

Bishop's Soul Food - General Conference

The postponed and much anticipated 2020 General Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina has concluded. It was an amazing experience – filled with powerful worship and inspiring missional reports all grounded and surrounded in prayer.

There were many areas in which petitions were submitted and approved. There was intentionality about the constitutional amendment that creates the regionalization of the United States, this being an equal partner with all other “central” conferences (those previously designated that are outside the U.S.). This legislation will need to be ratified by each Annual Conference requiring a 2/3 majority vote of all conferences.

After years of intensive and prayerful debate, the General Conference delegates from all over the world have discerned to remove language that prohibited United Methodist clergy from performing weddings for same-gender couples. There are still some important things about this decision that I want laity and clergy to know.

First, pastors, as chief administrator of the church, and with responsibility to lead the congregations, make the decision about officiating at a wedding. This decision is based on several factors including the couples’ preparation for the marriage covenant. The change in the Book of Discipline does not change the pastoral authority in making the decision about officiating at a wedding. There is no mechanism in Conference leadership nor desire on my part as bishop to determine pastoral authority as it pertains to marriage.

Second, churches will continue to determine what weddings are held in their church buildings. Further, the desires of all clergy are to be honored and not judged by others. We know that different people have different opinions on these matters and our churches are in different contexts within the bounds of the Conference and it is my expectation that the diversity of everyone’s opinion and everyone’s context is to be honored.

Third, is the removal of the prohibitions that prevented a Board of Ordained Ministry from recommending a LGBTQIA+ person for ordination. Qualified LGBTQIA+ persons approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry would now be licensed, commissioned, and ordained. As the bishop, the Cabinet will continue to work with churches and clergy to ensure we have the best match possible when making appointments. We will honor the gifts of pastors and congregation’s traditions. We want everyone to have a vital ministry rather than one defined by conflict. Our continued goal is to enhance ministry through theological and missional compatibility. All will be accepted, so that ministry can thrive. Integrity will be a matter for all God’s people and every church will be focused to grow into the vital ministry in this changing season. Your Bishop and Cabinet will carry the faithful works of supervision and service to all churches.

The United Methodist Church truly is an international global church. We are sensitive to and honor regional and cultural attitudes toward contentious issues. We celebrate the ways these recent decisions reinforce the primacy of God’s love in our lives and the world. I also recognize how they will add complexity to our life together as United Methodists.

Bishop's Soul Food Cont.

I have been diligent in practicing my lived-out faith within our community of believers, which is diverse and inclusive. It has been intentional that our Conference lives into "Beloved Community," which affirms the unity and oneness in God, "for by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. "(1 Corinthians 12:13).

Through this lens of oneness in Christ, we are invited to examine and fully embrace the "beloved community, " in which we welcome all and include all. It is our time to set aside political labels and societal aspirations and practice our faith in hospitality, grace, and compassion. We are now at a point of avenues for focused ministry with global intention.

As we begin to move into understanding the implications of these decisions, I once again remind us of a quote by one of the founders of Methodism, John Wesley, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences."

May God make it so.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



- 1 - Regina Frisle
- 1 - Jada Kahl
- 2 – Sharon Wyss
- 4 - Shirley Jones
- 14 - Jerry & Kathy Neck (anniv.)
- 18 – Brian Kahl
- 19 - Doreen & Jerry Olson (anniv.)
- 20 – Pastor Vicky & Jim Strupp
- 30 - Michaela Kegen

5th Sunday Celebration

There will be a combined 5th Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. at Pioneer Park in Prairie Farm on Sunday, June 30th. A potluck meal will follow the service. Bring a lawn chair! There will be no worship services at Boyceville or Wheeler that day.

Peace Grilled Chicken Dinner
Thursday, June 13
3:30-7 p.m.

Grilled Chicken, Potato salad,
 Coleslaw, Beans, Rolls and
 Fabulous Desserts

Served at Our Savior's
 Lutheran Church in Wheeler

Keep praying!

