

February
2026

River Glen Shared Ministry

"United in Christ"

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If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it, but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Dear Friends,

Happy February! We're surrounded by hearts and flowers and references to romantic love.

We are accustomed to hearing this passage from 1 Corinthians at weddings, and it rings true. But the Apostle Paul didn't write this with marriage in mind. He was writing to a divided church whose members were in competition with one another over who had the most prestigious spiritual gifts. In the letter, Paul stresses that love is primarily an action, rather than a feeling. That's important to note whether we're loving our neighbor or our spouse.

The love Paul wrote about in 1 Corinthians 13 is the love of Jesus.

I invite you all to do a periodic "checkup" to see how we're living this out. Are we patient and kind? Or are we demanding our own way?

Let us endeavor to embody the love of Jesus to all we meet. May others know we are Christians by our love!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Vicky

Keep Praying! February 2026

Dear Friends,

I encourage you to continue to pray daily for all our churches. Find a specific time that works for you.

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. Please let me know where you think God is leading us and how these prayers are helping you.

~Pastor Vicky

"I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word, I hope."

Psalms 130:5

Loving God, we thank you for the hope that you give. Open our eyes to the new things you're doing among us, and help us to join you in your work. Give us wisdom to see and act on your new possibilities.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lent Worship Schedule

February 18 Ash Wednesday
6:30 p.m. at Wheeler

Wednesday evening services will be held at Boyceville

The meal will begin at 5:30, and a brief service will follow.

the meal will be provided by the churches noted.

Feb. 25: Meal provided by Boyceville

March 4: Meal provided by Glenwood

March 11: Meal provided by Downing

March 18: Meal provided by Boyceville

March 25: Meal provided by Glenwood

April 2 Maundy Thursday
Hosted by Prairie Farm

April 3 Good Friday
Ecumenical Service at
United Lutheran Church,
Prairie Farm

April 5 Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m. at Prairie Farm
10 a.m. Joint Service at Glenwood City

I will look forward to what God has in store for me.

1-2-2026 Upper Room



Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 18th at the Wheeler Peace United Methodist Church.

PRAYER list

Sister Alegria	Carol Cherney
Julie Babbit	Sister Confianza
Ray Wreford	Nancy Smith
Harry Christian	Karen Wreford
Darrell Nykanen	Pete Bodette
Marlys Tews	Karolyn Larson
Pastor Sue Oeffler	Barb Meser
Roxanne White	Myron Anderson
Pastor Shannon Mattison	
Sylvia Stang	Colton Peskar
Nguyen Ly (Win Lee)	Marlene Larson
Friends & Family of Allen Fleming	
Friends & Family of Ruth Schutz	
Victims of natural disasters	
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes	
A reminder: Please remember our shut-ins with calls and cards.	

FEBRUARY Birthdays

February birthdays:

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| 1 | Bridgett Kahl |
| 2 | Tom Larson, Jeremy White |
| 8 | Avery Holden |
| 10 | Gilbert Krueger |
| 15 | Linda Miller, Jerod Nelson |
| 16 | Gary Knutson |
| 22 | Val Pederstuen |
| 27 | Peggy Bonte, Marlys Tews |

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, February 17th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com or riverglensharedministry@gmail.com with your news. Thanks.

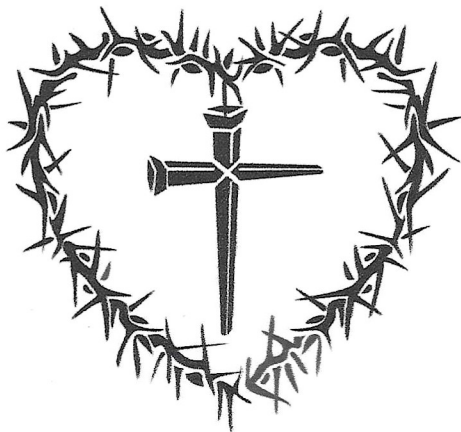
I will be open to where God leads me today.
1-7-26 Upper Room

Women's Evening Fellowship Group

The Monday night Bible Study will meet on February 2nd at Irma's House. We will be sharing thoughts on Chapter 4 "Our Hearts Rejoice in Him" from the study Experiencing Contagious Joy. If you are interested in joining the group contact Judy Bender (715-265-7362) for more information.

Men's Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will meet at the Glenwood City Methodist Church. If you are interested, contact Julian Bender at 715 265 7362 or jbender167@gmail.com.



Weekly Audio or Video Sermons Available

Sermon by Phone is an audio version of the weekly service - call 715-309-5114. This is a Menomoneie 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.



Thank You to our Worship Leaders:

Earl Blodgett

Bruce Drinkman

Carol Cherney

We couldn't do this without you!

Bishop's Convocation of Laity 2026

You're invited to join us at Bishop's
Convocation of Laity!

"Practicing Hope"

Saturday, March 7, 2026 9 am - 2 pm
Portage UMC 1804 New Pinery Road
Portage, WI 53901

Register at: <https://wisconsin-reg.brtapp.com/LaityConvo2026>

If you are a member of The United Methodist Church and a disciple of Jesus Christ, this gathering is for you.

Join laity from across the conference as we connect with conference leadership and come together in worship, learning, and fellowship around the theme "Practicing Hope."

Together we will explore:

- What does it mean to practice hope?
- What did Jesus teach us about practicing hope?
- How is our Bishop calling us to live out hope today?

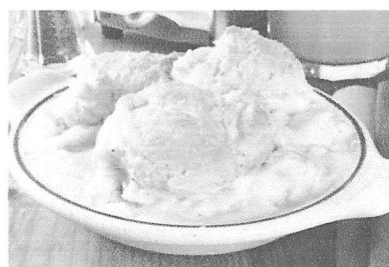
Registration is \$10 per person and includes a spirit-lifting day at Portage United Methodist Church, 1804 New Pinery Road, Portage, WI, with fellowship and lunch provided.

