



Dear Friends,

As I look out my window and hear the birds singing on this beautiful spring morning, I remember that we have so much to be thankful for!

In recent conversations with some of you and with other community members, I've noticed something. There is a perception that good things are happening in and through our churches. The phrase that keeps coming to my mind is "small, sustainable steps." This is how growth occurs. Let us press on, and remember that --with our differing gifts and perspectives-- we are all in this together. When we work together as God's family should, God is glorified and people notice. Like the fragrance of the lilacs and flowering crabapples, "through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him." (2 Corinthians 2:14b)

The foundation of all this is prayer! Let us continue to faithfully pray for our communities and for our ministries within them. In God's time, we will see more and more fruit! 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.*

## 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.



## Peace with Justice Sunday

We will be observing Peace with Justice Sunday on June 4th. Your Peace with Justice Sunday gifts change lives in places where the joy of knowing Christ is mixed with the tragedy of violence. United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world.



- 1 - Regina Frisle
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- 2 - Sharon Wyss
- 3 - Brian Ford
- 3 - Rosemary Zachow Tracy
- 4 - Shirley Jones
- 6 - Shelby Bauer
- 10 - Steve Dummer
- 14 - Jerry & Kathy Neck (anniv.)
- 15 - Ron & Gina Harren (anniv.)
- 18 - Brian Kahl
- 19 - Doreen & Jerry Olson (anniv.)
- 19 - Frank & Dianne Dummer (anniv.)
- 20 - Pastor Vicky & Jim Strupp
- 22 - Jackie Dummer-Vos
- 30 - Michaella Kegen



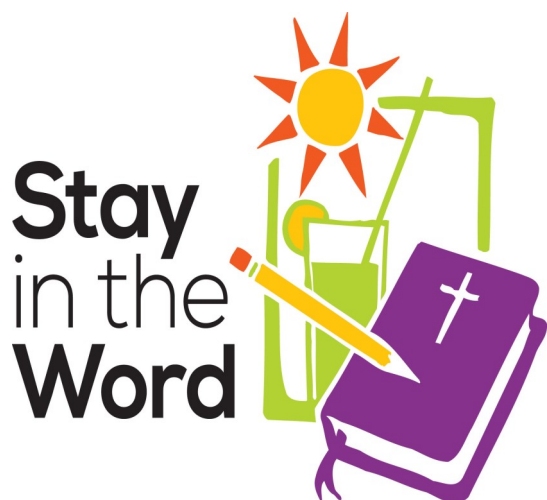
Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, June 20th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or [rtsmnelson@hotmail.com](mailto:rtsmnelson@hotmail.com) with your news. Thanks.

## 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: boycevilleumc.org.



Rex Nicholson

Irene Schmidt

Sister Alegria

Sister Confianza

Nancy Smith

Lyle Minor

Amanda Roper

Angela Jackson-

Shelby Bauer

Julie Babbit

Frankie Alone

The Family & Friends of Gloria Kahl

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

# Mission News for Boyceville

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

## Mission Restoring Hope

### Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
June 4	Glenise Thomas
June 11	Glenise Thomas
June 18	Glenise Thomas
June 25	Marguerite Blodgett

Please contact Marguerite if you are willing to be a reader

Mission Restoring Hope is now taking donations on Saturdays from 9-noon at the Food Harvest building (1002 Main St.) in Boyceville. We take a wide variety of items to find new homes, so bring us any household goods, clothing (all sizes), health and beauty, jewelry, craft supplies, tools, and more,. We ask that it be usable items (if you would be okay receiving the item after a disaster) as a benchmark of your items condition. If you have items that you think we could sell to fund our mission, please let us know that too! For a full list of items and contact us page go to [missionrestoringhope.org](http://missionrestoringhope.org). Or call Doreen Olson at 715-505-1621. Please spread the word!

### Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on June 11th and 25th. Glenise Thomas, Irene Schmidt and Rosanne Wurtzler will serve on the 11th. Marguerite Blodgett will serve on the 25th

**The confirmation kids will be the ushers during the month of June.**

thank you

**There will be an SPRC meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7th at Boyceville**

### Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, June 17th 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, June 15th.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and attended our Silk Floral Extravaganza. We sold about half but still have a few orders coming in. We appreciate your support and encouragement.

