
May
2026

River Glen Shared Ministry

“United in Christ”

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Dear Friends,

As the SPRC members announced in worship on April 12th, I have made the prayerful decision to retire as of July 1st, 2026. I plan to spend more time with my mom and stepdad, who have had several health crises in the past year.

My own health is being affected too, and it has been difficult to keep up.

As I spent time outside recently, I was thinking about how awkward early spring is. In these days of transition, we can experience warm days before the trees leaf out, and then see daffodils and tulips blooming in the snow.

Other transitions can be awkward, too. But they're necessary for growth.

I believe that it is time for someone with more energy to help take us to the next level in our shared ministry, and we can trust God's leading. God is not done with us yet!

Please join me in praying for the next pastor. I know you will be as kind to that person and their family as you have been to us.

Grace and peace,

PV

Keep Praying! May 2026

Dear Friends,

I encourage you to continue to pray daily for all our churches. We want to see God at work in our churches, and a crucial step is becoming people of faithful prayer.

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, especially in these days of transition.

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

Grace & peace

~Pastor Vicky

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

Psalm 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.

5th Sunday Celebration

We will be having a 5th Sunday Celebration on Sunday, May 31st. With a 10 a.m. joint service and potluck at the Glenwood City United Methodist Church. We will celebrate Trinity Sunday as well as 2 baptisms that day. There will be no services at Prairie Farm, Boyceville, Downing or Wheeler that day!



Thursday, April 30 8-4 p.m.
Friday, May 1 8-4 p.m.

Free Will Donation

**At the Prairie Farm Faith
United Methodist Church**

**159—10th St.
Ridgeland, WI**

In all circumstances, I will trust in God's faithfulness.
4-4-26 Upper Room

PRAYER list

Sister Alegria	Carol Cherney
Julie Babbit	Sister Confianza
Pastor Sue Oeffler	Marlene Larson
Jo Smith	Colton Peskar
Nguyen Ly (Win Lee)	Judy Schlottman
Vernon Swinson	Mary Swinson
Pastor Shannon Mattison	Matthew Nelson
The Family & Friends of Judy Otterson	
Victims of natural disasters	
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes	

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due by
noon on Tuesday, May 26th.
Please contact Tammy Nelson
at 715-505-2657 or
rtsmnelson@hotmail.com or
riversglensharedministry@gmail.com
with your news. Thanks.

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

May birthdays:

1	Lynn Smith
5	Janice Salsbury
7	Hunter Wilcox
8	April Bauman
10	Sylvia Stang
14	Faye Krueger
17	Vilai Wilcox
18	Gary Frisle
20	Marguerite Blodgett, Allissa Frisle
21	Theresa Kuehl
23	Alexa Holden, Angela Wyss
24	Ray Delong
27	Erica Bauman
28	Tammy Nelson
29	Waylon Wagner

Anniversaries:

13	John & Rose McCutchin
	Lynn & Sherri Smith
23	Gary & Pat Frisle

Congratulations and God bless you!



Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate:

- 120 Empty Pill Bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries
- Food to WestCAP

***I will wait patiently for my time to bear fruit for the Lord.
4-6-26 Upper Room***

Women's Evening Fellowship Group

The Monday night Bible study will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 4 at Irma's home in Glenwood City. We will be doing Lesson 7 "Joy Mingled with Fear and Great Joy" in the Contagious Joy book. All are welcome to attend! 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 the Glenwood City Methodist Church in May. Dates tbd. If you are interested, contact Julian Bender at 715 265 7362 or jbender167@gmail.com.



Thank You to our April Worship Leaders:

Bruce Drinkman Earl Blodgett
Russ Rindsig

We couldn't do this without you!

Weekly Audio or 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, Glen Hills Parish Facebook page, and at : boycevilleumc.org.



Wear red to church on Sunday, May 24th as we celebrate Pentecost!

I will reach out in kindness to others every day.

