

Lenten Reflections from Pastor Vicky

“Free us for joyful obedience.”

This line from the prayer of confession before Communion speaks volumes. As we confess our sins to God, and we understand that we are forgiven, we are indeed set free from the penalty and the weight of our sin. Repentance is a beautiful thing. It means not only admitting and being remorseful for our sin, but turning away from it and going in a new direction. It is the privilege of moving toward God instead of away from God. And walking with God in obedience is truly a joyful state.

During Lent, we emphasize this privilege of repentance and the deep satisfaction that comes from walking with God in obedience. I invite you to make this season a time of sincere self-reflection. If you have never considered attending midweek services, please give them a try this year. Dear Church Family, my prayer is that we will continually be free to joyfully do God's will!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky



Keep praying!

Dear Friends,

As we journey through another Lenten Season, we mark the first anniversary of our Breakthrough Prayer. If the Breakthrough Prayer was meaningful to you as written, go ahead and keep using it as you set your alarm to pray at 5:17 each day.

As we grow and change in our spiritual practices, Here's a reminder of a way to continue praying for God's direction and growth for our churches. Since Lent began mid-February, we'll use the same Scripture verses to ponder in March. Let's apply the verse as inspiration in our prayers, and persist in our prayer practice with Colossians 1:9-10 :

9 So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

(New Living Translation)

Daily we can appeal for God's will in our lives with our monthly verse. Let's keep praying and growing together!

Pastor Vicky



Easter Sunday

We will have a combined Easter Service at Boyceville on Sunday, March 31st. Breakfast is at 8 a.m. and the worship service at 9 a.m.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night, March 9th or you will be late for church on Sunday!

Lent Worship Schedule

7pm Worship, 6:15 pm Meal

March 6 - Prairie Farm

March 13— Boyceville

March 20—Prairie Farm

March 28— Wheeler

Maundy Thursday

No Meal

March 29—Good Friday

Ecumenical Service at

United Lutheran Church,

Prairie Farm

March 31—Easter Sunday

Joint Service at Boyceville

8 am Breakfast and 9 am Service

NewsLetter
DEADLine

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



MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

3	Jason Jones
5	Jordan Nelson
6	Ray Wreford
9	Earl Blodgett
11	Cory Christian
12	Kim Silvius
14	Connie Kegen
16	Makayla Nelson
19	Rhonda Johnson
20	Kylie Kahl
21	Randy & Mindy Nelson (anniv)
22	Jacob Nelson
24	Bill Wiseman
26	Roxanne White



Amanda Roper	Irene Schmidt
Sister Alegria	Carol Cherney
Sister Confianza	Julie Babbit
Frankie Alone	Nancy Smith
Judy & Dave Wirth	Pam Rosen
Darcy Hafele	Sherri Williams
Cheryl Ann Rifenberg	Jolene Rifenberg
Kathleen Rifenberg	
Family & Friends of RuthAnn Williams	
Victims of natural disasters	
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes	
A reminder: Please remember our shut-ins with calls and cards.	

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

The lay reader on Communion Sunday is asked to help Pastor Vicky with communion

	Reader
March 3	Jim Strupp
March 10	Earl Blodgett
March 17	Carol Cherney
March 24	Glenise Thomas
March 31	Joint Service at Boyceville

March ushers are Carol Cherney and Doreen Olson.

February 28th is the Lent supper and service in Boyceville. We will be having a lasagna dinner. If you signed up to bring food, please have it at the church by 5pm so it can be ready for the supper at 6pm.

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on March 10th and 24th. Carol Cherney and Doreen Olson will serve on the 10th and Irene Schmidt and Rosanne Wurtzler will serve on the 24th.

March Mission

We will continue collecting items for Mission Restoring Hope to help those in need in our community.

The greatest needs are:

- Bath Towels
- Kitchen Towels
- Washcloths
- Kitchen Items
- Linens

Food Harvest Ministry News

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

Blessing Box

The blessing box is being restocked 5-6 times a week! It is a real need in the community. With the cold weather we are in need of items that won't freeze. Great items for the blessing box: toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, breakfast bars, dry pasta and rice side dishes (we have plenty of Mac and cheese), main dish helpers like hamburger or tuna helper, deodorant, bar soap, laundry pods, baggies of all sizes, toothpaste, coffee, cocoa mix, tea, dry soup mixes, cake mixes, brownie mixes, muffin mixes, cookie mixes, cookies, crackers, and trash bags are items we could use. Please consider adding an item or two to your weekly shopping for the blessing box. Together we are showing God's love to our community.

Mission Restoring Hope: Empowering Communities, One Act of Kindness at a Time

As the buds of spring begin to bloom, Mission Restoring Hope is buzzing with anticipation for the exciting year ahead and is gearing up for a season of growth, community engagement, and meaningful impact.

With 2024 in full swing, we're thrilled to announce a series of initiatives aimed at uplifting and our rural communities. At the forefront of our endeavors is the highly anticipated grand opening of the Peace Mission Thrift Shop on May 3rd out of the Peace UMC in Wheeler, WI. More than just a thrift store, this welcoming space is poised to become a hub of community connection and affordable essentials. With shelves stocked and smiles aplenty, we can't wait to welcome you through our doors. We will be open on Fridays from noon to 5pm and Saturdays from 9-2pm.

But that's just the beginning of the excitement. We are gearing up for our 2nd Annual Spring Silk Floral Extravaganza also coming in May, as we transform our space into a vibrant showcase of silk floral beauty, creativity, and community spirit. From stunning arrangements to small vases, this event promises something special for everyone, especially for Mother's Day.

