

Thoughts from Pastor Vicky

Find Joy!

On a recent blistering Friday afternoon Jim and I headed over to a splendid community recreation area— Clear Lake Park. The crystalline water of Clear lake, in the village of the same name, provides an unparalleled paddle boarding experience. We could not help but feel a bit youthful ourselves as we swung by the family swim area packed with young children. We were amused by one child in particular. He was on a floatie and armed with a water bazooka and obviously having the time of his life. As we paddled past him his concerned mother blurted out a warning: "Remember, Silas! Only young people!" Sigh. We didn't get squirted. I guess the sixty-somethings gliding by on the paddle board didn't qualify as young. Jim and I felt a bit crestfallen, but really, how can you have any animus towards someone who was merely trying to act in accordance with Leviticus 19:32? "Rise in the presence of the aged and honor the elderly face-to-face." (ISV)

Friends, I remind you to find the joy and laughter in each day. It is a gift from God!

Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of Light. There is nothing deceitful in God, nothing two-faced, nothing fickle. He brought us to life using the true Word, showing us off as the crown of all his creatures.

James 1:17-18 (Msg)

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky



Joy

Just Older Youth



'How Long?'

"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?" --Psalm 82:2

Siblings in Christ,

We return from another weekend, suffering the ripples from gun violence. At least six people were killed and 30 injured on Monday after a gunman fired on the crowd at a Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Illinois. This was the nation's 309th mass shooting this year. 71 were shot and 8 killed in Chicagoland over the weekend. Given the number of racially motivated shootings in this country, family and friends from Korea always ask me, 'are you safe?'

The violence experienced at a parade is a reminder to pray not only for the people of Highland Park, but those who suffer memories of the violence at the holiday parade in Waukesha.

The Spirit is suggesting Psalm 82 for the lectionary this week. It opens with a courtroom scene comprised of God and lesser gods—the other powers that show up in psalms and the prophets as Israel deals with Canaanite thinking that cannot conceive a life-giving Oneness at work in creation.

God calls all other lesser lights to account in v.2: "how long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?" These are the words of lament, of loss, of noting the waste of gun violence, the ripples of trauma, the children who now factor in the truth that the grown-ups around them lack the moral imagination to adequately protect them. How long must we bear systems that protect the powerful at the expense of the children? How long?

In verse 3, Psalm 82 hears God call out to all who hold power: "give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and destitute." For all who exercise power and influence, God's mission is to uphold justice and to use God's people to bear witness to covenantal life.

The second imperative in the psalm is: "rescue." May we rescue our capacity to hold parades in our land without fear. May we rescue those who have suffered injury in Highland Park. May we rescue the ability to walk into a grocery store or a service of worship without fear. May we rescue the church from the powerful forces at work in this country to "Other" people and to exclude.

Jesus is always the stranger at the door, the unexpected one who calls us to open to him that we may eat with him and he with us. Jesus is the one who calls us to open, to be the meek who inherit the earth. I would call us to a life together that opens doors to Jesus, to nonviolence, to meekness, to cultural humility, to the need to carry no bag, nor purse to insulate ourselves, to consider the lilies who do not live in fear. Bear witness to the way Jesus gives life and the Spirit can use our witness. If not, how long will we walk around in darkness?

I continue my walk of El Camino de Santiago, walking the way of St. James during my renewal leave. Know that I am praying for you. Please continue to pray for me, and our life together.

Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, PhD.

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

September 4 Jim Harvey
September 11 Glenise Thomas
September 18 Marguerite Blodgett
September 25 Volunteer needed

Boyceville Coffee Time

There will be an all church potluck at noon on Sunday, September 11th. Coffee Time will be after the service on September 25th with Marguerite Blodgett serving.

Merlyn & Shirley Jones will be the ushers during the month of September.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 7-9 a.m. on Saturday, September 17th 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, September 15th.

Mission News for Boyceville

Operation Back to School update. We collected 78 items and raised \$368.92 for Operation Back to School. The items and money have been delivered to Westcap. Thank you to everyone who supported this project.

Blessing Box Mission Project for September and October

It's time to stock the Blessing Box. When bringing items for the Blessing Box please keep in mind foods that are easy to prepare, don't require a lot of extra ingredients and are non-perishable are best. The list of items is not comprehensive but is a starting point. As we start having visitors to the box, we will have a better idea of what is popular and needed. Keep in mind that items need to be safe in hot and cold temperatures. Also include things for a complete meal, for example spaghetti noodles, sauce and parmesan cheese. Don't want to shop, cash donations are welcome. The mission team is happy to shop for you.

Easy open cans of baked beans, spaghetti, chili, soups, and meat (Tuna, chicken, etc.)*

Easy open cans of diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste*

Easy open cans of vegetables/fruits*

*Not recommended when temperatures are below freezing. Try to avoid glass bottles and jars.

