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Newsletter of Boyceville, Prairie Farm Faith and
Wheeler Grace United Methodist Churches
Pastor Vicky Strupp
Parsonage: 715-749-6351
Prairie Farm: Faith Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Boyceville Worship Service 9:45 a.m.
Wheeler: Grace Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Welcome

September 2021

The Gleaner

Pastor Vicky's Reflections

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

~Romans 14:19

The world is crying out for peace. Everywhere we look, we see division and war, "fightings and fears, within, without..."* We can feel helpless. Of course, we can and should pray--and pray specifically for the people and places in need of God's peace. But there is more that we can do.

In chapter 14 of Romans, Paul is taking his readers to task for their attitudes. He warns them against judging one another and having contempt for one another over their doctrinal differences. At that time, the issue was eating meat that had been sacrificed to idols, but we can apply it to the petty grievances we have with each other. Paul isn't telling these Christians to obliterate their differences. Instead, he exhorts them to rise above their differences as Christian brothers and sisters.

St. Francis of Assisi gave us a glorious prayer that can help us to live out Romans 14:19.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. (UMH #481)

Friends, let us ponder these words and put them into practice!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

*Charlotte Elliot



My Beloved Wisconsin Siblings in Christ,

I greet you in the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, and I would begin with gratitude for the faithfulness and witness of your discipleship during the pandemic. I write today concerned about grounding our Christian practice as the Delta Variant has become the predominant strain in Wisconsin.

We cannot eliminate risk in our life together, but we can be wise and bear witness to Jesus by what we place in the center. Psalm 84 begins, "how lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!". The temple is considered lovely in verse three because, "even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young." The temple and temple community are lovely because they have made room for the sparrow who looks for protection.

Consider, dear Siblings, that with the Delta Variant we are seeing increased transmissibility and impact on the unvaccinated, as well as breakthrough cases for the vaccinated. We are experiencing turnover in clergy leadership from stress. Children are unable to be vaccinated. Many have compromised immune systems and our health care professionals are under great strain. In such a time as this, might we train our eyes on ways we make room for the vulnerable? How might we be children of a God whose eye is on the sparrow?

In January of this year, I asked you to consider the accountability and practice of three simple rules for United Methodists in Wisconsin: be cautious, be gracious, and be flexible.

I thank God for our Coronavirus Task Force. Leaders, these are important days for spiritual leadership. Thank you for every way you walk the moral high ground, and every time you humbly surrender your personal preferences to benefit the mission of Jesus. How lovely is the temple where the sparrow finds a home.

Know that I am praying for you.

In Christ's love,
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Announcement:

Beginning September 5th, 2021

Boyceville Worship will return to 9:45 a.m.

and Wheeler will return to 11 a.m.

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.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
Sept. 5	Merlyn Jones
Sept. 12	Glenise Thomas
Sept. 19	Jim Strupp
Sept. 26	Marguerite Blodgett



Third Sunday Hymn Sing resumes on September 19th at 9:30 a.m. at Boyceville. Come early and join in the hymn sing before the worship service. This is your chance to request a favorite hymn to sing!

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee time returns to Boyceville! Coffee and cookies will be served Sunday, Sept. 12th and 26th after the worship service. Irene Schmidt and Shelby Bauer will serve on the 12th and Glenise Thomas and Marguerite Blodgett will serve on the 26th.



Thank you to everyone who supported Operation Back to School! We delivered 8 bags of school supplies and a check for \$176 to WestCap.

September/October Mission Project

For the months of September and October we will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products to support Stepping Stones in Menomonie and the Little Free Pantry, which is a blessing box hosted by Irene's granddaughter, Polly Torkelson, (in honor of her mother) for those in need.

Any items are welcome but most needed are:

Peanut butter & Jelly

Oatmeal

Canned meats (tuna & Chicken)

Juice

Boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper, Macaroni & Cheese)

Spaghetti sauce & pasta

Canned Soup, Chili, or stew

Breakfast Cereal (low sugar)

Canned fruits & vegetables (low sodium/ sugar preferred)

Personal care items

Paper products

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Gleaner Deadline

Gleaner news is due Tuesday, September 21st. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks. ☺



Boyceville Help the Homeless Fundraiser

Pie & Ice Cream & Food Social

September 16, 2021

3-7 pm

or until pie runs out

Baked Chicken, Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Bun

And Lots of Pie!

Eat in or Take Out

Want to order ahead and pick up?

Call Doreen @715-505-1621

Stepping Stones needs YOUR help to continue to serve our community! We are looking for volunteers that are vaccinated, able to wear a mask, and available to come in once a week. Here are the details:

Mondays: 9am-11am inside packing food bags and/or 2pm-4pm packing food bags
Tuesdays: Driving our truck (NO CDL needed) to Rock Falls for our new pantry Pop-up
Wednesday: 3pm-6pm inside loading totes for distribution
Friday: 3pm-6pm inside doing intake during distribution, inside loading totes for distribution and/or outside putting food in trunks during distribution
ANY day: helping to keep the agency clean- takes about an hour...OR, you can tag-team it and get it done faster!

I bet that while you read those “needs” you pictured yourself doing some of them...so which one fits you the best?

