
October
2026

River Glen Shared Ministry

“United in Christ”

Pastor Shinae Kim
Pastor's Cell Phone: (213)500-0073
Parsonage Phone: (715)749-6351
Pastor's email: manyur79@gmail.com

The Rhythm of Complete Joy

Recently, I began a daily morning yoga routine. In yoga, the most essential practice is the breath. On the **inhale**, you do not force complex or strenuous poses; you simply focus on receiving the breath as it enters your body. It is on the **exhale** that you engage, stretch, and strengthen your muscles. As you breathe out, your core stabilizes, and every part of your body settles into alignment.

While I meditate with those breathings, my heart was captured by Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 2:2: **“Make my joy complete.”**

“My joy is not full until you are filled with joy.” What a breathtaking definition of love!

Perhaps our joy is like breath itself—continually coming to us from Him, and then flowing out from us back to others. It is alive, dancing, and constantly circulating. It is precisely this sacred rhythm of joy that draws our fellowship into deeper realms of love.

Yet, to say that joy circulates also means accepting a quieter truth: there are recurring moments when our joy seems to completely empty out. Our faith journey is not frozen in a perpetual state of ecstasy. We must face the raw reality of the world—the grit of daily routines, brokenness, and seasons of pain.

The moments when joy leaves our lives feel very much like that exhale. They are the hard seasons that force us to face our pain, ultimately anchoring our core even more firmly in God.

Yet, the exhale is never the end of the cycle. Following the exhale, the inhale inevitably returns. Comfort from those around us, the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, the growth of our families, and the fruits of our labor return to fill the empty spaces—gently preparing us for the next breath of grace.

Blessings,
Shinae

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, October 11

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

At Faith Family Church

2692—154th Ave.

Emerald, WI



Thank You to our September Worship Leaders:

Earl Blodgett Heather Greene
Bonnie Walters

We couldn't do this without you!



October 4th is World Communion Sunday. Help make it a special day of worldwide Christian unity by coming to church and sharing communion with your faith family.

Hot Dish Supper



Wednesday, October 14

4:30-7 p.m.

**Glenwood City
United Methodist Church**

240 E. Oak St., Glenwood City, WI

Serving:

**Variety of hot dishes
and desserts**

Dine in or Take out

Freewill Offering for Disaster Relief

Small steps can still walk miles. Go your own pace!

~Dove Chocolates

PRAYER

list



OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sister Alegria Carol Cherney
 Julie Babbit Sister Confianza
 Barbara Bender 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)
 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

October birthdays:

3 Kay Jones
 6 Abel Greene
 7 Lauren Olson
 Pastor Shannon Mattison
 Billy Warner
 9 Mindy Nelson
 16 Annika Bauman
 17 Scott Schmidt
 18 Lori Koehler
 19 Pastor Mary Beth Scow
 Samantha Nelson
 Savanna Millermon
 20 Hailey Schmidt
 Vicki Larson
 21 Barbara Schmidt
 22 Dawn Swanepoel
 29 Owen Bauman
 31 Baylie Millermon

Happy Birthday and God bless you!

October Anniversaries:

7 Dennis & Joyce Petersen
 8 Pete Bodette & Lavonne Nelson
 12 Steve & Jolene Schmidt
 16 Brent & April Bauman

Congratulations and God Bless You!

Don't let the hard days win.
~Dove Chocolates

Women's Evening Fellowship Group

The Monday night Bible study will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 5th at the Glenwood City United Methodist Church. We will be doing Lesson 11, "Radiant Joy" in the Contagious Joy book. Everyone is welcome to join us in this joyful study! 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 Menomonee 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

Pumpkin patches are proof that good things come in all shapes and sizes.



K-FOOD LUNCH:
EAT, LEARN & GIVE BACK

Craving authentic Korean street food?
Join us for a delicious event for a great cause!

EVENT DETAILS

- Sat, Oct 3 2026**
11 am - 3 pm
- Location:** Menomonee UMC
2703 Boegly Dr., Menomonee
- Host:** Grace Bridge
Korean United Methodist Church
- Rev. Jinsan Kim** 909-532-1051
goodnews@gmail.com
www.mgbumc.com

MENU & ACTIVITY

- Teokbokki • Spicy Rice Cakes
- Odeng • Fish Cake Soup
- Bulgogi • Marinated Beef
- Dammuji • Pickled Radish
- **SPECIAL ACTIVITY:**
Hands-on Gimbap Cooking Class!