Dear Friends,

God is always at work, and doing new things! Let us join together in this work by faithfully continuing to pray daily for our churches and communities. We'll continue to use our suggested prayer-prompt Scripture for another month. There are colorful cardstock copies in the back of the churches if you'd like to post them somewhere in your home or office.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Let me know how these Scriptures are helping you to pray, and please share answers to your prayers. If you have other suggestions for praying together, please get in touch! Let's build one another up in our faith.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Vicky

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, June 18th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or tsmnelson@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 Menomoneie 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.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Amanda Roper
Carol Cherney
Julie Babbit
Darcy Hafele
The Rihn Family

Sister Alegria
Sister Confianza
Pam Rosen
Sherri 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
June 2	Marguerite Blodgett
June 9	Carol Cherney
June 16	Marguerite Blodgett
June 23	Carol Cherney
June 30	Combined Worship at Pioneer Park in Prairie Farm

The Doreen Olson and Carol Cherney will be ushers in June

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time will be after the service on June 9th and 23rd. Marguerite Blodgett will serve on June 9th and Carol Cherney will serve on the 23rd.

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 15th 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, June 13th.

Mission Project for June

Blessing Box

For the month of June we will be focusing on the Blessing Box. The kids are out of school and no longer getting breakfast and lunch at school. Families will be trying to figure out how to feed them at home. Donations of breakfast and lunch items would be greatly appreciated. This can include things like cereal, pop tarts, breakfast bars, soups, canned pasta, tuna, peanut butter and jelly. As always, paper goods fly off the shelves. Cash donations are welcome too, we will shop for you.



Please note: All donations for the May Ingathering Mission Project kits need to be at the church by Sunday, May 26th. We need to have the items to the drop off point before June 2.

Mission Restoring Hope

We want your donations. We need a wide variety of items to cover people with emergent needs and the thrift store. So please bring us your goods! If Saturday does not work to drop off items, contact Doreen at 715-505-1621 or grab me after church to set up a time.

Thank you for your support.

Donation Drop Off Dates:

Saturdays

June 1	8:30-11 a.m.
June 8	8:30-11 a.m.
June 15	8:30-11 a.m.
June 22	8:30-11 a.m.
June 29	8:30-11 a.m.

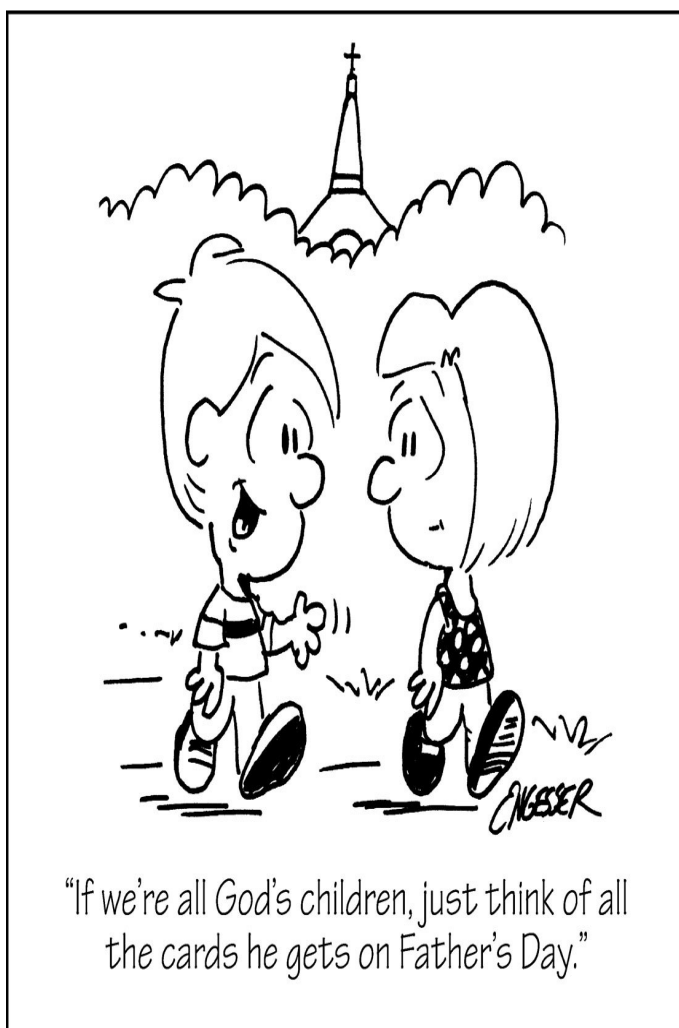
Peace Mission Thrift Shop

Thrifting Hours:

Fridays: Noon—5pm

Saturdays: 9am—2pm

**701 West 2nd Ave., Wheeler,
WI**



Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.



