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## The Gleaner January 2019

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,*

It's hard to believe that we are so close to the end of a calendar year. Of course, we have already begun a new Christian calendar year. Many of us will soon be thinking of changes we would like to make in our lives in this New Year. Unfortunately, it seems that about 80% of resolutions made fail by February with only about 8-9 % success rate. There are many reasons for this failure rate. One of them is that most people live in a safe comfort zone. The comfort zone is embedded in our subconscious. Even if we say we desire change, the comfort zone remains in our subconscious mind.

Unfortunately, when creating our New Year's resolutions, many of us create a long list of things to change or something unrealistic for the time we allow ourselves and that sets us up for failure as our safe comfort zone resets itself.

Making only a small change in your daily routine will help avoid the resistance that naturally comes with change. It takes about 66 days to break an old habit. It takes time and patience to change and it doesn't happen without effort.

As I have thought about this it reminded me of this verse found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Although Jesus said this after speaking to a rich young man, it could be said of any of us when we desire to change something for something better. It can also be true during times of expected change. Even when we know change is going to happen, we are taken out of our safe comfort zone.

This happens with pastoral change as well. Pastors and congregations grow to know and care about each other. They become comfortable with each other's unique ways.

Although I have been here a little over a year now and have tried not to change too many things, there are changes that naturally happen as each pastor comes with different gifts and different family configurations. This change has been harder on some of you than others as we have been learning about each other. It is also complicated when there is more than one location, each with its own personality and needs. With time and patience, we will come to know each other better as we travel on this journey together.

*Pastor Shannon*



I would like to thank you for the many well wishes and gifts through this Advent and Christmas season.

Pastor Shannon

### **Pastor Shannon's Office Hours**

Office hours will be by appointment in January.

## Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be Sunday, January 13 and January 27. Doreen Olson and Marguerite Blodgett will serve on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Glenise Thomas is looking for someone to serve with her on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Boyceville Ushers

January ushers are Randy & Mindy Nelson



## *Scripture Readers and Greeters for Boyceville*

	Reader	Greeter
January 6	Steve Silvius	Dawn Rogers
January 13	Kim Jones-Silvius	Dianne Dummer
January 20	Adam Carufel	Jacob Nelson
January 27	Steve Silvius	Jordan 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.

## **"Early to Church, Early to Arrive" Promotes Friendship, Hugs and keeps the Smiles Alive!**

Coffee and juice, along with a cookie or bar, will be served prior to the Boyceville service 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, January 22nd.  
Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-265-7710 or  
[rtsmnelson@hotmail.com](mailto:rtsmnelson@hotmail.com) with your news. Thanks.

## **Human Relations Sunday**

We will be observing Human Relations Day on Sunday, January 20, 2019. Gifts to Human Relations Sunday support the Community Developers Program and community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services, related to the General Board of Global Ministries, and at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation program.

 IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Angie Thomas	Jean McIntyre	Larry Smith
Megan Johnson	Dawn Rogers	Karen Smith
Lucas Edwards	Sonya Zebro	Rick Schmidt
Loraine Blodgett	Anita Harvey	Family & Friends of Gloria Lorenz
Rosanne Wurtzler	Pam Rosen	Family & Friends of Hannah Rubusch
Relief Workers	Samantha Christian	Bill Canfield
Victims of Violence	Brad Stevens	Shelby Bauer
Butch Schaffer	Jerry Wyss	Cory Goodell
Victims of Natural Disasters		Lloyd Larrieu
World Peace	Coat Closet	The Food Harvest Ministry
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes		Missionaries

*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 January*

1 — James Harvey	
2 — Mary Matthaei	14 — Colin Hanson
4 — John & Angela Wyss (anniv)	17 — Lionel & Mary Kegen (anniv)
4 — Kevin & Sonya Zebro (anniv)	21 — Tony Dunn
6 — Harry & Sandy Christian (anniv)	21 — Teagan Matthaei
7 — Charlie Hall	21 — Brian & Jessica Ford (anniv)
9 — Jessica Blodgett	22 — Roger & Anita Smith (anniv)
9 — Melissa Blodgett	24 — Sherry Smith
9 — Haiden Salisbury	26 — Jim Salisbury
10 — Sonya Zebro	29 — Eileen Klicko
12 — Nichole Hiben	31 — Chris Burke
13 — Matthew Blodgett	

### **Food Harvest Ministry News**

The next distribution will be from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, January 19th at 1002 Main St., Boyceville, WI. Aluminum cans can also be dropped off at this location.