\$10 FEE
(Includes food & cooking class)

TARGET: \$2,500

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
All proceeds and donations will go toward preparing Care Gift Boxes for international students staying on campus during school breaks. Help us reach our goal of \$2,500 to show love and support to our student community!

LEARN! ROLL! ENJOY!

Come hungry, learn a new recipe, and make a difference!

Please note this event has been rescheduled to October 24th!



Join us for Funday School held every other Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at Faith Family United Methodist Church in Emerald. Meeting dates in October are: Oct. 7th and 21st. Open to all youth Pre-K-18. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Charge Conference

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



Coat Closet



2026

Winter and Outerwear Distribution

Where: 510 Winter Street, Boyceville, WI
(entrance is in Alley behind building)

When:

- Saturday, October 17th: 9 am - 12 pm
- Saturday, October 24th: 9 am - 12 pm
- Saturday, November 7th: 9 am - 12 pm
- Saturday, November 14th: 9 am - 12 pm

If you have winter outerwear items to donate a Drop box is at the Peoples State Bank of Boyceville.

Questions:

Call United Methodist Church of Boyceville:

715-901-0009 or email: boycevilleumc@gmail.com



Newsletter DEADLINE

Gleaner news is due by noon on Tuesday, October 20th. Please contact Tammy Nelson at 715-505-2657 or riverglensharedministry@gmail.com with your news. Thanks.

Your energy is expensive! Spend it wisely.

~Dove Chocolates

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 10 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

Reader

October 4 Earl Blodgett

October 11 Marguerite Blodgett

October 18 Open

October 25 Marguerite Blodgett

Coffee Time: Coffee time will be after the worship service on Sunday, October 25th. Marguerite Blodgett will serve.

**The Boyceville Ad Council will meet e
at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 8th.**



Boyceville 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!

Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.

~Unknown

Faith Family United Methodist Church

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Worship Ministry Leaders

October 4	Heather Greene
October 10	Terri Wilson
October 18	Michael Clark
October 25	Paul Webster

Noisy Can—Food Pantry

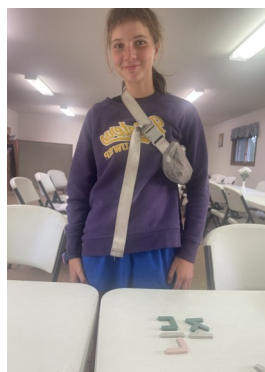
Send offering to:

Terri Wilson

3127—200th Ave.

Glenwood City, WI 54013

Here are some photos from Fun Day school, all are welcome it is a fun time to learn about Christ and develop deeper bonds within our community. We are doing skits about Bible verses and learned how to write our names in Korean along with tried some Korean snacks!



Horsin' Around Days 2026
★ EMERALD, WI ★
OCTOBER 3 - 4, 2026
TWO DAYS OF FUN IN EMERALD!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 11:00 AM Trivia ATV Run leaving The GOAT
- 1:00 PM Horse Parade Kids Scavenger Hunt to Follow
- 2:00 PM Bean Bags & Band at Shotguns Saloon
- 5:00 PM Band at Shotguns Saloon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 9:00 AM Breakfast at Shotguns Saloon
- 10:00 AM Car Show Registration
- 11:00 AM Car Show Begins Lunch Specials at The GOAT
- 11:00 AM Bingo at Shotguns
- 1:15 PM Coloring Contest Winners
- 1:30 PM Car Show Awards

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

COMPEER FINANCIAL, NEXTGEN Classics, EMERALD TIRE & AUTO SERVICE, JP's Performance, VB TOTAL SERVICES, The GOAT, SHOTGUN'S SALOON

★ Good Friends ★ Good Times ★ See You in Emerald! ★

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

No worship service on Sunday, Oct. 11 due to pancake breakfast. Worship will be held at 5 p.m. on Sat. Oct 10th instead.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
9am-1pm

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

~Arthur Ashe

**Downing
United Methodist Church**

Worship time: 11:00 a.m.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Thrift & Bake Sale a success! We couldn't do this without you.



The Downing Ad Council will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 1st at the Nelson home.

Nothing is impossible. The word itself says "I'm possible!"

~Audrey Hepburn

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



I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will no refuse to do the something that I can do.

~Edward Everett Hale

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 UMC will be part of the Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 25 from 11 am to 12:30 p.m. and is looking for donations of candy. Donations may be dropped off at the Tribune Press Reporter office during business hours or at the church prior to or after Worship services.

