

## *Thoughts from Pastor Vicky*

During Picklefest, we were delighted to be able to see the hot air balloons at the airport in Boyceville. It had been many years since I'd seen these majestic aircraft, and I had forgotten how breathtakingly beautiful they are close up. What a thrill to see them lying down, the envelopes slowly filling with the hot air and gently lifting off into the sky!

This experience reminded me of the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit. When we are filled with the Spirit, we are controlled by the Spirit, rather than by our own selfish nature. Then our lives will really "lift off!"

Friends, let us not forget to continually lift our prayers to God! Any work God does through us begins with 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.*

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Circuits 7 & 8**

**A circuit event for laity & clergy**

**We plan to brainstorm/vision/dream about where God is leading us to engage in ministry together.**

**When: Sunday, October 22  
(tentative)**

**Where: Elk Mound Trinity UMC**

**We'll start at 1 p.m. with a picnic, then we'll enjoy some music and then we'll brainstorm together. We'll wrap up by 3 p.m.**

**Questions? Ask Pastor Vicky**

 **SEPTEMBER**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 - Pete Bodette
- 4 - Sheila Hegeman
- 5 - Merlyn Jones
- 10 - Randy Nelson
- 10 - Brittany Saunders
- 12 - Russ & Roxanne White (anniv.)
- 12 - Leslie Frisle
- 13 - John Wurtzler
- 15 - Samantha Christian
- 18 - Skyler Hall
- 18 - Pastor Vicky Strupp
- 19 - Chris & Robin Burke (anniv)
- 19 - Delphine Danovsky
- 20 - Nancy & Jerry Schlottman (anniv)
- 20 - Larry Thomas
- 20 - Jim & Anita Harvey (anniv)
- 21 - Jim Strupp
- 23 - Jennifer Hall
- 27 - Kate Rubusch
- 29 - Nancy Smith



**Boyceville Pie & Ice Cream Social**  
**Thursday, September 7th**  
**4-7 p.m.**  
**At the Farmer's Market,**  
**Main Street, Boyceville**

**Newsletter**  
**DEADLINE**

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, September 19th. 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.



### Wheeler Pie & Ice Cream Social

**Thursday, September 28th**

**3:30-7 p.m.**

**Hot beef, brats & Hot dogs, potato salad, beans, pie, ice cream & beverages**

**Free Will Offering**

**Eat in or Carry out!**

**Everyone Welcome!**



### Installation of our New District Superintendent, Pastor Peace Kim

Saturday, September 16

10 a.m. with Reception & Lunch to follow

At the First United Methodist Church,  
154 Memorial Drive, Barron, WI

Amanda Roper  
Sister Alegria  
Sister Confianza  
Frankie Alone  
Cheryl Rifenberg  
Allan Rihn

Irene Schmidt  
Carol Cherney  
Julie Babbit  
Anita Rundle  
Jolene Rifenberg  
Robert Howe

Arlene Hintzman  
Village of Boyceville  
Family & Friends of Arlene Mohr  
Hurricane & fire 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
September 3	Glenise Thomas
September 10	Marguerite Blodgett
September 17	Open
September 24	Open

### Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on September 10th and 24th. Marguerite Blodgett will serve on the 10th. The 24th is open. Please let Marguerite know if you would like to serve that day.

**Doreen Olson and Carol Cherney will be the ushers during the month of September.**



80 items, including folders, pencils, backpacks, note books and more were collected. \$236.31 in cash donations were also received. Everything was delivered to WestCap. Thank you for supporting the Operation Back to School project.

## Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, September 16th 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, September 14th.

### Motorcycle for Honduras

A new motorcycle is needed for Honduras for Cooper. 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. Currently he is on foot. The total amount needed for the motorcycle is \$6,400. Currently \$3,800 has been raised, with \$1,840 of that coming from our congregation. Every little bit helps, please considering donating to the vital medical mission.

### Mission Team Meeting

The Boyceville Mission Team will be meet Sunday September 10, at 11 am, after the church service. We need ideas for Octobers project and to start planning for 2024.

## Blessing Box September Project

It's time to stock up for winter with items that won't freeze in the Blessing Box. Here are some suggestions to get you started: Toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry soap pods, fabric softener sheets, tuna helper, hamburger helper, cereal, powdered milk, hot chocolate, oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, spaghetti noodles, pasta of all sorts, baking mixes, pasta side dishes, sandwich bags, gallon bags, trash bags, cookies, coffee, powdered creamer, drink mix packets like Crystal light, lip balm, and dried soup mixes.

If you don't want to shop, we do it for you. Cash donations are always appreciated. Marguerite works hard to make our dollars go as far as possible when shopping for the box. The noisy can will be making the rounds for the Blessing Box as well in September.

thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated items, worked or shopped at the Mission Restoring Hope Thrift Sale. Thank you to the Boyceville church for letting us use your space and putting up with all the mess. We are blessed to have you on our team.

