

Dear Friends,

Let's not forget that any ministry or growth we experience as churches will be a result of prayer. We also must remember that seeing the needs of the community and thinking creatively are crucial. I'm passing on a devotion written by DS Scott Carlson for inspiration:

Called

When the Lord saw that Moses had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' and Moses said, 'Here I am.' (Exodus 3:5).

Have you ever wondered who was going to solve a problem that was so obvious to you? I think when we see a problem before us, a challenge before us, and we feel a burning that this challenge has to be addressed, somehow! I believe this is the seed that God uses to tap us on the shoulder. This tap is the calling that God gives to us.

What are the passions and desires you have? How are you living that out? How are you responding to God's call in your life?

Moses heard God's call to lead the people out of Egypt, out of slavery. He heard the call. But he had his doubts and his fears. Do you know what that is like?

There was once a church in a changing neighborhood, that was getting older. They really weren't reaching people from the neighborhood anymore. For a while, the pastor was speaking about the importance of inviting new people to experience the love of God through the love of that congregation. Finally, one weekend, Ruth felt challenged and touched to invite someone new, someone younger to the church. But she didn't know how to do it. And she was afraid.

She started praying about who God wanted her to invite. She would sit on her front porch looking around the neighborhood and praying. One day, she focused on the teenagers who gathered on the street almost every afternoon with their skateboards in front of her house.

She at first thought, "Oh God, no. I don't even know how to speak to these youth."

Then an idea came to her. She loved to bake. So the next afternoon, she baked some cookies. She took the cookies to the youth that had gathered and asked if they would like some.

Well, they quickly ate the cookies, thanking her for the treats. Soon, she was regularly baking cookies and treats and sharing them with these teens. And the most remarkable thing started to happen. She started to get to know these youth. She discovered that some of them weren't doing well in school.

She went to her pastor, and they actually opened up a room in the church where anyone who wanted could come, with the help of a mentor, and study (and receive some of Ruth's baked goods). In time, between 20 and 30 youth started gathering regularly at "Ruth's Place," which is what this new ministry was called.

Families even started to attend and join this church because of this outreach. All because one person chose to pray and listen and put her talents and passions into play for God and God's kingdom. God called Ruth. God called Moses. God has called me. God has called you. Are you willing to say yes to God? (continued on next page)

Prayer

Loving God, thank you for calling people into ministry. There are so many needs in our world. Help us to learn how to become your hands and your feet. Teach us to let your love and grace flow through us to touch this world. In the hope that Jesus offers us, Amen.

God is always doing new things. Let us join him in that work! Keep praying!

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.

OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 - Mitchell Matthaai
3 - Kay Jones
5 - Elaine Grutt
5 - Terry & Vilai Wilcox (anniv.)
7 - Lauren Olson
7 - Bill & Margie Wiseman (anniv.)
7 - Margaret Smith
8 - Chelsey Piper
9 - Dan Miller
9 - Mindy Nelson
9 - Kevin Zebro
16 - Bob & Sharon Wyss (anniv.)
17 - Larry & Glenise Thomas (anniv.)
17 - Pete Bodette & LaVonne Nelson (anniv.)
18 - Lori Koehler
19 - Samantha Nelson
19 - Gary & Becky Dunn (anniv.)
23 - Kelly Dummer
25 - Tom & Kelly Dummer (anniv.)
27 - Dean Frisle

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, October 17th. 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.



Amanda Roper	Irene Schmidt
Sister Alegria	Carol Cherney
Sister Confianza	Julie Babbit
Frankie Alone	Anita Rundle
Family & Friends of Shelby Bauer	
Family & Friends of Eileen Klicko	
Hurricane & fire victims	
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes	

A reminder: Please remember our shut-ins with calls and cards.

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



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Take time to let our pastor know how much she is appreciated.

**Faith United Methodist
Church
Prairie Farm, Wisconsin**

**All-U-Can Eat
Pancake Supper**



Wednesday, October 11, 2023

**At the Ridgeland
Community Center
200 Diamond St. S.,
Ridgeland, Wisconsin**

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Menu: Potato & Buttermilk
Pancakes, Sausage,
Syrup, Applesauce, Cookies, Milk
& Coffee**

**FREE WILL OFFERING
Bake Sale During the Supper**

****Take Outs Available**

*Soup and
Sandwich
Supper*



**United Methodist Church of
Boyceville**

**Thursday, October 26
4-7 p.m.**

**Menu: Soup, Sandwiches,
Dessert & Beverages**

Free will Donation

North West District
United Methodist Church
Youth Kick Off Event

Saturday, October 21, 2023
12 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

At
Hunt Hill
N2384 Hunt Hill Rd.
Sarona, WI 54870

Bring a sack lunch
Meet DS Peace
Hiking
Canoeing
Fellowship
Worship
Glow Hike

\$5 per person or \$20 per family
Grants are available



Registration:
<https://FORMS.GLE/NUJ8S8AK6QXHR5NCA>

Together, Who Are We?

THE SPRC committee and the three Administrative Councils have been pondering choosing a name for our three-church parish. This would NOT change the name of the three churches, but it would recognize that we are together. Our neighbors to the west are the "Glen Hills Parish". One suggestion is geographical: "Hay River Parish". Another suggestion is theological: "Living Waters Parish". Forms for you to submit your ideas will be available at church each Sunday in October. Write down your idea for a parish name and drop it in the offering plate. We will gather up all the parish name ideas and create a list. Then, at our charge conference on Sunday, November 5, we as a group will be meeting with our District superintendent and we can make a choice!



October 1st is World Communion Sunday. Help make it a special day of worldwide Christian unity by coming to church and sharing communion with your faith family.

