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Newsletter of the 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

The Gleaner
April 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write to you today, I have just come back from three days of training at Green Lake Conference Center. Lent seems a strange time to pull clergy away from the church to gather in training but as we gathered to hear our lecturer, breaking for lunch and dinner (there were sessions after dinner as well), I was slowly convinced it might not be so strange at that.

I believe this winter has been a trying one on so many levels for everyone. In a way, because of the many challenges we faced, our focus on God and the tasks Jesus has given us, though not forgotten, was drawn elsewhere. Clergy coming together for this length of time during this season drew us from the added tasks of the season, but, gave us time to refocus after a trying winter season.

As we continue our journey of lent, I want to encourage everyone to remember the membership vow to be present. Present to other, present in worship. We have some exciting things coming up. Palms for Palm/Passion Sunday; Maundy Thursday Seder at Boyceville (a charge worship event); Good Friday Tenebrae ecumenical service at Prairie Farm: Faith; and our Easter celebration of the risen Christ.

I want to particularly say something about the Seder. There are some that say if we hold a Seder, we are co-opting the practices of another religious group for our own purposes. I always wondered about this until I read a book called *What Every Christian Needs to Know About Passover: What It Means and Why It Matters* by Rabbi Evan Moffic. As a child I often wondered why we used the Old Testament but then said these celebrations did not belong to us.

In his introduction he calls Passover an “interesting place where Christianity and Judaism intersect.” He says: “Church going Christians celebrate Jesus’ Passover Seder when they take communion.” At the end of his book he gives a Seder for Christians. I purposely say a Seder because there are many different versions of the celebration but all with the central purpose of remembering the Passover and God delivering the Israelites out of slavery from Egypt.

I believe with some of the things that have been happening in our country and around the world, exploring this intersection on Maundy Thursday through the Seder meal may help us better understand our Jewish cousins.

We are asking for you to sign up, AKA, let us know you will be coming, one week before. This will help those preparing the meal know how much they should prepare.

Grace and peace on your continued Lenten Journey.

Pastor Shannon

Training Event

The Tainter United Methodist Church will be hosting an educational event that will deal with an active shooter within a church setting. This event is open to anyone who would like to come. It will be held on Monday, April 8th at 7 p.m. at the Tainter United Methodist Church, N7584 690th Street, Colfax, and it will be led by Officer Rich Day of the Dunn County Sheriff’s Department.



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



Palm Sunday, April 14 Regular Worship Times:

8:30 am Prairie Farm Faith

9:45 am Boyceville

11 am Wheeler Grace

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:30 pm Seder Meal at Boyceville

Good Friday, April 19

11 am Youth Cross Walk with Stations of the Cross in Prairie Farm
starts at park and ends at Lutheran Church

7 pm Ecumenical Tenebrae Service at Prairie Farm Faith

Easter Sunday, April 21

8:15 am Worship at Prairie Farm Faith

9:45 am Worship at Boyceville

11 am Worship at Wheeler Grace

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be Sunday, April 14 and April 28. Glenise Thomas and Delphine Danovsky will serve on the 14th and Dawn Rogers and Mindy Nelson on the 28th.

Boyceville Ushers

April ushers are Frank & Dianne Dummer



Scripture Readers and Greeters for Boyceville

	Reader	Greeter
April 7	Steve Silvius	Shirley Jones
April 14	Glenise Thomas	Glenise Thomas
April 21	Merlyn Jones	James Hall
April 28	Kim Silvius	Judy Schlottman
May 5	Earl Blodgett	Jennifer Hall

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, April 23rd.
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	Anita Harvey
Lloyd Larrieu	Butch Schaffer	Pam Rosen
Cory Goodell	Brad Stevens	Bill Canfield
Samantha Christian	Shelby Bauer	Jerry Wyss
Relief Workers	Coat Closet	Victims of Violence
World Peace	Missionaries	Food Harvest Ministry
Victims of Natural Disasters		

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 Pastor Shannon or Tammy know when names should be added or removed.

