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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

April 2022

The Gleaner

## Pastor Vicky's Reflections

*18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:18-20*

It's fascinating to read the gospel stories and notice the intersections- the times Jesus' life crossed the path of another person-and how each person was irrevocably changed by the occasion: a shunned leper received an unheard-of embrace; a woman caught in adultery is rescued by extraordinary mercy; a despised tax collector is invited into revolutionary ministry; a man four days dead is raised to life again; a young, terrified girl is asked to bear a world-changing baby. Over and over, when someone meets Jesus, transformation and restoration are waiting; there is something wondrous to be witnessed. The very birth narrative of Jesus is the image of the most profound intersections: God and earth meeting, and the latter being completely altered. The death to resurrection narrative is no less filled with life-changing intersections brimming with the promises of grace and mercy.

How often do we even think about how different our lives would be if we hadn't met Jesus on the long and winding road of our life journey? Our journey isn't complete if we only think about how our lives are/were changed by meeting Jesus. Friends, let us consider the people who have crossed our paths and changed our lives. Let us be grateful for them and the difference they've made on our journeys. May we reflect on the way we've been changed by those encounters with God, and the love and faith we've found. Let us remember our call as disciples to spread the Good News, in word but more so in action. Let us shine our light, so that someone else might glimpse the glory of God and be forever transformed.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLine**

### **Gleaner Deadline**

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, April 19th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or [rtsmnelson@hotmail.com](mailto:rtsmnelson@hotmail.com) with your news. Thanks.

## **Lent Worship Schedule**

7pm Worship, 6pm Soup/Hotdish and Sandwich

March 30- Prairie Farm

April 6- Boyceville

## **Holy Week Worship Schedule**

### **Palm Sunday: April 10**

Regular Worship Times

8:30 a.m. at Prairie Farm Faith

9:45 a.m. at Boyceville

11 a.m. at Wheeler Grace

### **Maundy Thursday: April 14**

7 p.m. Service at Wheeler Grace

### **Good Friday: April 15**

7 p.m. Ecumenical Service at  
New Life Nazarene Church in Wheeler

### **Easter Sunday: April 17**

Regular Worship Times

8:30 a.m. at Prairie Farm Faith

9:45 a.m. at Boyceville

11 a.m. at Wheeler Grace

## 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](http://boycevilleumc.org).

## *Scripture Readers for Boyceville*

### Reader

April 3	Merlyn Jones
April 10	Carol Cherney
April 17	Earl Blodgett
April 24	Open please contact Marguerite if you can help

## Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time after the service on April 10 and 24. Sonya Zebro and Jennifer Hall are serving on April 10. Servers are needed for April 24. Contact Marguerite if you can help.

## Blessing Box

The weather is getting warmer and hopefully we will be able to paint the Blessing Box soon and get it mounted outside. Sometime in the next few weeks a bin or box for items for the Blessing Box will be placed in the entryway at Boyceville. All food should be nonperishable and safe for the weather. No liquid or canned goods in freezing weather. Some suggestions for the box: powdered milk, cereal, hot chocolate mix, popcorn, powdered drink mixes, pudding mixes, cake mixes, fabric softener sheets, laundry detergent, dry pet food, personal care items, dry soup mix... This is not a complete list, just ideas to get you thinking. Still noodling the idea of place for prayer requests and little free library as well.



## **Mission News for Boyceville**

We collected 172 pairs of socks between the Boyceville and Wheeler congregations! Thank you to everyone who donated socks.

Quite a few yards of fleece were donated for the blanket project. Our sit and sew time to make the blankets is after the newsletter is published. There will be an update on blanket totals in the next newsletter.

Looking ahead we have the Wisconsin Annual Conference Ingathering for our May/June project. We will be collecting supplies for both the Home Care Kits and Personal Dignity Kits. We have ten 5-gallon buckets with lids for the Home Care Kits at the church. All kits must be completed and brought into the church by Sunday June 5th.

### **Items for the Home Care Kit**

- 2 Bottles Liquid Household Cleaners - 16-40 oz. No spray bottles.
  - 2 Bottles Dish Soap - 16-34 oz.
  - 2 Bottles Liquid Laundry Detergent - 32-64 oz.
  - 1 Scrub Brush - with or without handle
- All items must be new. Buckets will be at the church.

