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River Glen Shared Ministry
"United in Christ"

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Dear Church Family,

Over the past two weeks, my husband and I had the privilege of attending the largest Korean UMC conference in San Francisco. It was a deeply moving time where we reconnected with familiar, beloved faces and received warm comfort and encouragement. Following the conference, we traveled to Los Angeles—the city where we spent our newlywed years—and spent wonderful moments visiting friends with whom we hadn't been in touch for a long time. And it was an exceptionally joyful grace to visit two families who had once been our church members in Wisconsin before moving to LA.

Yet, being away for ten days during such a bustling season leading up to our Charge Conference was not easy. During our absence, our congregation hosted a few important meetings and two fundraisers, and we also said our earthly goodbyes to two faithful friends as they went home to be with the Lord. Because I could not be there with you, a part of my heart remained restless and apologetic throughout the journey.

However, upon our return, the very first things that greeted us at the parsonage were a beautifully installed new ramp at the back door and a newly repaired toilet. At that moment, I realized with profound gratitude how faithfully the servants of our ministry had stepped up to fill our places while we were away. Furthermore, so many of you lovingly and attentively helped me catch up on everything I had missed. And what a delight it has been to listen to Paul's fascinating stories from Africa as he preaches across our five churches!

During the conference in San Francisco, I had the opportunity to speak with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung about my new appointment. His advice to me was: *"Do not try to do everything alone; instead, always strive to stay connected."* What a timely and deeply fitting blessing that was for my heart!

Through this trip, I learned even more deeply what an amazing ministry I have become a part of, and what trustworthy, loving siblings in Christ I am walking with.

I am, truly, a deeply blessed and happy pastor.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Shinae Kim



Joint Service

There will be a Joint Worship Service and Potluck at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st at the United Methodist Church in Boyceville. There will be no services at Faith Family, Glenwood City, Downing or Wheeler that day!



There will be a community Thanksgiving service at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Glenwood City.

Church Charge Conference

Our charge conference is at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4th at the Wheeler Grace United Methodist Church.



Advent starts on Sunday, November 29th. Several of the churches will be having Hanging of the Greens and decorating the churches that day.



Don't be afraid to start a new chapter.

~Dove Chocolates

PRAYER list

Sister Alegria
Julie Babbit
Barbara Bender
Jo Smith
Nancy Hill
Ed Stine
Penny Warner
Bruce Ohman
Barbara Bender
Myron Anderson
Carol Cherney
Sister Confianza
Nikki Mastbergen
Dick Tews
LeRoy Salzman
Julian Bender
Sheldon Simonson
Hong-In Kim
Lynn Smith
Esther Mae Parkins

Delphine Danovsky

Greg Kleindl's son-in-law

Pastor Shannon Mattison

Mike & Tasha Knickerbocker

Family & Friends of Faye Krueger

Family & Friends of Rosemary Tracy

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

NOVEMBER Birthdays

1 Rheanna Bischel
4 Judy Schlottman
Roger Smith
5 Carol Cherney
7 Deanna Schone
8 Tim Buttles
Alpha Greene
10 Nick Schone
11 Kim Smith
16 Tammy Hintz
22 Courtney Walk
28 Heidi Olson
29 Julie Babbitt
Gary Stevens

Happy Birthday and God bless you!

NewsLetter DEADLine

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

Thank you!

Thank you to our October worship leaders:

Howard Hintzman
Heather Greene
Paul Webster
Earl Blodgett
Judy Bender
Bonnie Walters

We couldn't do this without you!

One day, everything you own will either be donated, sold, or thrown away. What will remain is the difference you made in the lives of others. Live for that.
~Joshua Becker

Women's Evening Fellowship Group

The Monday night Bible study will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 2nd at the Glenwood City United Methodist Church. We will be doing Lesson 11, "Radiant Joy" in the Contagious Joy book. Everyone is welcome to attend! Interested is studying some part of the Bible? We are nearing the end of this study and will be choosing a new one in January. Please contact Judy Bender at jbender298@gmail.com or (715)265-7362

Men's Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 12th at the Glenwood City Methodist Church. If interested, contact Julian Bender at 715 265 7362 or jbender167@gmail.com.



Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate:

- 719 Empty pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries
- Food to West CAP Food Pantry

Weekly Audio or Video Sermons Available

Sermon by Phone is an audio version of weekly service - call 715-309-5114. This is a Menomonie 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, River Glen Shared Ministry 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=UlpaSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777

Passcode: 421072

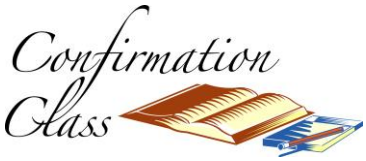
The amount of beautiful things in your life depends on your ability to notice them.

To Support Mujila Falls Agriculture Project

Go to General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church at umcmission.org

- Go to the Missions web page.
- Select Advance Specials for Agriculture in Africa.
- Make a gift to Advance Special 15016A, Mujila Falls Agriculture Project.

It will be accredited to your church if you specify.



All River Glen Shared Ministry youth middle school through high school are invited to join. A meeting of students and an adult family member is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 pm at Boyceville. The class will run for 10 sessions. Dates and time for the remaining 9 sessions will be set at this meeting. Confirmation is a time to grow your faith and to learn about our Methodist beliefs. Carol Cherney, Marguerite Blodgett, Earl Blodgett, and Pastor Shinae (Anna) Kim will be leading the journey.



Is anyone interested in starting a parish choir? Hopefully we can put together a couple songs for the holidays. Contact Heather Greene (612-799-6215) Stay tuned for a potential meeting date to try to get things started.

Grace United Methodist Church Wheeler

Sunday Worship Time 11:15 a.m.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Faye Krueger. Faye passed away on October 6, 2026.

Meatball Dinner



Thursday, October 29th

3:30-7 p.m.

at

Grace United Methodist Church

602 W. Main St., Wheeler, WI

Menu:

Meatballs & Gravy	Cranberries
Mashed Potatoes	Bread
Coleslaw	Beverages
Corn	Desserts

Free Will Donation

Carry Out or Dine In

Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.

~Will Rogers

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Sunday Worship Time: 10 a.m.

Angel Tree

It's Angel Tree Time. Boyceville will be sponsoring 10 children through the Christmas Program at WestCap. As soon as we have the information from WestCap the tags will go up on the tree. Each tag will include needs and wants. There are three tags for each child. You do not need to purchase everything on the tag. Please do not wrap the gifts. Don't want to shop, cash donations are welcome too. We don't have the dates from WestCap yet as to when the gifts need to be returned by. Thank You!

The Boyceville Mission Team

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

	Reader
November 1	Joint Service at Boyceville
November 8	Marguerite Blodgett
November 15	Earl Blodgett
November 22	Marguerite Blodgett
November 29	Earl Blodgett

Coffee Time: Coffee time will be after the worship service on November 22nd. Sheila Hegeman will serve.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Rosemary Zachow Tracy. Rosemary passed away on October 11, 2026.



Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future.
~Gail Lumet Buckley

Faith Family
United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Time: 8:30 a.m.

Worship Ministry Leaders

November 1	Joint service at Boyceville
November 8	Heather Greene
November 15	Terri Wilson
November 21	Michael Clark
November 29	Paul Webster

Noisy Can—Food Pantry

Send offering to:

Terri Wilson
3127—200th Ave.
Glenwood City, WI 54013

Thank you to all those that donated and helped at the pancake breakfast. It was great to see so many new and old faces come out!

We are planning to host another pancake breakfast in November for the Hunters and Hunter widows. Hope we can help get people out of the woods and into the warmth of the church for breakfast, brunch or lunch, November 22nd 9-1pm. We look forward to hearing all of your hunting stories.

Hoping to have baked goods and crafts for sale during the breakfast for you to enjoy for the holidays.

Worship will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st due to the Pancake Breakfast on November 22nd!

Stay tuned for more information pertaining to our next Ad board meeting.

Thank you Paul Webster for sharing your experiences from Africa with us!



Fun Day School learned about a favorite Korean snack honey chestnuts and were able to try them, thank you Pastor!

We also talked about being God's light and practiced singing "this little light of mine" which we hope to perform at our next joint service along with anyone that would like to join us.





We can not do great things; we can only do small things with great love.
~Mother Teresa

Downing
United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship time: 11:00 a.m.



Our Advent mission is a Mitten Tree with new and gently used winter items being donated to the school. Monetary donations also accepted and we will shop for you!



We are currently looking for someone to shovel or snowblow the church sidewalks during the winter months. It would be needed once a week or more often if there are events at the church.

Downing Administrative Council

The Downing Administrative Council me at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at the Nelson home. There were 6 present. Marlys shared info from Fresh Expressions about serving the community where they're at. Minutes from the last meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved by consensus.

