



Dear Friends,

As we continue our Lenten journey, I'd like to spur you on in your reading of the book of Psalms. The Psalms are rightfully described as the Hymnbook of the Hebrew People, and they offer us a powerful guide for reflection, prayer, and spiritual growth.

In the Psalms, we find profound metaphors and words that often mirror our own spiritual lives. Here we find worry, lament, repentance-- frequently turning to hope and praise. God inspired and preserved these prayers and songs so that we, too, could grow in our faith.

We began Lent on Ash Wednesday with Psalm 51, the traditional Psalm of repentance. The themes of God's care and protection shine through in Psalms 27 and 91. And Psalm 63 speaks of a deep and trusting relationship with God.

These Psalms aren't just ancient words on a page; they are invitations to invigorate our prayers.

In this time of spiritual preparation let us take our time with the Psalms and reflect on a verse or two that genuinely speaks to us.

This Lent, may these Psalms help us find our peace in God's presence. And as we continue our journey toward Easter, may we be reminded of God's steadfast love.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Vicky

Lent Worship Schedule

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 a.m. Worship at Prairie Farm Faith
9:45 a.m. Worship at Boyceville
11 a.m. Worship at Wheeler Peace

Keep Praying! April 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! Use the Scripture, including the Psalms, to guide your prayers. 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.

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Birthdays

PRAYER

list

2 - Corey Goodell
2 - Terry Wilcox
3 - Kathy Neck
4 - Robin Burke
10 - Penny Koehler
14 - Pat Frisle
19 - Marvin Jones
23 - Gerald Schlottman
26 - Cody Smith
28 - James Hall
30 - Rick Schmidt

Amanda Roper	Sister Alegria
Carol Cherney	Julie Babbit
Lionel Kegen	Sister Confianza
Ray Wreford	Nancy Smith
Harry Christian	Rebecca Harvey
Karen Wreford	
Pastor Shannon Mattison	

Victims of natural disasters
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

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

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.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

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

Come join the fun!

With United Methodists throughout our area as we spend an afternoon in mission and service!



Sunday, April 6

1:30-3:30 pm

Trinity UMC in Elk Mound, WI

We'll be joined by the missionary,

The Rev. Patricia Regina Moreira Marques,

a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries who serves as a pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Portugal in the city of Aguada de Cima Portugal.



In addition to hearing about her work internationally, we'll also get to try our hand at a mission project we can do locally: using plastic shopping bags to weave sleeping mats for people who are homeless. The sleeping mats project will continue throughout the summer, but April 6 will be a great opportunity to learn how it is done so we can keep the progress going when the looms travel to each of our churches in the months ahead.

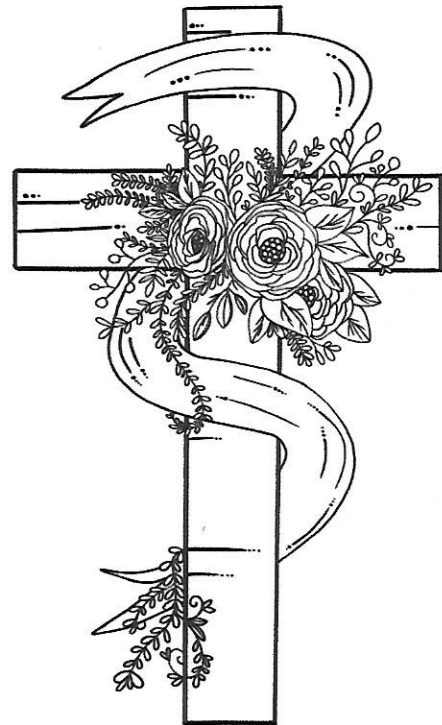
Donations of Plastic Shopping Bags Needed

Most Midwesterners have a “bag of bags” tucked somewhere in their homes, collecting those plastic shopping bags from our groceries or other purchases. If your bag of bags is getting a little bulky, would you consider donating some excess bags to our circuit?

One of the mission projects we hope to take on this summer is weaving sleeping mats out of plastic shopping bags for people experiencing homelessness. During our next circuit-wide meeting on Sunday, April 6 at 1:30 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church in Elk Mound, we'll have a practice session where we'll learn the process for weaving those mats. Then throughout the next several months, the four looms we have in our circuit will travel from church to church so that each congregation can help complete as many mats as possible. It takes at least 500 bags to complete one sleeping mat, so we'll need LOTS of bags. Ask your pastor where bags can be collected at your church.



