
July 2025

River Glen Shared Ministry

“United in Christ”

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Dear Friends,

Our churches are about to embark on a new adventure. Beginning in July, we will be five churches joined together in ministry. This will benefit us all as we join in one accord and work together in our faith communities. This will be an opportunity to learn and to grow in partnership. Our striving for faithful stewardship of the resources God has given us will allow for a greater impact for the Kingdom of God.

Our district superintendent has charged me with working out a tentative schedule, and I have hammered one out. In doing so, my primary concern was keeping everyone's worship times as close to their current time as possible. This is what I came up with:

Prairie Farm: 8:30 am

Glenwood City: 9:15 am

Boyceville: 10:00 am

Downing: 11:00 am

Wheeler: 11:15 am

I will lead three services each Sunday, with our gifted lay speakers filling in the gaps.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 1st Sunday of the month in Prairie Farm and Downing, and on the 2nd Sunday of the month in Glenwood City, Boyceville, and Wheeler.

I will be available to all the churches for pastoral care, and will have a fervent ear to everyone's questions and concerns.

As we learn and grow shoulder to shoulder, let us take a cue from Bishop Dan Schwerin, and offer one another grace in this Year of Grace. We're all in this together!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Vicky

Keep Praying! July 2025

Dear Friends,

I encourage you to continue to pray daily for all our churches. God is always up to something new! We need discernment to see where God is leading us, and grace as we seek to follow God's lead.

Remember to listen as you pray. Let me know where you think God is leading us, and how these prayers are helping you!

~Pastor Vicky

Isaiah 43:19

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Loving God, open our eyes to the new things you're doing among us, and help us to join you in your work. Break through into our lives and our churches with new possibilities. In the hope Jesus offers us, Amen.



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, July 22nd. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com or gcmethodistch@cltcomm.net with your news. Thanks.

Where is God pushing me to serve today?
6-8-25 Upper Room

PRAYER

list...

Amanda Roper	Sister Alegria
Carol Cherney	Julie Babbit
Sister Confianza	Ray Wreford
Nancy Smith	Harry Christian
Rebecca Harvey	Karen Wreford
Heide Otto	Darrell Nykanen
Pete Bodette	Dick Skover
Pastor Shannon Mattison	Tom Stine
Rick Bonte	Barb Meser
Myron Anderson	Dick Tews
Marlys Tews	Grant Mason

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

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



Community-wide Vacation Bible School

July 28-31

6-8 p.m.

Youth 4K-6th grade

At Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Glenwood City, WI

JULY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July birthdays:

2	Jonathan Zebro
3	Amy Walk
4	Rick Nelson, Jim Buttles
6	Casey Wilcox
7	Nick Carufel
7	Ryan Dummer
11	Brenda Smith, Rosanne Wurtzler
12	Karen Smith, Aubrey Leduc
	Carlton DeWitt
14	Nancy Schlottman
15	Nicole Gabbert
16	Dick Tews
17	Anita Smith, Megan Zebro
18	Judy Peskar
20	Natalie Gabbert
21	Daren Smith, Christina Salsbury
28	Jolene Leduc

Happy Birthday and God bless you!

June anniversaries the parish:

16	Allan & Amy Walk
30	Jim & Christina Salsbury

Congratulations and God bless you!



Good luck to everyone who is
participating in the St. Croix, Dunn and
Barron County Fairs this year!

In God's eyes, I am enough!
6-17-25 Upper Room

Glen Hills Women's Evening Fellowship Group

We have chosen a book called "12 Women of the Bible" for study. The study is authored by several well-known Christian writers and talks about both old & new testament women. There is also a video to accompany each lesson. The Fellowship Group will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 7th at the Glenwood City United Methodist Church. Lesson 10, "Martha" will be discussed. All are welcome here!

Men's Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will meet at the Glenwood City Methodist Church at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16th. If you are interested, contact Julian Bender at 715 265 7362 or jbender167@gmail.com.