Parish Birthdays and Anniversaries in April

2 - Corey Goodell	18 - Stephen Silvius
2 - Terry Wilcox	18 - Oscar Wyss
2 - Chase Quast	19 - Marvin Jones
3 - Shanoah Harren	19 - Gloria Ford
3 - Kathy Neck	20 - Gloria Solberg
4 - Robin Burke	23 - Gerald Schlottman
5 - Dianna Chance	
8 - Donnie Wilson	25 - Julie Fedderly
10 - Penny Koehler	26 - Cody Smith
13 - Genevieve Durham	28 - James Hall
13 - Carolyn Tireman	28 - Bucky Nelson
14 - Pat Frisle	28 - Steven Nelson
15 - Terry Hiben	30 - Rick Schmidt



The Boyceville congregation would like to say a big thank-you to Kevin, Sonya and Jonathan Zebro and Merlyn and Shirley Jones for all their hard work in the kitchen! The new countertops are beautiful. To help keep our new counter tops looking nice please use the large counter top cutouts or large boards under anything hot like crockpots. If you have any questions, ask Sonya. Paying for the new counter tops made a rather large dent in our building and grounds funds. If you would like to make a donation towards the counter tops, please contact Marguerite. Or you can place your gift in the offering plate, just mark it "counter tops." Thank you.

JOFM

Jesus overflowing Ministry is a service organization that helps both members of the community and members of our church that have financial needs. Requests are made by contacting the pastor or a member of JOFM. We believe that we are called to provide service to others- as Jesus said- As you have done to the least of these you have done to me. Jesus calls us to reach out to the least, the last and the lost. We know in today's world, life can happen, and a helping hand can make a world of difference. We are here to be that hand- we need to do the work of Jesus. People may be assisted one time.

As United Methodists we have a history of commitment to service and social justice. John Wesley placed strong emphasis on the Christian life as a combination of faith and love put into practice. We help to affirm the love of God for all humankind. When somebody reaches out, it matters to be there.

We primarily have had requests for gas for work and medical appointments, food, security deposits and car repairs. We are able to help with what people need. Currently, our resources are stretched out. We need your help so that we can help out others. IF you want to make a donation to JOFM, please mark the envelope when you give your gifts on Sunday.

Thanking you in advance for your generous support with prayers and finances.

Honduras Mission Updates

3/5/2019

Thank you for your faithful financial help. The last week in February, we visited La Ceiba, including visiting our collaborator, Eloyda Ponce, R. N., who orders medicines for us for the public health clinic in Limón. This time we ordered only boxes of syringes and acetamenophen—a light order, less than \$180. When we run out of syringes and a patient has an injection prescribed, said patient must go to a local store and buy a syringe, then return for the injection. It's not supposed to be that way, so the monastery tries to keep the clinic in syringes when the government fails. Also, we bought 4,000 tablets of acetamenophen. There are at least 20 health volunteers in various neighborhoods. 20 years ago, malaria was quite a scourge here. The public health department has worked hard to make it rare. In our county, we had no cases in 2018, thanks mostly to our tireless supervisor of "health promoters," Eric Cooper. He asked us to resupply the acetamenophen supply. In years past, patients went for their malaria test and received three days of malaria treatment. Now that malaria is less common, the government, in their wisdom, decided to stop giving out malaria medicine. But your ordinary citizen is not going to walk ½ mile to have a malaria test done without receiving any medicine. The monastery provides the acetamenophen so that this important screening for malaria can continue to be effective. It is effective.

Thanks again.

Blessings,

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

3/19/2019

What can a small, all-white church in a white community do to roll back racism? LOTS. In Wisconsin, all newborns are screened at the cost of the state for many potentially disabling conditions, including sickle-cell anemia, which is more common among African heritage people. Honduras has no such free testing. We have been able to obtain reliable sickle cell tests for \$4 each. \$4—that's a lot. We buy pregnancy tests for 75 cents each. Thanks to donors, this year our Garifuna (Afro-Caribe) children will be tested for sickle cell disease, carrier status, and Hemoglobin C. If we know a baby has sickle cell disease (which protects against malaria—that's why it has survived), that baby will suffer much less throughout her life and will receive appropriate treatment when needed. Sickle cell puts one at risk of debilitating pain episodes (the red cells sludge in the tiny blood vessels) and overwhelming infection (the spleen dies of overwork recycling the sickle-shaped red cells). We spent \$1,642 in January to buy just over a one-year supply of these tests. We'll carefully record the results so that even if we can never do it again, we'll have lots of data of family histories.

The tests have been finally shipped (March 14) so soon we'll be in business.

