

Dear Friends,

In these beautiful, crisp days of Autumn, we're reminded that the holiday season will soon be upon us. We celebrate Thanksgiving as a nation, but God's people are called to live our whole lives with thankfulness. It's been said that it is not happy people that are thankful, but thankful people who are happy.

Jesus is calling us to move from a scarcity mentality to an abundance mentality. An abundance mentality reflects contentment and trust in God. It reflects gratefulness for what we have. An abundance mentality doesn't apply solely to our material treasure. It also applies to our attitude toward life, the way we give of ourselves, and the way we give thanks to God in all things. Living abundantly also means living enthusiastically.

I might note that the word enthusiasm comes from two Greek Words: en and theos, or God within. Brothers and Sisters, it is Christ within us that enables us to live life with passion and meaning. Enthusiasm is contagious. Hang out with enthusiastic people and it will rub off on you. Be a passionate person, and God will use you to encourage others.

For disciples of the Risen Lord, Jesus opened the door for an abundant life, a life to live enthusiastically, while we invite others to do the same! Our house of worship can be the place that introduces people to an abundant life with Christ. Our building, our sanctuary, our kitchen, and our lawns... all may be the places where someone encounters Christ. We are called to be stewards of all of our resources and remember that everything is a gift from God. As United Methodists, we promise to support our church with our time, talent, treasure, and witness. This enables the church to provide a space for Christ to be encountered. We as a church pay our Apportionments to answer the call to be in ministry with neighbors near and far.

As we follow Jesus, let us joyfully give of ourselves and our treasure. Let us live enthusiastically and abundantly!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

All ministry begins with prayer. 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.

Charge Conference 2023

Sunday, November 5

Joint worship at 10 am in Boyceville,
potluck to follow~

Boyceville will provide the main dish;
Faith and Peace please bring salads/
desserts.

Our new DS, Peace Kim will preach and
Holy Communion will be served!

We will "fall back" the night before, so
we can enjoy an extra hour of sleep

Peace United Methodist Church Meatball Supper



Thursday, November 9th
3:30-7:00 p.m.

Menu: Meatballs & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,
Corn, Coleslaw,
Bread, Beverages, Desserts

Free will offering

Served at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Wheeler, WI

NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

4	Madison Harren
4	Judy Schlottman
4	Roger Smith
5	Carol Cherney
5	Justyne Frisle
6	Irene Schmidt
9	Gina Harren
11	Kim Smith
14	Dean & Leslie Frisle (anniv.)
22	Courtney Walk
23	Margie Wiseman
23	Barbara Bender
27	Russ White
27	Jerry Olson
29	Dylan Hanson
29	Julie Babbitt

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Gleaner news is due by noon on
Tuesday, November 21st. 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
Sister Alegria
Sister Confianza
Frankie Alone

Irene Schmidt
Carol Cherney
Julie Babbit
Anita Rundle

Victims of natural disasters

Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

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

Advent Bible Study

You are invited to a four part Advent Bible Study, "Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the sights and sounds of Advent", for our charge. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Dates are Wednesdays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, 13, 20. Time will be similar to our Lenten services, a light meal at 6:15, with the study at 7 pm. We will meet at the Boyceville Church. Currently 9 people are signed up for the study. We have 2 extra books if anyone would like to join us. The books are \$12 if you would like to purchase your copy. If you think you would be interested in joining this study let Pastor Vicky or Marguerite know.



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!



There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 19th at the United Methodist Church in Boyceville.

An offering for the Weekend Meal Program will be received, and we will also collect non-perishable items for West Cap

Soup and
Sandwich
Supper



United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Thursday, October 26
4-7 p.m.

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

Free will Donation



"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love."

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Traditionally, October marks the observance of Clergy Appreciation Month, an invitation to pause and give thanks. Our clergy serve as a source of guidance, support, and inspiration, assisting us in navigating through challenging times and striving towards self-improvement. Their steadfast faith and devotion to their calling are genuinely inspiring.

As followers of the Christian faith, our call is to love and serve one another, and pastors embody this calling through their tireless efforts to minister to their congregations and communities. They selflessly give their time, talents, and resources to assist others, and their contributions are highly valued. As we honor our pastors this month, let us take a moment to contemplate the many ways they have impacted our lives. We express gratitude and appreciation for their diligent work, devotion, and unwavering faith. And let us continue to offer prayers for them, that they may be strengthened and encouraged in their calling and continue to inspire us all.

As we express our deep gratitude, I also invite us to honor those who serve during the National Hispanic Heritage Month as it comes to a close. I am grateful for the leadership of Hispanic leaders who have enriched the lives of the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church through the tapestry of music, dance, food, and traditions. Our Hispanic leaders are open to sharing their culture from many places, such as Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, and Brazil. We are blessed to learn and grow in our faith together for God's glory.

May God bless our pastors and all those who serve in ministry, and may their work continue to produce fruit for God's kingdom.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

Starting in December, the lay reader on Communion Sunday is asked to help Pastor Vicky with communion

Reader

November 5	Special Service
November 12	Jonathan Zebro
November 19	Carol Cherney
November 26	Glenise Thomas

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on November 12th & 26th. Sheila Hegeman and Sonya Zebro will serve on the 12th and Glenise Thomas and Marguerite Blodgett will serve on the 26th.