The registration deadline is February 21, 2026, at 4:00 pm.

Peace United Methodist Church Wheeler

Worship Service at 11:15 a.m.

Creamed Chicken Dinner



Peace United Methodist Church,
Wheeler, WI

Served at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
602 Main St., Wheeler, WI

Thursday, February 12th
3:30-7:00 p.m.

Creamed Chicken, Real Mashed
Potatoes, Flaky Biscuits, Coleslaw,
Cranberries, Desserts and
Beverages

Free Will Donation

Carry out or Dine-in

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship time 10 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

February 1	Marguerite Blodgett
February 8	Jim Strupp
February 15	Earl Blodgett
February 22	Jim Strupp

Boyceville Coffee Time

Coffee time is Sunday, February 22nd after the service. Sheila Hegeman is serving.



Warm Dry Feet Winter Mission Project



From now till the end of March we will be collecting socks for those in need at Boyceville. Socks are needed for men, women and children. Socks should be wool or cotton. Thin socks made from manmade fibers are not warm in the winter. Socks can be dropped off at the church. Don't want to shop, cash donations are welcome too. We are happy to shop for you.

Thank you!

The Mission Team

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship time 8:30 a.m.

	Lay Reader	Coffee/Snack
Feb 1	Jim Strupp	Open
Feb 8	Leslie Frisle	Open
Feb 15	Robin Burke	Robin Burke
Feb 22	Bill Wiseman	Open

United Women in Faith will not meet in February.

thank you

- To all who took down Christmas decorations, put them away, and put up new banners. Everyone was such good help.
- To Michelle McMorrow for a monetary donation to the church.
- To Nate and Becky Splett for a monetary donation to the church.
- To Eleanor Harstad for a monetary donation to the church.
- To all who faithfully support financially the church.
Apportionments were paid in full.

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY



**Downing
United Methodist Church**

Worship time 11 a.m.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Advent mission. A special thank you to Janice Annis for letting us use her Thrivent action money and the Glenwood City Lions Club for their generous donation. We donated 12 snowpants, 3 hat and glove sets, 8 hats, 8 scarves and 19 pair of gloves to the Glenwood City and Baldwin Elementary Schools.

A Prayer for the Day

Dear God:

So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm very thankful for that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed. And from then on, I'm really going to need a lot more help.

Amen.

**We
love
because
He first
loved us.**

1 John 4:19

**Glenwood City
United Methodist Church**

Worship time: 9:15 a.m.

**Glenwood City
United Women in Faith**

Hello Ladies!

Just wanted to let you know that our dinner will now be on February 11, 2026 at the Hilltop in Woodville. It's under new ownership and remodeled and heard that they have great food.

Time we will be eating will be 6pm. If anyone would like to car pool, please text me at (715)214-4226 or call Judy and let her know if that is what you'd like to do. Please do so by the end of the week (February 6th) or you can let us know at Sunday service.

Thank you

Patti

**When I say good morning I
mean to say:**

**G—od
O—ffers us His
O—utstanding
D —evotion to**

**M —ake us
O —bedient &
R —eady for a
N —ew day with Him.
I —nspire others please, and
N —ever forget
G —od loves you!**

**We continue to collect items
for our Blessing Box soon to
be installed outside of the
church.**



Eating From Trees We Did Not Plant

February 2026

There's a quiet grace in realizing that much of what sustains us comes from work we did not do.

We eat fruit from orchards we didn't plant. We sit under shade trees someone else nurtured decades ago. We benefit from schools, churches, hospitals, and ministries that were dreamed up and funded by people who never knew our names. Their generosity was never meant to circle back to them personally—it was offered for the sake of people they would never meet.

That truth can be unsettling in a culture that often asks, "What's in it for me?" Yet Scripture consistently points us toward a different way of living—one rooted in trust, hope and love for the generations yet to come.

Generosity that only exists when there's a direct benefit attached is really just a transaction. But generosity rooted in faith looks beyond immediate return. It plants seeds without demanding proof of harvest. It trusts that God will use our gifts—of time, money, energy, and love—in ways we may never see.

Many of the faithful choices we make today won't bear fruit tomorrow. They may not even bear fruit in our lifetime. But they matter. They shape communities. They strengthen ministries. They create possibilities for people we'll never know, just as others once did for us.

Living generously is an act of hope. It's a declaration that God's story is bigger than our own chapter—and that we're willing to plant trees so others can eat, rest, and thrive long after we're gone.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
Director of Programming & Campaigns
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FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship (green)	2 7pm Women's Bible Study at Irma's	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship (green)	9	10	11 6pm GC UWF Dinner at Hilltop	12 3:30-7pm Creamed Chicken Dinner at Wheeler	13	14
15 Transfiguration Sunday Worship (white)	16	17 <i>Newsletter items due!</i>	18 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service at Wheeler	19	20	21
22 Worship Coffee Time: Hegeman (purple)	23	24	25 5:30pm Lent Meal & Service at Boyceville Boyceville serves	26	27	28

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**Newsletter of the Boyceville, Downing, Glenwood City,
Prairie Farm Faith and Wheeler Peace United Methodist Churches**

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Prairie Farm Faith Worship Time: 8:30 a.m.

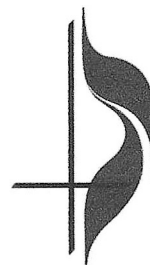
Glenwood City Worship Time: 9:15 a.m.

Boyceville Worship Time: 10 a.m.

Downing Worship Time: 11 a.m.

Wheeler Peace Worship Time: 11:15 a.m.

All are welcome!



Return Service Requested

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