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



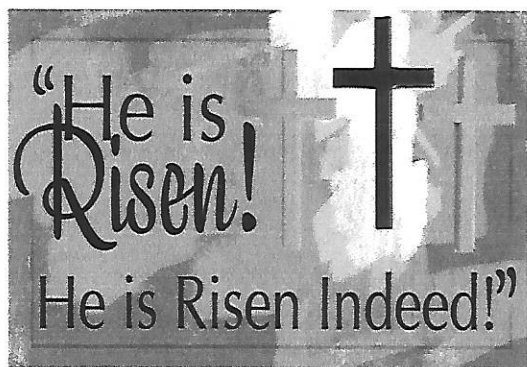
United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
March 30	5th Sunday at Boyceville
April 6	Marguerite Blodgett
April 13	Earl Blodgett
April 20	Open
April 27	Open

The Boyceville Ad Council will meet at 12-noon on Sunday, April 6th. There will be a meeting and potluck and hopefully will be done in time to attend the circuit event in Elk Mound at 1:30 p.m.



Mission Project for Boyceville - Birthing Kit

Here is our project for the Annual Conference Ingathering in June. Last year Midwest Mission did a review of the Birthing Kit. They talked with midwives and doctors that use the kits to find out just what they needed. During this time they stopped collecting the kits. The new flyer for this year's Midwest Mission projects has the following banner: "Birthing Kit, it's back and better!" We will be collecting items and full kits during April and May. Don't want to shop, cash donations are welcome.

Supplies for the Birthing Kit

- 1 - bar of soap 3-4oz.
- 1 - hand towel (no kitchen towels).
- 1 - wash cloth (no dishcloths).
- 2 - receiving blankets - 28" x 28" to 32" x 32" (no fleece or thermal blankets).
- 1 - gallon resealable bag
- \$3 donation for umbilical cord clamps, sterile surgical gloves, and scalpel.

Place all the items in the bag.

We are also collecting plastic grocery bags to make mats

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

thank you

- To Pastor Vicky for a very meaningful Ash Wednesday service (one week later). Thanks to the snowstorm!
- To Boyceville for the soup and sandwich supper. It was very good.
- To all who brought things for the Wreford's. It was appreciated.
- To Bill and Margie Wiseman for delivery to the Wreford's.
- To Bill Wiseman for being at the parsonage for nitrate test.
- To Lay Readers: Robin Burke, Bill Wiseman, Leslie Frisle, and Roxanne White.
- To Coffee Server: Leslie Frisle

NOTICE--Gleaner Readers

If you are getting the Gleaner by mail and could (or would) get it by email instead, would you let me or Tammy (info in Gleaner)? Also, if you know of someone who is not getting it and would be interested, let us know.

Lay Reader Coffee/Snack

Mar. 30 5th Sunday at Boyceville

April 6 Jim Strupp

April 13 Bill Wiseman Margie Wiseman

April 20 Frisles

April 27 Jim Strupp Salsburys

United Women in Faith

United Women In Faith meet on March 13th for our Self-Denial and Call To Prayer program which was presented by Roxanne White. It was highlighted about BOLD women and their mission work in Peru including Elvira Garcia y Garcia, Maria Jesus Alvarado Riveria, and Teresa Gonzales de Fanning who demanded education for all. Missionaries such as Elisa Wood joined these women and planned a school system. In 1906 Lima High School for Women was started. All very interesting. We planned our serving for Lenten services. Our next meeting will be on April 10th. Ila has the program.

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Dates:

Thursday May 1st Noon-6pm

Friday May 2nd 11am-4pm

Saturday May 3rd 9am-1pm

Location

105 West Tower Road

Wheeler, WI 54722

The Wheeler Village Hall

By

the Wheeler Park

Preorders Welcome

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APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:15pm Lent Meal 7pm Lent Service at Prairie Farm Faith	3	4	5
6 12-noon Boyceville Ad Council & Potluck 1:30-3:30pm Circuit Event at Elk Mound	7	8	9 6:15pm Lent Meal 7pm Lent Service at Boyceville	10 5:30pm Faith United Women in Faith	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 7pm Maundy Thursday Service at Wheeler Peace	18 Good Friday Service at United Lutheran in Prairie Farm	19
20 Easter Worship 8:30am Prairie Farm Faith 9:45am Boyceville 11am Wheeler Peace	21	22 <i>Gleaner news duel</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Return Service Requested



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Boyceville Worship Service 9:45 a.m.
Wheeler: Peace Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Welcome

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