
June
2026

River Glen Shared Ministry

“United in Christ”

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Dear Friends,

I have occasionally mentioned that I would rather write a sermon than a newsletter article. This one is the hardest. How do I sum up five years-- or even one?

I've always preferred the pre-disco Bee Gees, and shortly before I began pastoring eleven years ago, I remember hearing the song “Gotta Get a Message to You.” The pop ballad gave me the chills. I was in awe, realizing that God had called me to walk with people through the most difficult and pivotal times of their lives.

Indeed, this has been the case with River Glen Shared Ministries. We have walked together and supported one another through joy and loss. We have learned new ways of working together as a parish of five churches. We have tried new forms of outreach in our communities and have supported local and global missions.

In all these ways, we have demonstrated that we are the Body of Christ. For all these reasons and so many more, I am grateful to God for calling me to serve among you! And though I'm sad to retire, I strongly believe that Pastor ShinAe is the answer to my prayers for you.

May you continue to listen for God's guidance!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Vicky

Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

Philippians 1:3-6 MSG

Keep Praying! June 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. Pray not only for the churches, but for Pastors Shinae and Jinsan.

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.



We will be having a Joint Worship Service and Potluck at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 28th at Wheeler's new church building at 602 W. Main St., Wheeler. We will celebrate Pastor Vicky's last Sunday with us before retiring June 30. There will be no services at Prairie Farm, Glenwood City, Boyceville, or Downing that day!

Thank you to Pastor Vicky and Jim for sharing your time, talents and gifts with us. Enjoy your retirement!



Please have patience as we embrace the changes coming to River Glen Shared Ministry. Pastor Vicky will retire on June 30th. Our new pastor will be Pastor Shin Ae "Anna" Kim and will start on July 1st.

The Prairie Farm Faith church will join the Clear Lake and Turtle Lake church group and we will welcome the Faith Family Church in Emerald to the River Glen group.

We have enjoyed getting to know the folks at Prairie Farm and wish them well.

I will take time to enjoy each day God gives me.

5-2-26 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	
Nancy Hill	
Victims of natural disasters	
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes	

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, June 23rd. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or rtsmnelson@hotmail.com or riversglensharedministry@gmail.com with your news. Thanks.



JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries

June birthdays:

1	Regina Frisle
	Jada Kahl
2	Sharon Wyss
4	Shirley Jones
	Sawyer Bischel
16	Chris Schone
18	Brian Kahl
20	Bonnie Walters
30	Michaela Kegen

Anniversaries:

8	Rick & Tammy Nelson
12	Grant & Sue Mason
14	Jerry & Kathy Neck
15	Tim Buttles & Bonnie Walters
20	Pastor Vicky & Jim Strupp

Congratulations and God bless you!



Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate:

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

***I share God's love when I care for and support others.
5-4-26 Upper Room***

Women's Evening Fellowship Group

The Monday night Bible study will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 1st at Irma's home in Glenwood City. We will be doing Lesson 8, "Count It All 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 at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10th. If you are interested, contact Julian Bender at 715 265 7362 or jbender167@gmail.com.



Thank You to our May Worship
Leaders:

Earl Blodgett Howard Hintzman
Bruce Drinkman Carol Cherney

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.



Wisconsin Annual Conference

Our annual conference will be held June 4-7th at the Madison Marriott West Convention Center in Middleton, WI. Pastor Vicky and 2 delegates plan to attend.

I will live my faith one day at a time and enjoy the journey.

5-7-26 Upper Room

**Grace United Methodist Church
Grilled Chicken Dinner**



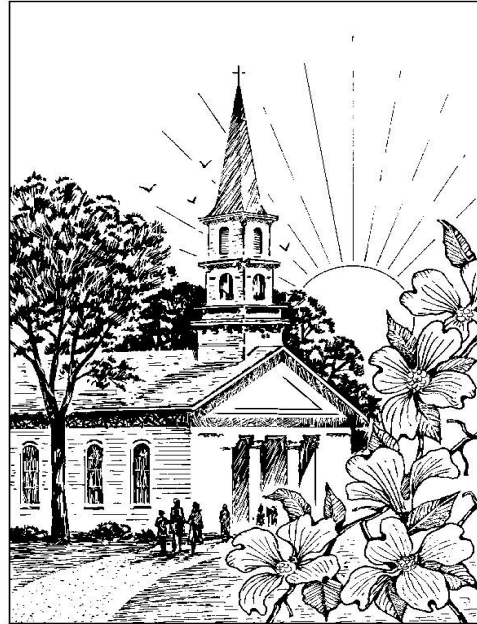
**Thursday, June 4th
3:30-7 p.m.**

**Menu: Grilled chicken, Potato salad, Cowboy beans,
Coleslaw, Buns, Beverages & Desserts**

**Dine-in or Take-out
Free Will Donation**

**Served at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Hall
Everyone Welcome!**

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



Our first worship service in our new building at 602 W. Main St., Wheeler, (former Our Savior's Lutheran Church) will be at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 14th.

**Happy
FATHER'S
Day**

***God's blessings are the best gifts I will ever receive.
5-16-26 Upper Room***

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 10 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
May 31	5th Sunday at Glenwood City
June 7	Marguerite Blodgett
June 14	Earl Blodgett
June 21	Marguerite Blodgett
June 28	Joint Service at Wheeler



Ingathering

It's time to take our items for the Ingathering to Trinity UMC in Elk Mound. Midwest Missions is also in need of gently used Bibles. **All items need to be to the Boyceville Church by Sunday, May 31.**



Blessing Box

The blessing box continues to be very busy. Besides the ever popular TP, paper towels, tissues and laundry soap, we are seeing a real need for small bags of flour and sugar.

