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Newsletter of Boyceville, Faith and Grace United Methodist
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Wheeler: Grace Worship Service 11:00
Welcome

The Gleaner
March 2019

February 21, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I learned from the news last night that we have now broken the record for the most snowfall in February. It was also reported that we are in tenth place for the largest snowfall in one month, with the possibility of breaking that record.

I seemed to remember writing something about snow last winter as well and found that I wrote this for the February newsletter in 2018: I write this as everyone is digging out from under the most snow we have had since December of 2010 when the weight of the snow brought down the Metrodome roof in Minneapolis.

We like to break records. If we didn't there wouldn't be the Guinness Book of Records. Breaking records can bring excitement, joy into our lives and in some cases; it can be fun to do. But some, I'm not sure we need to break. As I talk to people, read posts on Facebook, watch news reports, it's evident that many people are just as weary as I am from the amount of snow we have had in a short time.

I found myself remembering Jesus saying something about how long must I. In all three of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) Jesus says: "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? (Lk 9:41 NIV)

Jesus had been preaching, teaching, and demonstrating what his followers needed to learn but they just didn't seem to get it. It seems he became weary as well. Although he became weary, he didn't quite, give up. He regrouped and continued as he made his way to the cross, not for his benefit, for ours.

As we continue to dig out from the latest snowfall, remember these words of the Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. (Hymn of Promise. Natalie Sleeth. © 1986 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.)

Please join us as we worship, study, and prepare for the Passion of our Savior during this season of reflection, renewal, and restoration.

Christ's Peace,

Pastor Shannon

Pastor Shannon's office hours will be by appointment in March



Wednesday evening Lent series

The Lenten Road

- * The Road to Damascus
- * The Road to the Wilderness
- * The Road Home
- * The Road to Jerusalem
- * The Road to Jericho
- * The Bethany Road

There is a brief 2-character drama available for each evening. Please let pastor know if you would be interested in doing one or more of them. You do not have to be a member of the church the session will be held at. If there are no volunteers for individual nights, the message can stand on its own.

Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday	Service 7:00 pm	Prairie Farm Faith
Wednesday, March 13	Meal 6:30 pm	Service 7:00 pm	Boyceville
Wednesday, March 20	Meal 6:30 pm	Service 7:00 pm	Wheeler Grace
Wednesday, March 27	Meal 6:30 pm	Service 7:00 pm	Prairie Farm Faith
Wednesday, April 3	Meal 6:30 pm	Service 7:00 pm	Boyceville
Wednesday, April 10	Meal 6:30 pm	Service 7:00 pm	Wheeler Grace



Seeking God's Will in St. Louis

A historic gathering will take place February 23-26 in St. Louis, Missouri as the specially convened session of General Conference takes place. This meeting will shape and direct the future of The United Methodist Church. It is a monumental moment in our long and varied history. It is my fervent prayer and deepest hope that it will be a God moment.

What we will do in St. Louis is incredibly important. It will say to the world who we are, what we value, how we understand the God of love, and why we believe the church is important. It will determine how we will live together in covenant, and the foundation upon which our covenant is based. It will impact how we treat each other, and what the core of our ministry is in our broken, contentious, and conflicted world. This conference will determine whether we can continue to serve God as the body of Christ or if we will have to go our separate ways. And while it will not settle our different understandings of the authority and interpretation of scripture, our theological debates, and our ideological disagreements, it will influence how we will be able to engage in these issues in the days to come.

As important as what we do, then, is how we do what we do. The world is watching us. How will Christians behave when they discuss, debate, dialogue, and disagree about the critical decisions that must be made? How will disciples of Jesus the Christ speak to one another? Will the Holy Spirit have anything to do with our deliberations? If so, then the evidence will be a General Conference abounding in the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These will be the determining proof of who is in charge of General Conference 2019. "Winning" is not the point. Honoring and glorifying God, modeling Christian grace and mercy, embracing a Pentecostal infusion of Holy Spirit – this will proclaim to the world our core beliefs and values.

