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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

May 2022

The Gleaner

Thoughts from Pastor Vicky

Dear Church Family,

As I ponder this month's message, it's almost Easter Sunday, and I'm reminded that Easter is not just a day. It is a season, and we celebrate the season of Easter until Pentecost-- when we remember the Holy Spirit being poured out on God's people.

The resurrection needs to be emphasized! The apostle Paul wrote: "... of first importance, ...Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3). First importance indeed; right from the beginning, the resurrection of Jesus Christ was regarded as the most central belief of the Christian church. Early Christians deliberately chose to worship on Sunday rather than Saturday as a reminder that every Sunday is a mini-Easter, a celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Christ's resurrection provides an image of hope that God's eternal life will have the final word in our lives. Trusting God's resurrection life, we can be courageous and faithful in responding to trials. If nothing--not even death--can separate us from the love of God, then we can live our lives with peace, joy, and boldness. We can trust God with our future, and this trust in our ultimate destiny can liberate us from fears in this lifetime.

Our next sermon series, "We Are Witnesses," will focus on the Acts of the Apostles. The first believers were emboldened by the truth of Jesus' resurrection and strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit. Join us!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Gleaner Deadline

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, May 24th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

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.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

Reader

May 1	Marguerite Blodgett
May 8	Carol Cherney
May 15	Merlyn Jones
May 22	Glenise Thomas
May 29	Doreen Olson

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on May 8 and 22. Marguerite Blodgett will serve on May 8th. Irene Schmidt, Rosanne Wurtzler and Glenise Thomas will serve on the 22nd.



*Mother's Day is a time to remember ALL the women in your life:
mothers, grandmothers, aunts,
cousins, friends, teachers, and pastors*

Mission News for Boyceville

We collected and made over a dozen blankets for the March/April mission project. They will be delivered to emergency services in Boyceville.

A volunteer is needed to paint the Blessing Box. Contact Marguerite if you would like to help.

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

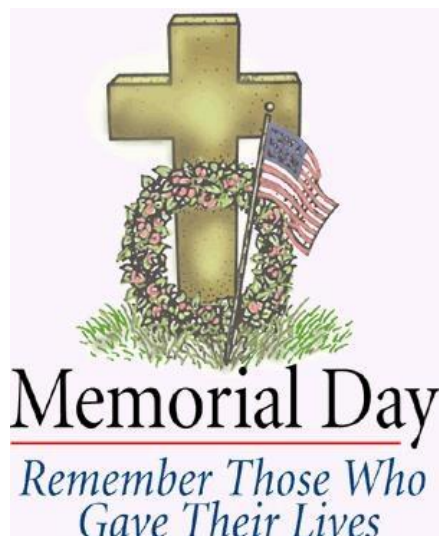
- 2 Bottles Liquid Household Cleaners - 16-40 oz. No spray bottles.
 - 2 Bottles Dish Soap - 16-34 oz.
 - 2 Bottles Liquid Laundry Detergent - 32-64 oz.
 - 1 Scrub Brush - with or without handle
- All items must be new. Buckets will be at the church.

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.



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Gloria Kahl
Chloe Howey
Jeanna Hollister
Irene Schmidt
Angela Jackson
Honduras Mission
Food Harvest Ministry
Coat Closet
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

Parker Knutson
Rex Nicholson
Amanda Roper
Vernon Swinson
Lyle Minor

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.



Grilled Chicken Dinner
Thursday, May 26th

3:30-7:00 p.m.

Wheeler Grace
United Methodist Church

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

1 - Lynn Smith
5 - Janice Salisbury
7 - Hunter Wilcox
13 - Lynn & Sherry Smith (anniv.)
14 - Faye Krueger
17 - Alan Walk
17 - Vilai Wilcox
18 - Gary Frisle
20 - Marguerite Blodgett
20 - Allissa Frisle

23 - Adam Carufel
23 - Gary & Pat Frisle (anniv.)
23 - Angela Wyss
24 - Jacob Carufel
30 - Odella Harvey

Faith United Methodist Church News for May

Worship Service at 8:30 am



Thank you:

- To Roxanne White for getting the Easter Lilies for the UMW.
- To Dawn Schauer for the monetary donation to our church, as well as attending Palm Sunday with many other members of the Frisle family. It was good to see so many in attendance.
- To Leslie Frisle and all others involved in the Cross Walk on Good Friday.
- To Lay Readers: Pastor Vicky, Roxanne White, Leslie Frisle, and Bill Wiseman
- To Coffee Servers: Barbara Bender and Ila Knutson

	Lay Reader	Greeter/Usher	Coffee/Snack
May 1	Frisle's	Open	Frisle's
May 8	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Open
May 15	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
May 22	Open	Open	Open
May 29	Regular Time at All Three Churches		

Congratulations to high school graduate, Justyne Frisle!

Administrative Council meets on May 5th at 5:30 p.m.

There will be no Thrift Sale on May 5-7 as previously announced.

Faith United Methodist Women

United Women In Faith met on April 1st with six members present. President Barb Bender spent quite a bit of time explaining from the March/April response magazine how and why the new name came about. Over the years, the women's organization has had more than 25 names. We are still legally United Methodist Women. Many remember when we were Women's Society of World's Service (WSWS). Ila Knutson had the program. We will not meet in May. We will be serving at the Ridgeland Park on May 31st from 3-7 p.m.

Good May 2022

“Life is good.” You may disagree, but “Life is Good” is a registered and trademarked expression by the “Life is Good” people for whom, life is good. The “Life is Good” logo is a stick figure named Jake who wears a black beret, beatnik sunglasses, and flashes a giant grin. Jake is often posed in any number of activities that bring simple pleasures to life — hiking, surfing, flying a kite, walking the dog.

“Life is Good” started inauspiciously as brothers Bert and John Jacobs hawked homemade novelty T-shirts in the Boston streets and door-to-door through the college dorms. They were literally living in their van down by the river. They found their key to success when they printed 48 shirts of Jake over the saying, “Life is Good” for a 1994 street fair in Cambridge. The shirts sold out by noon. People were crazy for the simple and sunny philosophy. So much so, that the sincere and optimistic slogan has grown into an \$80 million-a-year merchandise line sold by 5,000 distributors in 14 countries.

One key to the success of “Life is Good” merchandise lies in the interpretation of those who own the products. Someone wearing the kayaking Jake shirt announces both his hobby and the simple pleasure that makes his life good. But cancer sufferers and survivors have also flocked to the merchandise line due to its simple, clear worldview. “Life is Good” is the hopeful battle cry of the cancer afflicted and the celebration song of cancer survivors.

There’s an implicit sense of truthfulness to the slogan which preserves its widespread appeal. The Jacobses are quick to note the humility of the assertion — life isn’t perfect or great, but it’s good. They know there’s plenty of bad in the world but find it better to focus on what’s good. John claims that the slogan is an affirmation of the here and now. “Don’t determine that you’re going to be happy when you get the new car or the big promotion or when you meet that special person. You can decide that you’re going to be happy today.”

In the church, we have a similar saying, but I don’t think that it’s trademarked. “God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good.” This is more than an observation, however. Among other things, it’s a promise that our good God is with us and is active in our lives when we are struggling and in the valleys of life and when our hearts are full of the many blessings we have received and we are filled with joy.

Yes, life may be good, but if it is, it’s because “God is good . . . all the time.”

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