As we look ahead, our emergency relief efforts are also ramping up, ready to offer a helping hand to individuals and families facing unexpected crises. In times of hardship, Mission Restoring Hope stands as a beacon of support, ensuring that no one faces adversity alone.

But we can't do it without you. Your generosity, whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading the word, fuels our mission and empowers us to make a lasting impact in the lives of others.

For more information on Mission Restoring Hope and how you can get involved, contact to Doreen Olson, Sonya Zebro, Roxanne White or Carol Cherney or visit us online at missionrestoringhope.org, join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or stop by our location 1002 Main Street in Boyceville, WI where we take in donations on Saturday mornings. Together, let's make a difference in the lives of others.

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.



- To Pastor Vicky for a most meaningful Ash Wednesday service at Wheeler. We were glad Chris was driving in the snow storm.
- To Pastor Vicky and Jim for providing the music on the 18th at church in the absence of Margie. Also, that afternoon in Menomonie for the 7th and 8th Circuits' meeting. There was a good turnout, good fellowship, worship with the Grace Bridge Korean UMC, and an authentic Korean meal.
- To those who will be serving supper for the Lenten services.
- To Lay Readers: Jim Strupp, Bill Wiseman, and Roxanne White
- To Coffee Servers: Margie Wiseman and Roxanne White
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Sock Mission



"Save your "holy" mismatched socks for Missions" Prairie Farm United Woman in Faith will be collecting clean, "holy" socks that don't match or not paired. Socks will be boxed and sent to be recycled. For each box filled we earn a small money donation and will be designated for Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. I will be taking them to our Spring Day of Enrichment on April 27 in Turtle Lake. What a wonderful way to repurpose old socks and assist the great mission work that happens at Northcott. Any questions contact Robin Burke.

	Lay Reader	Coffee/Snack
March 3	Robin Burke	Salsbury
March 10	Frisle	Frisle
March 17	Bill Wiseman	Robin Burke
March 24	Roxanne White	Roxanne White
March 31	Easter at Boyceville Brunch	
	@ 9:00 a.m. Worship @ 10:00 a. m.	

**Administrative Council on
the 12th at 5:30 p.m.**

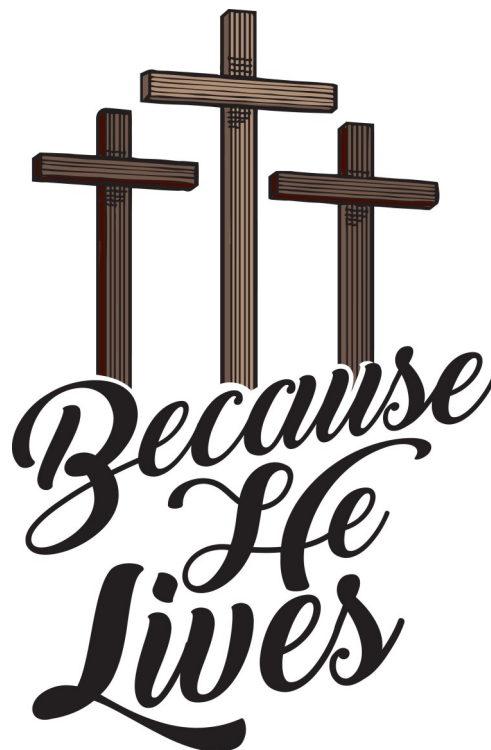
**Peace
United Methodist Church
Wheeler
Worship Service at 11 a.m.**

*Thank
you*

**Thank you to everyone who
helped make our creamed
chicken dinner a success.
We couldn't do this without
you!**



Easter Blessings





There Never Seems to be Enough March 2024

Sometimes it flies, sometimes it crawls, but it always passes inexorably. We mark it, save it, waste it, bide it, race against it. We measure it incessantly with a passion for precision that borders on the obsessive. We are obsessed with it; we never seem to have enough of it; and yet scientists don't even know how to explain it. What is it? The answer is time.

We never seem to have enough time. A group of experts once got together to figure out how much time we should need to get everything done in one day. These experts got together and noted how much time was needed for exercise, hygiene, work, commuting, household chores, eating, entertainment, spiritual development, sleep, and family time. When these figures were all added together, the experts said that a human being needs 42 hours a day. That's not very encouraging.

Of course, those are the things we're supposed to be doing every day according to experts. In truth, we add to that list as well. Consider that every day in the United States:

- 74,000 of us move to a different home and 22,465 move to another state.
- 36 businesses go bankrupt while 13,700 new ones start up.
- Americans purchase 38,082 new automobiles and trucks and smash 16,438.
- 2,266 couples get divorced while 6,578 get married.
- Dogs bite 12,329 people including 15 mail carriers.
- We eat 75 acres of pizza, 53 million hotdogs, 167 million eggs, 3 million gallons of ice cream, and 3,000 tons of candy.

The Psalmist tells us that "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." In other words, every moment of every second, and every second of every minute, and every minute of every hour, and every hour of every day is literally a gift from God. Unfortunately, in all of the hustle and bustle of our lives, we forget this. Instead, we are more often stressed out by this gift than thankful for it. Think about this: God gives to every one of us all the same amount of time in a day.

Sometimes it's just our perspective. What if we were to get up every morning and thank God and remember that "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." It wouldn't give us any more time, but maybe our perspective each day would change and we'd appreciate the gift of time a little more.

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Newsletter of Boyceville, Prairie Farm Faith and
Wheeler Peace United Methodist Churches
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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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