

Happy Anniversary!

As I write this, Jim and I are celebrating 42 years of marriage. We have so much to be thankful for! On July 1st, I celebrate the joy of being your pastor for two years. We have been growing together in grace, and growing in the excitement of what God is doing in and through us. I am tremendously grateful to be in ministry with all of you and have no doubt that God has plenty of work for us to do together! In that vein, I want to share again a story from my sermon on June 18th:

During his days as President, Jefferson and a group of his companions were traveling on horseback and they came upon a flooded river which had washed the bridge away. The riders were forced to ford the river on horseback--- struggling against swift currents. One traveler, not part of the group, was watching from a distance. After seeing several people cross the river safely, he wandered up to the president and said, "May I have a ride across the river?" President Jefferson agreed. The man climbed onto Jefferson's horse and the two of them made it safely to the other side.

As the stranger slid off the back of Jefferson's horse to dry ground, a man in the entourage looked at him incredulously. He sneered at the stranger "Why on earth would you ask the President of the United States for a ride across the river? Why didn't you ask one of us?"

The man was shocked and said, "I had no idea that he was the President of the United States. All I knew is that written upon some of your faces was the word 'no', but written upon his face was the word 'yes' – and I needed a 'yes' face today."

Brothers and Sisters, let this be our ambition: to build a congregation full of "yes" faces. "Yes" faces that step beyond welcome---- and onto hospitality.

The writer to the Hebrews reminds us that in our hospitality, we might be entertaining angels without knowing it. When that is so, we follow in the footsteps of Abraham and Sarah in our hospitality. We are well on our way- let us press on!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Vicky

Dear Friends,
Remember that prayer is the foundation of any work of God! Keep praying

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.

5th Sunday Celebration

There will be a combined 5th Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. at Pioneer Park in Prairie Farm on Sunday, July 30th. A luncheon will follow the service. There will be no worship services at Boyceville or Wheeler that day.



- 2 - Jonathan Zebro
- 3 - Amy Walk
- 4 - John Wyss
- 6 - Casey Wilcox
- 7 - Nick Carufel
- 7 - Ryan Dummer
- 10 - Lynda Viebill
- 11 - Brenda Smith
- 11 - Rosanne Wurtzler
- 12 - Karen Smith
- 14 - Nancy Schlottman
- 15 - Becca Wyss
- 16 - Allan & Amy Walk (anniv.)
- 17 - Anita Smith
- 17 - Megan Zebro
- 19 - Teresa Ankney
- 21 - Daren Smith
- 22 - Christina Salsbury
- 27 - Ron Harren
- 30 - Jim & Christina Salsbury

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, July 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: boycevilleumc.org.



Good luck to everyone participating in the St. Croix and Dunn County Fairs.



Rex Nicholson	Amanda Roper
Irene Schmidt	Sister Alegria
Sister Confianza	Julie Babbit
Frankie Alone	Carol Cherney
The Family & Friends of Lyle Minor	
The Family & Friends of Gloria Kahl	
The Family & Friends of Lori Feyen	
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
July 2	Jonathan Zebro
July 9	Glenise Thomas
July 16	Jim Harvey
July 23	Earl or Marguerite Blodgett
July 30	5th Sunday Svc. at Prairie Farm

Please contact Marguerite if you are willing to be a reader

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on July 9th and 23rd. Glenise Thomas and Delphine Danovsky will serve on the 9th. Irene Schmidt and Rosanne Wurtzler will serve on the 23rd.

The Harveys will be the ushers during the month of July.

Food Harvest Ministry News

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

Operation Back to School— Boyceville Mission Project for July & August

It's that time of year again to collect school supplies. Last year West Cap, with the help of donors just like you, provided school supplies to over 400 students in Boyceville, Colfax, Elk Mound, Glenwood City and Menomonie School Districts.

Supplies needed:

- Large backpacks
- Spiral notebooks
- Folders
- Pens
- Pencils
- washable markers
- 24 count crayons
- colored pencils
- Scissors
- pencil boxes/pouches
- loose leaf paper
- Highlighters
- basic & scientific calculators
- 3-ring binders
- glue & glue sticks
- Rulers
- pencil sharpeners
- dry erase markers
- black sharpie markers
- Erasers

Don't want to shop, we will be collecting cash donations. The noisy can will be making its way around in Boyceville till early August. Let's fill up that Noisy Can. Thank you for your support.