Mats for the Homeless

The looms are circulating around the circuit making mats for the homeless out of plastic bags. A loom will be at the Boyceville church June 29-July 12 and at the Glenwood City church July 27-August 9.

Basic Lay Servant Course

July 12 & 26

Melrose United Methodist Church

More info:

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Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate:

- 777 Empty Pill Bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries
- Food & Monetary donations to WestCAP
- 53 Personal Dignity Kits to Ingathering
- 23 Birthing Kits to Ingathering
- 1 Bed Pack to Ingathering

Also Thank You to our July Worship Leaders:

Russ Rindsig

Earl Blodgett

Bruce Drinkman

Howard Hintzman

Carol Cherney

We couldn't do this without you!

People who encourage and mentor me are gifts from God.

6-27-25 Upper Room

Bible Study at Boyceville

The Boyceville Church would like to invite members & friends of the Downing, Glenwood City, Prairie Farm Faith and Wheeler Peace churches to join us for our fall Bible Study. This fall we will be using Adam Hamilton's book, Why: Making Sense of God's Will. The Study will run four Wednesdays starting on September 3. We start with a light supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by the study. Earl Blodgett will be leading this fall's study. Those attending the Bible Study can sign up to bring food for the meal. We usually have a main dish, veggies, fruit and dessert. Several people provide for each meal so you don't have to bring everything. Books are \$13. If you'd like Marguerite to order you a book, please let her know by Sunday, August 17.



Please be patient as we try to work out all the details of having a 5 church shared ministry.

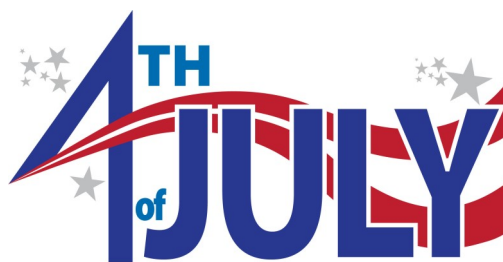
Peace United Methodist Church Wheeler

Worship Service at 11:15 a.m.

(Please note worship time change)



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Chicken Dinner a success!



***The circumstances we ask God to change are often
the circumstances God is using to change us.***

~Max Lucado

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 10 a.m.
(please note worship time change)

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
July 6	Carol Cherney
July 13	Earl Blodgett
July 20	Marguerite Blodgett
July 27	Jim Strupp

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee time will be after church on Sunday, July 20th. Sheila Hegeman will serve.

Mat Weaving at Boyceville

We are scheduled to have a weaving loom June 29-July 12. Before that time we need to set up a work evening to start cutting strips to making a ball of strips to set up the loom. Rotary cutters, mats and rulers will be available to cut strips or bring a sharp pair of crafting scissors for cutting bags. We plan on setting a time and date for cutting at church on Sunday, June 22. Watch for the time and date on Facebook and the website boycevilleumc.org.

July & August Mission Project Operation Back to School

The Boyceville mission project for July and August is school supplies for WestCAP. Items needed: 3 ring binders, single subject notebooks (wide and narrow ruled), pocket folders, crayons, 8 pack classic markers (fat & skinny, washable and regular) No. 2 pencils, rulers, pencil bags, highlighters, scientific calculators, backpacks, glue sticks, disinfectant wipes, tissues, pencil boxes, erasers, scissors (small & medium), colored pencils and dry erase markers. If you don't want to shop, we are collecting cash for WestCAP so the can order needed items in bulk. **All cash and items need to be at the church by Sunday, August 10th.**

Ingathering for Annual Conference

Prairie Farm Faith sent 12 Personal Dignity Kits, 5 Birthing Kits and 1 Bed Pack to the Ingathering. Boyceville sent 18 Birthing Kits. Earl & Marguerite Blodgett packed all the kits into boxes and hauled them to Trinity UMC and loaded them onto the Midwest Missions trailer. We are blessed to have a Midwest Missions trailer so close to home.