## 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 (12-19 oz bottles)
- Liquid Dish Soap (16-64 oz bottles)
- Women's Underwear (child size 10-14 or women's size 5-8)
- Twin Sheet Sets (including a flat sheet, fitted sheet and pillowcase)

## 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

We are in need of breakfast items for the Blessing Box. Cereal, oatmeal packets, cereal bars, powdered milk and pancake mix. Laundry soap (liquid or pods), fabric softener sheets, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues are also in short supply. With the kids soon to be home for the summer we may see even more use of the Blessing Box. As always, cash donations are welcome too.

## Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

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



- To all who contributed/planned/worked for our thrift sale. The sales totaled \$683.60.
- To Janice and Christina Salsbury for vacuuming all rugs and stairs.
- To Roxanne White for cleaning the bathrooms and vacuuming after the memorial service.
- To Robin Burke and Roxanne White for furnishing salads for the memorial luncheon.
- To Bill Wiseman and Tim Hafele for repairing sod areas that were damaged by the snow removal equipment this winter.
- To Lay Readers: Robin Burke, Frisle's, Bill Wiseman, and Roxanne White.
- To Coffee Servers: Robin Burke, Ila Knutson, and Roxanne White.

**Reader/Greeter      Coffee/Snack**

June 4	Robin Burke	Robin Burke
June 11	Open	Open
June 18	Bill Wiseman	Open
June 25	Roxanne White	Roxanne White

## Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on June 6th at 5:00 p.m. Kathy Neck has the program.



Congratulations to our High School graduate Regina (Gina) Frisle, daughter of Dean and Leslie Frisle. She will continue her education at University-Madison in the fall. We celebrated with cake on May 14th.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Gloria Kahl, 81, who passed away at Monroe Manor on May 9th. The memorial service will be on June 17th at United Lutheran Church in Prairie Farm.

Our sympathy to the family of Robert Houg, 95, who passed away in December, but the memorial service was held in our church on May 20th. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, rural Ridgeland.

**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!



*God's blessings are like those late-blooming daffodils — sometimes unexpected but always a special encouragement to us. They remind us that God is always here for us and cares for us constantly, especially in difficult circumstances. Life can change overnight, but blessings such as the smile of a grandchild, a beautiful garden, a sunny day, or the kindness of friends can give us hope. We can always find blessings for which to thank God.*

*Excerpt from 11-13-22 Upper Room*



## AI Generosity June 2023

AI (Artificial Intelligence) has been all over the news lately as technology companies begin to break new ground with things like ChatGPT. The conversation usually centers around whether AI technology will be helpful (increasing productivity), harmful (taking people's jobs), or cataclysmic (leading to machines taking over the world).

Out of curiosity, I asked one of my social media apps that has AI to tell me a story about the impact of generosity. This was its response.

"Once there was a wealthy businessman who decided to donate a significant portion of his fortune to charity. He gave to several causes, including education, healthcare, and the arts. His donations enabled many people to access opportunities they would not have had otherwise.

One of the students who benefited from the businessman's donation was a young woman who had grown up in poverty. She was able to attend college and pursue her dream of becoming a doctor. After graduating, she went on to work in a rural clinic, where she helped many people who had limited access to healthcare. The young woman's work inspired others to follow in her footsteps, and soon the clinic became a hub for community development.

The businessman's generosity had a ripple effect that touched countless lives and transformed a whole community."

I (Jason not the AI) thought that was a pretty good story. I will say, however, it is nowhere near as meaningful as stories I've heard people tell about how they were personally touched by someone's generosity or how being generous changed them. It's not just the story that's inspiring, but the personal, human element that is inspiring.

With that in mind, I'd encourage you to share stories of how your church's ministry either made a difference in your life or you have been impacted by the practice of generosity. It is through the telling and hearing real life stories that generosity spreads and lives are changed.

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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.  
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