



Dear Friends,

Hang in there!

It's been a discouraging winter, and we have had more weather-related cancellations than I would have liked. But we Wisconsinites know that spring will return...eventually. I was moved to tears when I saw my first robin on March 20th. This change in the season illustrates our Father's faithfulness, and reminds us that God's timing is often different from our own.

Along with the new season's arrival will come new opportunities for growth and service for our churches. We'll keep looking for ways to meet people where they are and bring Jesus to them. Keep praying that Breakthrough Prayer! God will use it to help us grow.

Soon at Easter, we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this holy season, let us allow God to renew our hearts and give us new life!

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.

Holy Week Schedule

April 2 Palm Sunday Worship
at regular times

April 6 Maundy Thursday
7pm at Wheeler-No Meal

April 7 Good Friday
7pm at United Lutheran Church
In Prairie Farm

April 9 Easter Sunday Worship
at regular times

5th Sunday Service

There will be a combined 5th Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. at Wheeler Peace on Sunday, April 30th. A meal will follow the service. There will be no worship services at Prairie Farm or Boyceville that day.



2	Corey Goodell
2	Terry Wilcox
2	Chase Quast
3	Shanoah Harren
3	Kathy Neck
4	Robin Burke
10	Penny Koehler
13	Carolyn Tireman
13	Donna Otto
14	Pat Frisle
18	Oscar Wyss
18	Stephen Silvius
19	Marvin Jones
23	Gerald Schlottman
26	Cody Smith
28	James Hall
28	Bucky Nelson
28	Steven Nelson
30	Rick Schmidt



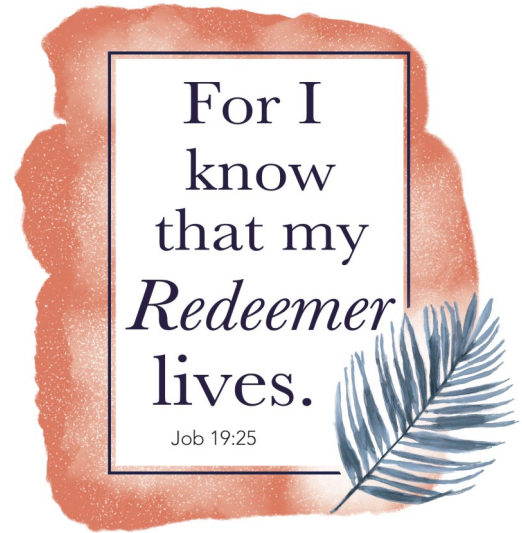
Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, April 18th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

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.



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Gloria Kahl
Amanda Roper
Angela Jackson
Sister Confianza
Nancy Smith

Rex Nicholson
Irene Schmidt
Sister Alegria
Julie Babbitt
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.

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
April 2	Glenise Thomas
April 9	Jonathan Zebro
April 16	Carol Cherney
April 23	Carol Cherney
April 30	5th Sunday at Wheeler Peace

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on April 23rd. Doreen Olson and Carol Cherney will serve.

Lynn & Sherry Smith will be the ushers during the month of April.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, April 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, April 13th.

Mission News for Boyceville

Socks for the Homeless

During the months of January and February 304 pairs of socks, along with personal care items, were collected for the homeless! It is amazing what we can do when we come together in our charge to reach out. Thank you to everyone from Faith, Peace and Boyceville for your generous donations. A special thank you to Carol Cherney for seeing that the socks were delivered to where they are needed.

Turkey/Syria Collection Update

Thank you for all your generosity with the collection of items for the Turkey/Syria earthquake victims. We estimate that we have collected over 800 lbs. of clothing, lots of shoes, blankets, plus a good quantity of essential items. What a blessing you all have participated in!

God has also answered our prayers for a way to get the items to Matthew 25 Ministries in Ohio, Rosanne and John Wurtzler have graciously offered to take the items for us (Boyceville church)! This is such a miracle and the answer to many prayers. Thank you so much Rosanne and John!

We want to give them some money for gas and lodging on this journey (10 hours one way) so anyone can donate for this expense. Write for MRH (abbreviation Mission Restoring Hope) in the memo at church or give a check made out to MRH to Roxanne White, Doreen Olson, Sonya Zebro, or Carol Cherney. Thank you all and God Bless!!