Thank you to:

- To Robin Burke for providing the plants for Mother's Day
- To Roxanne White for helping Robin prepare containers for the plants.
- To Boyceville ladies for providing fruit and muffins for the brunch.
- To Leslie Frisle for making the sausage and scrambled eggs for the brunch.
- To Christina Salsbury for the eggs for the scrambled eggs.
- To Russ and Roxanne White for putting up the Pentecost Dove. It brings back memories of Marcos Gutierrez (and Dora), our minister for five years.
- To Lay Readers: Jim Strupp, Leslie Frisle, Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Server: Leslie Frisle.
- To Youth In Christ and advisors for their dedication to providing Christian talents.

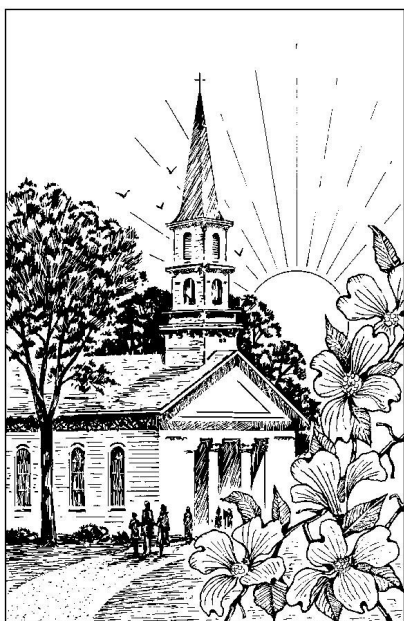
	Lay Reader	Coffee/Snack
June 2	Robin Burke	Robin Burke
June 9	Bill Wiseman	Open
June 16	Roxanne W	Roxanne W
June 23	Frisles	Frisles
June 30	at Pioneer Park at 10 a.m.	

United Women in Faith

United Women In Faith met on May 9th at 5:30 p.m. Spring Day of Enrichment at Turtle Lake was good and we had better attendance. We will be serving at the Farmer's Market in Ridgeland on July 18th. Roxanne had the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program which provided much discussion. Offering was received. Our next meeting will be June 13th. Kathy Neck has the program.



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



**Happy
FATHER'S
Day**

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AI Generosity

AI (Artificial Intelligence) has been all over the news lately as technology companies begin to break new ground with things like ChatGPT. The conversation usually centers around whether AI technology will be helpful (increasing productivity), harmful (taking people's jobs), or cataclysmic (leading to machines taking over the world).

Out of curiosity, I asked one of my social media apps that has AI to tell me a story about the impact of generosity. This was its response.

"Once there was a wealthy businessman who decided to donate a significant portion of his fortune to charity. He gave to several causes, including education, healthcare, and the arts. His donations enabled many people to access opportunities they would not have had otherwise.

One of the students who benefited from the businessman's donation was a young woman who had grown up in poverty. She was able to attend college and pursue her dream of becoming a doctor. After graduating, she went on to work in a rural clinic, where she helped many people who had limited access to healthcare. The young woman's work inspired others to follow in her footsteps, and soon the clinic became a hub for community development.

The businessman's generosity had a ripple effect that touched countless lives and transformed a whole community."

I (Jason not the AI) thought that was a pretty good story. I will say, however, it is nowhere near as meaningful as stories I've heard people tell about how they were personally touched by someone's generosity or how being generous changed them. It's not just the story that's inspiring, but the personal, human element that is inspiring.

With that in mind, I'd encourage you to share stories of how your church's ministry either made a difference in your life or you have been impacted by the practice of generosity. It is through the telling and hearing real life stories that generosity spreads and lives are changed.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
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Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at www.wumf.org or
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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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