

Thoughts from Pastor Vicky

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

Here in this short passage, the apostle Paul sums up the recipe for peace of mind. I won't pretend that there is an instant cure for worry. But Paul speaks of the habit of prayer and thanksgiving that will draw us closer to God in the long run. We human beings are creatures of habit, and it pays off to nurture good ones. It was freeing to learn a truth many years ago: We can choose to trust God, choose to refrain from worry, and we may not feel it at the time. But in God's time, these choices will become a part of us and we WILL feel the peace that exceeds anything we can understand!

Speaking of prayer, remember that God's work through us begins with prayer! Keep up the habit of the Breakthrough Prayer, and let me know how it's working in your life.

God's peace be with you all,

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 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.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, August 22nd. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.



- 2 - Jessica Hiben
- 2 - Anita Harvey
- 7 - Jared Kegen
- 8 - Sandy Christian
- 8 - Leslie Olson
- 9 - Mason Nelson
- 10 - Hunter Jones
- 13 - Zackery Smith
- 14 - Anthony Wilcox
- 17 - Jessica Gove-Minor
- 21 - Dusty Harren
- 21 - Ray & Karen Wreford (anniv)
- 23 - Russell Roemhild
- 25 - Edna Forrest
- 25 - Earl & Marguerite Blodgett (anniv)
- 27 - Larissa Krueger
- 30 - Jerry Neck
- 31 - Ila Knutson
- 31 - Gary & Ila Knutson (anniv)

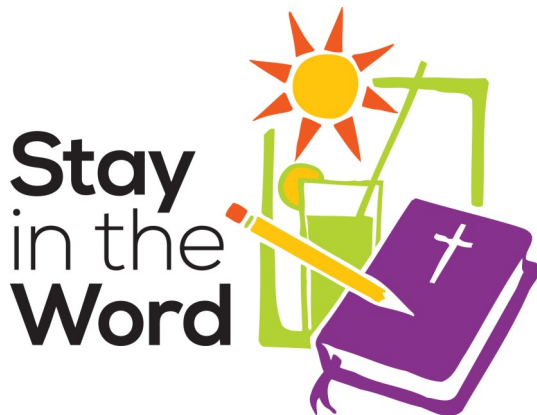


Sermon by Phone

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.



Mission Restoring Hope Thrift Sale

Thursday, August 17 8-4
 Friday, August 18 8-4
 Saturday, August 19 8-noon
 At the Boyceville
 United Methodist Church

Sale donations accepted
 thru Aug. 13th

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Amanda Roper
 Sister Alegria
 Sister Confianza
 Frankie Alone
 The Family & Friends of Rex Nicholson
 The Family & Friends of Gary Kahl
 People in Ukraine
 Hurricane victims
 Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

Irene Schmidt
 Carol Cherney
 Julie Babbit

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 30 5th Sunday Svc. at Prairie Farm

August 6 Glenise Thomas

August 13 Doreen Olson

August 20 Glenise Thomas

August 27 Marguerite Blodgett

Please contact Marguerite if you are willing to be a reader

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on August 13 and 27th. Sheila Hegeman and Doreen Olson will serve on the 13th. The 27th is open. Please let Marguerite know if you would like to serve that day.

The Zebros will be the ushers during the month of August.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, August 19th 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, August 17th.

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

Please have items at the church by August 13th! 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.

Honduras Mission News

From Sister Alegría:

I had a fascinating meeting with Cooper this morning. His old motorcycle has died. The replacement parts keep adding up until he knows that if he buys one, he'll have a few months and then have a new bill. There is no budget for maintenance of motorcycle, so every time he has to beg for help, mostly from the mayor, the medical director of the local public health clinic, and the monastery.

We purchased a motorcycle for his work in 2014, early in the year. Now it is time for a new one. Many of the small neighborhoods where he has to go do not have road access.

Cooper supervises the local health promoters, who work on mosquito control, clean water, etc. He is also responsible for rabies immunizations for dogs and cats. In Limón, there is no rabies treatment, only prevention. When he goes to the mountainous neighborhoods to administer rabies immunizations, he carries a slender nurse on the motorcycle with her cold box of immunizations for the human children and elders. Right now he is on foot. A cart can't get where he and the nurses need to go. He needs a motorcycle.

So, send money. He'll get the exact price estimate this week. The last one was a Honda. He wants to try a Yamaha this time. I know, I know. If we really want a good one, we need a Harley Davidson. They aren't available in Honduras. The last one cost \$5,000. Considering the terrain and the large number of miles, it lasted pretty well. That's my opinion, but Cooper doesn't agree. He thinks trying a new brand is worthwhile.

I also asked Sister Confianza to give Cooper money to buy paper for the public health clinic. We don't like to ask for money for our own cost of living, but for Cooper and the local healthcare, that's different. Dig deep.

Donations can be made to the Boyceville Church. Mark the donation: Motorcycle. The money will be forwarded to the Sisters right away.

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.

Mission Restoring Hope

Mission Restoring Hope needs your help. We are looking for additional donations for our fundraiser thrift sale on August 17-19 at the Boyceville church. If you know of someone that has children's clothes that could donate as well, we would appreciate you sharing our needs. **We will take donations for our thrift sale at the Boyceville church or at Mission Restoring Hope (Food Harvest Building) until Sunday, August 13th.** Your contributions will help us have a successful sale and build up our financial stability. We invite you to come to the sale and spread the word! Together we can help so many people in need in our community.