Glenwood City United Women in Faith

UWF met on September 13, 2026 Went over and decided to meet on the second Sunday @7pm due to my busy schedule. Our next meeting will be on 10/11/29@7pm. We started to prep for our fall supper which will be held on 10/14/26. Judy will get the large sign again. Patti will do the sign up sheet and post at the next service for all to sign up. Patti will be doing the letter for the grant from our friends at Thrivent. We also decided that I will get some new core plast signs for our fund raisers with the money left over from soup fund raiser!

Your United Woman in Faith Friend,
Patti

WE HAVE OUR BLESSING BOX SET UP OUTSIDE FINALLY!

Accepting all or any dry food items and or cleaning supplies for the everyday busy household. Please note as the weather gets colder we need to buy items with this in mind. Asking that we put the non food items on the top shelf so no little children will be able to reach. As always we are a wonderful and giving community and striving for the same thing: to help whomever may need in these tough times. Items needed: laundry pods & dryer sheets, drop toilet bowl cleaner, dish soap, aluminum foil, cube tissue, toothpaste, dental floss, sugar, pancake mix, breakfast bars, treats, cookies, microwave popcorn, cereal, bar soap, toilet paper, paper towels, pasta, tuna helper, hamburger helper, flour, muffin mix, cornbread mix, cake mixes, pasta & rice side dishes, toaster pastries, etc. Cash donations would be great too and we will shop for you!

Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you.
~Walt Whitman



What Are We Growing? October 2026

This spring, I planted seeds in a raised garden bed in our backyard. That may not sound particularly noteworthy, but for me it was a bit of an adventure. I grew up in the Milwaukee suburbs and am pretty “citi-fied.” Gardening has never really been part of my life, and I certainly wouldn’t describe myself as someone who knows what he’s doing.

Still, I decided to start somewhere. I planted tomatoes, squash, zucchini, and a few other things. I watered. I pulled weeds. I tried to pay attention to what seemed to be working and what wasn’t. And then I waited. That last part may have been the hardest.

You don’t plant a seed one afternoon and come back the next morning to find a tomato waiting for you. Growth takes time. For a while, there isn’t much to see at all. Then a small plant appears. It gets a little bigger. Eventually there are flowers, then tiny vegetables, and finally something ready to harvest.

By late summer, I was bringing tomatoes, squash, and zucchini into the house. And what surprised me most was the abundance. There was more than enough for my family and me. There was enough to share with others. All of that came from deciding to plant a few seeds even though I wasn’t entirely sure what I was doing.

There is something in that experience that reminds me of stewardship and the ministry of the church. Much of what God accomplishes through us begins with someone simply being willing to start. Someone gives for the first time. Someone volunteers even though they have never done that ministry before. Someone invites a neighbor. Someone agrees to teach a class, serve a meal, visit someone who is lonely, sing in the choir, help with children or youth, or make a financial commitment to the church. Often, we don’t immediately see what grows from those seeds.

Ministry requires patience. The impact of a gift, an invitation, or an act of service may not be visible tomorrow – or even next month. But over time, something begins to grow. A child discovers that church is a place where they are loved. Someone going through a difficult season finds a community willing to walk alongside them. A person begins to understand God’s grace in a new way. A family finds a place to belong. Someone who was helped years ago becomes the person helping someone else. And very often, what grows becomes larger than we imagined.

Paul writes, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:6). That is a pretty good description of stewardship. We plant. We tend. We share what God has entrusted to us. And we trust God with what grows from it.

You don’t have to be an expert to plant a seed. You simply have to start. And when we faithfully plant and tend what God has placed in our hands, we may discover that there is not merely enough for us, but an abundance – blessing that can be shared with others in ways we never anticipated.

So perhaps this stewardship season is a good time to ask: What are we planting today? What is God growing among us? And who might be blessed by the harvest?

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
 Contact me at: 608-837-9582 or jmahnke@wumf.org
 Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at www.wumf.org or
 Facebook/[wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org) or call 1-888-903-9863

RIVER GLEN SHARED MINISTRY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
P.O. BOX 129
GLENWOOD CITY WI 54013

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



The Gleaner
October 2026
Newsletter of Boyceville, Downing, Faith Family,
Glenwood City, and
Wheeler Grace United Methodist Churches
Pastor Shinae Kim
Parsonage: 715-749-6351
Faith Family 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