



Keep Praying! October 2024

We can never overemphasize the importance of fervent prayer! Prayer allows us to join in God's work and helps to align our will with God's. Let us continue to pray daily for our churches! Meditating on Scripture can guide our prayer life. Our prayer-prompt Scripture for this quarter:

For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with excellence, and excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. 2 Peter 1:5-7

There will be colorful cardstock copies in the back of the churches if you'd like to post them somewhere in your home or office.

God is always up to something new! 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



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

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



Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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

**FREE WILL OFFERING
Bake Sale During the Supper
Take Outs Available

 **OCTOBER**
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 - Mitchell Matthaei
- 3 - Kay Jones
- 5 - Terry & Vilai Wilcox (anniv.)
- 7 - Lauren Olson
- 7 - Bill & Margie Wiseman (anniv.)
- 9 - Mindy Nelson
- 9 - Kevin Zebro
- 17 - Pete Bodette & LaVonne Nelson
(anniv.)
- 18 - Lori Koehler
- 19 - Samantha Nelson
- 27 - Dean Frisle

**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, October 22nd. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.



Circuit Gathering

**Sunday, October 20
1:30-3 p.m.**

**At the Glenwood City
United Methodist Church
240 E. Oak St.
Glenwood City, WI**

**Bring your favorite ice cream topping
to share and join United Methodists
throughout our area for a fun
afternoon of fellowship and planning
future collaborative ministries.**

**Free! Walk-ins Welcome!
Ice cream sundaes will be provided
for all attendees!**

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
Carol Cherney	Julie Babbit
Sherri Williams	Bill Wiseman
The Rihn Family	Lionel Kegen
Sister Confianza	

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
October 6	Marguerite Blodgett
October 13	Carol Cherney
October 20	Earl Blodgett
October 27	Reader Needed

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee Time is Sunday, October 20th after the service. Marguerite Blodgett and Jim Harvey are serving.



October 6th 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.

Fall Bible Study at Boyceville

Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Often we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God. Wrestling With Doubt, Finding Faith is a 6 week study written by Adam Hamilton. The study started Wednesday September 11th and will run for 6 weeks ending October 23rd. Marguerite Blodgett is leading the study. We start with a light supper at 5:30 pm, followed by a video and the study.

Open House

**At the Boyceville
United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, November 3rd
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**Food and fellowship and fun
Thanks for all your prayers —
now I have a lot of hairs
Hope to see you there**

Hosted by Carol Cherney

Mission Projects for September & October

Blessing Box

Marguerite and Sheila went to Menomonie and restocked the pantry for the Blessing Box. This depleted our funds for the box significantly. With cold weather arriving sooner than we all want, we will be looking to collect items that are not affected by freezing temperatures. We currently have an abundance of Mac and cheese and canned vegetables. Donations of any kind are greatly appreciated.

Coat Closet

If you like to visit thrift sales, be sure to keep your eyes out for warm winter outer wear. As always we are in need of boot of all sizes, esp. children's. Same goes for children's snow pants. Warm, water resistant gloves and mittens are always a hit. And yes we do need coats, especially children's. The Coat Closet schedule will soon be making the rounds. Please consider signing up for a Saturday morning shift. Never helped at the Coat Closet before? We will partner with someone who knows the ropes. Need more information, just talk with Sonya.

Coat Closet Distribution Dates

Where: 510 Winter St., Boyceville, WI
(Entrance is in the alley behind building)

When:

Saturday, October 26 9am-12pm

Saturday, November 2 9am-12pm

Saturday, November 9 9am-12pm

Saturday, November 16 9am-12pm

Saturday, November 23 9am-12pm

Questions call:

Sonya Zebro at 715-308-8435

Food Harvest Ministry News

The next Food Harvest Ministry distribution will be from 8-9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 19th 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 17th.

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

	Lay Reader	Coffee/Snack
Oct. 6	????	????
Oct. 13	Leslie Frisle	????
Oct. 20	Bill Wiseman	????
Oct. 27	Roxanne W	Roxanne W

thank you



- To Barbara Bender for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Darcy Hafele.
- To Barbara Bender for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of John Kurschner.
- To Chris and Robin Burke for a monetary donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of John Kurschner.
- To Tim Hafele for a monetary donation to be used wherever we wanted in memory of Darcy Hafele. With the Memorial Fund over \$8,000, we chose to put it in the General Fund.
- To Ben Miller for completion of eaves and downspouts for now; other next June.
- To Christina Salsbury for donation of many, many articles for the Thrift Sale.
- To the well driller for some work done; more to follow so we get water in the church.

United Women in Faith

United Women In Faith met September 10th. We finalized plans for the Pancake Supper. We agreed that each member shall furnish three dozen cookies (others are welcome to furnish) and each can donate items for the bake sale as they wish. We decided to not work for the 5 Star Award this year. We, also, decided to not have UMW Sunday this year. We pledged \$200 for our 2025 pledge to the North West UWF District. Barbara and Robin plan to go to the UWF Fall Gathering at Chippewa Falls on September 28th. We forgot to do Election of Officers for 2025, but it looks like the same officers will continue their work. October is church cleaning and each can do their cleaning on their own whenever. Pat Frisle will have the Thank Offering program in November.

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



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



Peace Mission Thrift Shop

Thrifting Hours:

Fridays: Noon—5pm

Saturdays: 9am—2pm

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



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



Just Hanging On October 2024

Once upon a time, there was a man who saw that it was a beautiful day outside, so he decided to go for a walk. As he walked along through a local park, he looked at the leaves on the trees that were changing colors; he watched the children playing with glee; he looked at the beautiful blue sky that had a few clouds in it. As he was enjoying all of the lovely scenery, he forgot to look where he was walking and he fell off the edge of a cliff. While falling, he began to reach for anything that would stop his plummet towards demise, when his hands happened upon a tree root that was sticking out of the side of the cliff. He held on to that tree root with all of his might and yelled out to the top of the cliff, "Help me! Is anyone out there?" An anonymous voice from above replied, "Yes, I am here. I am the Lord. Do you believe me?" The man in desperation, called out, "Yes Lord, I believe you. Please help me!" The mysterious voice then instructed the man saying, "Okay, if you truly believe that I am the Lord, then let go of the root you're hanging from and I will save you." After a brief pause to think about his options, the man looked upward and yelled, "Is anyone else up there?"

Many times in life, we can feel like the man hanging on for dear life with nothing below us but destruction. Our lives are overflowing with commitments, our families demand our time, and any number of challenges can push us to the edge of our own personal cliffs. During times of heavy demands and personal crisis we may wonder where God comes in as we struggle. These are times that often challenge our faith.

In these times, it may be helpful to remember Jesus' parting words to his disciples, as he addresses our doubts as well. He says, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20). We are promised that throughout our lives, in the hard and happy times, Christ will be with us. This doesn't mean that he will solve all of our problems with the wave of a magic wand. What it does mean is that God will always be with us, weathering life's storms with us, giving us strength to move forward in difficult times, and opening up opportunities for us when we need them. What is important for us to remember throughout our entire lives is that the Lord wants to be in relationship with us, and is always there waiting for us to turn to God in prayer.

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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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