Pastor Vicky's Reflections

Dear Friends,

We begin the season of Lent on March 2nd, Ash Wednesday. Lent is often misunderstood as just a time to "give up something." But let's not limit our thinking to that, or we'll be missing out. Lent gives us a chance to reflect deeply on the way our imperfect selves get in the way of our spiritual growth.

In our series in I Corinthians, we have been emphasizing the importance of Christ's resurrection from the dead. Without the Resurrection, Christianity would be null and void. Lent helps us to prepare for the joy of Resurrection and the Easter season by reminding us of our own mortality and imperfection.

Two years of pandemic in varying degrees have taken a toll. We may be more prone to depression or despair. We may vacillate between craving human interaction and building walls around ourselves. We may even find ourselves feeling somewhat numb. You will find ideas in this newsletter to make this Lent a meaningful time of growth and healing, and I invite you to attend the midweek evening services as well.

The heart of Lenten disciplines is not about giving something up – it's about drawing closer to God. It's about a better and more faithful walk of discipleship.

Let us consider what draws us away from God and closer to selfishness and find ways to turn around. Let us move in the right direction. Let us endeavor to follow more faithfully in Jesus' footsteps!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

There will be a combined worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 6th at the Prairie Farm Faith United Methodist Church. The service will be led by Youth in Christ. There will be no services at Boyceville or Wheeler that day.



Gleaner Deadline

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

Lent Worship Schedule

7pm Worship, 6pm Soup/Hotdish and Sandwich

March 2 - Wheeler- Ash Wednesday- no meal

March 9- Boyceville

March 16- Prairie Farm

March 23- Boyceville

March 30- Prairie Farm

April 6- Boyceville

April 14-Wheeler- Maundy Thursday-No Meal

Easter Sunday -each has service at regular time

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.

The sermon is also available on the United Methodist Church of Boyceville facebook page: and their website: boycevilleumc.org.

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A Call to Peace

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Thank you for your faithfulness in our mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world. I am grateful for your courage and innovative spirit as we faithfully engage ministry during days of a global pandemic. I write today to remind us of our global siblings in Ukraine and seek your prayers.

According to the 2016 Book of Resolutions, "the bible makes justice the inseparable companion of peace. Both point to right and sustainable relationship in human society, the vitality of our connections with the earth, and the well-being and integrity of creation." For Isaiah, peace is the fruit of a well-ordered life together: "Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." (Is.32:16-18, NRSV).

Non-violence and peace-making are central to the moral imagination of the gospel. In the words of Jesus, "blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Mt 5:9)." For Wesleyans peace is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that vivifies personal and social holiness. We claim the help of God always before us and with us to inspire our faithfulness in each day.

Siblings in Christ, I ask that you join me in prayer personally and collectively for peace with justice in Ukraine, an easing of tensions in Europe, and a diplomatic solution. May we seek to live with mutual respect and humanitarian solidarity and let us unite prayer with our actions.

Today I offer The Prayer of St. Francis (#481 United Methodist Hymnal):

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. - St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, 13th century

Thank you.

Peace, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung Wisconsin Conference

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

Reader

March 6 Combined Service at Prairie Farm with Youth in Christ

March 13 Doreen Olson

March 20 Marguerite Blodgett
March 27 Glenise Thomas

April 3 Merlyn Jones

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee and cookies will be served at Boyceville on Sunday, March 13th and 27th after the worship service. Doreen Olson and Marguerite Blodgett will serve on the 13th and Irene Schmidt and Rosanne Wurtzler will serve on the 27th.

Mission News for Boyceville

We don't have a count on the number of pairs of socks collected yet, but they overflowed the basket and continue to pile up. Thank you to everyone who donated socks. They will help keep a lot of feet warm and dry.

We cleared around \$600 at the Chili Feed. Around 60 people were fed. Not raising a lot of money for missions may be disappointing to some, but the dinner was so much more. There was laughter, healing, even a tear or two. There was hope. Yes, missions are about things and money, but at the very core, missions are about bringing hope. Thursday night we were in ministry, in mission, bringing hope and you can't put a dollar price on hope. Thank you to everyone who helped with the dinner, thank you for bringing hope to our community and beyond. The mission team will need to meet to decide how to use the funds. Some ideas are to buy buckets for the Home Care Kits for the Ingathering, fleece for the fleece blanket project and items for the Blessing Box.

In March and April, we will be collecting and making fleece blankets for emergency services in Boyceville. Sometime in April we will meet on a Saturday at the church to make fleece blankets and possibly pillowcases to put them in. Each blanket requires 2 pieces of fleece that are 2.5 yards long. Cash donations to buy fleece are welcome. We are happy to shop and sew for you. The date will be announced later.

Blessing Box

The Blessing Box is here! It is a mini pantry for the community to use. Folks can take needed items or drop off items for others. As soon as the weather warms up it will be painted and a stand for it will be built under the overhang out front. Soon we will be collecting items for the Blessing Box. All food should be nonperishable and safe for the weather. No liquids or canned goods in freezing weather. Some good items for the box: powdered milk, cereal, personal care items, soap, laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, pancake mix, pancake syrup, dry pet food, dried soup mixes, pudding mixes, and cake mixes. This is not a complete list, just ideas to get you thinking. We are also working on some way to have a place where folks can leave prayer requests and possibly a little free library as well.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be at 7 p.m. on March 2nd at the Wheeler Grace United Methodist Church

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

3 - Jason Jones

5- Jordan Nelson

6 - Jerry & Julie Hiben (anniv)

6 - Ray Wreford

9 - Earl Blodgett

11 - Cory Christian

11 - Lyle Minor

12 - Kim Silvius

13 - Olivia Jones

14 - Sierra Harren

14 -Connye Kegen

16 - Makayla Nelson

19 - Rhonda Johnson

20 - Kylie Kahl

20 - Robert Wyss

21 - Randy & Mindy Nelson (anniv)

22 - Jacob Nelson

23 – Dorothy Luben

24 - Bill Wiseman

26 - Lionel Kegen

26 - Roxanne White

27 - Charity Jones



Gloria Kahl

Parker Knutson

Chloe Howey Jeanna Hollister

Rex Nicholson Amanda Roper

Irene Schmidt

Vernon Swinson

Angela Jackson

Honduras Mission

Food Harvest Ministry Coat Closet

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.