February 23 has been designated a day of prayer and discernment for this special General Conference. I want to invite all clergy and laity throughout our Annual Conference to hold this Saturday as a true Sabbath. Set aside time, energy, and focus to pray simply, but powerfully, "not our will be done, O Lord, but in all things may your will be done!"

There is still so much critical ministry for us to do. We still exist in a world of hurt and violence, untruth and hatred, brokenness and despair. And we United Methodists have been blessed with the gospel, the good news that God is still in charge. Our God is love. Our God is grace. Our God is compassion and mercy. Our God loves the entire creation. And God loves all of us so much that God's Son came to redeem and reclaim us all. Let us do nothing, through our human weakness or short-sightedness, to undermine the will and work of God. Let us pray together to be faithful in all things. I believe God has great plans for us that echoes the prophet's promise, a future with hope.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be Sunday, March 10 and March 24. Shirley Jones and Sonya Zebro will serve on the 10th and Carol Cherney and Marguerite Blodgett will serve on the 24th.

Boyceville Ushers

March ushers are Lynn Smith and Dawn Rogers.



Scripture Readers and Greeters for Boyceville

	Reader	Greeter
March 3	Kim Silvius	Delphine Danovsky
March 10	Shirley Jones	Sonya Zebro
March 17	Earl Blodgett	Carol Cherney
March 24	Merlyn Jones	Kim Jones-Silvius
March 31	Kim Jones-Silvius	Dawn Rogers
April 7	Steve Silvius	Shirley 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.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due Tuesday, March 26th
Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-265-7710 or
rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Angie Thomas	Jean McIntyre	Larry Smith
Megan Johnson	Dawn Rogers	Karen Smith
Lucas Edwards	Sonya Zebro	Rob Schmidt
Anita Harvey	Lloyd Larrieu	Butch Schaffer
Rosanne Wurtzler	Pam Rosen	Cory Goodell
Brad Stevens	Bill Canfield	Samantha Christian
Relief Workers	Shelby Bauer	Jerry Wyss
Coat Closet	Victims of Violence	Family and friends of Loraine Blodgett
World Peace	Missionaries	Food Harvest Ministry
Victims of Natural Disasters		Margie Wiseman & Family (loss of her brother)
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes		

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 Tammy know when names should be added or removed.

Parish Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

3 - Jason Jones	16 - Makayla Nelson
4 - Larry Smith	19 - Rhonda Johnson
5 - Jordan Nelson	20 - Kylie Kahl
6 - Jerry & Julie Hiben (anniv)	20 - Robert Wyss
6 - Ray Wreford	20 - Gary & Linda Miller (anniv)
9 - Earl Blodgett	21 - Randy & Mindy Nelson (anniv)
11 - Cory Christian	22 - Jacob Nelson
11 - Lyle Minor	23 - Dorothy Luben
12 - Kim Silvius	24 - Bill Wiseman
13 - Olivia Jones	26 - Lionel Kegen
14 - Sierra Harren	26 - Kendra Sanderson
14 - Gaylord Johnson	26 - Roxanne White
14 - Connye Kegen	27 - Charity Jones

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next distribution will be from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, March 16th at 1002 Main St., Boyceville, WI. Aluminum cans can also be dropped off at this location.

SPRC Training

- **SPRC Training #3 – Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 6:00PM – 9:00PM**

Elk Mound: Trinity United Methodist Church, 105 S Holly Ave., Elk Mound, WI 54739

- **SPRC Training #4 – Tuesday, March 12, 2019 @ 10:AM – 1:00PM**

Eau Claire: Hope United Methodist Church, 2233 Golf Rd., Eau Claire, WI 54701

You can register for the SPRC training of your choice at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444aaa822abf94-north>

All pastors, SPRC chairs and SPRC committee members are encouraged to attend!

UMCOR Sunday

(Formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) On Sunday, March 31st we will be observing UMCOR Sunday. The monetary gifts given to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific UMCOR programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9th.

