



"If you build it, they will come..." --is an oft-quoted cliché cited in many circumstances. However, it's not aptly relevant to churches.

There was a time when people would flock to churches without an invitation. That's not the case nowadays, and what worked in ministry 20 or 30 years ago isn't so effective today. Fewer people understand the benefits of a church family. Yes, we still need comfortable and visually appealing facilities. It's important to look at our churches through the eyes of a visitor and make changes where necessary. Even more, we need to build relationships with people outside the brick-and-mortar, and meet them where they are.

Margie Wiseman and I recently attended a Wisconsin Conference training session entitled "Fresh Expressions for Rural Ministries". This coaching seminar emphasized new ways of engaging people in rural ministry. I'm looking forward to applying some things we learned. But first things first!

*Let us begin with prayer.*

As I wrote last month, I'm inviting everyone to join me in a Breakthrough Prayer for our churches. This Breakthrough Prayer will draw us together as a church and prepare us for the new things God has in store for us. I'm asking that we all pray the prayer --wherever we are-- daily at 5:17 pm. The particular time of 5:17 is in the spirit of II Corinthians 5:17, which speaks of God doing new things. If you miss the time, pray anyway! God hears!

The prayer will be available on cardstock, in the Gleaner, and in the bulletins. Any other suggestions are welcome as we pray and grow together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

**Breakthrough Prayer-** Pray this DAILY at 5:17 pm.

Loving God, thank you for giving us life and new birth. Create in us a deep trust in you, and give us the courage to overcome our fears and doubts.

Help us to be the salt and light this world needs. Guide us to find ways to share your love with others.

Lord, open us to all you would have us be for you and for others. Break through into our lives and our churches with new possibilities.

In the hope Jesus offers us, Amen.

## Lent Worship Schedule

7pm Worship, 6:15 pm Meal

March 1 – Boyceville

March 8– Prairie Farm

March 15– Boyceville

March 22 - Prairie Farm

March 29– Boyceville

April 6– Wheeler- Maundy Thursday  
-No Meal

April 7—Good Friday—TBD

Easter Sunday -each has service at  
regular time

## UMCOR Sunday

(Formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing) On Sunday, March 19th we will be observing UMCOR Sunday. The monetary gifts given to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific UMCOR programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.

## MARCH

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

3	Jason Jones
5	Jordan Nelson
6	Ray Wreford
9	Earl Blodgett
11	Cory Christian
11	Lyle Minor
12	Kim Silvius
13	Olivia Jones
14	Sierra Harren
14	Connye Kegen
16	Makayla Nelson
19	Rhonda Johnson
20	Kylie Kahl
20	Robert Wyss
21	Randy & Mindy Nelson (anniv)
22	Jacob Nelson
23	Dorothy Luben
24	Bill Wiseman
26	Roxanne White
26	Lionel Kegen
27	Charity Jones

NewsLetter  
**DEADLine**

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, March 21st. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or [rtsmnelson@hotmail.com](mailto:rtsmnelson@hotmail.com) with your news. Thanks.

## 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: boyceville-umc.org.



## Spring Lay Servant Training for Northwest District

### 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).



Gloria Kahl  
Amanda Roper  
Angela Jackson  
Sister Confianza  
Nancy Smith

Rex Nicholson  
Irene Schmidt  
Sister Alegria  
Julie Babbitt  
Frankie Alone

Family & Friends of Eva Mewes  
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.**

## United Methodist Church of Boyceville

**Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.**

### Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
March 5	Doreen Olson
March 12	Carol Cherney
March 19	Jonathan Zebro
March 26	Doreen Olson

### Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on March 12th and 26th. Carol Cherney and Doreen Olson will serve on the 12th and Irene Schmidt, Rosanne Wurtzler and Sonya Zebro will serve on the 26th.

**Doreen Olson and Carol Cherney will be the ushers during the month of March.**

### Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, March 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, March 16th.

## Mission News for Boyceville

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria leaves over 41,000 dead and the race to get survivors out from under the rubble is still occurring. Thousands of people are left homeless and displaced in these regions. There are many stories coming out of this area of children without clothing and the lack of basic needs which leaves your heart aching to help.

Humanitarian groups on the ground are trying to give aid but so much more help is necessary to help all those impacted. Mission Restoring Hope is a Boyceville, WI non-profit that is hearing the call for help. Together with Boyceville United Methodist Church, they are sponsoring a donation drive to get needed supplies to victims. The collected items here, will be transported to Matthew 25 Ministries, an international humanitarian center, in Blue Ash, Ohio.

Mission Restoring Hope is a nonprofit formed with a mission of helping people in crisis by providing essential items. They will be a collection site for you to be able to drop off new and good pre-owned essential items moving forward, but for today- the focus is on Turkey/Syria.