Every miracle in the Bible first started as a problem!

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

thank you

- To Russ and Roxanne White for putting up the Pentecost Dove for Pentecost Sunday.
- To Tim Hafele for watering the flower in the Memory Garden.
- To Pastor Vicky and Robin Burke for representing us at Annual Conference.
- To Barb Bender for playing piano and Pastor Vicky and Jim for accompanying the songs with the guitar and tambourine. It went well.
- To Lay Readers: Bill Wiseman, Roxanne White, and Jim Strupp.
- To Coffee Servers: Robin Burke, Roxanne White, and Barb Bender.

Lay Reader Coffee/Snack

July 6	Jim Strupp	Open
July 13	10am Service at ULC Park	
July 20	Roxanne W	Roxanne W
July 27	Open	Open

United Women in Faith

United Women In Faith will be meeting July 24th. Kathy has the program.

**Administrative Council meets on
July 8th at 5:30 p.m.**



Time doesn't heal all wounds, God does!

DOWNING UMC

Worship time: 11:00 a.m.



A big thank you to everyone who helped with our garage sale. We couldn't do this without you!



Cookbooks for sale

\$5 each

They make good gifts

Downing United Women in Faith

The Downing United Women in Faith met at the church at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2025. There were 4 present. Purpose was read. Minutes from last meeting were read and approved by consensus. Treasurer's report was given. We have the Mission Today and 5 Star Award certificates. We made approx. \$750 at the garage sale. We will donate the finished school kit bags to Midwest Mission and collect school supplies for the WestCAP Back to School program. Items can be brought to church by August 1st or brought to our August potluck. We cut and tied bags for plastic mats to prepare for our turn with the loom in July. We will not meet in July due to the fair. We will have a potluck at noon on August 21st. Location tbd.

Operation Back to School

We will be collecting school supply items for WestCAP for their back to school program. Please have donations at the church by August 1st.

I pray, not wish. Because have a God not a Genie.

GLENWOOD CITY UMC

Worship time: 9:15 a.m.

(please note worship time change)



Bring us your holey, mismatched, and unwanted CLEAN socks

We will continue collecting socks to be recycled through the District UWF for Northcott House.

We are also collecting old toothbrushes, dental floss containers, electric toothbrush heads, clean styrofoam meat trays, old pens, dried up markers, used glue sticks, empty cereal bags.



Thank
you

Thank you to all who donated items or cash for the Dignity Kits. We were able to donate 41 kits which Pastor Vicky delivered to Annual Conference



Faith is having the courage to let God have control.



Witness

July 2025

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”

These final words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew have long inspired the church to share the message of faith with the world.

Over the years, I’ve heard many suggestions on how we might do this—some advocate for door-to-door outreach, like Mormon missionaries; others prefer modern marketing methods such as social media campaigns. Still others say, “We should focus on our own before reaching out.” Each of these approaches has merit, but they also raise a deeper question: *How does God truly touch people’s lives today?*

Henri Nouwen offers a helpful perspective: “Often we think that to witness means to speak up in defense of God. This idea can make us very self-conscious. We wonder where and how we can make God the topic of our conversations and how to convince our families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues of God’s presence in their lives . . . (But) the way God’s Spirit manifests itself most convincingly is through its fruits: ‘love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.’ These fruit speak for themselves. It is therefore, always better to raise the question, ‘How can I grow in the Spirit?’ than the question ‘How can I make others believe in the Spirit?’”

In other words, the most powerful witness we offer is not through strategies or persuasion, but through the lives we live. When we become a community that reflects God’s love, forgiveness, and service, people notice. In a world marked by division and loneliness, being a faithful, Spirit-filled church may be the clearest way we share Christ with the world.

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Newsletter of Boyceville, Downing, Glenwood City,
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.
Glenwood City Worship Service: 9:15 a.m.
Boyceville Worship Service 10 a.m.
Downing Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wheeler: Peace Worship Service 11:15 a.m.
Welcome