

Thoughts from Pastor Vicky

Dear Friends,

Lent will soon be upon us. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. In the spirit of the renewal and repentance of Lent, I am inviting our three churches to develop a new prayer practice-- Breakthrough Prayer! This form of invocation involves setting a particular time every day for our churches to petition God as one church family. The prayer is being written as of press time, and will most likely be modified as we grow in our understanding of the mission to which God is calling us. As we join together in one accord for God's direction, I am enthused about this distinct prayer practice. I anticipate our Breakthrough Prayer will draw us together as a church and prepare us for the new things God has in store for us. We are in this together...and God is with us!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky



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.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be at 7 p.m. on Feb. 22nd at the Wheeler Peace United Methodist Church



1	Bridgett Kahl
2	Jeremy White
10	Gilbert Krueger
15	Linda Miller
15	Jerod Nelson
15	Doreen Olson
16	Gary Knutson
17	Frank Dummer
25	Skipper Ford
25	Glenise Thomas



Gloria Kahl	Rex Nicholson
Amanda Roper	Irene Schmidt
Angela Jackson	Sister Alegria
Sister Confianza	Julie Babbit
Nancy Smith	Frankie Alone
People in Ukraine	Hurricane victims
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.

**Renewing Rural Ministry
Fresh Expressions 2023 via Zoom**

Saturday, January 28, 2023

9 am-12 pm

**\$18.00 non-refundable registration fee
will cover participation**

Led by Michael Beck

Across North America, urban centers are growing, creating new challenges and opportunities for rural cities and towns. Rural churches, once a centerpiece of small-town life, need new tools for loving their neighbors, sharing the gospel, and connecting in community. This gathering will help our churches be prepared for the next

season of ministry. If you are a pastor, lay leader, or are simply interested in vital ministry in small towns, this opportunity is for you.

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome & Centering Time
9:15-10:00 Session 1: Soil Map:
Assessing the Opportunities and Challenges of
the Rural Church
10:00-10:10 Break
10:10-10:50 Session 2: The Blended
Ecology: Re-Imagining our Congregations and
Communities as a Spiritual Ecosystem
10:50-11:00 Break
11:00-11:45 Session 3: Cultivating the
Ground: How to Cultivate Missional
Communities from the Local Church
11:45-12:00 Closing and Next Steps

Registration link:
<https://na.eventscLOUD.com/website/49667/>

**Spring Lay Servant Trainings
for Northwest District**

Basic Course

Introduction to Lay Ministries.

A hybrid class led by Pastor Wendy Slaback will be offered Friday-Saturday, 10 hour session. Friday afternoon 1-5 p.m. afternoon, supper, then 6-8 p.m. evening on February 24th. Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. February 25th. Cost is \$20 for registration, meals and materials.

Menomonie United Methodist Church
2703 Bongey Drive,
Menomonie, WI.
Contact Lori at the church office
(715-235-0654) to register.

Rediscovering Your Spiritual Gifts.

Led by Pastor Joel Certa-Warner,
Monday nights 6:00-8:00 p.m. ,
February 6-March 6 (5 sessions at 2 hours
a session=10 hours at Trinity UMC in Elk
Mound. Cost is \$15 for registration and
materials.

**From the Pew to the Pulpit
(preaching course).**

Led by Pastor Joel Certa-Warner, Friday
evening through Saturday late afternoon
March 24-25th at Trinity UMC in Elk Mound.
Cost is \$20 for registration, meals, and
materials.

Trinity United Methodist Church
105 Holly Avenue
Elk Mound, Wi
Contact Denise at the church office
(715-879-5596).

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

Reader

January 29	5th Sunday at Faith
February 5	Carol Cherney
February 12	Glenise Thomas
February 19	Doreen Olson
February 26	Glenise Thomas

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on February 12 and 26. Carol Cherney and Marguerite Blodgett will serve on the 12th and Sheila Hegeman and Shelby Bauer will serve on the 26th.

The Confirmation kids will be the ushers during the month of February.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, February 18th 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, February 15th.

Mission News for Boyceville



Warm Feet, Warm Hearts

Wow has the response to this project been amazing. Our sister church, Faith Prairie Farm, sent 83 pairs of socks with Pastor Vicky! We have collected 33 pairs of socks and some personal care items at Boyceville. With winter still with us we wanted to get this bounty of socks onto the feet of those who need them. On Sunday January 8th we blessed the socks and sent them on to their new feet. We are still continuing to collect socks for the homeless through the month of February. Warm socks are needed for men, women and children of all ages. In addition we are collecting personal care items as well. Think bar soap, combs, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and hand lotion. Cash is welcome too. We are happy to shop for you. Please have all items to the Boyceville Church by Sunday, February 26, 2023. Together we are warming the feet of the homeless, and hopefully warming their hearts by letting them know someone cares. Thank you.



