

Dear Friends,

The season of Advent begins Sunday, December 1st. During Advent, we don't just count down to Christmas. We remember the generations that the Israelites yearned for their Messiah, and we look forward to the time when Jesus will come again.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Isaiah 40:3-5

Here in Isaiah, God provides a message of hope to the Israelites. And as we enter this season of Advent, these words are just as apt. We're called to prepare the way for the coming of Christ by removing barriers and opening our hearts to spiritual growth. When we do just that this Advent season, the glory of God will be revealed in us. Filled with the Holy Spirit, we can then shine his light to others in the world.

During the Advent season, it is my hope that you feel the love of Christ in your heart and then share his love with others.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

Keep praying!

Dear Friends,

I encourage you to continue to pray daily for all our churches. God is always up to something new, and we want to join in that work!

This quarter's Prayer-prompt Scripture:

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

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

Children's Christmas Program at Boyceville

There will be a joint service of our three churches at Boyceville on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 10 am. Come join us as we hear the joyful voices of children present their Christmas Program. The service will be followed by a potluck meal. The Boyceville congregation will provide the hot food and beverages, while the folks of Faith and Peace are invited to bring salads and desserts. Come to worship and stay for the fellowship. No service at Faith or Peace that day.



Christmas Eve Services December 24th

4 p.m. at the United Methodist
Church of Boyceville

7 p.m. at the Prairie Farm Faith
United Methodist Church



We will have Hymn Sings at each church on Sunday, December 29th. Choose your favorite hymns and join us in song!

Charge Conference

Our charge conference is December 5th at Wheeler: Peace. Please join us at 4:15 p.m. for a light meal, and the meeting will begin at 5 p.m.



DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4 - Judy Schlottman
- 4 - Roger Smith
- 4 - LaVonne Nelson
- 8 - Karen Wreford
- 9 – John & Rosanne Wurtzler (anniv)
- 11 - Eric Carufel
- 11 - Jordan Carufel
- 13- Julia Hoff
- 16- Sharon Zachow
- 17- Gail Mitchell
- 17- Kevin Smith
- 21- Merlyn & Shirley Jones (anniv)
- 24- Brooke Salisbury

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due by noon on Monday, December 23rd. 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.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Amanda Roper
Carol Cherney
Sherri Williams
Lionel Kegen
Ray Wreford
Harry Christian

Sister Alegria
Julie Babbit
The Rihn Family
Sister Confianza
Nancy Smith

Family & Friends of Robert Howe

Family & Friends of Cheryl-Ann Rifenberg

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
December 1	Jim Strupp
December 8	Marguerite Blodgett
December 15	Earl Blodgett
December 22	Marguerite Blodgett
December 29	Carol Cherney

Las Posadas

The Boyceville congregation extends an invitation to the congregations at our sister churches of Faith and Peace to join us for Las Posadas on Sunday, December 8th at 5 pm. Las 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, and progress to the Zebro's, the parsonage and the Blodgett's. 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.



We will be decorating the Boyceville Church and tree after the service on Sunday December 1st. Everyone is invited to take part. Many hands make for light work.



Mission Projects for December



Our mission project for December is the Angel Tree. You do not need to purchase everything on the tag. As always, monetary gifts are welcome too. We are happy to shop for you.

Hurricane Help

While the national news is no longer filled with stories about the hurricane damage in the south east, the needs there are still great. We all want to go out and gather up supplies and send them. But the reality is, what is really needed is cash. Items can be sourced much closer to the disaster area, saving on the cost of shipping. UMCOR, and the relief agencies they work with, know exactly what is needed. UMCOR uses every dollar we send for disaster relief. None is used for overhead. And long after other organizations are gone, UMCOR will still be picking up the pieces.

Food Harvest Ministry News

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

Blessing Box

Thank you to everyone who has 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.

Coat Closet

The Coat closet is not taking donations of coats of any size at this time. Snow pants and boots are needed still in all sizes

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

thank you

- To Dennis and Janice Swanson for a monetary donation with a suggestion that we buy some new banners.
- To Lay Readers: Jim Strupp, Roxanne White, Leslie Frisle, and Bill Wiseman.
- To Coffee Servers: Leslie Frisle and Roxanne White.



GOOD NEWS: After drilling the new well, our nitrate test came back 1.96. Below 10 is O.K.

Lay Reader Coffee/Snack

Dec. 1	Frisles	Frisles
Dec. 8	Roxanne W	Roxanne W
Dec. 15	Program & Potluck at Boyceville	
Dec. 22	Robin Burke	Robin Burke
Dec. 24	Frisles	
Dec. 29	Bill Wiseman	??

Charge Conference is Dec. 5th at Wheeler at 5:00 p.m. with soup/bread on the menu.

Christmas Eve Service December 24th

7 p.m. at Faith
United Methodist Church



**Peace
United Methodist Church
Wheeler**

Worship Service at 11 a.m.

Peace Mission Thrift Shop

Thrifting Hours:

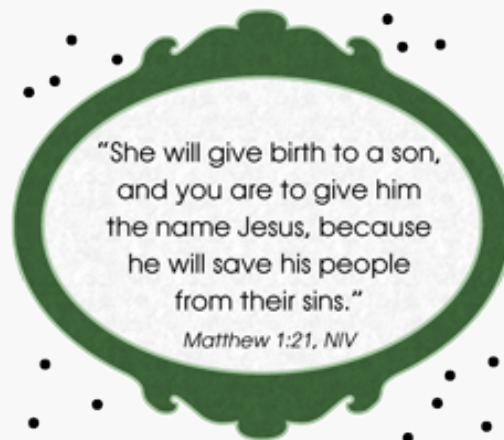
Fridays: Noon—5pm

Saturdays: 9am—2pm

**701 West 2nd Ave., Wheeler,
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Thank you to everyone who helped
make our Meatball Supper a success!
We couldn't do it without you!





And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in the manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:1-20 KJV

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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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