Earl & Marguerite Blodgett will be the ushers during the month of November.



We will be decorating the Boyceville Church and tree after the service on Sunday November 26. Everyone is invited to take part. Many hands make for light work.



Mission Project for November & December: AngelTree

The Boyceville Mission project for November and December is the Angel Tree. As in past years, we will be "adopting" 12 children to purchase gifts for. As soon as the information is available from WestCap the tags will go on the tree. Gifts will be due back in early December, with the final date to be announced once we hear from WestCap. You don't have to buy everything on a tag. Numerous choices are given so if you can't find one item, you can shop for a different one. We do like to make sure each child gets a mixture of needs and wants. The noisy can will be making the rounds in November and early December for the Angel Tree. If you don't want to shop, cash donations are welcome too. The mission team is happy to shop for you. Thank you for your support.



SO MANY BLESSINGS

Los Posadas

The Boyceville congregation extends an invitation to the congregations at our sister churches of Faith and Peace to join us for Los Posadas on Friday, December 8th at 6 pm. Los Posadas is a progressive dinner where we share a part of the Christmas story at each stop. We will start at the Boyceville church with appetizers, progress to salads, soups and desserts. We are looking for host homes for salads, soups and desserts. Volunteers are needed to provide the food as well. A sign-up sheet will be at the Boyceville church or contact Marguerite at crazy2quilt@gmail.com or 715-651-7880.

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

2023 Coat Closet Winter & Outerwear Distribution

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

When:

Saturday, November 4 9-noon

Saturday, November 11 9-noon

Saturday, November 18 9-noon

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

Blessing Box

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Blessing Box. 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.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, November 18th 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, November 16th.

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.



Thank you:

- To Leslie Frisle for donating/cooking the macaroni for the mac and cheese meal in Ridgeland Park this summer.
- To all who contributed/worked at the Pancake Supper on the 11th. We have many friends who volunteer to help. We appreciate your faithfulness over the years.
- To Gary and Ila Knutson for connecting us with Thrivent for the grant.
- To all who helped with United Women in Faith Sunday--especially to Roxanne White for doing the bulletins. What a beautiful job!
- To Charlotte Bottolfson for again making lefse for the Bake Sale. She has done this for many years, as well as working in the kitchen.
- To Gary and Ila Knutson for a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Maxine Hintzman.
- To Chris and Robin Burke and Barbara Bender for a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Maxine Hintzman.
- To Lay Readers: Roxanne White, Leslie Frisle, and Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Servers: Barbara Bender, Leslie Frisle, and UWF.

Reader/Greeter

Coffee/Snack

11-5	Joint Service at Boyceville	
11-12	Bill Wiseman	Open
11-19	Leslie Frisle	Leslie Frisle
11-26	Open	Open

Faith United Methodist Women - United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will not be meeting in November. This is our church cleaning month. Each one has agreed to do what we did in the past and you can do it at your convenience any time. We had our UWF Sunday on the 15th. Chris Draxler, our District Communication Coordinator, the one who publishes THE WEAVER, was our guest speaker. Members helped out with other parts. Our Special Mission Recognition pin was given to Jim Strupp. He is so active in mission work locally whatever it might be--playing drums, serving at fundraisers, etc. just an all around great guy. Thanks, Jim.

Our Pancake Supper & Bake Sale
Free-Will Offering was \$2309.



**Peace United
Methodist Church
Wheeler**

Worship Service at 11 a.m.

thank you

**Thank you to everyone who helped
make our Pie and Ice Cream Social
a success! We couldn't do this
without you!**



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Meatball Supper*



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Don't Keep Silent November 2023

I started preaching when I was just 18 years old. I was invited by my home pastor to preach, despite my age, because he knew I had a call to the ordained ministry. By the time I was 20, I had preached a whopping three sermons. With my call and this vast amount of experience behind me, I was invited to serve a small, rural congregation in Southeastern Wisconsin as their supply pastor — which basically meant I would visit the members in their homes and preach every Sunday. And so, in November of my junior year of college, I began to preach every Sunday for a congregation of 52 people. As I remember my first year there, I have fond memories of a group of faithful people who had to listen to, probably the worst sermons ever given.

Despite my inexperience, the congregation was very supportive — often offering a tip or an encouraging word. Particularly, I remember one gentleman who came up to me to give me a pat on the back one Sunday morning. After a particularly difficult sermon he said that he truly enjoyed my messages. A little surprised, I responded by simply saying, “Really?” He continued by saying, “Oh yes. You know, you stand up every Sunday and try to tell us about God’s love and grace. But what I really like is the fact that, in the whole year you’ve been preaching, you’ve never mentioned money once.”

Considering that comment, I suppose it could be seen as a bit ironic that my ministry as a part of the Foundation is helping congregations and pastors learn how to comfortably talk about money in relation to our faith (maybe even excitedly). What I’ve discovered, however, is that talking about stewardship is about focusing love and grace. It is about helping people realize all the ways we are blessed by God, that God has given to us abundantly. God has given us so much, in fact, that we have enough to give generously in love for others.

I encourage you to speak about stewardship boldly. Talk about how you have experienced God’s love, grace, and abundance. Share how generosity has transformed your life. Talk about the blessings others have experienced in your church that are made possible by your community’s generosity.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
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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.
Welcome

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