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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

October 2022

The Gleaner

Thoughts from Pastor Vicky

A Reason to Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7

Dear Friends,

We are heartened by the apostle Paul in Philippians: “Don’t worry about anything.” Easier said than done, to be sure, but by God’s grace and with practice, we can get to that place where we leave our worries in God’s hands. If something is important to you, it’s important to God. Hand it all over! Paul directs us to give EVERYTHING to God by prayer and supplication. Supplication is humbly asking or begging for something, and this is to be done with THANKSGIVING in our hearts. Thanksgiving, after all, is essential to joy.

I encourage you to work toward the goal of turning over your worries to God in prayer. In time, it will become a habit, and rejoicing will come naturally. And the peace you will find is an added bonus!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky



October 30th is a 5th Sunday! We're planning a joint service and potluck at Boyceville at 10 a.m.



Soul Food: Make Room for Mending

“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ, and stewards of God’s mysteries.”
—1 Corinthians 4:1

Siblings in Christ,

I write from Karlsruhe, Germany, working here with the World Council of Churches, the Ecumenical Forum for Korean peace. I led a bible study on Joseph and his brothers on how the biblical imagination might open the door for reconciliation and forgiveness. I was moved by the Spirit’s power to bring the world together with concern for peace and touched by how long my people have suffered.

It has me thinking of you, my beloved in Wisconsin, the disunity, the divisiveness, the appointments being de-stabilized, but also the Spirit’s majestic power. We know our God is the one mending brokenness in our personal walk with Jesus and our collective ministry as an annual conference—and as a people who are servants and stewards of Christ in a broken world.

When I told my cabinet that I was praying about new superintendents last January, I said, ‘life is about making room for others.’ Who is not at the table? What are the threats and opportunities before us? Joseph made room in his heart for his brothers and for a newness between them. They share a common father who is still alive in their thinking and action. Some at the table need to make room. Some need to share service. All of us are stewards of a mutual garment of destiny, of a Kingdom of mutual benefit in Christ.

The Christian faith is going through a period when we no longer represent the establishment, but due to secularization, we are increasingly a people who have been disestablished. Yet, Jesus is there among the disestablished, among those crucified on the edges, and our movement will be refined and strengthened when we do not expect popular members of the establishment to proclaim the gospel for us, or for democracy to make one religion safe over others. We were always meant to be in solidarity with the disestablished by following Jesus there.

Life is about making room to be servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries with no guarantee that it will be easy. Rather, when we are sent with difficult ministry ahead, we are promised by the risen one, ‘Lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age.’

When we are touched by the healing of the Holy Spirit, we walk with an authentic embodiment of the incarnate one. Practical divinity has no room to speak ill but rather to edify and build up the body. The Kingdom is always marked by the newness of making room in one’s soul for the stranger Christ presented to us. Let us open that door and with it, be open to tones of harmony, reformation, and solidarity with wherever the prince of peace leads. The mission is outward and self-giving if we will be servants of Christ.

Dear Ones, I am so grateful for your ministry. Know that I am praying for you.

Peace,

Hee-Soo Jung
Bishop, Wisconsin Conference

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
October 2	Jim Harvey
October 9	Doreen Olson
October 16	Carol Cherney
October 23	Glenise Thomas
October 30	Marguerite Blodgett

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on October 9th with Anita & Jim Harvey and Doreen Olson serving.

Earl & Marguerite Blodgett will be the ushers during the month of October.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 7-9 a.m. on Saturday, October 15th 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, October 13th.

Help Wanted at Boyceville

Snow Shoveling: Needed someone to shovel snow at the church. You will shovel and put down ice melt as needed around the front and side of the church. Pay is \$20 each time you shovel. Contact Carol Cherney or Marguerite Blodgett if interested in the job.

Church Historian

Do you love to scrapbook? A creative individual is needed to record the church history in photos and words. Church will pay for any supplies. Contact Carol Cherney or Marguerite Blodgett if interested in the job.

Mission News for Boyceville

The Blessing Box is open for business! Sheila and Marguerite stocked the Blessing Box with an assortment of food and personal care items. Sheila created a poster and those have been posted around Boyceville. Once the official signs have arrived and are installed on the box we will be contacting the Tribune Press Reporter to get an article in the paper.

Right now we really need items for the box that won't be hurt by freezing. Cereal, pasta dinners, crackers, cookies, toilet paper, paper towels, powdered laundry detergent, dryer fabric softener sheets, powdered milk, rice mixes... this is only a short list of what could go in the box. Thank you for your support!

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

Dish soap

Laundry detergent/fabric softener sheets

Dry cat and dog food

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

Trunk or Treat

We will be participating in the annual Trunk or Treat in Boyceville. Date and time to be announced. Donations of candy and small toys that can be given out are needed. If you would like to help hand out treats, talk to Pastor Vicky or Carol Cherney. This is a great way for our church to be visible in the community.

