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Return Service Requested



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

December 2021

The Gleaner

Dear Friends,

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year. In secular circles, it is considered a “countdown to Christmas,” but it has a much deeper meaning. It’s a time of waiting, as we remember God’s drawing near to us in Jesus Christ. More than that, we rejoice in the truth that Jesus will come again to restore his creation!

Thomas Troeger’s song View the Present Through the Promise explains it beautifully:

View the present through the promise  
Christ will come again  
Trust despite the deepening darkness  
Christ will come again  
Lift the world above its grieving  
Through your watching and believing  
In the hope past faith’s conceiving  
Christ will come again

Probe the present with the promise  
Christ will come again  
Let your daily actions witness  
Christ will come again  
Let your loving and your giving  
And your justice and forgiving  
Be a sign to all the living  
Christ will come again

Match the present to the promise  
Christ will come again  
Make this hope your guiding premise  
Christ will come again  
Pattern all your calculating  
And the world you are creating  
To the advent you are waiting  
Christ will come again

This Advent, may we find our deepest hope, knowing that though he is with us through the power of the Holy Spirit, one day, Christ will indeed come again in glory. Hallelujah!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

Dear Church Family,

Our 5th Sunday worship was a wonderful experience! Thanks to all who participated, with food, music, skits and your presence. Also, thank you for the lovely card and delicious Pastor Appreciation cake.

Looking forward to the next 5th Sunday-- January 30th, 2022.

I am so grateful to serve your churches!

Pastor Vicky



### READERS NEEDED!

It's Advent! If you've been thinking about a way to get a taste of reading Scripture, I invite you to do an Advent candle lighting reading, OR a reading for Christmas Eve. We'll need multiple readers for our Lessons and Carols services. My contact info is in the Gleaner and in the bulletins. Hope to hear from you!  
Pastor Vicky

### 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.

### Gleaner Deadline

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

Gleaner news is due Tuesday, December 21st. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or [rtsmnelson@hotmail.com](mailto:rtsmnelson@hotmail.com) with your news. Thanks.



## Confirmation Planning

*Mark your calendars!*

*Join us for a Confirmation planning meeting on Wednesday, December 8th at 5 pm at the Boyceville United Methodist Church! We'll enjoy pizza and conversation and maybe even some music.*

*We're looking for youth (8th grade and up), adults who may be interested in mentoring the youth, adults who would consider supporting us with prayers, snacks, etc. Anyone who wants to brush up on what it means to be a United Methodist Christian is welcome!*

*Questions? Call Carol @ 715.714.7353 or Pastor Vicky @ 715.404.5284*



The United Methodist Church of Boyceville  
and  
the Glen Hills Parish United Methodist Churches  
of Downing and Glenwood City

invite you to a Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 19 at 6 p.m.  
at the Downing United Methodist Church.

A quiet and reflective service for anyone facing  
a difficult Christmas

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries in December*

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4 - LaVonne Nelson  | 16 - Sharon Zachow                  |
| 5 - Thomas Dummer   | 17 - Kevin Smith                    |
| 6 - Dianne Dummer   | 17 - Gail Mitchell                  |
| 8 - Karen Wreford   | 21 - Merlyn & Shirley Jones (anniv) |
| 9 - Mark Vos        | 24 - Brooke Salisbury               |
| 10 - Kirstin Dummer | 26 - Louise Roemhild                |
| 11 - Jordan Carufel | 27 - Shellie Dean                   |
| 11 - Mary Barstad   | 30 - Gary & Gloria Kahl (anniv.)    |
| 11 - Eric Carufel   |                                     |
| 13 - Julia Hoff     |                                     |

# *Scripture Readers for Boyceville*

## Reader

November 28	Earl Blodgett
December 5	Merlyn Jones
December 12	Glenise Thomas
December 19	Doreen Olson
December 26	Carol Cherney

## **Boyceville Coffee Time**

Coffee and cookies will be served at Boyceville on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. Sonya Zebro and Jennifer Hall will serve on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Carol Cherney and Doreen Olson will serve on the 26<sup>th</sup>.



