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Newsletter of Boyceville, Prairie Farm Faith and
Wheeler Grace United Methodist Churches
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Prairie Farm: Faith Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Boyceville Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Wheeler: Grace Worship Service 11:10 a.m.
Welcome

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I suspect we are all familiar with the words of Ecclesiastes 3 which begins, “There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1 CEB) We are in a season of transitions, transitioning from the season of Easter to the days after Pentecost on our Christian calendar, and the change of appointments in our United Methodist churches.

I want to thank all of you for the different ways you have allowed me to be your pastor. As the years go by there are many ways I will think fondly of you as there will be ways you think of me as well.

In the little over three and a half years I have been with you, I have had the pleasure of baptisms, confirmation, and performed too many funerals. There have been worship services at nursing homes, visits at hospitals and to shut-ins, and many wonderful church meals. There have been trials as well, especially the challenge which COVID presented to us in our everyday lives and how we worship and do ministry together.

As I am leaving you, there is one who has been here from the beginning and remains with you, Jesus the Christ. Although these churches in the past do not look like they do now and will not look the same in the future, Jesus is consistent.

I hope you have a wonderful future and that with the leadership of your incoming pastor, you continue to connect to your communities, making disciples for Christ.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Shannon



I would like to thank the SPRC and Ad Councils for the work they have done while I have been here, especially over this last challenging year. I would also like to thank Earl, Marguerite, Melissa, and Jessica Blodgett for making it possible for us to do on-line worship and providing the current phone ministry.

As well as all of those who took care of the church buildings and lawns, especially while we were not meeting in person, and those who continued to carry out ministries during this time. Thank you.

Pastor Shannon

Prayer of Thanks

All of our lives were disrupted last March as the Covid pandemic swept across our nation. Every one of us was affected by it in some way. As more people are vaccinated and we are able to resume some face to face activities, let's give thanks to God.

Life Giving God, I give thanks to you for giving the gifts and talents to those who have helped us through to this point. I give thanks for all the front line workers; the medical staffs and essential workers in all fields who were at risk everyday they went to work. I give thanks for the scientists and medical staff who worked to bring us a vaccination. I give thanks for those who learned how to work from home. I give thanks for teachers who quickly learned new ways to reach and teach their students and provided materials for them to learn at home. I give thanks for parents, grandparents, and others who took those materials and continued school at home for the children. I give thanks for those who kept food pantries going and provided other food resources for those who need it. I give thanks for those who ran errands for others. I give thanks for those who could stay at home and did.

Healing God, even as I give thanks, I remember those who were and are sick, those who had to postpone medical procedures, those who had them. I remember those who have Covid, those who had it and have recovered, those whose recovery is slow, and those who are experiencing long term effects of it.

Merciful God, I remember those who have died during this time and the families and friends who are left behind. May they experience your peace.

In Christ's name I pray. Amen

Sermon by Phone

The Boyceville church is offering a Sermon by Phone service. Each week you can call into our Sermon by Phone telephone number and listen to the scripture reading and sermon. The phone number is 715-309-5114. This is a Menomonie number, and it is a local phone number for Boyceville and Wheeler. There is no charge to listen to the sermon. The sermon will be available to call Sunday after 8 am. Each service will be available till the following Saturday afternoon. If you have any questions call Marguerite at 715-651-7880.

Sermon by Phone - call 715-309-5114. The message will change each week, but the phone number stays the same.



Ministry During Covid

There are many, both within and without of these three churches, who have served others and been involved in ministries throughout this time of uncertainty. One of these has been Irene Schmidt. Many of you have at least one of the masks she has made but do you know the story behind them?

Irene Schmidt, age 87 of the UMC of Boyceville wanted to do what she could to help as she followed the stay at home mandate beginning in March of 2020. On April 1st with a pattern off of the internet and some material that had been purchased, she began making face masks. During the first part of May, hearing what she was doing, a woman from the Boyceville church gave her a box of fabric to help her with her ministry. To this point she has made about 5,000 masks. As amazing as the numbers of masks she has made is, even more so might be how far reaching her ministry has been.

Her masks have been given to the fire departments, police stations, churches, and hair salons in Boyceville and Menomonie. Hospitals and the clinic in Menomonie have asked for and received them. They have been taken to senior centers, and places in Chippewa Falls as well.

But the largest recipient of her ministry has been veteran's homes, especially in the southern part of Wisconsin. As many of us are preparing to give up most of our masks, veteran's homes are still asking for them.

Irene has been sending her masks to Veteran's homes in quantities of 100 masks a time. She has been sending them about every 10 days throughout the pandemic. It costs \$15.00 each time she sends them, just part of her ministry.

Irene says, "The Lord has given me strength to do all of this. Praise the Lord."

Yes, Irene, we praise the Lord. We praise the Lord for you and your ministry as well as all those who have found ways to continue in ministry but in different ways than they have in the past.

Online Giving at Boyceville

Online giving is available at Boyceville through PayPal. You do not have to have a PayPal account to use this option. There are options to make one-time donations or you can schedule a recurring donation. A space for notes is available for comments if you wish to designate part of your donation to a special project, like our Honduras Medical Mission or Apportionments. The PayPal link is on the church website: boycevilleumc.org

Offerings

God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. One of the ways we do this is through our offerings of prayers, our time, talents, gifts, and witness in gratitude for God's unwavering love and countless blessings. In these ways we are able to help God's love and light shine through us to others.

