



Dear Friends,

Online, I've befriended other small church pastors and we share ideas in a Facebook group appropriately called "Small Church Pastor".

Recently I took note of of a seasoned minister, who chronicled her work with mergers and revitalizations:

"[Revitalization] is the hardest work I have ever done in all my years of ministry... but it really can happen. I've led a merger and a revitalization. And I'll tell you the secret to both - prayer. Find the prayer people and if there aren't any then cancel all plans until the Holy Spirit brings some in answer to your prayer."

I took heart in her premise of prayer, because it showed me that we as churches are on the right track. Let us be the "prayer people!" If we want God to move in our midst and in our communities, we must prioritize prayer. Indeed, pray without ceasing! And let us not forget that prayer is a conversation with God. As we speak, we must also listen!

Keep praying the Breakthrough Prayer!

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.

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.

Rev. Barb Certa-Werner named as Assistant to the Bishop

It has been announced in the churches that our District Superintendent, Barb Certa-Werner, has been named the Assistant to the Bishop.

An Open House to celebrate her time as our DS is scheduled for **May 20, 2023** at Rice Lake UMC from 10 a.m. to noon.

New NW District Superintendent

Beginning July 1, 2023, Rev. Peace Kim will be our new District Superintendent. Please hold him and his family in your prayers as they make this transition. His installation service is scheduled for September 23, 2023 at Barron UMC from 10-noon.

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Lynn Smith
5	Janice Salsbury
7	Hunter Wilcox
13	Lynn & Sherry Smith (anniv.)
14	Faye Krueger
17	Alan Walk
17	Vilai Wilcox
18	Gary Frisle
20	Marguerite Blodgett
20	Allissa Frisle
23	Adam Carufel
23	Gary & Pat Frisle (anniv)
23	Angela Wyss
24	Jacob Carufel
30	Odella Harvey

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, May 23rd. 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: boycevilleumc.org.



Gloria Kahl
Amanda Roper
Angela Jackson
Sister Confianza
Nancy Smith
Lyle Minor

Rex Nicholson
Irene Schmidt
Sister Alegria
Julie Babbitt
Frankie Alone
Shelby Bauer

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
May 7	Marguerite Blodgett
May 14	Doreen Olson
May 21	Carol Cherney
May 28	Open

Please contact Marguerite if you are willing to be a reader

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on May 14th and 28th. Shirley Jones, Irene Schmidt and Rosanne Wurtzler will serve on the 14th. Doreen Olson and Sheila Hegeman will serve on the 28th

John & Rosanne Wurtzler will be the ushers during the month of May.

Church council meeting on May 21 is a noon potluck.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, May 20th 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, May 18th.

Mission News for Boyceville

Turkey/Syria Collection Update

Mission Restoring Hope wants to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who donated items for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake drive. THANK YOU also to Boyceville church for allowing us to use their space for this collection. It was inspiring to see the results of our efforts growing on a weekly basis.

We also want to THANK John and Rosanne Wurtzler for their generosity to take the items to Matthew 25 Ministries in Ohio for us. And another THANK YOU for all the people who donated money towards the trip! We were able to give John and Rosanne \$500 to help with travel and lodging. All together we estimate that we had over 1000 lbs of clothes plus essential items to send! Rosanne said they will load the items directly into a container to go to Turkey/Syria.

And ultimately, we THANK GOD for showing us how he moves through those who listen and love him. What a blessing it is to be in ministry with all of you.

Doreen, Carol, Roxanne, Sonya



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

Blessing Box

The Blessing Box is quite busy. Sheila, Carol, Sonya, Vicky and Marguerite continue to restock it 3-5 times a week. Popular items like TP, tissues, paper towels, laundry soap (pods and liquid), plastic bags (sandwich, quart and gallon sizes), and trash bags need restocking several times a week. The stock is running low of the following items: peanut butter, toothpaste, bar soap. Cash donations are welcome too, we are happy to shop for you. Please try to avoid food in glass jars since they break easily.

Thanks! The Boyceville Mission Team.

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 Sandy Kurschner.
- To Roxanne White for donating the two Easter lilies.
- To Tim and Dawn Schauer for monetary donation to the church budget.
- To Lay Readers: Jim Strupp (2), Roxanne White, and Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Server: Roxanne White

	<u>Reader/Greeter</u>	<u>Coffee/Snack</u>
May 7	Robin Burke	Robin Burke
May 14	Frisles	Frisles
May 21	Bill Wiseman	Ila Knutson
May 28	Roxanne White	Roxanne White

Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith met on April 11th. Barbara and Robin had gone to the Spring Day of Enrichment at New Richmond and they reported a good evaluation and excellent speakers. We will be making kits for Ingathering at Annual Conference. Ila Knutson had the program. We will meet June 6th. Kathy Neck has the program.

Faith United Methodist Garage Sale

May 4-6

8am-3pm

At the church

New Small Hand Appliances,
Teaching Tools/Toys,
Quilting Materials, Electronics,
Women's/Men's Clothing,
Household Décor,
Plants-African Violets, Aloe, Vines,
Antiques, & Much More!

**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.



A Chicken or an Eagle?

May 2023

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

Once upon a time, a man found the egg of an eagle. It had been abandoned for some reason by its mother, but as it was still warm, the man took it and put it in the nest of one of his backyard chickens along with the other eggs that were there being brooded upon.

After a period of time, the eaglet was hatched, and along with the other chicks from his nest began to go about the backyard doing what the other chicks did. He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He looked for the corn that the man would throw into the yard. He clucked and cackled as best as he could, and as he grew, he would, like other chickens, thrash his wings and fly a few feet in the air.

Years passed in this way, and the eagle grew very old. One day he saw a magnificent bird far above him in the cloudless sky. It glided majestically among the powerful wind currents, soaring and swooping, scarcely beating its long golden wings.

The old eagle looked at it in awe and asked, “What is that?”

“That is the eagle, the king of birds,” said one of his neighbors. “He belongs to the sky and to the high places. We belong to the earth, we are chickens.”

The old eagle knew this was true, and so it was he lived and died as a chicken, for that is what he believed he was.

Very often, in life, our perspective determines our reality. By experiencing the transforming power of God’s love and grace, we can see the world, the ministry of the church and our individual lives in a unique way. Instead of being held down by “what ifs,” fears of failure, or the challenges the task at hand, we can soar as a people sustained and lifted by the same grace that transformed us.

It is my prayer that you will be able to discover how God is calling you to live out the love of Christ in this world. It is my prayer that you will have the courage to live into that call with your entire being, trusting God’s grace to sustain you through even the most difficult times. It is through following God’s call that we can soar like the eagles we were created to be.

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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.
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