2023 Ingathering for Annual Conference

This year the Boyceville mission team has set an ambitious goal of putting together 50 Personal Dignity Kits! Last year our three churches put together 26 Personal Dignity Kits. Midwest Missions is in great need of these kits, they are currently shipping them to Turkey and Ukraine. The Personal Dignity Kit is the kit they give out the most of. The second most needed kit is the Home Care Kit. We have a few 5 gallon buckets with lids at Boyceville, just waiting to be filled. The list of needed items for the two kits is listed below. Even single items for kits are welcome. All items need to be to Boyceville by Sunday June 4th. UMCOR has also sent out a list of some urgently needed items as well. Don't want to shop, cash donations are welcome too. The noisy can will be making the rounds at Boyceville. That list is found below too. Working together we can bring a message of hope and love to our brothers and sisters around the world.

Urgent Needs

- Shampoo (in bulk) 12-19 oz
- 100-150 oz EMPTY Liquid Laundry Detergent Containers. We can use containers of any size up to 150 oz. We are collecting full or empty liquid laundry detergent containers.
- Sewing Machines, electric or treadle (They don't have to be new. We cannot accept computerized machines)
- Medical Equipment folding walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walking boots, slings
- Blankets new or gently used
- Non-electric Tools (shovels, brooms,

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel—no kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth—no kitchen towels
- 1 Adult Toothbrush—no need to buy these we have over 100 on hand
- 1 Bar Soap 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant 2-3 Oz stick, roll-on or spray

Place items in a 1 gallon resealable plastic bag with \$2 for toothpaste and a razor

Home Care Kit

- 2 Liquid Household Cleaners 16-40 oz No Spray Bottles
- 2 Dish Soaps 16-34 oz
- 2 Liquid Laundry Detergents 32-64 oz
- 1 Scrub Brush with or without handle
- 1 5 gallon Pail with lid—we have a few at Boyceville



Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.



Thank you:

- To Roxanne White, Robin Burke, and Ila Knutson for helping with a skit for Lenten service.
- To all who provided food for Lenten services.
- To Lay Readers: Roxanne White, Bill Wiseman, Jim Strupp, and Pastor Vicky.
- To Coffee Server: Roxanne White.

Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith met on March 7th for the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program. We will meet on April 11th at 5:00 p.m. Ila Knutson has the program.



Easter Blessings

	<u>Reader/Greeter</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
April 2	Open	Open
April 9	Open	Open
April 16	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
April 23	Bill Wiseman	Open
April 30	5th Sunday at Wheeler Peace	

**Administrative Council meets
on April 13th at 5:00 p.m.**

**Peace United
Methodist Church
Wheeler**

Worship Service at 11 a.m.

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



There will be a 5th Sunday Worship Service at Wheeler Peace at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 30th with a meal following the service.



Stewardship of Creation April 2023

Often, when the word “stewardship” is uttered in the church, we think of money, giving, and budgets. With the celebration of Earth Day, April is one of many occasions when we can remind ourselves that Christian stewardship is broader than just money. Here are just a few teachings on creation that have been passed on through the ages.

“The initial step for a soul to come to knowledge of God is contemplation of nature.” – Irenaeus (120-202)

“Nature is schoolmistress, the soul the pupil; and whatever one has taught or the other has learned has come from God – the Teacher of the teacher.” – Tertullian (160-230)

“Christ wears ‘two shoes’ in the world: Scripture and nature. Both are necessary to understand the Lord, and at no stage can creation be seen as a separation of things from God.” – John Scotus Eriugena (810-877)

“If I spend enough time with the tiniest of creature – even a caterpillar – I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God is every creature.” – Meister Eckhart (1260-1327)

“God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.” – Martin Luther (1483-1546)

“Let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses. Then he will neither conduct himself dissolutely, nor corrupt by abuse those things which God requires to be preserved.” – John Calvin (1509-1564)

“I believe in my heart that faith in Jesus Christ can and will lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings to the broader concern for the well-being of the birds in our backyards, the fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face of the earth.” – John Wesley (1701- 1791)

“The harvested fields bathed in the autumn mists speak of God and his goodness far more vividly than any human lips.” – Albert Schweitzer (1875- 1965)

“To drive to extinction something He has created is wrong. He has a purpose for everything . . . We Christians have a responsibility to take the lead in caring for the earth.” – Billy Graham (1918-2018)

“God intends...our care of creation to reflect our love for the Creator.” – John R.W. Stott (1921-2011)

“The first law of our being is that we are set in a delicate network of interdependence with our fellow human beings and with the rest of God’s creation.” – Desmond Tutu (1931-2021)

“We cannot be all that God wants us to be without caring about the earth.” – Rick Warren (1954 -)

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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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