Let Jill know by calling 715-235-2920 Ext 204 or by email to communityconnect@steppingstonesdc.org

Pregnancy Loss Memorial & Walk 2021

*Our babies – We want to remember them
Options for Women Menomonie*

Saturday, September 25, 2021
10am-12pm

Cedarbrook Church
N6714 – 470th St., Menomonie, WI 54751

Register at friendsofwomenomoie.org/events

This is for anyone who has lost a baby through miscarriage, stillborn, early infant loss and abortion. Our hearts hold grief not judgment.

A Prayer for Back to School



Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of children.

Please watch over our children & grandchildren
as they go back to school this year.

Keep them safe every day.

Help them to remember that you are right there
with them in the halls and classrooms.

Help them soak up good knowledge and to dismiss
any negative or worldly messages they may hear.

Help them treat others with kindness and respect,
and to guard their hearts with the armor of Your Word.
Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you.

Amen

COAT CLOSET

What: Winter Coat & Outerwear Distribution

Where: 510 Winter St., Boyceville, WI (entrance in alley)

Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all dates

Distribution Dates

Saturday, October 16th

Saturday, October 23rd

Saturday, October 30th

Saturday, November 6th

Saturday, November 13th

Saturday, November 20th

Any questions – call Sonya Zebro at (715)308-8435

There is a sign-up sheet to volunteer to help out with the Coat Closet this year!

We are looking for at least 2 volunteers for each distribution.

The Coat Closet is still looking for donations for this year.

Any items are welcome but special needs are for the older children.

Boots: Size 6 kids through size 12+ adult

Snow Pants: 6th grade through high school/ adult

Waterproof mittens.



Pat Schoonover Gary Kahl Parker Knutson
Chloe Howey Rex Nicholson Gloria Kahl
Jeanna Hollister Shelby Bauer Howard Hintzman
Family & Friends of Virgil Schoonover
Family & Friends of Joe Hutton
Family & Friends of Scott Bingham
Food Harvest Ministry Coat Closet Honduras Mission
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

1 - Pete Bodette	18 - Skyler Hall
4 - Sheila Hegeman	18 - Pastor Vicky Strupp
5 - Merlyn Jones	19 - Chris & Robin Burke (anniv.)
6 - Jeff & Connye Kegan (anniv.)	19 - Delphine Danovsky
	20 - Jim & Anita Harvey (anniv.)
10 - Brittany Saunders	20 - Larry Thomas
10 - Randy Nelson	20 - Nancy & Jerry Schlottman (anniv.)
12 - Leslie Frisle	23 - Jennifer Hall
12 - Russ & Roxanne White (anniv.)	27 - Kate Rubusch
15 - Samantha Christian	29 - Nancy Smith

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, September 18th 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, September 16th.

Faith United Methodist Church News for September

Worship Service at 8:30 am

Thank you:

- To Tim & Darcy Hafele for the Memorial Fund donation in memory of Sylvia Willmott.
- To Janice Salsbury, Steve & Mary Hellendrug, Gary & Connie Allram, and Ronald Hellendrug for the monetary donations to Barb Bender and family in memory of Sylvia Willmott. We plan to add to the Memory Garden.
- To Roxanne White, Gary & Ila Knutson and Bill & Margie Wiseman for donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Virgil Schoonover
- To Chris & Robin Burke and Margie Wiseman for donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Kathy Larson.

	Lay Reader	Greeter/Usher
September 5	Ecumenical Service in Ridgeland under tent at 10 a.m.	
September 12	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman
September 19	Frisles	Frisles
September 26	Roxanne White	Roxanne White

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women met on August 20th. It was great to have Pastor Vicky with us. After discussion, it was decided not to have a pancake supper this year because of the Covid situation. Commitments indicated that we would have had help enough. Fall Gathering is at Chapel Heights UMC with Michael Perry as the speaker on October 2nd. Roxanne White had a fun-filled program. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 10th with the Pledge Service and Election of Officers. Barbara Bender has the program. Oct. 3rd will be church cleaning.

I want to thank you for how you welcomed me into your congregation when God brought us together. Thank you for the parting gift. I look forward to using it and to do some serious quilting time.
Grace and peace, Shannon

Thank you so much for the warm welcome! I'm grateful for the party and the gifts. The gas card will be put to good use, the lovely plate is proudly displayed in my office, and I'm sharing the cookies with Jim. I'm so glad to be your pastor and am looking forward to the future!
Grace and peace, Vicky

Administrative Council will be September 2nd at 7 p.m.

Charge Conference will be October 12th at 6 p.m.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Virgil Schoonover who passed away at Pioneer Care and Rehab on July 19th at the age of 89. The service was at the Ridgeland Area Community Center on July 26th. Burial was at the New Haven Cemetery, Dunn County.



Stewardship Connecting Vision and Generosity September 2021

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

After serving my first local church part-time as a college student for two years, I had just finished leading my last worship service and was greeting folks at the door. One gentleman shook my hand and said, “Jason, thank you for being our pastor. I think one of the things I liked about you the most is that you never talked about money.”

I’ve thought about his statement many times over the years. I’ve also heard the same sentiment repeated by both laity and clergy in many ways. We tend to see financial stewardship and money as a “necessary evil.” It’s something we must deal with to get to real ministry.

In his short book, *A Spirituality of Fundraising*, Henri Nouwen challenges this view of money and stewardship (which he calls fundraising). He writes: *Fundraising is, first and foremost, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into our mission. Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission. We are declaring, ‘We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers, and your money – in this work to which God has called us.*

I wonder what vision God has entrusted to you and your congregation that you can invite others to be a part of through their prayers, their presence, their service, their witness, and their gifts.

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