***Today and every day I am grateful for God's presence in my life.
5-21-26 Upper Room***

Faith United Methodist Church Prairie Farm

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

thank you

- To all who volunteered to cleanup the Memorial Garden: Tim, Margie, Ila, Chris, and Robin.
- To Russ Rindsig and Bruce Drinkman for conducting good services.
- To those who worked at the thrift sale: Bill, Kathy, Pastor Vicky and Jim. Donations brought in \$324.
- To Chris and Robin for putting in many hours in the education unit.
- To Robin for getting the Mother's Day plants.
- To Lay Readers: Leslie Frisle, Bill Wiseman, and Robin Burke.
- To Coffee Servers: Leslie Frisle, Robin Burke

Administrative Council meets July 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

United Women In Faith did not meet in May. We will meet Thursday, June 4th at 1:00 p.m.

Lay Reader Coffee/Snack

May 31 5th Sunday at Glenwood City
June 7 Open Open
June 14 Bill W Robin Burke
June 21 Jim Strupp Open
June 28 Joint Service at Wheeler at 10

Our new Pastor Don has been appointed to us by Conference and the Cabinet starting July 1. We will be joining Turtle Lake and Clear Lake churches. Pastor Don has sent me a greeting letter for you all to read:

My wife Yeji and I are deeply grateful for the opportunity to join you in ministry. We have already felt your warm welcome, and we give thanks to God for this new appointment. I look forward to getting to know each congregation, listening to your stories, learning your traditions, and serving alongside you for the ministry of Jesus Christ. Please keep us in your prayers during this season of transition. We are excited to begin this journey with you.

*Grace and peace,
Don*

Please remember Pastor Vicky's last worship service and celebration at 10am at Wheeler's "new" church on Hwy. 170. Upcoming plans to have joint service at Clear Lake Methodist church on Sunday, July 5 with potluck to follow services

President,
Robin Burke

God can bring purpose to even the most uncertain seasons of life.

5-15-26 Upper Room

DOWNING UMC

Worship time: 11:00 a.m.



A big thanks to everyone who helped make our Memorial Day Lunch a success. A special thank you to Judi Klatt for using her Thrivent action funds for our dinner.

We had a little mishap with the toilet in the women's bathroom at the end of the day, but on a good note: we now have a new handicap accessible toilet in the women's bathroom.



Downing Administrative Council

The Downing Administrative Council met at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at the church. There were 7 present. Marlys read the Stewardship news from April 2026. Minutes from last meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved by consensus.

Broken branches have been cleaned up and put in a pile. Nolan Standaert will mow the church lawn again this year. Pastor's report included working at 2 sales, visits, nursing home services, working at 2 dinners. Upcoming include the Boyceville baccalaureate, graduate recognition for Colton Berends and 2 baptisms at Glenwood City on May 31st.

Memorial Day Lunch will be on May 25th. Sue Mason will be helping and she will make posters. Downing Spring Clean-up dumpster will be in the church parking lot. Sept. 19th will be Triple Creek Days. We will have a garage sale and take orders for Thanksgiving pies. Alternate income options were discussed.

Pastor Vicky closed the meeting with prayer.

Opportunities to spend time with God are all around me.

5-29-26 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



Spend time with God this summer

Glenwood City United Women in Faith will be meeting at Judy Bender's home for a Pot Luck Supper on Wednesday, June 10 at 5pm. Bring a dish to pass. Brats will be provided. Come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship! Bring a friend too.

***My words of encouragement can be a blessing to others.
6-1-26 Upper Room***



The Gift of Connection and Community June 2026

In a world where we are more digitally connected than ever before, many people are also experiencing deep loneliness and isolation. We can text instantly, scroll endlessly, and interact online throughout the day – yet still feel disconnected from meaningful relationships and authentic community.

One of the great gifts the Church still offers the world is something increasingly rare: real connection.

Church communities bring together people who otherwise might never interact. Different generations. Different political viewpoints. Different life experiences. Different backgrounds and perspectives. In many ways, the local church remains one of the few places where people still regularly gather across lines that often divide society elsewhere.

That kind of connection matters.

It reminds us that we are more than consumers, social media profiles, or people sorted into ideological camps. We are human beings created in the image of God and called to live in community with one another.

And perhaps nowhere is the gift of Christian community more visible than during difficult seasons of life.

Over the last several months, as I've walked through cancer treatment, I've experienced this gift personally. My church community supported me and my family not only through prayers, but through dozens of cards, meals delivered to our home, help with lawn care, fall and spring yard cleanup, and simple acts of kindness that reminded us we were not alone.

Those moments mattered deeply.

Not because any one act solved everything, but because together they communicated something powerful: you are loved, you are seen, and you do not have to carry this burden by yourself.

That is stewardship too.

Stewardship is not only about money. It is about how we use the gifts God has entrusted to us – our time, compassion, presence, abilities, encouragement, and resources – to care for one another and build up the Body of Christ.

Healthy churches cultivate more than generosity. They cultivate belonging.

And in a disconnected world hungry for meaning, that may be one of the most important gifts the Church has to offer.

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Newsletter of Boyceville, Downing, Glenwood City,
Prairie Farm Faith and
Wheeler Grace United Methodist Churches
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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: Grace Worship Service 11:15 a.m.
Welcome

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