when names should be added or removed.

Parish Birthdays and Anniversaries in December

4 - LaVonne Nelson
5 - Thomas Dummer
6 - Dianne Dummer
8 - Karen Wreford
9 - Mark Vos
10 - Tracy Bah
10 - Kirstin Dummer
11 - Mary Barstad
11 - Eric Carufel
11 - Joran Carufel
13 - Julia Hoff
15 - Krista Smith

16 - Sharon Zachow
17 - Wesley Danovsky
17 - Gail Mitchell
17 - Kevin Smith
18 - Dellene Miller
21 - Merlyn & Shirley Jones (anniv.)
22 - Dan & Julie Fedderly (anniv.)
24 - Brooke Salsbury
26 - Louise Roemhild
27 - Shellie Dean
30 - Gary & Gloria Kahl (anniv.)



All 3 churches will have Christmas programs on Sunday, December 9th during worship.

5th Sunday Worship

There will be a 5th Sunday worship service at the Wheeler Grace church at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 30th. There will be no services at Prairie Farm Faith or Boyceville that day.

Food Harvest Ministry News

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

Boyceville Spirit of Christmas

The annual Spirit of Christmas Celebration in Boyceville will be held on Saturday, December 8th and includes a live nativity, lighting the Christmas Tree, as well as craft sales and a lighted holiday parade with a visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus.



On December 24th there will be a Christmas Eve Service at 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Boyceville and a service at 7 p.m. at Prairie Farm: Faith United Methodist Church.

Faith United Methodist Church News for November

Worship Service at 8:30 am



- To those who contributed to the coat closet.
- To those who contributed to the Thanksgiving Dinner for the Moret family.
- To Leslie Frisle for delivering the Thanksgiving Dinner.
- To those who contributed to the collection for Kathy (Leslie's sister).
- To Bill Wiseman for shoveling snow off the ramp. Alyssa had it clean on Sat., but it snowed overnight.
- To Lay Readers: Bill Wiseman, Roxanne White, Gloria Kahl, Barbara Bender
- To Coffee Servers: Ila Knutson, Janice Salsbury, Barbara Bender

Parish Duties for December

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
Dec. 2	Open	Open	Pat Frisle
Dec. 9	Frisle's	Frisle's	Frisle's
Dec. 16	Gloria Kahl	Gary & Gloria Kahl	Gloria Kahl
Dec. 23	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Margie Wiseman
Dec. 30	5 th Sunday Service at Wheeler at 10:00 A. M.		

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women will meet on December 6th with potluck at 12:30 p.m. It will be our Christmas party and Secret Pal exchange. Bring a reading or other entertainment. We will not be meeting in January.

From Jeremy White: Thank you for honoring me at the Graduation Sunday service and for the nice gift. I am attending CVTC for diesel tech. Thank you for all the church has done for me.



Baptism: On November 11th we had the baptism of Genevieve Maureen McGowan during our service. It was wonderful to have many of family members in attendance. Our Best Wishes and Prayers for Baby Genevieve.

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



The Community of Love December 2018

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 4:8-11a, NRSV)

In addition to being secure in God's abundance, good stewards need to be oriented toward building a community of love. We do this because it is what God wants for us and because it glorifies God: our community of love is God made visible to those who cannot see him. The community of love has many aspects:

Loving God. In order to best love others, we must love God first. This is the greatest commandment and the source of our love.

Loving one another. More than loving others as ourselves, we are called to recognize that we share the same shortcomings and sinfulness in the eyes of God. Therefore, in constant love for one another we avoid being judgmental and practice forgiveness.

Living out our giftedness in the Body of Christ. We share the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed on us in order to build the church. We have all things in common: we study scripture and pray together, we are in fellowship and break bread together, we give generously and distribute the proceeds to meet our needs and the needs of others.

Witnessing to God's glory. We as individuals and as the church exist to glorify God. The community of love is a light that shines for all to see. This stewardship season let us remember not just what we give, but why we give: so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.

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

Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at www.wumf.org or Facebook/[wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org)
or call 1-888-903-9863

Help the Homeless Fundraiser

Help the Homeless fundraiser has a goal is to stop homelessness in our community. We are holding a fundraiser to help with the cost of getting into housing, to help get our homeless be safe and warm. Wisconsin winters are hard on everyone, but to live outside or in your car can be life threatening.

Homelessness is an epidemic that is happening across our country. Visibly we see the homeless on the street seeking shelters, but it is much more than that. There are many "homeless" who are living with others or in their cars or in extremely poor conditions. Many more are on the verge of being homeless. According to the Dunn County Health Department's 2017 report, 14.2% of Dunn County residents live with an income less than the poverty level, with child poverty levels at 15%. A job loss or illness can be a calamity that finds a person homeless.

The second challenge is to find affordable housing. Most places require a deposit (usually 1 month's rent), first month and last month's rent before you can move in. Average rates for a 2-bedroom apartment range from \$450-\$900 with homes for families being much more. Adding the deposit and last month's rent to that is an impossibility for most people. A lucky few, can lean on family and friends to help, if they have that resource, but struggle to pay them back.

Boyceville is a small town with a big goal, to raise \$10,000 to help with homeless housing. We believe that if we work as one with area churches, businesses, and community we can make a big impact toward this goal.

How can you help? We are asking each church in our area to work with us to accomplish big things! We will do the work, we just ask that you help.

- Donate gift baskets by December 8th.
- Donate to the Go-fund me page - Help the Homeless Event 2018
- Or mail to Boyceville UMC, P.O. Box 94, 804 St. John Street, Boyceville, WI 54725
- Attend the fundraiser and purchase items- December 15th.
- Share this fundraiser with everyone, so they can help and attend.

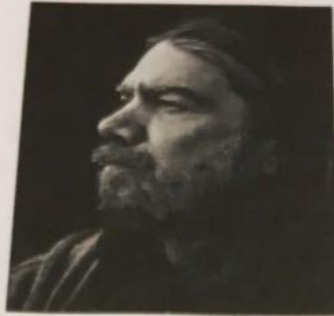
Put it on your calendars! Location is the Boyceville United Methodist Church at 804 St. John Street (next to Andy Pafko Park). Time: 8-4 on December 15th! Together we can end homelessness in our community!

All Proceeds will go to Stepping Stones in Dunn County.

Help the Homeless Event
Saturday December 15th, 2018 8am-4pm

Boyceville United Methodist Church- 804 St. Johns Street

Help the Homeless Gift Basket Fundraiser



*Let us help with your Christmas needs and support
a good cause. Gift baskets of all sizes and price
ranges. Stocking stuffers and crafts.*

Eat and Play Free Punch Out Bingo

Bring the Kids, be Warm and Play as a family.

8-11 am Breakfast (free will offering)

11-3 pm Soup and Sandwiches (free will offering)

Noon- 4 Free Bingo cards have a punch out slot.

December 15, 2018

8am to 4 pm

All proceeds go to help the Homeless in Dunn County!

Together we can end homelessness in our community!