The flowering crab tree has been removed. A new dehumidifier was purchased and needs a stand. A new TV was purchased. Getting a grant for a chair lift was discussed. Pastor's report included a meeting in Green Lake, making a visiting schedule and upcoming vacation. The thrift & bake sale went well. Leftovers were donated to Hope Gospel. We are still looking for someone to shovel/snowblow the church sidewalks. Having church in the basement during the winter months and getting a new church sign were discussed. A motion was M/S/P to donate money to the Downing Halloween Trail event. A motion was M/S/P to donate money to Hope Gospel Mission for Thanksgiving meals. A motion was M/S/P to have a craft fair at the church on December 5th. Having Breakfast with Santa at the church on Dec. 13th was discussed. We will have a Mitten Tree again with monetary donations accepted in November and items purchased in December. We will keep our leadership roster the same for 2027.

Our next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 19 at the Nelson home. Pastor Shinae closed the meeting with prayer.

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.
~Theodore Roosevelt

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:

Plastic Bread Tags

Used Deodorant Containers

Pumps & Triggers from plastic bottles

Cancelled Stamps (NOT Christmas or flags)

Used Glue Sticks

Used Tape Dispensers

Used Gift Cards

Unusable Pens, Pencils, Markers or Crayons

Dental Floss Containers

Toothpaste Tubes & Toothbrushes

They are no longer taking socks!

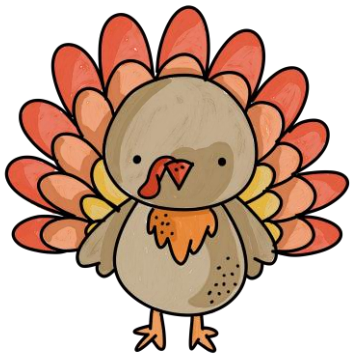
Glenwood City
United Women in Faith

Greetings ladies!

I wanted to drop a note on how successful the Hotdish Supper we held for Disaster Relief went. We raised $1012 for the relief fund! I cannot thank you all enough on what we all accomplished that day. I want to give a shout out to the following: Bonnie, Judy, Jean, Cindy, Mary, Sarah, Jim and Shawn for all of your contributions to make this fund raiser a huge success. I thank all of you for everything that we accomplished!

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15 after fellowship. The agenda will be our next big fundraiser : Cookie Walk.
Thank you see you soon
Patti





People may doubt what you say, but will always believe what you do.

The Worst Part About Gratitude? It Works.
November 2026

I recently came across a humorous Instagram video in which a comedian talks about his therapist encouraging him to practice gratitude. He clearly does not want to do it. With frustration and sarcasm, he talks about being told to name a few things he is grateful for each day. And then he delivers the punchline: the worst part about gratitude is that **it works.**

That line stuck with me.

This time of year naturally turns our attention toward gratitude. Thanksgiving invites us to pause, reflect, and give thanks. But if we are honest, gratitude can feel harder to practice when finances are tight, uncertainty is high, or the future feels unclear. Churches feel that pressure. Families feel that pressure. Individuals do too.

In those moments, gratitude can sound too simple – almost naïve. But gratitude is not pretending everything is easy. It is not denial. It is not ignoring hardship. Gratitude is choosing to notice that, even in the middle of challenge, God is still present, still faithful, and still at work.

In that sense, gratitude changes what we see.

When I used to ride a motorcycle, I learned a simple but important lesson: where you look matters. If there is something in the road you want to avoid, you do not stare directly at it. If you fixate on it, there is a good chance you will ride right into it. Instead, you look toward where you want to go.

Life is often like that too.

If we focus only on scarcity, fear, and what might go wrong, those things begin to dominate our vision. They shape our mood, our decision-making, and our sense of possibility. But if we intentionally look for signs of God's provision, evidence of changed lives, and the gifts already in our midst, that focus begins to shape us too. It does not eliminate difficulty, but it changes how we travel through it.

That is especially true in stewardship.

Gratitude helps move us from anxiety to trust, from fear to faith, and from clenched hands to open ones. It reminds us that stewardship does not begin with obligation. It begins with recognizing what God has already given. We give because we have first received.

This November, even in difficult financial times, perhaps one of the most faithful things we can do is practice gratitude. Name what is good. Give thanks for what God has done. Notice the blessings that are already present. As that comedian discovered, much to his irritation, the worst part about gratitude may just be that it works.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
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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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