Cereal/Instant oatmeal packets

Pancake mix and syrup

Peanut butter and other spreads

Jelly

Pasta in boxes

Crackers

Granola bars

Baking mixes

Shelf-stable microwave/to go meals

Dried soup mixes

Individual serving size items

Infant formula

Infant cereal

Packaged protein drinks

Instant breakfast powders

Dried fruit

Powdered milk

Condiments

Toilet paper

Tissues

Paper towels

Household cleaners

Shampoo/conditioner/combs/brushes

Feminine care pads/tampons

Toothpaste/toothbrush

Hand soap/bath soap

Band aids

Deodorant

Dish soap

Laundry detergent/fabric softener sheets

Dry cat and dog food

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

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	Nancy Smith	
Family & Friends of Judy Helgeson		
Honduras Mission	People in Ukraine	
Coat Closet	Food Harvest Ministry	
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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

1 - Pete Bodette	18 - Skyler Hall
4 - Sheila Hegeman	19 - Delphine Danovsky
5 - Merlyn Jones	19 - Chris & Robin Burke (anniv.)
6 - Jeff & Connye Kegan (anniv.)	20 - Larry Thomas
10 - Randy Nelson	20 - Jim & Anita Harvey (anniv.)
10 - Brittany Saunders	20 - Nancy & Jerry Schlottman (anniv.)
12 - Russ & Roxanne White (anniv.)	23 - Jennifer Hall
12 - Leslie Frisle	27 - Lori & Dale Feyen (anniv.)
15 - Samantha Christian	27 - Kate Rubusch
18 - Pastor Vicky Strupp	29 - Nancy Smith

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Gleaner Deadline

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, Sept. 20th.
Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or
rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

ADVANCED LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASS

Leading Worship

Friday, September 30, 2022

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

AND

Saturday, October 1, 2022

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

On-line via zoom

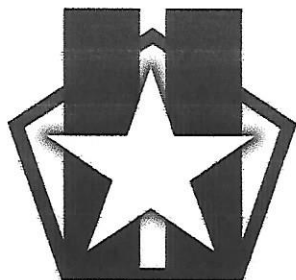
Leader: Rev. Amy Powell

Class Book: Each person will need to purchase a book on-line. The class book is "Worshiping with United Methodists" by Hoyt L Hickman. It can be ordered for \$15 at Cokesbury.com

Technology: Each participant will need good internet access and access to a computer equipped with web camera and microphone sound. There is no need to purchase a Zoom subscription. A class link will be sent to you via email prior to class.

**Deadline to register is:
September 21, 2022.**

To register or to contact with questions, please email powellmama@gmail.com, or call 608-220-5873. Seating is limited so register early



Remembering 9/11

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North West District United Methodist Church Youth Gathering

One Day Bible Camp
For Youth 6th Grade and up

October 8, 2022

10-5 p.m.

At the
United Methodist Church
135 Reinhart Dr.,
Shell Lake, WI 54871

Bring a sack lunch
Scavenger Hunt
Canoeing available
Hiking
Worship time
ATV/UTV Trail ride

Registration:

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One Day
Youth Camp



much needed friendship



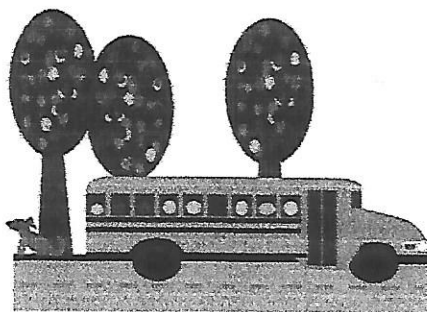
**Big Brothers
Big Sisters.**

OF NORTHWESTERN
WISCONSIN

Big Brothers Big Sisters is **looking for mentors** (19+ y/o) who are interested in making a new friend! Mentors (BIGS) are paired with a child who shares similar interests to develop a relationship and spend time together on a reoccurring basis. Contact our office at 715-835-0161 to learn how much fun you could have in our mentoring programs!

MENTORS NEEDED

bbbsnw.org //



Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of children.
Please watch over our children & grandchildren
as they go back to school this year.
Keep them safe every day.
Help them to remember that you are right there
with them in the halls and classrooms.
Help them soak up good knowledge and to
dismiss any negative or worldly messages they may hear.
Help them treat others with
kindness and respect,
and to guard their hearts
with the armor of Your Word.
Give them joy and peace as
they put their trust in you.
Amen

Faith United Methodist Church News for September

Worship Service at 8:30 am

Thank you:

- To Chris Burke and Bill Wiseman for the many hours they have worked on the ramp—sanding, scraping, getting ready for the final coating.
- To Robin Burke for vacuuming the sanctuary, basement, and entryway.
- To Roxanne White, Ila Knutson, Robin Burke, Pastor Vicky and Jim Strupp, and Leslie Frisley for the most delightful skit for the Mid-Week service.
- To all who came and enjoyed the meal, fellowship, and skit.
- To Lay Readers: Jim Strupp, Pastor Vicky Strupp, Roxanne White, and Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Server: Roxanne White.

