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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

July 2022

The Gleaner

Thoughts from Pastor Vicky

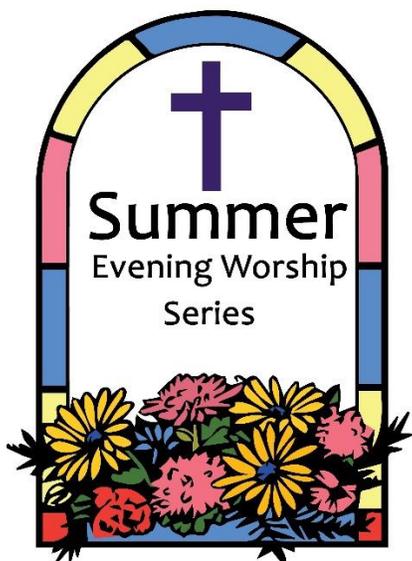
Another outdoor adventure and lesson: On a recent lovely afternoon, Jim and I were doing yard work. I heard a subtle honking overhead. It wasn't the loud, insistent honking of a Canada goose, nor was it the grinding call of a sandhill crane. It was a rare sound in these parts--a soft, guttural honk. Trumpeter swans! I followed the sound, and was delighted to see a pair of swans land on the pond across the road and glide across the surface.

I wouldn't have noticed the sound if I had spent the day inside. And I may not have noticed if I hadn't seen swans nearby a few days prior. So where is this going? Once again, I invite you to listen for God's voice. Put yourself in a place to listen. Turn off the devices... Spend time in the Word. Spend time in Creation, and with Christian friends in holy conversation. Let me know what you hear!

Grace and peace,

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My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ~John 10:27



Summer Evening Worship Series

Join us for potluck at 5:30 and worship at 6:30.

Wednesdays:
July 20th~Boyceville
August 17th~Faith

We'll have sing-alongs, new music, and hear backstories of some of our favorite hymns. Be there!

Fifth Sunday Service on Sunday, July 31st will be held at Pioneer Park in Prairie Farm at 10 a.m. Bring lawn chairs! Serving sloppy joes, root beer floats and more after the service. Watch for more details!

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 4 pm. 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
July 3	Earl Blodgett
July 10	Carol Cherney
July 17	Marguerite Blodgett
July 24	Earl Blodgett
July 31	5 th Sunday Worship at Prairie Farm Faith

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on July 10. Roseanne Wurtzler and Irene Schmidt will serve. There will be an all church potluck on July 24th followed by an ad council meeting.

The Nelson family will be the ushers during the month of July.

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Gleaner Deadline

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, July 19th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Mission News for Boyceville

Our three churches assembled 26 Personal Care Kits! Five Home Care Kit buckets were assembled. Carol Cherney delivered them to the drop off site in Eau Claire. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the kits or donated towards supplies for the kits. A special thank you to Carol for delivering the kits.

Mission Project for July and August - Operation Back to School. We will be collecting school supplies and cash for Westcap's Operation Back to School program. All gifts, large and small are gratefully accepted. The noisy can will be making the rounds for the next few weeks collecting change for school supplies.

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Gloria Kahl	Parker Knutson	Cheryl Ann Rifenberg
Chloe Howey	Rex Nicholson	Mabel Louise Steward
Jeanna Hollister	Amanda Roper	Kathleen Rifenberg
Irene Schmidt	Vernon Swinson	Jolene Rifenberg
Angela Jackson	Pastor Tim & Mary Matthaei (house fire)	
Honduras Mission	People in Ukraine	
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.



Good luck to everyone who is participating in the St. Croix, Dunn and Barron County Fairs this year!

Birthdays and Anniversaries in July

2 - Beverly Stalker
2 - Jonathan Zebro
3 - Amy Walk
4 - John Wyss
6 - Casey Wilcox
7 - Nick Carufel
7 - Ryan Dummer
10 - Lynda Viebill
11 - Brenda Smith
12 - Karen Smith

13 - Jeff Kegen
14 - Nancy Schlottman
15 - Becca Wyss
16 - Allan & Amy Walk (anniv.)
17 - Anita Smith
17 - Megan Zebro
19 - Teresa Ankney
21 - Daren Smith
22 - Christina Salsbury
27 - Ron Harren
30 - Terry & Lottie Hiben (anniv.)
30 - Jim & Christina Salsbury

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, July 16th at 1002 Main St., Boyceville, WI. Items will be boxed and ready for pick up. Volunteers are needed to unload the truck and pack boxes on Thursday, July 14th.



*Another Year
Together*

Giving Thanks

Dear Friends,

As of July 1st, I will have been your pastor for a year. As I wrote a few months back, Prairie Farm, Boyceville, and Wheeler truly feel like home. I am truly grateful for your trust and support as I joyfully mark the first anniversary of our ministry together!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Vicky

Faith United Methodist Church News for July

Worship Service at 8:30 am

Thank you:

- To Robin Burke for purchasing the Easter Lilies; not the UMW.
- To Mike Amick for purchasing/repairing the mailbox. Vandals destroyed the old one on June 4th, leaving mail on the ground the morning of June 5th.
- To Roxanne White for putting up and taking down the Pentecost Dove which Marcos Gutierrez made for our church.
- To Lay Readers: Leslie Frisle, Pastor Vicky, Robin Burke, and Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Servers: Leslie Frisle and Robin Burke.

	Lay Reader	Greeter/Usher	Coffee/Snack
July 3	Open	Open	Open
July 10	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
July 17	Ecumenical Service by ULC @ 10:00 a.m.		
July 24	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Ila Knutson
July 31	At Pioneer Park for 5 th Sunday @ 10:00 a.m. Bring lawn chairs.		

Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith met on June 3rd. We evaluated our serving in Ridgeland Park on May 31st. The free-will offering brought in \$1156, but there will be some expenses. We didn't decide what mission projects to support but will discuss this at our next meeting. Kathy had the program. Our next meeting is July 8th and Roxanne has the program.

Administrative Council meets on Thursday, July 7th at 5:30 p.m.



A Matter of Perspective July 2022

Some things are simply a matter of perspective. We can be reminded often how words can be used to skew the truth. For instance, an interoffice softball game was held every year between the marketing department and support staff of one company. The day of the game, as hard as the marketers tried, the support staff whipped the marketing department soundly.

In its best tradition, the marketing department decided to find the best “spin” they could on the dismal result. They showed how they earn their keep by posting this memo on the bulletin board after the game: “The marketing department is pleased to announce that for the recently completed softball season, we came in second place, having lost but one game all year.

The support department, however, had a rather dismal season, as they won only one game all year.” On the other hand, hidden beauty can also be found by looking at a situation in a different way. A little girl named Lauren (age 5) reports, “I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.”

I think Lauren is on to something. Our entire lives can be shaped by perspective. How would I approach money, “stuff,” and giving if I knew that God had already given me everything I need, rather than seeing all of the things I “need” in the store windows? How would I treat others if I focused on the ways I could serve, rather than making sure everyone respected my rights? How would my marriage change if it were based on being one another’s servant rather than a struggle for power? What would my attitude be toward work be if I saw it as my God-given vocation rather than someplace I had to go to earn a paycheck? What if I saw Sunday as a true Sabbath . . . a time for connecting with God and family and rest . . . rather than a day to run the kids to more activities and the last day I have to get things done at home before I go to work?

Sometimes we need God to help us see the world differently before we can live differently in it.

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