With all your help, we raised \$1000 to help the needy in our community. God bless your generosity and prayers to help us do God's work.

Thank you!

From the Mission Restoring Hope board,  
Doreen Olson, Roxanne White,  
Sonya Zebro and Carol Cherney

### 2023 Coat Closet Winter & Outerwear Distribution

**Where: 510 Winter St., Boyceville  
(entrance in alley behind building)**

**When:**

**Saturday, October 21 9-Noon**

**Saturday, October 28 9-noon**

**Saturday, November 4 9-noon**

**Saturday, November 11 9-noon**

**Saturday, November 18 9-noon**

**Questions call: Sonya Zebro  
at 715-308-8435**

### Mission Restoring Hope

Mission Restoring Hope needs your help. Together we can help so many people in need in our community.

Donations will be accepted:

Saturday, September 9 9-noon

Saturday, September 16 9-noon

Saturday, September 23 9-noon

Saturday, September 30 9-noon

At 1002 Main St., Boyceville

Their greatest needs are: clothing of all sizes, children's clothes for back-to-school, shoes, socks, undergarments, bath towels and wash cloths

Full list on [missionrestoringhope.org](http://missionrestoringhope.org)

Thank you,

Mission Restoring Hope Team



## Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

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



Thank you:

- To all who provided bars/worked for the Gary Kahl funeral.
- To all who provided bars/worked for 5th Sunday July worship at Pioneer Park.
- To Jim Strupp for being an excellent "preacher" for the sermon on 5th Sunday. Also, for setting up sound and instrumental materials.
- To Pastor Vicky for the many funeral services this spring and summer. Good reports of voice and delivery from listeners.
- To Christina Salsbury for spraying around the church.
- To Roxanne White and Robin Burke for helping set-up and working for the Boyceville thrift sale. I understand there was LOTS of nice stuff!
- To Lay Readers: Roxanne White, Robin Burke, Bill Wiseman
- To Coffee Servers: Roxanne White, Robin Burke, Barbara Bender

### Reader/Greeter

### Coffee/Snack

Sept. 3	Ecumenical Svc at Ridgeland Park	
Sept. 10	Bill Wiseman	Ila Knutson
Sept. 17	Leslie & Christina	Open
Sept. 24	Roxanne White	Roxanne White

## United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith met in July just for the business meeting ahead of the Administrative Council meeting. We confirmed our menu for serving at the Ridgeland Farmer's Market in the park on the 18th. It will be hot beefs, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, cookies, milk, coffee, and water. (We took in \$1926 that night, but there are some expenses). We also planned for Gary Kahl's funeral which will be August 4th. Fall Gathering will be at River Falls on September 30th. We will meet September 5th for our next meeting which will be our pledge service and election of officers. Pat Frisle has the program.

**Work Day is Sept. 9th. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. and have potluck lunch. Bring gloves to pull weeds and bushes and shovel or trimmers.**

**Peace United  
Methodist Church  
Wheeler**

**Worship Service at 11 a.m.**



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beverages**

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**Dear God,  
Thank you for the gift of children.  
Please watch over  
our children & grandchildren  
as they go back to school this year.  
Keep them safe every day.  
Help them to remember  
that you are right there with them  
in the halls and classrooms.  
Help them soak up good knowledge  
and to dismiss any negative or  
worldly messages they may hear.  
Help them treat others with  
kindness and respect,  
and to guard their hearts  
with the armor of Your Word.  
Give them joy and peace as  
they put their trust in you.  
Amen**



## Practice Makes Perfect September 2023

In the last six minutes of the University of Kentucky's 1996 national semifinal men's basketball victory over the top-ranked University of Massachusetts, Mark Pope – Rhodes scholar candidate and senior – calmly sank all six of his free throws. Twice he stepped to the line with Kentucky clinging to a three-point lead. Pope did not miss.

Putting to rest the speculation that Kentucky would wilt in the national spotlight, Pope remarked after the game, "We go through those exact situations every day in practice. That gives us all confidence in ourselves because we have confidence in our preparation."

Just as Pope recognized that practice is the key to playing a good basketball game, we understand that the same is true in every aspect of our lives. Children are reminded to do their homework so they can do well on their tests. Youth learning to drive can practice for up to 12 months with a permit before they get their own driver's licenses and set out on their own. Speeches and presentations are reviewed and practiced, giving the deliverer the familiarity needed to speak confidently and clearly.

Christian discipleship is no different. Routine and practice are needed to give us the foundation we need to face the dilemmas we encounter in life. The habitats of worship, generosity, daily prayer, study, and the sacraments help us develop our relationship with God so that we don't find ourselves scrambling when hard times hit. While it is true that God will never abandon us in difficult times whether we have this foundation or not, it is easier to rely on our faith while the seas of life are calm instead of trying to anchor ourselves amid a storm.

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Return Service Requested



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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