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Newsletter of Boyceville, Prairie Farm Faith and
Wheeler Grace United Methodist Churches
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Parsonage: 715-749-6351
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

July 2021

The Gleaner

Greetings, Boyceville, Prairie Farm: Faith, and Wheeler: Grace UMCs!

I'm Pastor Vicky Strupp. My husband, Jim and I are celebrating 40 years of marriage on June 20th of this year. We have two children: Julie, a journalist who lives in Washington, DC, and Andrew, an electrical engineer who resides in Sun Prairie, WI.

I have been the pastor of Faith UMC in Ladysmith since July 2015. Previously, I served as the youth minister at Zion and Hallie UMCs in Chippewa Falls for 2 years.

Before that, I served in many volunteer capacities in our home church, Jim Falls UMC, including youth ministry, visitation ministry, lay speaking and music/worship leading.

I'm looking forward to serving with all of you. I'm particularly excited to make time to get to know each of you individually, and to brainstorm new ways to serve our communities. May we grow together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky





"The Joy of Annual Conference"

"Am I hearing you right, Bishop Jung? The joy of Annual Conference?"

Yes, my beloved siblings in Christ, Annual Conference is a time for joy. Certainly, we must deal with the business of the Conference, and there are various limitations and concessions we make in the virtual format, but at the deepest level, Annual Conference is the gathering of a beloved covenant community of laity and clergy who love God, love the church, and work together to honor and glorify God through vital mission and ministry. We do not always agree on everything, and we may have conflicted feelings about the future of the church, but we are a body of baptized Christian stewards who are excited about "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

For decades, Annual Conference began with the singing of "And Are We Yet Alive," and the response on the part of all the leaders of our church was a resounding "yes." By God's grace, we are the witness to the world of God's unconditional love and enduring hope. Annual Conference has always been intended as prayerful and worshipful work, holy Christian Conference, and celebration of the manifold blessings of God. This is still the joy of Annual Conference I wish to lift up.

Our worship is the centerpiece of our time together. From opening worship through our Memorial Service – honoring the laity and clergy who have passed away since our last time together – to our Service of Ordination and Commissioning – which confers God's blessing on the specialized ministries of those responding to God's call, we are raising our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving. We recognize our retirees and the incredible service they have given to keep our churches strong and our witness great. We recognize and celebrate with various awards, those who make special contributions to ministry in and through our Wisconsin Conference. We have preachers, teachers, and Bible study leaders who shift our focus to the future and to improving our ministry in significant ways.

And we have fellowship. Perhaps the greatest challenge and the most significant sense of loss is that we cannot gather in person, greeting one another face-to-face and sit around tables catching up and sharing our stories. We miss the laughter and the joy that comes when old and new friends spend time in the hallways and at mealtimes and in the free time each evening. But the fact that we cannot have this level of engagement this year simply makes us more aware how precious our covenant community really is. We are a source of joy for one another.

We have a special opportunity and celebration this year. Due to difficult scheduling, we are meeting together on Juneteenth. This is a significant historic memorial for the ending of slavery in the United States, and it stands symbolically for the sacred worth of each person. From our national shame comes resurrection and a deep commitment to radical inclusion and racial justice. For all who are not attending Annual Conference, I heartily recommend attending a Juneteenth celebration. For those of us leading our Wisconsin Conference, our day together of worshipful work is dedicated to the meaning and spirit of Juneteenth. Another reason for joy and celebration.

Meetings are meetings. They can be good and productive, they can be long and waste time, they can be confusing and

complex, but they can also be a party. I am inviting you all to a party, celebrating the church of Jesus Christ called United Methodist. I am inviting you to enter into delight and thanksgiving for all the blessings of our ministry and mission together. I invite you to worship and singing, learning and listening, recognitions and remembrance, I am inviting you to the joy of Annual Conference, reminded of the words from scripture,

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

let them sing for joy on their couches. (Psalm 149:1-5)

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

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.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, June 17th 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, July 15th.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Samantha Christian Pat Schoonover
Chloe Howey Rex Nicholson
Jeanna Hollister Parker Knutson
Food Harvest Ministry
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

Virgil Schoonover
Gloria Kahl
Gary Kahl
Honduras Mission

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

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

Parish Birthdays and Anniversaries in July

2 - Beverly Stalker	12 - Karen Smith
2 - Jonathan Zebro	13 - Jeff Kegen
3 - Amy Walk	14 - Nancy Schlottman
4 - John Wyss	15 - Becca Wyss
	16 - Allan & Amy Walk (anniv.)
6 - Casey Wilcox	17 - Anita Smith
7 - Ryan Dummer	17 - Megan Zebro
7 - Nick Carufel	19 - Teresa Ankney
	21 - Daren Smith
10 - Lynda Viebill	22 - Christina Salsbury
	27 - Ron Harren
11 - Gary Miller	30 - Terry & Lottie Hiben (anniv.)
11 - Brenda Smith	30 - Jim & Christina Salsbury

Gleaner Deadline

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due Tuesday, July 20th.
Please contact Tammy Nelson at
715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com
with your news. Thanks. ☺

Faith United Methodist Church News for July

Worship Service at 8:30 am



Thank you:

- To Bill Wiseman for hours spent in consulting with individuals regarding the leak in the entryway and roof.
- To Pastor Shannon for pastoral support from October 2017 through June 2021.

	Lay Reader	Greeter/Usher
July 4	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
July 11	Ecumenical Service at 10:00 a.m. by ULC park	
July 18	Barbara Bender	Barbara Bender
July 25	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women will not be meeting in July. Our next meeting will be August 6th at 1:00 p.m. Roxanne White will have the program. Our new pastor, Vicky, will be invited and we would like all members to make a special effort to attend for meeting, greeting, and fellowship. Put it on your calendar.

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.



Storytime Your Ministry Story July 2021

Ephesians 3:20 "Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God's power that is at work within us."

I took my kids fishing for the first-time last month. You can imagine the excitement of 5-year-olds with a fishing rod! Besides fishing, they had fun throwing things into the lake. They enjoyed seeing how far they could throw sticks and rocks and see the ripples they create. That was a great teaching moment. "Do you know your words and actions are like these sticks? You do one thing, but it has a reaction much larger."

There is a church in our conference that received an estate gift in the mid-1990s for youth. The gift was \$5,000 and was invested here at the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. That gift has grown and continued to be used for ministry. In the last 25 years, over \$6,500 has been used for youth ministry! There is still almost \$7,000 in that fund today!

Isn't it wonderful what a modest gift can do for the ministry of a church even after we have died! Isn't it wonderful how one gift can affect youth for years! Isn't it wonderful that one gift is a much larger action than the original giver could have ever known?

How are you giving to the church with your time, talents, and treasures? What ripple effect will it have now and in the future?

Rev. Krystal Goodger, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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