
September
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River Glen Shared Ministry

“United in Christ”

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As the heat of summer begins to fade, students are heading back to school, and our church is gearing up for the busy season ahead through the end of the year.

Seeing how much our children have grown taller over these warm months, I find myself reflecting on my own spiritual journey: *How much has my soul grown this past summer?* Though I cannot recall every single detail, I believe that each moment remains somewhere deep within me, adding another meaningful ring to the growth of my soul. As 2 Peter 3:18 reminds us, *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*

During our fundraising event in Boyceville, I received two very special gifts: photo books detailing the rich histories of Minnesota and Menomonie. Carol gently traced the photographs with her fingers, sharing fascinating stories of how this region used to be long ago. In return, she handed me a blank sheet of paper and asked if I could write her name in Korean, along with the phrase, *"Have a happy day! 행복 한 하루 되세요"*

Sitting together, sharing our stories, and truly getting to know one another felt deeply special. Because we are different, the rings of our souls grow in ways that are uniquely beautiful.

This got me thinking—how would you feel if, one day, I made each of you a handwritten Korean name tag as a gift? Would you receive it with joy?

Amid the absolutely growing trees,

Rev. Shinae Kim



Join us for Funday School held every other Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Faith Family United Methodist Church in Emerald. We will kick off our first day with a pizza party on Wednesday, September 9th! Open to all youth Pre-K-18. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Thank You to our August Worship Leaders:

Earl Blodgett Heather Greene
Bonnie Walters

We couldn't do this without you!



Please note: There will not be a worship service at Glenwood City at Sunday, September 13th due to the Rustic Lore Days parking restrictions.



Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, September 22nd. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or riverglensharedministry@gmail.com with your news. Thanks.

***It only takes a little effort to show God's love to others.
8-4-26 Upper Room***

PRAYER

list

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sister Alegria Carol Cherney
 Julie Babbit Sister Confianza
 Pastor Sue Oeffler Nikki Mastbergen
 Jo Smith Dick Tews
 Pastor Shannon Mattison Nancy Hill
 LeRoy Salzman Ed Stine
 Pastor Don Drollinger Julian Bender
 Penny Warner Jodi Main
 Sheldon Simonson Bruce Ohman
 Hong-In Kim Delphine Danovsky
 Baby Zariah Faith (born at 24 weeks)
 Baby Aurora Lynn (born 1 month early)
 Family & Friends of Debbie Stevens
 All countries with wars—Ukraine, Israel,
 Gaza, the Mideast—especially the children,
 migrants, immigrants, and refugees under the
 threat of forced deportation
 Grandson in the military in Middle East
 Those battling cancer
 Peace in the world
 Victims of natural disasters
 Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes

September birthdays:

1 Pete Bodette
 2 Irma Lindholm
 4 Tessa Wagner, Sheila Hegeman
 5 Merlyn Jones
 7 Collin Schone
 9 Evie Malack
 10 Judy Bender, Randy Nelson
 11 John Larson
 13 John Wurtzler
 15 Samantha Christian
 16 Nancy Stutter
 18 Skyler Hall, Pastor Vicky Strupp,
 19 Delphine Danovsky
 21 Jim Strupp
 22 Ella Berends
 23 Jennifer Hall
 29 Jean Booth
 25 Jennifer Holden
 26 John Frank
 27 Kate Rubusch, Jeff Wilson
 29 Nancy Smith

Happy Birthday and God bless you!

September Anniversaries:

4 Greg & Heidi Olson
 6 Scott & Barbara Schmidt
 20 Nancy & Jerry Schlottman
 30 Greg & Jennifer Holden
 John & Eliza Larson

Congratulations and God Bless You!

