
September
2025

River Glen Shared Ministry

“United in Christ”

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Dear Friends,

As Christians, we strive to grow in our faith. Sometimes, we can feel disappointed in the rate of our growth. But we can find a word of encouragement in Hebrews 11:11~

It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise.

Friends, this is good news! Salvation is not so much about the sheer strength of our faith, but foremost, where we put our faith. Are you worried that your faith is too weak? Don't worry. Faith is not what saves you--- Jesus saves you. I like this quote from Author Tim Keller: "If you are falling off a cliff, a strong faith in a weak branch is fatally inferior to weak faith in a strong branch."

As followers of Christ, we rest in the faithfulness of God! Let us take a cue from Abraham, Sarah, and the others in Hebrews 11! ***May we desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called our God; indeed, he has prepared a city for us.***

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

Keep Praying! September 2025

Dear Friends

I encourage you to continue to pray daily for all our churches. Find a specific time that works for you! My Breakthrough Prayer alarm reminds me every day at 5:15 pm.

God is always up to something new! We need discernment to see where God is leading us, and we also need grace as we seek to follow his lead.

Look for the cardstock copies of the prayer at the churches so you can place one somewhere that it can be seen and remembered.

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.

Please note:

There will be no worship service at Glenwood City on September 7th due to the Rustic Lore Days parade and the service at Downing will be at 10 a.m. that day!



Thank You to our Worship Leaders:

Carol Cherney Bruce Drinkman
Bonnie Walters Howard Hintzman
Earl Blodgett

We couldn't do this without you!

I will give thanks for how God has made me unique.

8-8-25 Upper Room

PRAYER

list...

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sister Alegria	Carol Cherney
Julie Babbit	Sister Confianza
Ray Wreford	Nancy Smith
Harry Christian	Karen Wreford
Darrell Nykanen	Pete Bodette
Dick Skover	Randy Nelson
Pastor Sue Oeffler	Karolyn Larson
Pastor Shannon Mattison	
Rick Bonte	Barb Meser
Myron Anderson	Marlys Tews
Stephanie Salzman	

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, September 23rd.
 Please contact Tammy Nelson
 at 715-505-2657 or
rtsmnelson@hotmail.com or
riverglensharedministry@gmail.com
 with your news. Thanks.

September birthdays:

- 1 Pete Bodette
- 2 Irma Lindholm
- 4 Sheila Hegeman, Tessa Wagner
- 5 Merlyn Jones
- 7 Collin Schone
- 10 Randy Nelson, Judy Bender
- 12 Leslie Frisle
- 13 John Wurtzler
- 15 Samantha Christian
- 18 Skyler Hall
- 18 Pastor Vicky Strupp
- 19 Delphine Danovsky
- 20 Larry Thomas
- 21 Jim Strupp
- 22 Ella Berends
- 23 Jennifer Hall
- 25 Jennifer Holden
- 27 Kate Rubusch
- 29 Nancy Smith, Jean Booth

Happy Birthday and God bless you!

September anniversaries:

- 6 Scott & Barbara Schmidt
- 12 Russ & Roxanne White
- 19 Chris & Robin Burke
- 20 Nancy & Jerry Schlottman
- 30 Greg & Jennifer Holden

Congratulations and God bless you!

Changes bring unexpected blessings.
8-10-25 Upper Room

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, September 8th at the Glenwood City United Methodist Church. Lesson 11, "The Woman at the Well" will be discussed. Anyone interested in learning about this fascinating woman is welcome. We will be starting a new study in November. If interested, please contact Judy Bender at jbender298@gmail.com or (715)265-7362

Men's Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10th at the Glenwood City Methodist Church. If you are interested, contact Julian Bender at 715 265 7362 or jbender167@gmail.com.



We have a new email address. It is riverglensharedministry@gmail.com

Weekly Audio & Video Sermons Available

Sermon by Phone is an audio version of the weekly service - call 715-309-5114. This is a Menomonee number. The service is update each Sunday afternoon and is usually available by 4 pm. A video of each week's service is available on the United Methodist Church of Boyceville Facebook page, the Glen Hills Parish Facebook page, and at : boycevilleumc.org.



Lay Servant Ministries Learning Retreat

September 12 and 13

Luther Park Bible Camp, Chetek

If interested, please contact
Pastor Vicky or the church
office for additional
information!

God encourages me to help others through prayer and action.

8-13-25 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.



Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate:

- 632 Empty Pill Bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries
- Food to WestCAP
- School Supplies to WestCAP

Peace United Methodist Church Wheeler

Worship Service at 11:15 a.m.

(Please note worship time change)



***The paths I make will help others follow Christ.
8-18-25 Upper Room***

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

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

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

Reader

September 7 Earl Blodgett
September 14 Jim Strupp
September 21 Earl Blodgett
September 28 Marguerite Blodgett

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee time is moving to the 4th Sunday of the month after the service. Marguerite Blodgett will serve on Sept. 28th.