Men's Group

The Boyceville Men's Group will not be meeting in March or April. They will resume meeting in May.

St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick was born in Wales in about A.D. 385. He knew God wanted him to convert people to Christianity. He traveled throughout Ireland. Since Patrick didn't have books to give the people to teach them about Jesus, he used what he did have----lots of shamrocks. A shamrock has three leaves and Patrick used the 3 leaves to explain about the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all be separate, but at the same time they could all be one God. He died on March 17 and that day has been celebrated as St. Patrick's Day ever since.

Faith United Methodist Church News for March

Worship Service at 8:30 am



- To the Prairie Farm Township crew for clearing snow and sanding the parking lot for the Lasagna Dinner. It was beautiful.
- To Haiden Salsbury who did such a good job—busy all the time and seeing just what needed to be done. You all were important, too.
- To all who contributed/worked/came to the Lasagna Dinner.
- To Bill Wiseman who shovels snow quite often.
- To Mike for clearing snow in many places around the buildings. It is appreciated.
- To Roxanne for decorating the basement with bouquets of roses for belated Valentine's Day.
- To the Kids in Christ's Kingdom for the skits for Souper Bowl. They were entertaining and educational.
- To Lay Readers: Bill Wiseman, Roxanne White, Frisle's, and Gloria Kahl
- To Coffee Servers: Margie Wiseman, Barbara Bender, and Gary and Gloria Kahl

Parish Duties for March

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
March 3	5 th Sunday Celebration in Boyceville		
March 10	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Margie Wiseman
March 17	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Janice Salsbury
March 24	Robin Burke	Chris & Robin Burke	Open
March 31	Frisle's	Open	Frisle's

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women will meet on March 7th at 12:30 for potluck lunch. The business meeting and program will follow. Ila Knutson has the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program. Remember to bring that offering. I expect the local Call to Prayer program will be on Friday, the 8th at one of the Barron churches; watch the paper for details. We played Bingo on February 7th (the snowiest day of the year) at Pioneer Care and Rehab. They didn't think we would be there, but they enjoyed the Bingo and cake, strawberries, and ice cream. Thanks to Margie for the lovely prizes. Our Bake Sale at the Lasagna Dinner brought in \$132.75.

Robin and Barbara delivered the shoes for the Fund Drive for Xcel Energy to Eau Claire on February 14th. The bags filled two large boxes there. Thanks to all who contributed.

Thank You!

Country Playhouse Preschool wishes to thank all who contributed/worked/came to the Lasagna Dinner. You have been an important support for over twenty years. We cleared \$581 on Sunday, but we have to pay for our ads in the Hay River Review and the News-Shield yet. Your work is appreciated.

Ash Wednesday service will be at Faith UMC on March 6th at 7:00 p.m.



GIVING Why Do I Give? March 2019

“The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.” (2 Psalm 37:21)

People give to the church for a variety of reasons that form a hierarchy of motivations. Where they fall on the hierarchy is related closely to how much, proportionately, they give; how willingly they give; how they respond to being asked to pledge their support to the mission and ministry of the church, and how openly they talk about their giving. What motivates you to give?

Some people feel **called** to give out of their faith. Giving generously feels right and natural. It is a part of their discipleship. In turn, they are grateful for their own blessings including a place in the church where they can contribute.

Some people feel **fulfilled** by giving. They derive joy, energy and good feelings from giving. They value the church in their lives and want to support it so it is there for others.

Some people **value** giving as a duty. It is the right thing to do and creates good in the world. Giving influences the community for good and connects the giver with the community.

Some people would feel **guilty** if they did not give. They feel giving is something they should do, even if they would rather not. Alternatively, that fear they will be shamed if they do not give.

Finally, some people feel **coerced**. They feel their situation compels them to give.

Which of these describes why you give? Which do you think would be most pleasing to God? Next month, how to move up the hierarchy...

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

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