## **A Thank You from Honduras**

*Dear Friends at Boyceville,*

*Thank you for your commitment to provide \$100 a month to support our work at the Public Health Clinic in Limón, Honduras. We have received the first installment which exceeded your pledge, and are so appreciative. You are the first congregation to make a monthly commitment, and it makes a real difference.*

*We pay nurse Keysy about \$9 a day to work with Sister Alegría (Beth Blodgett) in the clinic each week, so that patients will be seen, even if Sister Alegría is not up to full strength. In fact, Keysy sees patients every Tuesday and often Wednesdays as well, whether or not we make it in. (We only go when there is a ride down from the monastery in La Fortuna). Your donation more than guarantees Keysy's wages each month.*

*Thank you for doing God's work and helping make health care available to this rural population.*

*Bendiciones,*

*Sisters Alegría and Confianza*

*Amigas del Señor Monastery  
Limón, Colón  
Honduras*

## **North West District Conference**

Saturday, January 26, 2019

9:00-3:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church  
1221 Wesley Dr., Rice Lake, WI

Theme: "Mastering Difficult Conversations"

Leaders: Natasha Lapcinski and Lauren Thrift

We will explore how to communicate when the topics are  
"hot" or conversations are difficult.

Special guest: Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Registration fee is \$20 per person

If interested, please contact Pastor Shannon

# *Faith United Methodist Church News for January*

Worship Service at 8:30 am



- To all who helped decorate the church and tree.
- To Terry Wilcox for putting up the Nativity scene outside.
- To those who furnished for the goodie bags for the shut-in baskets.
- To the UMW for furnishing the fruit for the baskets, as well as apples for Sunday.
- To those who helped make the baskets on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- To Janice Salsbury for providing the two poinsettias for the altar.
- To Mike Amick for snowblowing certain areas.
- To UMW, preschool, and Janice Salsbury for apportionment donations.
- To Lay Readers: Leslie Frisle, Barbara Bender, Roxanne White, Gary & Gloria Kahl, Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Servers: Pat Frisle, Leslie Frisle, Gloria Kahl, Margie Wiseman

## *Parish Duties for January*

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
January 6	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
January 13	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Pat Frisle
January 20	Barbara Bender	Barbara Bender	Barbara Bender
January 27	Open	Open	Ila Knutson

## *Faith United Methodist Women*

This is the first year we decided to not meet in January. It usually is so cold. Now we have had such a warm December, but we don't know what each new day can bring. Enjoy--- whatever!!!

**Administrative Council meets on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

District Conference is at Rice Lake UMC on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:30 p.m. Bishop Jung will be there.

Registration is \$20—it includes lunch at noon



## GIVING Invitation January 2019

“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)

Henri Nouwen has said, “Asking people for money is giving them the opportunity to put their resources at the disposal of the Kingdom.” If God wants us to build the Kingdom of God, then he wants us to invite others to support it. This is evangelism because the good news is that God has faith in us to build the Kingdom. There are a number of steps in the asking process and asking is a later step, not the first:

**Ask God First!** We must first trust in God that we can succeed in soliciting support for the missions and ministries we seek to support. We come to God in prayer to ask God for support before asking anyone else.

**Love the person you are asking.** We must also love the person we are asking for support, giving them the means to become a brother or sister in Christ through their support of the Kingdom. We must trust that the Spirit of Christ that is guiding us is also guiding them.

**Ask on behalf of the Kingdom of God.** We are asking potential donors to invest in the work of God. Whether their ability to give is great or small, what matters is that they are making their gift available to God.

**Be grateful for the answer.** Whether the answer is yes or no or maybe or someday, we must be grateful that the person listened and gave us an honest answer. We have offered something of great value and that is what is important to us.

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

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