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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

August 2022

The Gleaner

## *Thoughts from Pastor Vicky*

Dear Friends,

The other day I picked up a lovely skirt at a thrift sale for \$1. It was all cotton, and a beautiful shade of aqua blue.

Unfortunately, it didn't fit especially well.

I don't possess much talent for sewing, and no one knows that better than Jim.

I did a try-on for my spouse and formulated a fantasy plan of action on how I might tailor the garment.

"This waistline is too high. If I could sew, I would cut a couple inches off the top, and add new elastic..."

Jim's comeback brought me back to reality: " And if I were a mechanic, I'd build a flying car"

I laughed harder than I have in ages. Consider this your reminder to take God seriously, but don't take yourself seriously. Life is too short for that!

*A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones.* Proverbs 17:2

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Vicky



### **Summer Evening Worship Series**

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

Wednesday:  
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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.***

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



Gloria Kahl	Parker Knutson	Vernon Swinson
Chloe Howey	Rex Nicholson	Angela Jackson
Jeanna Hollister	Amanda Roper	Irene Schmidt
Sister Alegria	Sister Confianza	Julie Babbitt
Kim Jones	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.**

## **Food Harvest Ministry News**

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, August 20th 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, August 18th.

## *Scripture Readers for Boyceville*

	Reader
July 31	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship at Prairie Farm Faith
August 7	Doreen Olson
August 14	Glenise Thomas
August 21	Carol Cherney
August 28	Marguerite Blodgett
September 4	Jim Harvey

### **Boyceville Coffee Time**

Coffee Time will be after the service on August 14 and 28. Glenise Thomas and Roseanne Wurtzler will serve on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Sheila Hegeman and Shelby Bauer will serve on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Irene Schmidt will be the usher during the month of August.**

### *Birthdays and Anniversaries in August*

2 - Jessica Hiben	21 - Dusty Harren
2 - Anita Harvey	21 - Ray & Karen Wreford (anniv.)
7 - Jared Kegen	23 - Russell Roemhild
8 - Sandy Christian	25 - Edna Forrest
8 - Leslie Olson	25 - Gary Kahl
9 - Mason Nelson	25 - Earl & Marguerite Blodgett (anniv.)
10 - Hunter Jones	27 - Larissa Krueger
13 - Zackery Smith	30 - Jerry Neck
14 - Anthony Wilcox	31 - Ila Knutson
17 - Jessica Gove-Minor	31 - Gary & Ila Knutson (anniv.)

### **Gleaner Deadline**

**Newsletter  
DEADLINE**

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or [rtsmnelson@hotmail.com](mailto:rtsmnelson@hotmail.com) with your news. Thanks.

## Mission News for Boyceville

Mission Project for 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. All supplies and cash need to be at the church by Sunday, August 14. Thank you.

Sheila Hegeman and a friend have painted the Blessing Box. Thank you, Sheila! Next step is to buy the bracket to attach the support post to cement and install it. We are getting closer to making the box a reality. In September and October, we will be collecting items for the Blessing Box. A list will be published in the September Gleaner.

Sonya Zebro took some of the fleece blankets to the Boyceville Fire Department. Marguerite delivered the rest of the fleece blankets to Westcap where they will use them for the greatest need. Could be for someone setting up an apartment after being homeless, or for a child in their Christmas for Kids program. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project!

### **Ice Cream Social**

Grace United Methodist Church

Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>  
3:30-7 p.m.

Eat in or Carry out

Free Will Donation

Menu:

Hot Beef	Coleslaw	Desserts
Pulled Pork	Baked Beans	Ice Cream
Brats	Potato Salad	Beverages
BBQ	Italian Pasta	Chips

Served at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Hall

Everyone Welcome

# *Faith United Methodist Church News for August*

Worship Service at 8:30 am



Thank you:

- To Pastor Vicky for a wonderful past year as our pastor. We are so blessed and we appreciate your talents.
- To Pastor Vicky for helping plan the ecumenical service with Pastor Sara Feld for Prairie Farm Dairy Days. It was good.
- To Lay Readers: Jim Strupp, Roxanne White, and Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Servers: Roxanne White, Barbara Bender, and Ila Knutson.

	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	<b>Coffee/Snack</b>
July 31	At Pioneer Park for 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.	Bring lawn chairs.	
August 7	Open	Open	Open
August 14	Open	Open	Open
August 21	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
August 28	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Open

## *Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith*

United Women in Faith met in July with Roxanne White having the inspirational program—DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE! We are ready for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at Pioneer Park. With expenses paid, we cleared \$893 for serving at the Ridgeland Park in May. Our next meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup> with Barbara Bender having the Pledge Service and Election of Officers.



## A Chicken or an Eagle? August 2022

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)*

Once upon a time, a man found the egg of an eagle. It had been abandoned for some reason by its mother, but as it was still warm, the man took it and put it in the nest of one of his backyard chickens along with the other eggs that were there being brooded upon.

After a period of time, the eaglet was hatched, and along with the other chicks from his nest began to go about the back yard doing what the other chicks did. He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He looked for the corn that the man would throw into the yard. He clucked and cackled as best as he could, and as he grew, he would, like other chickens, thrash his wings and fly a few feet in the air.

Years passed in this way, and the eagle grew very old. One day he saw a magnificent bird far above him in the cloudless sky. It glided majestically among the powerful wind currents, soaring and swooping, scarcely beating its long golden wings.

The old eagle looked at it in awe and asked, “What is that?”

“That is the eagle, the king of birds,” said one of his neighbors. “He belongs to the sky and to the high places. We belong to the earth, we are chickens.” The old eagle knew this was true, and so it was he lived and died as a chicken, for that is what he believed he was.

In life, our perspective determines our reality. For instance, most people believe that they need more money to be “okay” financially. How much more? It didn’t matter if they were making \$25,000 or \$250,000, the answer to how much more they needed was always right around 10% more. The truth is, if we haven’t learned how to manage well what we have, having more will leave us with the same set of problems.

On the other hand, developing an attitude of gratitude, an abundance mindset, and planning for giving and saving in our spending plans (aka, budgets) can help us discover contentment no amount of money can give.

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