### **Items for the Personal Dignity Kit**

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels.
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths.
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multi-packs.
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz.
- 1 Bottle Shampoo - 15-18 oz.
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz. Stick, roll on or pump.
- 1 Gallon Resealable Bag.

\$2 Donation for razor and toothpaste. Do not add these items to the bag.

Place all the items, including the \$2, into the 1 gallon resealable bag.

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries in April*

2 - Corey Goodell	
2 - Terry Wilcox	18 - Stephen Silvius
2 - Chase Quast	18 - Oscar Wyss
3 - Shanoah Harren	19 - Marvin Jones
3 - Kathy Neck	19 - Gloria Ford
4 - Robin Burke	20 - Gloria Solberg
	23 - Gerald Schlottman
10 - Penny Koehler	26 - Cody Smith
	28 - James Hall
13 - Carolyn Tireman	28 - Bucky Nelson
13 - Donna Otto	28 - Steven Nelson
14 - Pat Frisle	30 - Rick Schmidt



Gloria Kahl	Parker Knutson
Chloe Howey	Rex Nicholson
Jeanna Hollister	Amanda Roper
Irene Schmidt	Vernon Swinson
Angela Jackson	Lyle Minor
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.**

# *Faith United Methodist Church News for April*

Worship Service at 8:30 am



## Thank you:

- To Janice Salsbury and Christina Salsbury for vacuuming the basement floor, the entryway, and the sanctuary.
- To Roxanne White for cleaning the bathrooms.
- To Kelly Frisle for a monetary donation to our church.
- To the Youth In Christ for their great witness and for all who attended and enjoyed.
- To Ila Knutson for the great job as Membership Secretary from 2008-2021. Robin Burke begins 2022.
- To Lay Readers: Jim Strupp, Roxanne White, and Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Servers: Roxanne White and Margie Wiseman.

	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	<b>Coffee/Snack</b>
April 3	Open	Open	Open
April 10	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Barbara Bender
April 17	Open	Open	No Coffee
April 24	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Ila Knutson



Thanks to all who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday by coming to my party. Thanks for the cards, gifts and messages that made my day special. I appreciate your kindness. May God bless you all.

Bill Wiseman

## *Faith United Methodist Women*

Faith United Methodist Women have a new name! Legally, we are still UMW, but our new name is United Women In Faith. It came about through research and surveys of 24,000 UMW and women of other denominations. The changes and programs are data-informed and tested to address the needs and life styles of current members and new women for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It should better nurture current members and help recruit new members to gather for faith, sisterhood, and action for women, children, and youth. We will meet on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Ila Knutson has the program.

### **THRIFT SALE MAY 5-7**

We are having a thrift sale on May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at noon and going through the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Civic Club sales in the village of Prairie Farm. All proceeds will be going to the church. Start gathering and things can be brought that first week of May or left in the basement or preschool.



Easter Blessings





## Inviting Others to be a Part April 2022

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

In his book *Creating Generous Congregations*, David Heetland tells a story about an 8-year-old girl who often gave more than a tithe from her nickel and dime allowance. She once gave her grandmother 38 cents in small coins “for missions.” Her grandmother then asked her, “Do you want this to go for homeless people, hospitals in Africa, or buying fish to stock ponds to feed the hungry?”

Her granddaughter replied, “Just a minute,” and returned shortly with 29 cents more, making a total of 67 cents to be divided three ways. She found each mission so important that her initial gift was instantly almost doubled so she could support all three.

Too often, we worry that when we ask someone to support a ministry with either their time or their money, the request will be taken as pushy (at best) or offensive (at worst). And there are certainly people who would take it that way.

On the other hand, I believe that not inviting people to support a ministry I’m excited about excludes them from being a part of something that may be transformational for them, and the people touched by the ministry.

Finally, there are many people who are just waiting to be asked to be a part of something bigger than them. They may not be the first to raise their hands when a general invitation goes out but would love to be personally invited to be a part of what God is doing through the church.

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