Operation Back to School

Thank you to everyone who supported Operation Back to School. The folks at WestCAP were grateful for our donation.

The Boyceville Ad Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30th.

Coat Closet

The Coat Closet will be starting up soon. New leadership is needed to keep the ministry active. Distributions will be Saturdays October 18 & 25 and November 1 & 8. Distributions run from 9 am to noon. If you would be interested in helping with a distributions contact Marguerite Blodgett at 715-651-7880 or boycevilleumc@gmail.com.



The Boyceville congregation is looking for a custodian, the position is part-time with a fixed rate of \$40 per week. The average time worked per week is expected to be about 2 hours. There may be special occasions which require extra time and extra compensation. For more details, refer to the following Job Description. If interested, contact Carol Cherney at 715-714-7353/ texting is fine.

***God remains faithful in every season.
8-19-25 Upper Room***

JANITOR JOB DESCRIPTION – UMC - Boyceville

Updated 8-12-25

SCOPE

This document describes custodial duties of the Boyceville UMC Janitor position.

Pay rate: \$40.00 per week.

DESCRIPTION

Weekly duties:

- Vacuum carpeted areas.
- Vacuum altar area, including on and behind as needed.
- Clean the stovetop/oven and microwave
- Clean kitchen counters.
- Clean the kitchen sinks.
- Wipe down the inside and outside of the refrigerators.
- Bathrooms – Clean toilets, floor, mirrors, and sinks.
- Replenish paper towels, hand soap, etc. in kitchen and bathrooms.
- Empty garbage cans.
- Arrange for disposal of the garbage and recyclables at the Boyceville collection site.
- Inform treasurer of needed cleaning supplies, hand soaps, paper towels, tissues, and toilet paper.

Monthly duties:

- Submit timesheet monthly.

As needed:

- Clean the glass entrance doors.
- Clean windows
- Mop kitchen floor, hallway and bathrooms, and other rooms.
- Dusting surfaces as needed
- Special events may occur that require extra time

General duties:

Report to the trustees any maintenance issues. For example: burned out lights, leaking faucets, pest infestations.

God can use me right where I am.

8-20-25 Upper Room

DOWNING UMC

Worship time: 11:00 a.m.



Cookbooks for sale

\$5 each

They make good gifts

Mat Weaving Fun!



Operation Back to School

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Operation Back to School mission.

The Downing Ad Council will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11th.



Forgiveness is the key to contentment.
8-24-25 Upper Room

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, and empty cereal bags.

Mats for the Homeless

The weaving loom will be at the Glenwood City church until the end of the month. So far we have finished 1 mat and hope to have a second one finished before the loom goes to its next destination. All are welcome to come and help!

Glenwood City UWF

Hello UWF Ladies,

Our next meeting is Sept. 17th at 7 p.m. We are still collecting old washed socks and unlabeled medicine bottles. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Thank you,

Patti



Congratulations to Nick and Allison Schone who were married on August 9th!



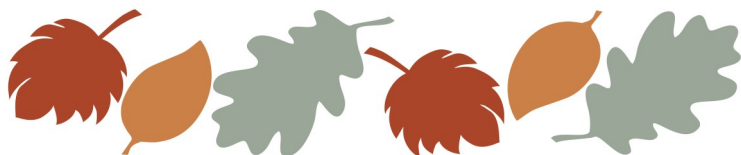
***All things are possible for those who believe.
8-29-25 Upper Room***

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

thank you

- To Bill Wiseman for putting linseed oil on the ramp railing.
- To Tim Hafele for the beautiful floral arrangement on the altar in memory of Darcy who passed away one year ago. The colors were gorgeous.
- To Bruce Drinkman who was our Lay Speaker on August 10th. He did a good job.
- To Lay Readers: Jim Strupp, Bill Wiseman, Robin Burke, Roxanne White.
- To Coffee Servers: Robin Burke, Barb Bender, Roxanne White.



**Faith Administrative Council meets on
September 11th at 5:30 p.m.**

Lay Reader Coffee/Snack

Sept 7	Leslie Frisle	Leslie Frisle
Sept. 14	Bill Wiseman	Open
Sept. 21	Roxanne W	Roxanne W
Sept. 28	Open	Open

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith finally met on August 14th with six members present. The Fall Gathering will be September 27th at Medford. Our next meeting will be September 4th. It will be our election of officers for 2026 and the pledge service. Barbara Bender is in charge of the program. We will finalize plans for our Potato/Buttermilk Supper which will be October 8th at the Ridgeland Community Center. Kathy's program about protecting Mother Earth brought good discussion.

God will provide, but not always how or when I expect.

8-11-25 Upper Room

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



The Gleaner
September 2025
Newsletter of Boyceville, Downing, Glenwood City,
Prairie Farm Faith and
Wheeler Peace United Methodist Churches
Pastor Vicki 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