I will choose to be content with my circumstances.
8-6-26 Upper Room

Women's Evening Fellowship Group

The Monday night Bible study will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 14th at the Glenwood City United Methodist Church. We will be doing Lesson 10, "Joy is My Strength" in the Contagious Joy book. Interested in learning more about the Bible and being in fellowship with other "learners"? Come and join us! If interested, please contact Judy Bender at jbender298@gmail.com or (715)265-7362

Men's Group

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



Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate:

79 Empty pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries

Please note: they only take actual prescription pill bottles now. They no longer accept the over-the-counter white Tylenol bottles or clear/brown/green vitamin bottles.

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 updated 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.



Thanks to Faith Family United Methodist Church, we now have a zoom worship option available!

Please use the following information to join us on Sundays for worship at 8:30 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UlpSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhcn83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777

Passcode: 421072

When problems arise, I will remember that God is in charge.

8-11-26 Upper Room

Upper Room Devotionals

There are free Upper Room devotionals available at each church. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the office at 715-265-7395 or riverglensharedministry@gmail.com

Thrift & Bake Sale

Thursday, September 17 12-6 p.m.

Friday, September 18 9-5 p.m.

Saturday, September 19 9-noon

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

Sale donations accepted on
Wednesday, September 16
from noon-6 p.m.
or call or text 715-688-9805

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



Thank you to everyone who helped make our grilled chicken dinner a success! We couldn't do this without you!

***I am mindful that I may be the best example of a Christian that someone might see that day. This practice reminds me that God has called each of us by name to be living examples of God's love in Christ no matter where we are.
Excerpt from 10-27-16 Upper Room***

***I am important to God.
8-15-26 Upper Room***

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 10 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

Reader

Sept. 6	Marguerite Blodgett
Sept. 13	Earl Blodgett
Sept. 20	Jim Harvey
Sept. 27	Jim Harvey

Coffee Time: Coffee time will be after the worship service on Sunday, September 27th. Sheila Hegeman will serve.



Help Support Our Missions

Boyceville September & October Mission Project: Blessing Box

Cold weather will soon be here and we need to stock the pantry for the blessing box with items that won't freeze. Here are some suggestions: cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, granola bars, pasta, rice side dishes, pasta side dishes, dried soup mix, ramen noodles, flour, sugar, cookie mixes, muffin mixes, cornbread mixes, dried potatoes, plain rice, microwave popcorn, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels. Cash donations are welcome too. We are happy to shop for you!

Today I will pay attention to opportunities to serve others.
8-17-26 Upper Room

Faith Family United Methodist Church

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Worship Ministry Leaders

Sept. 6	Heather Greene
Sept. 13	Terri Wilson
Sept. 20	Michael Clark
Sept. 27	Paul Webster

Noisy Can—Amery Animal Shelter

Send offering to:

Terri Wilson

3127—200th Ave.

Glenwood City, WI 54013



With Sincere Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family & friends of Debbie Stevens. Debbie passed away on July 23, 2026

Community events: Horsing Around Days
October 3rd and 4th, Emerald, WI

Funday School starts up September 9th, Wednesday at 5:30pm. Open for all youth PreK-18 ALL ARE WELCOME! We will have a pizza party kick off party. Bring your friends.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
OCTOBER 11 9am-1pm

Faith Family Ad Council Meeting August 13, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Agenda:

Next Ad Council Meeting is meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 6:00.

Open with song: Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place and a prayer from the pastor.

1. Upcoming events

Not ready to plan events for spring.

2. Financial team update

Holly has stepped up and is taking leadership with the financial needs of the church. She will work with Terri, just as Debbie did.

3. Funday school/youth update

Will meet every other Wednesday at 5:30 at the church. (September 9 will be the first one.)

4. Building repairs update/concerns

*There was some water leaking, but Dennis has taken care of it. Dennis also going to fix the faucets in the kitchen, Thanks Dennis!

*Panels need to be replaced in the belfry prior to winter. Dennis has talked with Billy Warner about using one of his lifts. Dennis will see if Bruce will be willing to go up in the lift!!

5. Fundraisers

Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 11. 9 -1:00 at the church.

Heather has invited the pastor to lead us in a cooking class as a good way to get to know each other.

6. Community service /mission work

*Heather is going to an Emerald community meeting, she will see what we can do to help with Horsing Around Days.