Amigas del Señor in Honduras

Recently Sister Alegría and Sister Confianza moved from the Monastery on the mountain to a house in town. Sister Alegría's health is deteriorating and they needed to be in town for better health care and ease of living. Sister Alegría is no longer able to take an active role with the local clinic. Even so they still use the money we send to aid local efforts. The hospital roof project is finished for now. Vitamins and prescription drugs are purchased for the clinic. Repairs have been made to a motorcycle that is used for outreach and mobile immunization clinics. Our dollars continue to make a difference in the lives of the poor in the area. Thank you.

Blessing Box

On Christmas morning Marguerite checked the Blessing Box and restocked it. The very next day she stopped by early in the morning and the box needed restocking. It is so sad that someone would need to get items from the Blessing Box on Christmas Day. Yet we are blessed by knowing the Blessing Box was stocked and waiting when it was needed, even on Christmas Day. In addition to the necessities like toilet paper and cereal, we have been adding some "treat" items as well. Small containers of coffee, creamer, hot cocoa, tea, popcorn, etc. are a welcome addition to the box. Thank you for your support of the Blessing Box.

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, February 21st. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Thank you:

- To all who helped untrim the Christmas Tree and put away Christmas decorations.
- To Margie Wiseman for ironing the tablecloths; she originally sewed them.
- To Bill Wiseman for snow shoveled, as well as continually taking care of what needs to be done.
- To Lay Readers: Bill Wiseman, Leslie Frisle, and Roxanne White.
- To Coffee Servers: Margie Wiseman and Roxanne White.



Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

United Women in Christ will be at Pioneer Care and Rehab on February 2nd at 1:30 p.m. to play Bingo with residents. Margie is in charge. We will be serving refreshments—cake, strawberries, and ice cream.



Reader/Greeter Coffee/Snack

**January 29 United Lutheran Youth-in Christ
Program at 10 a.m.**

February 5	Bill Wiseman	Ila Knutson
February 12	Robin Burke	Robin Burke
February 19	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
February 26	Open	Open



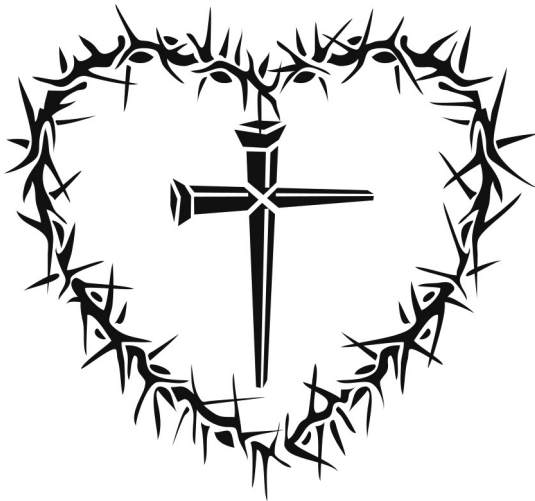
**Peace United
Methodist Church
Wheeler**

Worship Service at 11 a.m.

The people of Wheeler: Grace United Methodist Church have agreed to merge with the Ridgeland-Dallas United Methodist Church. The new church name is Peace United Methodist Church!

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
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begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)





Sasha's Generosity February 2023

Scott tells a story about when his church group visited Russia and he met a ten-year-old Russian orphan named Sasha who, for some reason, latched on to him. Sasha took Scott by the arm and led him through the orphanage, showing off his room and the place he ate meals. All the while Sasha's eyes were filled with joy and laughter. In spite of the fact that Scott spoke little Russian, and Sasha spoke no English, they connected. As the church group prepared to depart, Sasha sat beside Scott, pulled a silver ring from his finger, and held it out for Scott to take. His eyes filled with tears and Scott spoke the only Russian word I knew — "Nyet, nyet." (No, no.) This child, who had nothing in the world to call his own except this ring, desperately wanted to give this ring to him. When asked why Sasha wanted to give his only possession away, Sasha responded through an interpreter, "Because I am so thankful Scott came." For Sasha, abundant joy, extreme poverty, and a heart filled with gratitude overflowed in a wealth of generosity.

For many of us who have so much, we want more. We are not thankful for what we have and always look for the "something more." And truth be told, it's never enough. What would happen if, by God's grace, our desire to gain more and have more could be transformed by gratitude into a heartfelt desire to give more? What would happen if in a spirit of gratitude, we spent as much time figuring out ways to give as we spend figuring out how to earn, have, and keep? Can you recall a time when you were truly thankful despite negative circumstances? Can you recall a time when someone who could least afford it gave you a generous gift? What was it like? How did you respond?

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Return Service Requested



Newsletter of Boyceville, Prairie Farm Faith and
Wheeler Peace 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: Peace Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Welcome

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