



Dear Friends,

In small towns such as ours, resources can be spread thin, and pastors are in short supply. With Pastor Shannon Mattison retiring soon, it has been suggested by church laity in several churches that perhaps our three churches should work together with the Glen Hills Parish (Glenwood and Downing). It seems the practical thing to do. The reality is that in order to do so, Sunday services at more than three churches will require a schedule change. I have met with DS Peace Kim about this, and he has proposed a try-out to see how we might accomplish this. He has directed our three churches to begin a six-week trial period on April 27th. During this time, I will lead worship at Faith one week, and at Boyceville and Peace the next. Services will be lay-led in between.

It'll be a time of learning and appraisal. Our goal is good stewardship of the resources God has given us so that we can have a greater impact for the Kingdom in our communities.

For several years, I have encouraged all of you to pray diligently for our churches. I ask you to continue to pray for God's direction.

Please get in touch with me with any questions or suggestions.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

Ingathering Kits Needed

Listed below are the items for the WI Annual Conference Personal Dignity Kits and Home Care Kits: (You may make complete kits or donate any of the items from these kits.)

Home Care Kit (\$20 Value) • Liquid Household Cleaners - 58 - 80 oz. total, No spray bottles • Dish Soaps - 42 - 64 oz total • Liquid Laundry Detergents - 100 - 150 oz total • 1 Scrub Brush - with or without handle • 1 - 5-gal Round Bucket with resealable lid. All items must be NEW & Placed in the bucket.

Personal Dignity Kit (\$15 Value) • 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels • 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths • 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multi-packs • 1 Bar Soap - 3 - 4 oz • 1 Shampoo - 12 - 19 oz • 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump • 1 Lotion - 8-10 oz • 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag

All items must be NEW & placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag - \$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag, per kit

(Do not include in bag) Give donation to volunteers or mail to Wisconsin Annual Conference.

NOTE: MMDC requests a \$1 shipping fee for each kit and \$1.50 per bucket for the UMCOR Cleaning Kits.

Monetary Donations

Monetary donations can also be made. **DO NOT** put \$ inside the kits.

The main focus is on Home care and Personal Dignity Kits this year, but other needs include: Student Kits, Feminine Hygiene Kits, Birthing Kits, Layette Kits, Tornado Kits and Bed Packs. More information about these can be found at wisconsinumc.org under Ingathering.

Keep Praying! May 2025

Dear Friends,

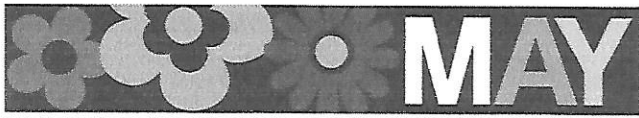
I encourage you to continue to pray daily for all our churches. God is always up to something new, and we want to join in that work! We need discernment to see where God is leading us, and grace as we seek to follow God's lead. Use the Scripture to guide your prayers. Remember to listen as you pray. 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.

BE A PRAYER
Warrior



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 - Lynn Smith
 5 - Janice Salsbury
 7 - Hunter Wilcox
 13 - Lynn & Sherry Smith (anniv.)
 14 - Faye Krueger
 17 - Vilai Wilcox
 18 - Gary Frisle
 20 - Marguerite Blodgett
 20 - Allissa Frisle
 23- Adam Carufel
 23- Gary & Pat Frisle (anniv)
 23- Angela Wyss
 24- Jacob Carufel
 24- Ray Delong

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.

PRAYER

list

Amanda Roper	Sister Alegria
Carol Cherney	Julie Babbitt
Sister Confianza	Ray Wreford
Nancy Smith	Harry Christian
Rebecca Harvey	Karen Wreford
Heide Otto	
Pastor Shannon Mattison	
The Friends & Family of Elaine Grutt	
The Family & Friends of Lionel Kegen	

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

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

Newsletter DEADLine

Gleaner news is due by
 noon on Tuesday, May 20th.
 Please contact Tammy Nelson
 at 715-505-2657 or
rtsmnelson@hotmail.com with your
 news. Thanks.



Flag Day Concert

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Boyceville United Methodist Church

804 St. John Street, Boyceville, WI

***Three Acts!* starting at 5 pm:**

Brady Maska, 5 pm (Contemporary Christian)

Rob Stereo Rules, 6:15 pm (Variety)

Lorn and Royce, 7:15 pm (Gospel, Bluegrass)



Door Prizes and fun for the whole family!