Please see next page for more details. You can also refer to our website for a more detailed list at [missionrestoringhope.org](http://missionrestoringhope.org) or on our Facebook page.

# Fill the Truck Donation Drive For Turkey/Syria Earthquake Victims

When:

Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 3-7pm

Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> 9am-noon

Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-7pm

Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> 9am-noon

Where:

Boyceville United Methodist Church

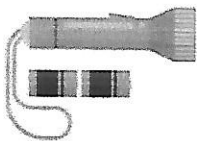
By Andy Pafko Park on 170 Boyceville, WI 54725



What:

## Product donations:

- **Clothing all sizes needed, including winter ware.**
- **Cases of bottled water:** 12 and 24 count
- **Personal care products:** Antibacterial soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, lotion, etc.
- **Cleaning supplies:** Laundry detergents, general cleaner, sponges, bleach (powdered form is preferred), mops, scrub brushes, buckets, rubber gloves, etc.
- **Paper products:** Toilet paper, paper towels, etc.
- **Baby and infant supplies:** Diapers, wipes, diaper rash ointment, baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, etc.
- **First-aid items:** Bandages, gauze, pads, first aid tape, antiseptic creams, hydrogen peroxide, alcohol, latex gloves, instant cold packs, etc.
- **Candles and flashlights:** If necessary, please include the appropriate size batteries with any flashlight donation
- **Clean-up Supplies:** Protective eyewear, work gloves, trash bags, etc.



**Volunteers are also welcome!**

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**



Boyceville UMC and Mission Restoring Hope have connected with Matthew 25 Ministries in Ohio to get your donations to Turkey/Syria

**Donations accepted through the month of March**



## Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

### Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Thank you:

- To Gary and Ila Knutson for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Bud Lindemer.
- To Kelly Frisle for a monetary donation to the church budget.
- To Dan and Dellene Miller for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Virgil and Pat Schoonover.
- To Leslie Frisle for donating the hamburger for the barbecue for Youth in Christ Day.
- To Nicky for donating the lovely cheese tray for Youth Sunday.
- To the Youth in Christ for a fine presentation. Good Job!!
- To Lay Readers: Bill Wiseman, Robin Burke, and Roxanne White.
- To Coffee Servers: Ila Knutson, Robin Burke, and Roxanne White.

	<u>Reader/Greeter</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
March 5	Roxanne White	Fireman's Pancake Breakfast
March 12	Open	Open
March 19	Bill Wiseman	Open
March 26	Open	Open

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

United Women in Faith will be meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Barbara Bender has the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program. We will be serving for the March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Services. Remember supper is at 6:00 p.m. and worship is at 7:00 p.m.

**Administrative Council meets on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you have an item that you would like on the agenda, let Bill or Roxanne know.**



**Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night, March 11th or you will be late for church on Sunday!**

**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!



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Creamed Chicken Dinner a success! We couldn't do it without you!



Our sympathy to the family and friends of Eva Mewes. Eva passed away on January 24, 2023.





## What Do You Really Want? March 2023

"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money . . ." Ecclesiastes 5:10

Many people will say that they want more money. But, the truth is that's not what people really want. As far as I know, we still cannot eat money, make clothes from it, or build a house with it. If we were stranded on a deserted island, it would be practically useless to us.

No one really wants money. Instead, they want what they think it will provide for them. For some people, more, nicer, newer stuff; others want the sense of security or power they think it provides.

I would argue that, until we understand what motivates our desire for money, we won't be at peace in our relationship with it.

This Lenten season, I would encourage you to take time to figure out your money motivation by taking a *Money Motivation Quiz*. As it notes, none of the motivations are inherently good or bad, but each does have a "dark side". More than just allowing us to lean into the positive parts of our motivation and avoid the dark side, knowing that people may have different motivations regarding money than we do, will help us when we deal with money in our relationships.

Ultimately, we believe that loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves is our greatest priority. It is always easier to do so when we know ourselves well.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation  
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# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>  6:15pm Meal 7pm Lenten Service at Boyceville	<b>2</b>  7pm Faith Ad Council	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  5pm Faith UWF	<b>8</b>  6:15pm Meal 7pm Lenten Service at Prairie Farm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  6:15pm Meal 7pm Lenten Service at Boyceville	<b>16</b>  Food Harvest Packing	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  8-9am Food Harvest Distribution
<b>19</b> Worship UMCOR Sunday	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Gleaner news            due!</b>	<b>22</b>  6:15pm Meal 7pm Lenten Service at Prairie Farm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  6:15pm Meal 7pm Lenten Service at Boyceville	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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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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