Empty Bowls Drive-Through Lunch Fundraiser for Stepping Stones of Dunn County

Saturday, March 26, 2022 11-2 p.m. At the Menomonie High School 1715 - 5th St. W Menomonie, WI 54751

Online Tickets go on sale March 1st.

Online Auction March 26-April 2 Visit www.steppingstonesdc.org for more information

UMCOR Sunday

(Formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) On Sunday, March 27th we will be observing UMCOR Sunday. The monetary gifts given to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific UMCOR programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.



Please join us as we celebrate the 90th birthday of Bill Wiseman

Sunday, March 20th, 2022

1-3 p.m.

Ridgeland Community Center

Ridgeland, WI

HAVE FUN DURING LENT

As an added page, you will find a Bingo Scorecard called 40 Random Acts of Kindness for Lent. These are 40 ideas that are selfless acts that you can do during lent. At first, they look easy but some of these may be uncomfortable. The idea behind this is to make us stretch and think about how these small acts can bring joy or do good for someone else. Try and challenge yourself to fill out the whole scorecard and do "blackout"! The prize will be the warm feeling you get when you bring joy to another person. God Bless.

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Faith United Methodist Church News for March

Worship Service at 8:30 am

Thank you:

- To Roger and Anita Smith for a generous monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of their son-in-law Tom McMarrow.
- To Gary and Pat Frisle for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Tom McMarrow.
- To Gary and Ila Knutson for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Eunice Beiswanger.
- To the congregation from Gary Kahl for visits, phone calls, food brought to the house, and thoughts and prayers. Also, thank you to Pastor Vicky for visiting Gloria at the Pioneer Care and Rehab. It is all very much appreciated.
- To Lay Readers: Pastor Vicky, Bill Wiseman, Bruce Drinkman, and Roxanne White.
- To Coffee Servers: Ila Knutson, Margie Wiseman, and Robin Burke.

Lay Reader	Greeter/Usher	Coffee/Snack
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Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Open
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Faith United Methodist Women

Faith United Methodist Women will meet March 4th at 1:00 p.m. for the Call To Prayer and Self-Denial Service. Be prepared with this special offering. Pat Frisle has the program.

Our deepest sympathy to Michelle (Smith) McMarrow and family for the recent passing of her husband, Tom, 58. from Covid. Michelle was a former member of Zion EUB—now Faith UM. They had one son, Ryan, who lives in Fridley, MN. Just this past summer, Tom and Michelle had sold their home in Egan. MN and had purchased a townhome in Stillwater, MN. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Administrative Council meets on March 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!



Blessed to be a Blessing March 2022

In their book, The Generosity Challenge, Kristine Miller and Scott McKenzie share the results of a 2017 Barna Group study on prayer called, Silent and Solo: How Americans Pray. The study found that 79% of American adults have prayed in the last three months. What was the content of those prayers?

- Gratitude and thanksgiving 62%
- The needs of family and community 61%
- Personal guidance in crisis 49%
- My health and wellness 47%
- Confession and forgiveness 43%
- Things I suddenly feel compelled to pray about 43%
- Safety in my daily tasks or travel 41%
- A sense of peace 37%
- Blessings for meals 37%
- Specific requests for others 34%
- · Several others at lesser percentages

First, let me note that I love that gratitude and thanksgiving top the list of prayer subjects. Part of spiritual, emotional, and mental wellness can be found in gratitude practices. Miller and McKenzie do point out that something important is missing from this list, however. There is no mention of listening to God, no mention of asking "God, what do you want me to do, how do you want me to live?"

These questions, for us as individuals and for our churches, are key part of our stewardship practices. Our faith teaches us that God gives us good things for a purpose that is greater than satisfying our own needs and desires. We are blessed to be a blessing. It is important for our prayers of gratitude to be followed by an openness to the movement of God's Spirit.

May God grant you the courage to ask, "Lord, what can I do in gratitude for all you have already done for me?"

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MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			7pm Ash Wednesday Service at Wheeler Grace	5:30pm Faith Ad Council	1pm Faith UMW	
10 am Combined Worship at Prairie Farm Faith led by	7	8	6pm Lenten Meal 7pm Worship at	10	11	12
Youth in Christ			Boyceville			
Worship Coffee Time Olson/Blodgett	14	15	6pm Lenten Meal 7pm Worship at Prairie Farm Faith	17	18	19
Worship 1-3pm 90 th Birthday Party for Bill Wiseman at the Ridgeland Community Center	21	Gleaner News	6pm Lenten Meal 7pm Worship at Boyceville	24	25	11-2pm Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Stepping Stones
Worship Coffee Time Schmidt/Wurtzler	28	29	6pm Lenten Meal 7pm Worship at Prairie Farm Faith	31	* * *	

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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.

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