Midwest Mission Distribution

This year Midwest Mission was represented at 9 Annual Conferences and held collections at the Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, West Ohio, East Ohio, Wisconsin, Northern Illinois and Illinois Great Rivers conferences.

The collected items are still being weighed and counted, but over 30,000 lbs of donations have been inventoried so far! And, we are only half way through the trucks and trailers that came back from the conferences. The items we received are such a blessing to this ministry.

From Personal Dignity Kits and Home Care Kits, to wheelchairs and sewing machines, we were overwhelmed (in a good way) with how much was donated.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated items, money, or time to make these collections such a success. We are already looking forward to next year!



Blessing Box

The Blessing Box is quite busy. . 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. Cash donations are welcome too, we are happy to shop for you. Please try to avoid food in glass jars since they break easily.



Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.



- To all who contributed/worked for the Lyle Minor funeral at the Ridgeland Community Center.
- To all who contributed/worked for the Gloria Kahl funeral at United Lutheran Church.
- Special thanks to Ruby Nykanen.
- To Lay Readers: Robin Burke, Jim Strupp, Bill Wiseman, and Roxanne White.
- To Coffee Servers: Robin Burke and Roxanne White.
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Reader/Greeter Coffee/Snack

July 2	Open	Open
July 9	Roxanne White	Barbara Bender
July 16	Dairy Days Ecumenical Svc at 10am	
July 23	Bill Wiseman	Open
July 30	5th Sunday Svc at Pioneer Park at 10	

Administrative Council will meet on July 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, July 11th at 5:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting. Roxanne White has the program. Final plans for our serving in Ridgeland Park.

Faith United Methodist Church will be hosting a meal for the Ridgeland Farmer's Market at Ridgeland Park

4-7 p.m. on July 18th

Menu includes: Hot Beefs, Macaroni and Cheese, Coleslaw, Cookies, Coffee, Milk, and Water.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Our deepest sympathy to the family of Lyle Minor, 90. who passed away on May 22nd at his home. Burial was in Vanceburg Cemetery, Dunn County.

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!

thank you

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



Jesus did not promise us that following him would be easy. It may seem safer to keep to our usual routines rather than to take a risk by speaking about and acting on our faith. But James tells us that if we faithfully persevere, the Lord promises us a great reward.

Excerpt from 10-7-2020 Upper Room



It is always possible to be thankful for what is given rather than to complain about what is not given. One or the other becomes a habit of life.

~Elisabeth Elliot



Memories of difficult events can easily become burdens we carry for the rest of our lives. But memories can also be beautiful gifts, and experiences shared with loved ones can bring great happiness. Remembering our past and who we are is essential in recognizing God's mercy toward us and the many blessings God has showered on us.

Excerpt from 9-5-2017 Upper Room



Perspective July 2023

Some things are simply a matter of perspective. We can be reminded often how words can be used to skew the truth. For instance, an interoffice softball game was held every year between the marketing department and support staff of one company. The day of the game, as hard as the marketers tried, the support staff whipped the marketing department soundly.

In its best tradition, the marketing department decided to find the best “spin” they could on the dismal result. They showed how they earn their keep by posting this memo on the bulletin board after the game: “The marketing department is pleased to announce that for the recently completed softball season, we came in second place, having lost but one game all year.

The support department, however, had a rather dismal season, as they won only one game all year.” On the other hand, hidden beauty can also be found by looking at a situation in a different way. A little girl named Lauren (age 5) reports, “I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.”

I think Lauren is on to something. Our entire lives can be shaped by perspective. How would I approach money, “stuff,” and giving if I knew that God had already given me everything I need, rather than seeing all the things I “need” in the store windows? How would I treat others if I focused on the ways I could serve rather than making sure everyone respected my rights? How would my marriage change if it were based on being one another’s servant rather than a struggle for power? What would my attitude be toward work be if I saw it as my God-given vocation rather than someplace I had to go to earn a paycheck? What if I saw Sunday as a true Sabbath . . . a time for connecting with God and family and rest . . . rather than a day to run the kids to more activities the day I must get things done at home before I go to work?

Sometimes we need God to help us see the world differently before we can live differently in it.

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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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