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 October

3 - Kay Jones	17 - Pete Bodette & LaVonne Nelson (anniv.)
5 - Terry & Vilai Wilcox (anniv.)	17 - Larry & Glenise Thomas (anniv.)
5 - Elaine Grutt	18 - Lori Koehler
6 - Judy Steinberger	19 - Samantha Nelson
7 - Bill & Margie Wiseman (anniv.)	23 - Kelly Dummer
7 - Lauren Olson	25 - Harry Christian
9 - Mindy Nelson	25 - Tom & Kelly Dummer (anniv.)
9 - Kevin Zebro	27 - Dean Frisle
9 - Dan Miller	27 - Gary Dunn
16 - Bob & Sharon Wyss (anniv.)	

Gleaner Deadline

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 18th.
Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or
rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

**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**

**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:
<https://forms.gle/un2FW4gSf89UmVyv5>**



**One Day
Youth Camp**

Faith United Methodist Church News for October

Worship Service at 8:30 am

Thank you:

- To Lyle Minor for donating the apples for applesauce.
- To Janice Salsbury and Charlotte Bottolfson for preparing (coring, slicing) the apples.
- To Robin Burke and Barbara Bender for cooking and straining the apples.
- To Chris Burke and Bill Wiseman for putting on primer (two coats) and sealer for the ramp walkway. Many hours.
- To D.S. Barb Certa-Werner for a monetary donation to our church.
- To all who contributed/participated in the benefit dinner for Levi Grant—especially Nicky who contributed so much pulled pork, salad, and cake. It was all SO good.
- To Lay Readers: Pastor Vicky, Roxanne White, Jim Strupp, and Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Server: Ila Knutson.

	Lay Reader	Greeter/Usher	Coffee/Snack
October 2	Roxanne White	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
October 9	Jim Strupp	Open	Open
October 16	UMW United Women in Faith	Sunday	UMW
October 23	Bill Wiseman	Bill Wiseman	Open
October 30	5 th Sunday Worship & Potluck at Boyceville		

Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith met on September 9th. We elected officers for the coming year. They are: President, Barbara Bender; Vice-President, Ila Knutson; Secretary, Margie Wiseman; Treasurer, Roxanne White. We decided to change our meeting time to Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and/or being flexible if there is a conflict, such as Ad. Council, allowing Roxanne to attend. Barbara had the Pledge Service/program. We pledged \$100 to the North West District for 2023. The District Fall Gathering was on the 17th at Barron with 40 registered, plus Barron women. Deb Pattee gave the topic "Embracing Change" and Joel Certa-Werner spoke about the Midwest Distribution Center of which he is a board member. Our next meeting will be October 21st for church cleaning at 9:30 a.m. with potluck to follow.

Our sympathy to Connie (Minor) Loofboro for the loss of her husband in a skidsteer accident.

Administrative Council on October 13th at 5:00 p.m.



God's Voice October 2022

In my ministry, several people have asked why God doesn't speak to people like God did in the Bible. Their assumption is that any time Scripture talks about God speaking to someone, that person is hearing a literal voice saying words. I think this is a far too limited understanding of how God speaks to us every day. Consider this story told by Scott McKenzie and Kristine Miller.

"Every day, on her way to work, Audrey's route took her past a women's penitentiary. Surrounding the building and grounds stood a large chain-link fence topped off with barbed wire intended to keep separate those on the inside from those on the outside. Each time Audrey passed the woman's penitentiary, she saw the women walking the grounds or sitting at picnic tables soaking in a few precious moments of warm sunshine. As she passed, Audrey would quietly say a prayer for the incarcerated women and their families. One day, as Audrey was driving past, she felt a strong urge to pull in. Without fully realizing what she was doing, she turned sharply into the entrance of the prison. In an instant, she found herself face-to-face with a large, intimidating prison guard whose face suggested a humorless disposition. Feeling the awkwardness of the moment, Audrey explained that she had felt God's push to visit the facility and asked if they received volunteers."

"The prison guard responded by giving Audrey the business card of the volunteer coordinator and sent Audrey on her way. God's nudge had sent Audrey to an unfamiliar place, and she was courageous enough to go. Soon she started a Bible study class at the prison sharing Jesus' message of love and hope."

Audrey believed that the urge to pull into the penitentiary was God speaking to her. I tend to agree. Rather than waiting for a literal voice to speak to us, what if God spoke and called us through our nudges, yearnings, and hopes. That would mean that God is closer than many of us think or realize. It also means that God challenges us more frequently than we realize. But, when we courageously listen to God with a willing heart, we will discover that the result is transformational, not just for us, but for everyone whose life is impacted.

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