4-8-26 Upper Room



**Peace
United Methodist Church
Wheeler
Worship Service at 11:15 a.m.**

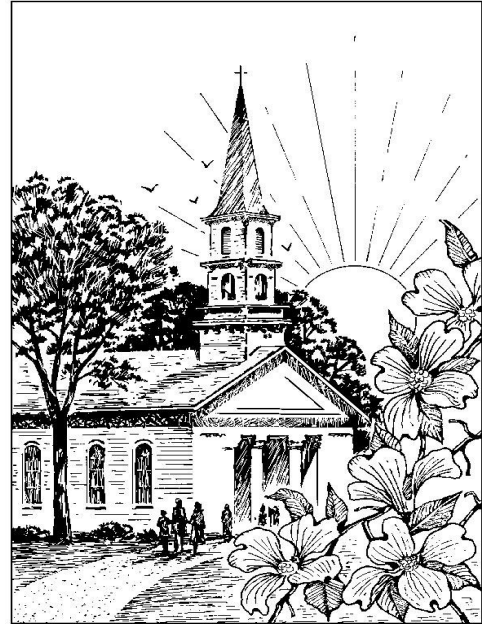
Memorial Day Lunch

Monday, May 25

Doors open at 11 a.m.

At the Downing United Methodist Church
219 Tainter St.,
Downing, WI

Free Lunch open to the public as well as past,
present and future veterans and their families



***Even when I can't see the destination, I will follow God's guidance.
4-13-26 Upper Room***

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 10 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
May 3	Marguerite Blodgett
May 10	Earl Blodgett
May 17	Jim Strupp
May 24	Open
May 31	5th Sunday at Glenwood City

BRRR! Boyceville Boiler Woes

As many of you know, the Boyceville Church has been rather chilly these past few weeks. (Pastor Vicky has been seen preaching in her winter coat!) The old boilers have reached the end of their life and would not be cost-effective to repair. The trustees obtained two estimates on the cost of replacing the boilers. Both estimates recommend we switch to one slightly larger boiler, instead of two. The trustees and church council are working towards making a decision on which company to hire. While we have some funds in the Building and Grounds Fund, it is only about half of what we need to pay for the new boiler. The church needs an additional \$10,000 to pay for the boiler. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us keep the church warm in the coming years as we brainstorm our fundraising.

May Mission Project

We will be putting together Personal Dignity Kits and Home Care Kits for the Wisconsin Annual Conference Ingathering.

Personal Dignity Kits:

- 1 Hand Towel (no kitchen towels)
- 1 Washcloth (no dishcloths)
- 1 Adult Toothbrush (no multipacks)
- 1 Bar Soap 3-4 oz
- Shampoo 12-19 oz (tape lid shut)
- 1 Deodorant 2-3 oz (stick, roll-on or pump)
- 1 Lotion 8-10 oz (tape lid shut)
- 1 one gallon resealable plastic bag

All items must be **NEW** & placed inside the plastic bag

\$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag per kit

Home Care Kit:

- Liquid Household Cleaners 58-80 oz (no spray bottles)
- Dish Soap 42-64 oz
- Liquid Laundry Detergent 100-150 oz
- 1 Scrub Brush (with or without handle)
- 1—5 gallon round bucket with resealable lid

All items must be **NEW** & place inside the bucket

God's love for me is timeless.

4-17-26 Upper Room

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

thank you

- To Leslie Frisle for putting up the Easter banners.
- To all who served at Maundy Thursday.
- To Lay Readers: Leslie Frisle, Bill Wiseman, Jim Strupp, Robin Burke.
- To Coffee Servers: Margie Wiseman, Robin Burke.