	Lay Reader	Greeter/Usher	Coffee/Snack
Sept. 4	Ecumenical Service in Ridgeland under tent – Bring a lawn chair		
Sept. 11	Open	Open	Open
Sept. 18	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Dinner for Levi
Sept. 25	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Ila Knutson

Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

Faith United Methodist Women—United Women in Faith will be meeting on Friday, September 9th at 1:00 p.m. Barbara Bender has the Pledge Service and Election of Officers for the coming term of two years, and hopefully they will serve for two terms (4 years). That will be determined as the years go by.

Administrative Council meets on September 1st at 5:00 p.m. at the church.

Looking Ahead: We will be having our Potato and Buttermilk Pancake Supper on Oct. 4th at the Ridgeland Community Center. We will be having a bake sale, but it is entirely voluntary, whether you would like to provide none, one, or more items. Our 2019 bake sale brought in \$398.50, so any amount is appreciated. Let your heart lead you.

Benefit for Levi Grant

Levi Grant (Mike Amick's nephew) was in a dirt bike accident on April 16, 2022 in Menomonie, WI. A motorist collided with him while he was riding his dirt bike. Levi was airlifted to a hospital where he spent several weeks in recovery. He broke both femurs, fractured ribs, and had a partially collapsed lung. Upon returning home, Levi has been doing better, but it has been a slow healing process.

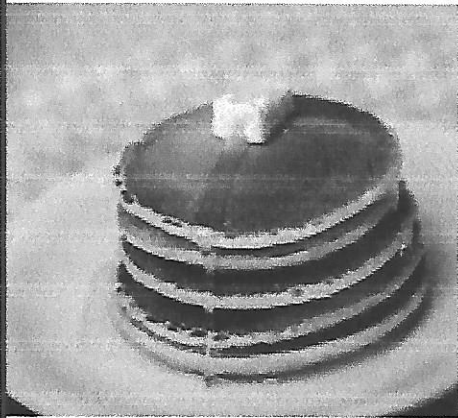
Levi will be going back to school in the fall at Menomonie High School – so his condition has greatly improved – and we are all very thankful of that.

Nikki Thorsen, a friend of the family, wanted to do something to show her support, so it was decided to have a dinner at the Prairie Farm: Faith United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 18th following our service. All are welcome to attend.

Mike Amick is our renter in the parsonage, and we, as a church, wanted to show our support to Mike's family and ask for continued prayers for Levi's healing.

We have a card that people can sign with their "well wishes" to Levi – and can place a donation if they feel so moved to do so.

Thank you.



Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm, Wisconsin

All-U-Can Eat Pancake Supper

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

**At the Ridgeland Community Center
200 Diamond St. S., Ridgeland, Wisconsin**

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Menu: Potato & Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage,
Syrup, Applesauce, Cookies, Milk & Coffee**

FREE WILL OFFERING

Bake Sale During the Supper

****Take Outs Available**

A Note in the Offering September 2022

A young child wrote this note to his pastor. "Dear minister, I'm sorry I don't give more money to the church on Sundays, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you give a sermon about a raise in my allowance? It would help the church get more money."

As funny as this is, many of us approach giving in this way, whether it's to the church or to any other organization that helps those in need. We'd give more if only we had a little more to give. We just need that raise and everything will be so much easier. There's only so much to go around and there's just not enough right now.

Unfortunately, this paints a false picture of God. Our world tells us over and over those resources are scarce. There's only so much to go around. And so, we can only give so much because otherwise there won't be enough left for us. We spend so much time and energy acquiring and worrying about what we don't have and often are so measured and cautious with what give, because we believe there isn't going to be enough. This is the myth of scarcity. That God hasn't given his children enough to go around. This is not the God we worship.

The truth is, we believe that the God we worship has given to us abundantly! Not only is there enough to go around, but there's also more than enough. And therefore, we give in response to the abundance God continually provides us with.

I have heard people say that the more they have given the more God has given them. From my experience, I don't think God gives more to the generous and less to misers. I have found that the more I give the more I recognize how much God has already blessed me with. It's not that God has given me more in a "quid pro quo" arrangement. In giving, I am transformed. I can see the gifts I have more clearly. I can give thanks more fully. I can give more joyously.

Thank God for the many abundances he has given to us!

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
Contact me at: 608-837-9582 or jmahnke@wumf.org

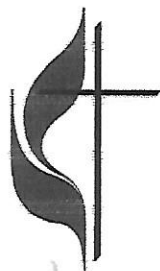
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SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5pm Faith Ad Council	2	3
4 Worship	5 Labor Day	6 6pm SPRC at Boyceville	7	8	9 1pm Faith UMW	10
11 Worship 12-noon All Church Potluck followed by Ad Council at Boyceville	12	13	14	15 Food Harvest Packing	16	17 7-9am Food Harvest Distribution
18 Worship Benefit for Levi Grant at Prairie Farm Faith	19	20 Gleaner News Due	21	22	23	24
25 Worship Coffee Time Blodgett	26	27	28	29	30 6-9pm Advanced Lay Servant Class via Zoom	1 9-3pm Advanced Lay Servant Class via Zoom

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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

September 2022

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