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
October 1	Jon Zebro
October 8	Glenise Thomas
October 15	Doreen Olson
October 22	Carol Cherney
October 29	Marguerite Blodgett

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on October 8 & 22nd. Glenise Thomas and Delphine Danovsky will serve on the 8th and Carol Cherney and Marguerite Blodgett will serve on the 22nd.

Merlyn & Shirley Jones will be the ushers during the month of October.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family & friends of Shelby Bauer. Shelby passed away on September 4th.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, October 21st 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, October 19th.

Blessing Box

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Blessing Box in September. Cash donations and the noisy can raised over \$200. Our Blessing Box continues to be busy and is restocked anywhere from 3 to 5 times a week. Together we are making a difference in the lives of folks in our community.

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, powered 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.

October Mission Project: Coat Closet

Coat Closet distributions will start Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to noon, and will run through November 18. Volunteers are needed to staff the Coat Closet. Contact Sonya Zebro at 715-308-8435 to help. The greatest needs are boots, snowpants and waterproof mittens and gloves. Though all winter outerwear is welcome. All items need to be in good shape and clean. Items can be dropped off at the Coat Closet during distributions or at the Boyceville church. There are also collection boxes in various locations in Boyceville. During the month of October, the noisy can will be going around for the Coat Closet.

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

Do you need help? Mission Restoring Hope is here to help. We offer a variety of essential items, from clothing and household goods to tools, health and beauty supplies, and baby items. Our mission is to provide access to these necessities at absolutely no cost to you.

If you, or someone you know is experiencing a hardship or crisis, please connect them to us to see if we can assist. We are located in Boyceville and are here to help our local community. Email:

Doreen@missionrestoringhope.org or
use our contact us page on our website:
missionrestoringhope.org

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

Donations will be accepted:

Saturday, October 7 9-noon

Saturday, October 14 9-noon

Saturday, October 21 9-noon

Saturday, October 28 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

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 Christina, Roxanne, Robin, Bill, Ila, and Gary for work done on Sept. 9th to improve the churchyard. It looks much better.
- To Bill Wiseman for getting Wirth Bros. to deliver two loads of gravel to improve the driveway. UWF plans to pay for it.
- To Pastor Vicky and Deacon Scott for leading worship for the Ecumenical Service at Ridgeland on Sept. 3rd.
- To Chris Kahl for a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Gary and Gloria Kahl and to United Women in Faith in memory of Gloria Kahl.
- To Lay Readers: Bill Wiseman, Leslie Frisle, and Roxanne White.
- To Coffee Servers: Ila Knutson, Roxanne White.

Reader/Greeter

Coffee/Snack

10-1	Roxanne White	Barbara Bender
10-8	Leslie Frisle	Leslie Frisle
10-15	UWF Sunday	UWF
10-22	Bill Wiseman	Open
10-29	Open	Open

Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith met on September 14th for our Pledge Service and Election of Officers. Pat Frisle led the Pledge Service. We pledged \$200 for the North West District for 2024. All officers will continue in their office for another year since we have another year in our term. We finalized plans for the Pancake Supper which will be Oct. 11th at the Ridgeland Community Center. We are asking all members to furnish 2 dozen cookies for the supper. All other expenses will be covered by our grant from Thrivent--Thanks to Ila Knutson. The North West District Fall Gathering will be Sept. 30th at River Falls UMC. Barbara and Robin plan to attend.

**Administrative Council meets on
Wednesday, October 18th at
5:30 p.m.**



**Peace United
Methodist Church
Wheeler**

Worship Service at 11 a.m.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family & friends of Eileen Klicko. Eileen passed away on September 8th.



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!





God's Abundance October 2023

Parker Palmer, a Quaker theologian, once told a story about abundance. Palmer was a passenger on a plane that pulled away from the gate, taxied to a remote corner of the field and stopped. You know the feeling: the plane stops and you look out the window and see that you're not on the runway, the engines wind down and your heart sinks. The pilot came on the intercom and said, "I have some bad news and some really bad news. The bad news is there's a storm front in the West, Denver is socked in and shut down. We've looked at the alternatives and there are none. So we'll be staying here for a few hours. That's the bad news. The really bad news is that we have no food and it's lunch time." Everybody groaned. Some passengers started to complain, some became angry. But then, Palmer said, one of the flight attendants did something amazing.

She stood up and took the intercom mike and said, "We're sorry, folks. We didn't plan it this way and we really can't do much about it. And I know for some of you this is a big deal. Some of you are hungry and were looking forward to a nice lunch. Some of you may have a medical condition and really need lunch. Some of you may not care one way or the other and some of you need to skip lunch. So, I'll tell you what we're going to do. I have a couple of bread baskets up here and we're going to pass them around and I'm asking everybody to put something in the basket. Some of you brought a little snack along – something to tide you over – just in case something like this happened, some peanut butter crackers, candy bars. And some of you have a few LifeSavers or chewing gum or Roloids. And if you don't have anything edible, you have a picture of your children or spouse or girlfriend/boyfriend or a bookmark or a business card. Everybody put something in and then we'll reverse the process. We'll pass the baskets around again and everybody can take out what he/she needs.

"Well," Palmer said, "what happened next was amazing. The griping stopped. People started to root around in pockets and handbags, some got up and opened their suitcases stored in the overhead luggage racks and got out boxes of candy, salami, a bottle of wine. People were laughing and talking. She had transformed a group of people who were focused on need and deprivation into a community of sharing and celebration. She had transformed scarcity into a kind of abundance."

After the flight, which eventually did proceed, Parker Palmer stopped on his way off the plane – (deplaning), and said to her, "Do you know there's a story in the Bible about what you did back there? It's about Jesus feeding a lot of people with very little food."

"Yes," she said. "I know that story. That's why I did what I did."

Even amid what we think is scarcity, many time God has already given us what we need.

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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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