Donations will be accepted Aug. 5, 12, 19 (at church) and 26th.

Thank you,

Mission Restoring Hope Team

Doreen Olson, Carol Cherney,
Sonya Zebro and Roxanne White



**Faith United Methodist Church
Prairie Farm**

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.



Thank you to Lay Readers and Coffee Servers for June:

Robin Burke
Roxanne White
Bill Wiseman
Barbara Bender

Thank you to Pastor Vicky for helping with the Ecumenical Service on Sunday, July 16th.

Thank you to Pastor Vicky, Jim, and Roxanne White for being in the Prairie Farm Parade on July 16th promoting Faith United Methodist Church and congratulating Prairie Farm on their 175th Anniversary.

Thank you to the people that helped with the prep-work prior to and serving of the meal in the Ridgeland Park on July 18th. We got a lot of good comments – so your efforts were greatly appreciated!



Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Gary Kahl that passed away at his home on June 29th.



Administrative Council met on July 8th.

Hope and Joy!

Entering into the second week in my new role, my prayers were centered around these two words: hope and joy. *“O God, we are your people committed to following Jesus through and with the United Methodist Church here in North West Wisconsin. Increase hope and joy in us. Let them extend beyond us and flourish in our communities through our ministry.”*

Greetings to you, my beloved and respected leaders of the United Methodist churches in the North West District of the Wisconsin Conference. I didn't want it to take long to send my greetings to the churches after [my first letter to the clergy](#) of our district. You are important. You are appreciated. Thank you for your dedication as leaders of The United Methodist Church. Thank you for embodying God's message of hope and joy.

I am here as your servant leader and fellow follower of Jesus Christ. You have refused to give up on our faith communities despite the challenges of declining numbers. I join you in holding steadfast to the promise given by God: “a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)”

“Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. (Romans 5:5)”

Yes! We have a reason to be hopeful, so we “rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 4:4)” and share “the reason for our hope with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15)” in our communities and beyond. We are God's people who “rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn, living in harmony with one another. (Romans 12:15-16a)”

I am grateful for the opportunity to begin my one-on-one meetings with the clergy. Each encounter reveals the unique and diverse stories of God's calling and the remarkable work being done through the United Methodist Church. Of course, there are challenges that must be named within our stories. However, as Henri Nouwen wrote, “As long as we have stories to tell to each other there is hope. As long as we can remind each other of the lives of God's people in whom the love of God becomes manifest, there is reason to move forward.”

My commitment will remain unwavering to celebrate the stories that God continues to weave in us, among us, and through us. I am honored to be a mere instrument in God's hands, joyfully writing new faith stories without fear but with an abundance of hope and joy.

Together, as encouraged with the words of Romans 12:12, let us rejoice in our confident hope, display patience amidst troubles, and persistently lift our prayers.

May the joy of trusting in God and the hope that comes from it be yours on every Sunday with your church family and friends. May such overflowing joy and hope flourish in your life every day as you walk with God.

Hope and joy!

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Quick fix or lifestyle change? August 2023

I have tried just about every diet known to humanity through my adult life. Low carb. Counting calories. Intermittent fasting. Weight Watchers. I've lost weight on them all.

I've gained weight on them all. One commonality I have found between losing weight and not, no matter the weight loss system, is my approach to the diet. Do I see it as an overall diet and activity lifestyle change? Or is it simply something I need to suffer through to achieve a goal weight? The former is more about health and less about numbers on a scale but requires a plan and discipline. The latter frequently allows me to get to the number but is often unsustainable in the long-term, resulting in rebound weight gain.

I would argue that we, in the church, too often approach stewardship as a crash diet. We take four weeks in the fall to talk about the importance of giving generously, we look at the church budget, and then ask people to make a pledge to support the ministries.

In my mind, this approach tends to resemble (ineffective) fundraising rather than Christian Stewardship. It has little chance of either impacting people's lives or truly funding lifegiving ministries. True Christian stewardship is about discipleship. It is about lifestyle. Its goal is helping people learn how to relate to their finances and possessions in terms of their faith and their relationship with God. Success is determined on the metrics of financial healthiness, not on the number on the scale (i.e., the income line on the church budget).

This type of stewardship cannot be contained to just three or four weeks in the fall. It is about helping equip people to earn enough to meet their needs, to learn how to get and stay out of debt, to use tools like a spending plan (i.e., a budget) to wisely save and spend thoughtfully, and to experience the full benefits to giving extravagantly. I believe churches need to be as committed to helping people learn how to be faithful financial stewards as we are helping people learn how to pray.

I have learned – whether it comes to dieting or learning how to be a faithful steward – I will never fully arrive. But I am slowly learning that the true treasure of each is in the experience and the growth each journey offers.

Are you interested in helping people in your congregation take this journey? Consider helping your pastor or stewardship team put together a yearlong stewardship plan which may include offering a financial wellness class like Financial Peace University or Saving Grace, holding an appreciation celebration thanking people for all they give to make a difference in the church and community, and simply making time to regularly talk about the challenges and joys of faithful financial stewardship.

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