Please continue to support your church during this time of uncertainty. Donations can be sent to:

Boyceville UMC
P.O. Box 94
Boyceville, WI 54725

Faith UMC
c/o Margie Wiseman
405 Bluff Ave. N
Prairie Farm, WI 54762

Grace UMC
P.O. Box 183
Wheeler, WI 54772

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, June 19th at 1002 Main St., Boyceville, WI. Items will be boxed and ready for pick up. Volunteers are needed to unload the truck and pack boxes on Thursday, June 17th.



Samantha Christian Pat Schoonover
Chloe Howey Jackie Vos
Jeanna Hollister Parker Knutson
Family & Friends of Ray Cherney
Food Harvest Ministry
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

Virgil Schoonover
Rex Nicholson
Gary Kahl
Gloria Kahl
Honduras Mission

A reminder: Please remember our shut-ins with 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 June

1 - Regina Frisle	15 - Ron & Gina Harren (anniv.)
1 - Jada Kahl	18 – Brian Kahl
2 – Sharon Wyss	19 - Doreen & Jerry Olson (anniv.)
3 – Brian Ford	19 - Frank & Dianne Dummer (anniv.)
3 - Dale Feyen	19 – Gloria Kahl
3 - Rosemary Zachow Tracy	22 – Jackie Dummer-Vos
4 - Shirley Jones	24 – Jessica Ford
4 - Mary Kegen	30 - Michaella Kegen
6 - Shelby Bauer	
10 - Steve Dummer	
14 - Jerry & Kathy Neck (anniv.)	

Wheeler Grace United Methodist Church

Boxed Grilled Chicken Dinner

3:30-7 p.m.

Thursday, June 3

Food can be picked up at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Free Will Offering

Do You Have Special Skills?

Stepping Stones wants to see YOUR special skills in action!

The Community Connections Program at Stepping Stones strives to connect volunteers to neighbors to provide free supportive services which often enable people to live independently longer. Jill would like to expand her volunteer pool and help more community members be able to stay safely in their homes. In order to do that, she needs YOU to let her know what you are good at (and yes, everyone is good at SOMETHING)! Some of the skills could include things like:

- The ability to fix a running toilet
- Replace a broken door
- Fix a washer or dryer
- Repairing a ripped window screen
- Replacing a deck board or stair
- Helping to build a wheelchair ramp
- Or....(insert your special skill here)

The list goes on, and I am sure there are some skills you didn't even know we needed! So, let's see what you've got!

If you have a heart for helping, please call (715-235-2920 ext. 204) or email

communityconnect@steppingstonesdc.org) Jill and see how you can help. When she gets a request in the community, she will let you know when your particular skills are needed. If you work better as a team, then sign your buddy up as well (Shhhhhh, we won't tell!)? Simply put, we cannot help the community without great community members like yourself...thank you for being YOU!

Gleaner Deadline

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due Tuesday, June 22nd.
Please contact Tammy Nelson at
715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com
with your news. Thanks. ☺

Boxtops for Education Program

You no longer need to clip Box Tops anymore!

You just add the Box Top app to your Smart Phone and name a student at a specific school. For example: Dominic Harvey at Tiffany Creek Elementary School in Boyceville, WI.

Now all you need to do is scan your sales receipt and the app automatically selects the eligible item and gives the designated school credit. So help your local school through the General Mills Box Top Program. Every scan counts, and Box Tops add up fast.

Get more information at BTFE.com

Faith United Methodist Church News for June

Worship Service at 8:30 am



Thank you:

- To Roxanne White for spending hours cleaning the Memorial Garden and getting the memorials out again. It all looks so nice.
- To Craig Conklin for a most generous gift to be used however the church can make the best use of it. We are not alone; he is sharing with all the churches he has served in the past.
- To Margie, Janice, and the UMW for doing 12 Personal Dignity kits to be taken to Annual Conference.
- To Margie Wiseman for providing beautiful music as our church pianist. Good Job!!

	Lay Reader	Greeter/Usher
June 6	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
June 13	Bruce Drinkman	Bruce Drinkman
June 20	Frisles	Frisles
June 27	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women will meet on June 4th at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Kathy Neck has the program.

Baked Potato Bar

Prairie Farm Faith United Methodist Church will be serving "Baked Potato Bar" at the Ridgeland Park Tuesday, June 29th from 3-7 P.M. There will be a variety of toppings, salad, dessert, milk, coffee, and water. Free will offering, with a suggested price of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. A children's meal will also be offered.



Celebrate Light at the End of the Tunnel June 2021

Psalm 118:24 "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Where and when do you stop and celebrate? How do you "rejoice and be glad" in the day the "Lord has made?"

Today I stop to rejoice in the rain that is coming down, that we very much need. I celebrate the sun from this weekend that brought so many smiles. I rejoice in all of our churches who have and are continuing to do ministry despite the difficulties of the times. I celebrate the faithfulness of our congregations to continue to give of their time, talents, and treasures.

How are you celebrating God's continued blessings in your lives? What is your response going to be? How are you going to give to others because God has given to you?

We are so blessed. So, we are called to be a blessing to others. Volunteer in ways you feel comfortable. Attend church, in whatever format you wish. Donate to your church, other nonprofits, and causes close to your heart. Pray. Always Pray.

Celebrate! Because "This is the day that the Lord has made."

Rev. Krystal Goodger, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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or call 1-888-903-9863