



Dear Friends,

We begin the season of Lent on March 5th, Ash Wednesday. Lent is often misunderstood as just a time to “give up something.” But let’s not limit our thinking to that, or we’ll be missing out.

The heart of Lenten disciplines is not about giving something up – it’s about drawing closer to God. It’s about a better and more faithful walk of discipleship.

I encourage you to attend our Wednesday evening Lenten services. We’ll enjoy a time of food and fellowship at 6:15, then a brief, family-friendly time of worship at 7 pm. It’s a joyful way to make Lent a time of spiritual growth.

Let us consider what draws us away from God and closer to selfishness, and find ways to turn around. Let us move in the right direction. Let us endeavor to follow more faithfully in Jesus’ footsteps!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

Keep praying! March 2025

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! If we have gotten out of the habit of daily prayer, Lent is the perfect time to get back in the swing of it! Remember to listen as you pray. Let me know where you think God is leading us, and how these prayers are helping you!

John 1:16 From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

Loving God, open our eyes to the grace that you freely give us, and help us to share that grace with others. Break through into our lives and our churches with new possibilities. In the hope Jesus offers us, Amen.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be at 7 p.m. on March 5th at the Wheeler Peace United Methodist Church

Lent Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 5th 7 pm
Wheeler no meal

6:15 pm Meal & 7 pm Worship

March 12– Boyceville

March 19 - Prairie Farm

March 26– Boyceville

April 2—Prairie Farm

April 9—Boyceville

April 17– Wheeler

Maundy Thursday 7 pm No Meal

April 18—Good Friday
Ecumenical Service at
United Lutheran Church,
Prairie Farm

April 20—Easter Sunday

8:30 am Worship at Prairie Farm

9:45 am Worship at Boyceville

11 a.m. Worship at Wheeler

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

Carol Cherney

Lionel Kegen

Ray Wreford

Harry Christian

Pastor Shannon Mattison

Sister Alegria

Julie Babbit

Sister Confianza

Nancy Smith

Rebecca Harvey

Victims of natural disasters

Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

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

MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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



5th Sunday Celebration

We will have a 5th Sunday service on Sunday, March 30th at the Boyceville United Methodist Church. The Sunday School kids will be putting on a play! 10 am service with a potluck to follow. Boyceville will provide the main dishes. Please bring salads, desserts, etc. to share!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Creamed Chicken Dinner a success. We can't do this without you!



Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, March 18th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Mission Restoring Hope

New Location:

105 W. Tower St.
 Wheeler, WI

New Hours:

Wed. 11-6
 Fri. 11-4
 Sat. 8:30-12:30
 Closed Holiday Weekends

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
March 2	Jim Strupp
March 9	Marguerite Blodgett
March 16	Carol Cherney
March 23	Earl Blodgett
March 30	5th Sunday at Boyceville

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee time will be after church on Sunday, March 16th. Marguerite Blodgett will serve.

Mission Team

Looking ahead the mission team is having a meeting on Wednesday, February 26 at 5 pm. The team will be deciding on mission projects for the next several months. The list is out for the Ingathering at Annual Conference to support Midwest Missions. That will be one of our topics of discussion. If you would like be a part of the Boyceville mission team, contact Marguerite.

Mission News

We made our first donation to the Wisconsin Veterans Home of Chippewa Falls. Their first requests were for snack items and 6 large print Bibles. Carol made a Walmart run for the snack items, while Marguerite ordered the Bibles. We blessed the Bibles during the mission moment a couple of weeks ago. Then Carol delivered everything to the home. The following thank you letter was recently received.

Dear Members,

On behalf of the staff and members of the Wisconsin Veterans Home of Chippewa Falls, I wish to thank you for your generous donations. We are truly grateful.

During these uncertain times in our world, we are grateful for the love and support from our community. We are truly humbled by the outpouring of generosity that is being provided to the Veterans Home in the form of donations, such as yours.

Again, thank you for your donation to help serve the veterans.

*Sincerely,
Aarica Bochman
Life Enrichment Director*

Blessing Box

The Blessing Box has been very busy the past few weeks. Thank you to Sheila, Sonya, Carol, Pastor Vicky and Marguerite for keeping the box filled. Than you to all those who have donated items or money so that we can keep a well stocked pantry to fill the box.

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

thank you

- To Leslie Frisle for changing banners.
- To Bill Wiseman for keeping watch and maintenance at the church.
- To Lay Readers: Roxanne White, Bill Wiseman, Jim Strupp, and Robin Burke.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night, March 8th or you will be late for church on Sunday!

	Lay Reader	Coffee/Snack
Mar. 2	Robin Burke	Open
Mar. 9	Bill Wiseman	Open
Mar 16	Roxanne W	Roxanne W
Mar. 23	Open	Open
Mar. 30	5th Sunday at Boyceville	



United Women in Faith

United Women In Faith
United Women In Faith will meet on the 6th. Roxanne has the Call To Prayer and Self-Denial program.

Administrative Council meets on the 11th at 5:30 p.m.



Love Moves Us

March 2025

One of the things I love most about the Good News is its message that God loves us just as we are, right where we are. That is the most fundamental message of grace — that “God loved us while we were yet sinners” (Romans 5:8). God sent His Son into the midst of a world that would ultimately put Him to death. And God continues to reach out to those who are the least, the last, and the lost. Without that message of Good News, it wouldn’t be the Gospel.

But there is another part. Yes, God loves us just as we are, but He also loves us too much to let us stay where we are. God’s desire for us is to grow in all ways to become more like Jesus.

So, how do we become more like Jesus? By growing as disciples —through devotion, prayer, generosity, following Jesus’ teachings, and being open to where God might lead us. Grace is free, but holiness and godliness require discipline — the spiritual work to which we are called as disciples. In fact, the word “disciple” shares its root with “discipline.” Those who seek to grow in faith and spiritual maturity respond to the Good News of God’s love by committing to prayer, study, worship, and service.

This Lenten season, let’s renew our commitment to make room in our lives for God through all the means at our disposal.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
Contact me at: 608-837-9582 or jmahnke@wumf.org
Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at www.wumf.org or
[Facebook/wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org) or call 1-888-903-9863

United Methodist Church
PO Box 94
804 St. John St.
Boyceville, WI 54725

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

March 2025

The Gleaner