Food and beverages available for purchase



Ticket Information:

Adults \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, Students (under 18) \$5

Advance Tickets Available. Call Sheila H. at 715-702-1235

Fundraiser to support ministry of the church. For more information visit: boycevilleumc.org



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 circuit-wide meeting in April we learned the process for weaving those mats. 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.



**Celebrating
Our Graduates**

Peace United Methodist Church Wheeler

Worship Service at 11 a.m.



**Memorial
★ Day ★**

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
May 4	Jim Strupp
May 11	Carol Cherney
May 18	Jim Strupp
May 25	Marguerite Blodgett

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee time will be after church on Sunday, May 18th. Carol Cherney will serve and is looking for a partner to help.

Mats for the Homeless

We have signed up for a loom for two weeks at the end of June. Donations of plastic bags are coming in. When the loom is here we will set up several times when folks can come help with the weaving. There is something for just about everyone to do, from cutting the bags into strips, knotting the strips together, to the actual weaving. There is a can by the front door for dropping bags off when the church is closed. Finished mats go to Midwest Missions for use in the United States and abroad. The mats keep people off the damp ground and help keep their bedding clean. They are lightweight and easy to clean. Come join in the fun of weaving for the homeless.

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.

Birthing kits and items for the kits are due at the church by Sunday, May 25.

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

Lay Reader Coffee/Snack

May 4	Jim Strupp	Open
May 11	Frisles	Frisles
May 18	Bill Wiseman	Margie W
May 25	Roxanne W	Roxanne W

- To Chris and Robin Burke and Roxanne White for "Mother Triana's Marvelous Ministry Kit" which was presented at the Faith Lenten Service. They had a living room of props. Chris, the UPS guy, delivered the kit. Good job!
- To Roxanne White for purchasing the lilies for the UWF. They were also shared at Boyceville.
- To Dawn Schaurer for a monetary donation to the Banner Project. Janice Swanson also sent money for new banners in Dec. We shall decide soon.
- To Lay Readers: Jim Strupp, Bill Wiseman, and Frisles's
- To Coffee/Snack Servers: Margie Wiseman, Salsbury's



United Women in Faith

United Women In Faith met on April 10th with Ila giving an interesting program about the characters of the first Easter. The Spring Day of Enrichment will be May 3rd at Cumberland UMC. We will send \$25 for the Mission Outreach which is the Cumberland Food Pantry. We decided to do 10 Birthing or Layette kits for Conference In-Gathering. Margie will purchase/put together them. Once a month we will send a card to the Wreford's. Our next meeting will be July 24th. Kathy has the program.



**Administrative Council meets
Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30 p.m.**

3rd Annual Spring Silk Flower Estravaganza

Fundraiser to Help Those in Need in Our Community

Tired of hanging baskets that need constant watering or fade too soon? We've got you covered!

- **Long-Lasting Beauty** – No wilting or fading, perfect for any season.
- **Low Maintenance** – No watering needed.
- **Outdoor Friendly** – Resistant to weather, and deer won't eat them!

H A N G I N G B A S K E T S
M E M O R I A L F L O W E R S
M O T H E R ' S D A Y G I F T S
P O R C H P O T S

Dates:

Thursday May 1st Noon-6pm

Friday May 2nd 11am-4pm

Saturday May 3rd 9am-1pm

Location

105 West Tower Road

Wheeler, WI 54722

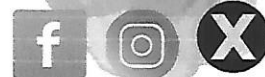
The Wheeler Village Hall

By
the Wheeler Park

Preorders Welcome

Contact Doreen @715-505-1621

missionrestoringhope.org



MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 12-6pm MRH Silk Flower Sale at Wheeler	2 11-4pm MRH Silk Flower Sale at Wheeler	3 9-1pm MRH Silk Flower Sale at Wheeler
4 Native American Ministries Sunday Worship	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day Worship	12	13 5:30pm Faith Ad Council	14 5:30pm SPRC at Prairie Farm Faith	15	16	17 8:30-3pm District Learning Day at Menomonie UMC
18 Worship Coffee Time: Cherney	19	20 <i>Gleaner news duel</i>	21	22	23	24
25 Worship	26	27 4-7pm Boyceville Dinner at Ridgeland Park	28	29	30	31

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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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