Blessings,

*Hna A.
Amigas del Señor Monastery
Limón, Colón
Honduras*

Faith United Methodist Church News for April

Worship Service at 8:30 am



- To Bill Wiseman for shoveling snow off the entryway roof and more.
- To Pastor Shannon for providing many useful kitchen supplies for the Selkow Family following their garage fire and smoke-filled trailer home. It is being gutted and refurnished.
- To Pastor Shannon for the boxful of candles which were contributed to the bazaar at the Legacy Celebration.
- To Roxanne White, Robin Burke, and Barbara Bender for the “Movie Night” basket for the silent auction. It sold for \$35.
- To the UMW for the rug contributed. It sold for \$14.
- To preschool families for supplies for the Selkow Family.
- To those who provided food/worked for the March 27th Lenten Supper.
- To Youth in Christ for the March 3rd service.
- To Lay Readers: Roxanne White, Robin Burke, and Frisle’s.
- To Coffee Servers: Janice Salsbury, Robin Burke, and Frisle’s.

Parish Duties for April

	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
April 7	Barbara Bender	Barbara Bender	Pat Frisle
April 14	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Margie Wiseman
April 21	Gary & Gloria Kahl	Gary & Gloria Kahl	No Coffee
April 28	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Roxanne White

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women met March 7th for the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program given by Ila Knutson and the special offering taken for it. The North West District met at Lake Street Church in Eau Claire for the Spring Day of Enrichment which was our 150th Legacy Celebration. About 120 were in attendance. Skits were presented from Holcombe and Superior. Florence Millard who is 100 told about her many mission trips to Red Bird Mission and Henderson when she was younger. Silent Auction, Bazaar, and Flea Markets were in the afternoon. Kate Jones, D.S. concluded with the Communion Service. It was fun with many dressed in vintage ware, as well as, vintage clothing and hats on display.

Easter Service will be at 8:15 a.m. There will be no coffee that morning.

Cross Walk

Kid's In Christ's Kingdom will be hosting a Cross Walk on Good Friday, April 19, and invite everyone to join us! If you have never been on our Cross Walk (or if it has been a while since you have) - we will be starting at Pioneer Park in Prairie Farm at 11am. We will carry a cross while we retrace Jesus' journey to Calvary; we stop several times along the way for meditations and prayers. We should arrive at the United Lutheran Church about 12 and will have a snack prepared for you. If it happens to be raining at that time - we will hold the whole Cross Walk at the United Lutheran church.

**CELEBRATION
OF
JAYME'S RETURN
AND BENEFIT
FOR
BOB & JENNIFER SMITH**

Benefit proceeds to be used by Bob and Jennifer for general family expenses and to make alterations to their home to better accommodate Jayme.

May 4, 2019
10:00am - 4:00pm
**Barron High School
Commons/Gym**
Short Program at 2:00pm in the gym
with live auction to follow

*Silent Auction, Paddle Raffle, and a Chinese Auction all day!

Menu: Spaghetti, Breadstich, Coleslaw, Bars/Cookies, Water/Coffee
A free will donation will be taken
Food served from 11:00am - 2:00pm
(or until food runs out)

*A celebration with food and music
commemorating the safe return of Jayme Cross*

CASH AND CHECK ACCEPTED

Anyone looking to volunteer at the event, make a donation for the silent auction or live auction, donate baked goods, or any other questions, please contact Bill Baltz at (715) 931-7940 or bobjennifer2019benefit@gmail.com

Roxanne White and Robin Burke from PF church are helping with this and are willing to assist in picking up items or you can contact them with questions you may have.

Faith Soup & Sandwich Supper And Bake Sale

Wednesday, April 24th

4:30-7:00 p.m.

At the Ridgeland Community Center

Serving Vegetable Soup, Potato Kielbasa
Soup, Chili, Turkey, Chicken and Ham
Sandwiches, Cheese, Crackers, Bars, Milk
& Coffee

Free Will Offering



GIVING Why Do I Give? Part 2 April 2019

The folks at **Network for Good** remind us that giving is a human transaction; we usually give for reasons of the heart (emotionally) rather than for reasons of the head (rationally). Here are some reasons that donors have given for their contributions:

- Someone I know asked me to give, and I wanted to help them
- Felt emotionally moved by someone's story
- Want to feel I'm not powerless in the face of need and can help (this is especially true during disasters)
- Want to feel I'm changing someone's life
- Feel a sense of closeness to my church
- Want to memorialize someone
- Was raised to give to church—it's tradition in my family
- It makes me feel connected to other people and builds my social network
- Want to have a good image of myself/my family
- Want to leave a legacy that perpetuates my support for the church
- Feel fortunate and want to give something back to others
- My faith teaches me to support the church
- Want to be seen as a leader/role model

Why do you give? The stewardship leaders of your church should be asking this question of you on a regular basis. If they don't, ask them why not?

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