## **Angel Tree**

The Boyceville mission project for December is the Angel Tree. We will be sponsoring 10 children through WestCap. The tree with its tags should be up at the end of November. Donations are appreciated if you don't care to shop. There will be three tags for each child, two with needs like clothing, and one with wants - the fun stuff. Thank you for helping to make Christmas brighter for the children and their families. Tags are at the church. All gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Las Posadas**

Las Posadas is Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm. We will meet at the Boyceville church and then progress to various homes for the sharing of the Christmas Story in words and song. There will also be a progressive dinner of appetizers, salads, soups and desserts. All are invited to join the gathering. We would like to extend a special invitation to the members of our sister churches, Faith and Grace, to join us. If you would like to bring food for one of the stops let Marguerite or Doreen know.



On December 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Christmas Eve Service at 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Boyceville and a service at 7 p.m. at Prairie Farm: Faith United Methodist Church.

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Gary Kahl  
Chloe Howey  
Jeanna Hollister  
Family & Friends of Dawn Zebro  
Family & Friends of Wesley Danovsky  
Honduras Mission  
Food Harvest Ministry  
Coat Closet  
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

Parker Knutson  
Rex Nicholson  
Shelby Bauer

Gloria Kahl  
Amanda Roper

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.**



THANK YOU

To Carol Cherney, for blessing us with your presentation of Rachel, the Syrophenician woman, on November 14th! It was a thought-provoking message, and we are inspired to live our faith BOLDLY.

God bless you!

Pastor Vicky



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in the manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:1-20 KJV

# *Faith United Methodist Church News for December*

## Worship Service at 8:30 am

### Thank you:

- To all who helped decorate the tree, sanctuary, and basement.
- To a non-member for a donation for postage for sending the Gleaner.
- To lay readers: Roxanne White, Bill Wiseman, Leslie Frisle, and Robin Burke.
- To coffee servers: Roxanne White, Robin Burke, and Leslie Frisle.

	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	<b>Coffee/Snack</b>
November 28	Robin Burke	Robin Burke	Robin Burke
December 5	Frisle	Open	Ila Knutson
December 12	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Open
December 19	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight	Advent Wreath Frisle's	
December 26	Open	Open	Open

### *Faith United Methodist Women*

Faith United Methodist Women met on November 5<sup>th</sup>. After the business meeting, we had our World Thank Offering program, led by Robin Burke. We did our Mission Today report and planned our calendar for 2022. It was decided to have potluck lunch at our next meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. We will have a short business meeting since we will not have another until March. Everyone is to bring something for the program.







## Scarcity or Abundance What are you looking for?

December 2021

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”  
~Matthew 7:7*

Pastor John Pavlovitz tells a story about a time when he was a young youth leader and he found himself overly worried about the future. He was sharing his concerns with his pastor, who replied, “John, do you know why a bluebird finds worms? Because that’s what it looks for.”

Save the Date:  
Super Bowl of Stewardship Retreat  
Algoma Boulevard UMC: Oshkosh  
February 12, 2022  
More Information at [www.wumf.org](http://www.wumf.org)

John remembers his pastor continuing to tell him that much of what we discover in this life is about the questions we ask, the things we give attention to, and the way we invest our time. The more John was aware of the orientation of his life at any given moment, and the more intentional he was along the way, his pastor counseled, the more John could rest in knowing that he’d eventually end up where he needed to be.

What are you aware of during this Advent and Christmas season? What are you looking for? With global supply chain issues along with the commercialized nature of the holidays, it is easy to fall into a scarcity mindset. However, if we choose to focus on the blessings we have and look to see where God is at work in our lives, in our churches, and communities – we are more likely to experience the joy and peace, not only of the season but that Christ offers all – no matter what time of year.

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