*Paul will be working with other community churches to write a letter to the school board, asking to keep Sunday and Wednesday nights for church functions.

7. Pastoral update

The pastor would like to get to know all church members better.

8. End in the Lord's Prayer

Who is God calling me to encourage today?
8-26-26 Upper Room

Downing United Methodist Church

Worship time: 11:00 a.m.



We are accepting gently used garage sale donations from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16. Please contact Marlys at 715-688-9805 with any questions.

We also looking for volunteers to help set up, work during the sale and tear down.

Downing Administrative Council

The Downing Administrative Council met at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2026 at the Nelson home. There were 6 present. Pastor Shinae opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from last meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved by consensus.

Flowering crab tree needs to be trimmed or removed. Our United Women in Faith group is currently inactive. Glen Hills Parish accounts were discussed. Pastor's report included having relatives visiting and the old Wheeler church is in the process of being sold.

Memorial Day Lunch went well. We will have a thrift and bake sale during the Downing Triple Creek Days in September. The sale will be September 17-19 with clean up after church on the 20th. There will be a Celebration of Life for Mary Miller at the church on Sept. 27th. Tom Berends will plow the church parking lot, but we will need someone to shovel the sidewalks.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 1st. Rick Nelson closed the meeting with prayer.

In every change God can work for the good.

8-21-2011 Upper Room

Glenwood City United Methodist Church

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

United Women In Faith will meet at the church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9th.

If you'd like to send birthday wishes to Irma Lindholm, her new address is:

Irma Lindholm
111 Owen Rd. Rm 52
Monona, WI 53716



God chooses us out of unconditional love—not our social status or physical appearance. Understanding who we are in God's heart allows us to appreciate, accept, and love ourselves, as well as those around us.

Excerpt from 1-14-25 Upper Room

***What will my actions today reveal about my faith?
8-27-2011 Upper Room***



Nervous-cited September 2026

One of my favorite words ever coined wasn't found in a dictionary – it came from my daughter Macy when she was little.

As summer ended and school was about to begin, we'd ask how she was feeling. Her answer was often, "I'm nervous-cited."

She couldn't decide whether she was nervous or excited because, truthfully, she was both.

A new teacher. New classmates. Maybe reconnecting with old friends. Wondering where she'd sit at lunch. Wondering if she'd like her classes. Looking forward to seeing familiar faces while also stepping into the unknown.

I suspect we've all experienced that feeling.

Whether it's starting a new job, moving to a new community, welcoming a new pastor, or beginning a new ministry, anticipation often carries both excitement and uncertainty. We wonder what lies ahead while hoping it will be something good.

As Christians, I wonder if we've lost a little of that "nervous-cited" feeling when it comes to the church.

What if we came into worship each week wondering, *What is God going to do today?*

What if we looked around the sanctuary asking, *Who might be here for the first time? Who could use a conversation? Who might become a lifelong friend?*

What if we approached a new ministry opportunity with curiosity instead of caution?

The early church lived with that kind of expectation. They never knew where the Holy Spirit might lead next, whose life might be transformed, or what new opportunity for ministry might appear around the corner. They expected God to be at work.

Stewardship grows out of that same anticipation.

When we believe God is still writing new stories, we naturally want to be part of them. We volunteer because we want to see what God will do next. We invite others because we believe their lives can be changed. We give generously because we're investing in something bigger than ourselves.

Perhaps this fall, as backpacks are filled and classrooms come alive again, we can reclaim a little of that childlike anticipation.

Maybe it's okay – even healthy – to become a little "nervous-cited" about what God has in store for our churches.

After all, the best chapters of God's story are never behind us. They're always the next ones God invites us to write together.

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Newsletter of Boyceville, Downing, Faith Family,
Glenwood City, and
Wheeler Grace United Methodist Churches
Pastor Shinnae Kim
Parsonage: 715-749-6351
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Glenwood City Worship Service: 9:15 a.m.
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