Lay Reader Coffee/Snack

May 3	Leslie Frisle	Leslie Frisle
May 10	Bill Wiseman	Open
May 17	Jim Strupp	Open
May 24	Robin Burke	Robin Burke
May 31	5th Sunday at Glenwood City	

United Women in Faith

United Women In Faith met on April 9th with 6 members present. The Spring Day of Enrichment will be at the Menomonie UMC on April 18th with Speaker Heather Phelps on Creation Care. We decided on no fundraisers this year, but will help, if needed, by Boyceville at the Farmer's Market on July 7th. Margie had the Call To Prayer and Self-Denial program. She, also, brought photo albumns of her mission trips. Our next meeting will be June 4th and Kathy has the program.

God's presence is a balm for my broken heart..

4-20-26 Upper Room

DOWNING UMC

Worship time: 11:00 a.m.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our thrift and bake sale a success!

Downing United Women in Faith

The Downing United Women in Faith met at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at the church. There were 4 present. Purpose was read. Highlights from last meeting were given. Treasurer's report was given. Garage sale was discussed. Spring Day of Enrichment will be Saturday, April 18th at the Menomonie UMC. Memorial Day Lunch was discussed. Disbanding our unit was tabled until the next meeting. Having a pie sale and a fall garage sale were discussed. Our next meeting will be May 21st and Juanita will serve. Sylvia had devotions.

The Downing Ad Council will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 7th.



No matter the darkness, God's light never fades.

4-24-26 Upper Room

GLENWOOD CITY UMC

Worship time: 9:15 a.m.

The Glenwood City United Women in Faith is currently collecting the following items for Terracycle:

Bread Clips (plastic)
Coffee Bags (bulk) & K-pods
Coffee Creamers (individual)
Candy & Granola wrappers
Drink Pouches (Capri or any brand)
Treat Bags (chip bags, etc)
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste tubes
Flosses
Electric toothbrush heads
Deodorant Containers
Eye Glasses & Cases
Make up Containers
Pumps & Triggers from plastic bottles
Socks (mismatched or holey) Gold Toe
Ribbons & Bows
Cancelled Stamps (NOT Christmas or flags)
Glue Sticks
Expired Gift Cards
Tape Dispensers
Pens, Pencils, Markers or Crayons
Styrofoam Meat Trays
Cereal, Cracker and Bread Bags

Glenwood City United Women in Faith will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13th at the church.



Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who made our Soup, Sandwich & Pie Supper a success! Huge thank yous to Thrivent for providing the “seed” money, the soup & chili makers, the pie makers, the sandwich makers, the servers, the dishwashers and those who attended this annual event. We raised \$700+ that will be donated to various charities in our area.

May each of you be blessed for your generous spirits!

The Glenwood City Ad Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6th.

***Day by day, I will trust in God's faithful provision.
4-29-26 Upper Room***



A Church Set on Fire May 2026

There's a moment in Acts of the Apostles that changes everything.

The disciples are gathered – uncertain, waiting, not quite sure what comes next. Then the Holy Spirit arrives like a rushing wind. Flames appear above their heads. They begin speaking in different languages. And suddenly, a small, fearful group becomes a bold, outward-moving community of faith.

That moment – what we now celebrate as Pentecost – isn't just about spectacle. It's about empowerment.

God's Spirit didn't come simply to comfort the disciples. It came to send them.

And what happened next? The message of God's grace spread. Rapidly. Powerfully. Person to person. Community to community. The church was born not as a building, but as a movement of people sharing what they had received.

That same pattern continues today.

God pours grace into our lives – not so we can hold onto it, but so we can participate in passing it along. Our generosity becomes one of the primary ways that happens. Every act of giving – whether to support worship, outreach, missions, or care for those in need – becomes part of how the Spirit continues to move through the church and into the world.

In many ways, generosity is one of the clearest signs that the Spirit is still at work.

Because generosity is never just about dollars. It's about trust. It's about participation. It's about joining God in what God is already doing.

On that first Pentecost, the disciples didn't keep the good news to themselves. They couldn't.

And when the Spirit is at work in us, we can't help but do the same.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
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The Gleaner
May 2026
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