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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 9:45 a.m.
Wheeler: Grace Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Welcome

January 2022

The Gleaner

Dear Friends,

As we begin the new year, we can see it as an opportunity for a fresh start. It's an opportune time to work on our health, to purge some bad habits and begin some new good ones. And often, even with the best of intentions, our New Year's resolutions are a flop. We quickly get discouraged and give up. But the good news is that God's mercies are new each morning. There is forgiveness for our shortcomings and our sins. God brings a chance to start over with every new day. That is a reason to rejoice! May we, as God's people, seek to follow in his ways. May we forgive others--and ourselves, and always be ready and willing to make a fresh start!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

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.

Psalm 149:1-3



North West District Online Gathering via ZOOM

Jan. 22, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Out of the Boxing Ring and into the Baptismal Font – Clergy
Wellness

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Susan Amann

Afternoon breakout sessions:

- Trustees Training with Rev. Paul Gregerson
- Finance 101 with Sarah Sneider
- Intro to Accountable Leadership Board Model with Rev. Dick Jones
- Lay Servant Ministry with Barbara Hill and Jan Lorentz
- Racial Justice: Where to Start with Rev. Teena Racheli
- Clergy Wellness with Wisconsin Council of Churches
- Brick River Basics with Heidi Careaga

There is no cost to attend

If interested, please contact Pastor Vicky and she will send you
an email with the registration info



**January 30th is a Fifth Sunday!
We'll have a joint service and potluck at
the Boyceville church at 10 am.**

**If you have a special reading or music
you'd like to share, please contact 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.

**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

Gleaner Deadline

Gleaner news is due Tuesday, January 18th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
January 2	Glenise Thomas
January 9	Carol Cherney
January 16	Doreen Olson
January 23	Merlyn Jones
January 30	Fifth Sunday

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee and cookies will be served at Boyceville on Sunday, January 9th and 23rd after the worship service. Irene Schmidt and Shelby Bauer will serve on the 9th and Shirley Jones and Sonya Zebro will serve on the 23rd.

The Angel Tree, a Christmas Miracle

This year the Boyceville congregation sponsored a total of 10 children from 3 families through WestCap. Thanks to your generosity each child received their most urgent needs, from shoes, to coats, to bedding. They also received a couple of items from their wish list. Wishes came in all sizes for all ages, from learning toys for a toddler, to remote control cars, to games and puzzles. Marguerite and Sonya used the monetary donations to fill the tags that weren't taken from the Angel Tree. Each family also received wrapping paper, tape and bows and a food gift card to Aldi. Even after all the shopping there was still money left in the Angel Tree fund. It came to our attention that 2 families, sisters, one who is seriously ill, were struggling to provide a Christmas for their children. In their case Walmart gift cards was the best option. A gift card was purchased for each child and delivered to the families. The one mom had tears in her eyes as she held the card and said that she could now get boots for her daughter to wear to school. God truly has been at work through the generosity of all who supported the Angel Tree. Thank you.



Socks for the Homeless

For the months of January and February the Boyceville mission project is socks for the homeless. We all know how cold and wet our feet can become in winter, just imagine how much harder it is when you have no warm home to go to. A gift of warm socks will provide comfort to those in need. Socks are needed for men and women in all sizes. **No ankle socks please!** A sock basket will be available at church to collect them. Cash donations are welcome to, we are happy to shop for you. Thank you.

Boyceville/Wheeler Joint Mission Committee Team

The Boyceville/Wheeler Joint Mission Committee Team will meet on Thursday, January 13th, 6 pm at the Boyceville church. A light supper of soup and bread will be served. Members of the joint team are Marguerite Blodgett, Glenise Thomas, Lori Koehler, Sheila Hegeman, Nancy Smith, Judy Steinberger, Irene Schmidt, Carol Cherney, Doreen Olson, Shirley Jones, Sonya Zebro, Eva Mews, and Pastor Vicky. Please let Marguerite know if you are able to attend or not so she knows how much soup to make. Phone: 715-651-7880, email: crazy2quilt@gmail.com. If you are unable to attend please pray for guidance for the committee.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

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| 1 — James Harvey | 14 — Colin Hanson |
| 4 — Kevin & Sonya Zebro (anniv) | 17 — Lionel & Mary Kegen (anniv) |
| 6 — Harry & Sandy Christian (anniv) | |
| 7 — Charlie Hall | 21— Brian & Jessica Ford (anniv) |
| 9 — Jessica Blodgett | 22 — Roger & Anita Smith (anniv) |
| 9 — Melissa Blodgett | 24 — Sherry Smith |
| 9 — Haiden Salsbury | 26 — Jim Salsbury |
| 10 — Sonya Zebro | 29 — Eileen Klicko |
| 12 — Nichole Hiben | 31 — Chris Burke |
| 13 — Matthew Blodgett | |

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Gary Kahl

Chloe Howey

Jeanna Hollister

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.



Join us on January 12th and 26th for Confirmation!

Time TBA as we check sports schedules.

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

Faith United Methodist Church News for January

Worship Service at 8:30 am



Thank you:

- To Leslie Frisle for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Pat Schoonover.
- To Gary and Pat Frisle for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Virgil Schoonover.
- To Gary and Pat Frisle for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Pat Schoonover.
- To Janice Swanson for a generous donation toward the church budget.
- To Tim and Darcy Hafele for a generous donation toward the church budget.
- To Lay Readers: Frisle's, Bill Wiseman, and Roxanne White
- To Coffee Servers: Ila Knutson, Roxanne White

	Lay Reader	Greeter/Usher	Coffee/Snack
January 2	Open	Open	Open
January 9	Frisle's	Open	Open
January 16	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Open
January 23	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Open
January 30	Fifth Sunday Celebration at Boyceville at 10 a.m.		

Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women did not have the potluck Christmas dinner as planned due to Covid and another engagement. There will be no January meeting.

Administrative Council will meet January 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Scarcity or Abundance What are you looking for? January 2022

A few years ago, I read a fun book by A.J. Jacobs called *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible*. It's important to note that Jacobs, a journalist and author, is Jewish and agnostic. For one year, he tried to follow every biblical "rule" as literally as possible. This includes well-known rules like "Love your neighbor" and the Ten Commandments, as well as lesser-known commands to stone adulterers (which he does by throwing little pebbles at a rather cranky man he meets in a park who brags to Jacobs about an affair he is involved in). Jacobs also decided to follow the biblical instruction to tithe, deciding to give away 10 percent of his income.

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

After convincing his wife to join him, Jacobs gave the donations away to several charities electronically. He describes his experience this way, "The giving was painful. I mean, 10 percent? That would have an impact on our lives. Vacations would need to be scaled back; new furniture would have to wait. It was huge. When I pressed 'send' on the donations, my palms got wet, my heart rate spiked."

In giving, Jacobs felt the fear that is common to all of us. The fear of not having enough. However, that wasn't all he experienced. He continues:

"It was a pain mixed with pleasure. When the confirmation email pinged in, I felt good. There's a haunting line from the movie *Chariots of Fire*. It's spoken by Ian Charleson, who plays a deeply religious sprinter in the 1924 Olympics. He says: 'When I run, I feel his pleasure.' And as I gave away money, I think I might have felt God's pleasure. Which is odd. Because I'm agnostic. I don't know if there's a God or not, but still I've felt some high sense of purpose. It was like a cozy ember that started at the back of my neck and slowly spread its warmth through my skull. I felt like I was doing something I should have done all my life." Ultimately, Jacobs' generosity changed him. I wonder, how our relationship with God and our lives might be vivified because of our giving?

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