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JANUARY 2023 TOWER

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*Please join us!
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Hispanic Worship at Noon*

★ COMING EVENTS: ★

New Membership Class

Beginning Tuesday, January 3
and held each

Tuesday thereafter in January
at 6:00 p.m. in the church library.

If you're interested in church membership,
please join us!

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Mary Ann Holt	January	5
Gail Thompson		6
Kylene Yartey		8
Jeanette Boss		17
Jean Pippitt		17
Paul Brandt		25
Barb Foster		25
Reese Pelnar		27
Ed Foster		28



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who brought me Christmas gifts! I don't know why I am always amazed at this, because I know the people here at DUMC are thoughtful, kind-hearted, generous people. I am so appreciative that you take time out of your busy schedule to bring me gifts. It makes me feel so blessed! Thank you!

Jeanne

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Mission Statement

We strive to love God with open hearts, minds, and souls, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Vision Statement

The people of Delavan United Methodist Church are committed to deepening our understanding, living, and sharing of our faith by worshipping God and reaching out to members of the community, regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, gender or economic status, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability.

The people of the United Methodist Church

Live the Fruit of the Spirit

The UNITED METHODIST CHURCH consists of 458 congregations in Wisconsin and 12 million members worldwide. We are global, connectional, inclusive, Wesleyan, grounded in Scripture, concerned about social justice, mission-oriented, and ecumenical. For more information: www.wisconsinumc.org



Ordering the days

God spoke and created all that exists. He separated and ordered his creation. What did God say about all he made?

Directions: Write the correct day of creation next to each clue. Then fill in the circled letters in order below to complete Genesis 1:31, NIV.

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH
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| God made wild animals and livestock. | | | | | |
| God said, "Let there be light." | | | | | |
| God gathered the waters under the sky into one place. | | | | | |
| God made a vault to separate the waters and called it "sky." | | | | | |
| God created plants and trees. | | | | | |
| God separated the light from the darkness. | | | | | |
| God made the water teem with living creatures. | | | | | |
| God made the sun and moon. | | | | | |
| God made birds fly above the earth. | | | | | |
| God made stars. | | | | | |
| God created mankind in his own image. | | | | | |

God _aw all tha_ he _ad ma_e, an_ _t was ve_y g_od.

GENESIS 1:31, NIV

Thank you 

A big THANK YOU to Martha Behlman for coming in and doing what she could to help out in the church office while I was out sick.

Your time and talents were very much appreciated! Thank you also to Jim Aldinger for doing the PowerPoint for Sunday morning worship.

NOISY CANS

The Noisy Cans are passed during the offering on Sunday mornings, and each month the proceeds benefit a local charity, or project within the church. In December, we collected for the Food Pantry. January's proceeds will benefit New Beginnings (Assoc. for Prevention of Family Violence). Thank you for your donations!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Project. We were able to sponsor 9 children through your generosity!

Barb Foster, Outreach Team



Thank you to all of our Christmas elves who came in and decorated the church for Christmas. Our church always looks so beautiful at Christmas – thanks to your time and talents!

Answer: sixth, first, third, second, fourth, fifth, fourth, fourth, sixth, God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

JANUARY UWF HAPPENINGS (con't)

Linda added that annual pledges from members are always welcome. Blanket tying for the Tree House continues in the Fellowship Hall.

Reading program information is available on the cart in the library.

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining United Women in Faith to participate in hands-on or other mission work for helping women, children and youth here and around the world, please contact one of our officers.

Below is a picture of Barb Foster, and all the goodies from our Christmas Tea held on December 18th.



January Worship Participants

Sunday, January 1:

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown
Communion: Van & Pat Brown
Lector: Katie Harrington
Greeter: Susie Pegel
Coffee: Martha Behlman

Sunday, January 8:

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds
Lector: Chris Anding
Greeter: Chris Anding
Coffee:

Sunday, January 15:

Ushers: Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman
Lector: Jean Pippitt
Greeters: Ron & Jean Pippitt
Coffee: Katie Harrington & Paul Brandt

Sunday, January 22:

Ushers: Dale Thompson
Lector: Joan Jones
Greeters: Jeff & Tammy Demet
Coffee: (volunteer needed!)

Sunday, January 29:

Ushers: Ron Pippitt
Lector: Anita Ryan
Greeters: Van & Pat Brown
Coffee: Chris Anding



January 2023 United Women in Faith Happenings

Happy New Year to all! In December, we held a planning meeting for 2023 on December 15th with Linda Lemmen chairing the meeting. Officers were installed:

Vice-President: Linda Lemmen Treasurer: Tammy Demet
Secretary: Chris Anding Spiritual Growth: Barb Foster

Tammy reported that all mission giving has been sent to the Southeast District and local missions. The Christmas Tea which was held on Sunday, December 18th was discussed. Volunteers provided the food and Cheryl Wolfe read a poem on the real meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all who helped make it a success.

Programs selected for 2023:

Thurs., March 23 at 1 p.m. meeting in person & Zoom in the library.

Wednesday, May 17 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Salad Luncheon.

Thurs., August 24 at 1 p.m. meeting in library – District donations.

Sunday, September 10 UWF Sunday.

September 23 SE District Fall Gathering in person at West Allis First UMC and by Zoom.

Weds., October 4 at 1 p.m. meeting with Milton UWFaith at Milton UMC on Human Trafficking.

October 13-14, Conference Annual Gathering at Eau Claire Lake Street UMC.

Thursday, November 16 at 1 p.m. World Thank Offering meeting and planning for 2024 in person and by Zoom in church library. The 2023 Program Booklet will include the same budget and Mission Today tasks. "Mosaic of Faith, We Are All Part of God's Story" from our program resource book will be our theme into 2023.

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God gave the gift of Jesus to our world at Christmas. Through your generosity you gave food and sustenance through your support of the Food Pantry. We, and the families that use our pantry, are so grateful for the gifts of food and funds to put food on the table of many hungry families in the Delavan area.

Through your generosity we were able to provide a Christmas dinner to 34 families. Sugar Creek Lutheran Church again partnered with us in helping complete ham dinners by supplying a can of pineapple to go with each dinner. We gave out 27 ham dinners and 7 turkey dinners to families for Christmas.

We have also received donations from community businesses in this Christmas season. As well, each Monday there is a woman in our community who shares several grocery bags of food with us. Your outreach through the Food Pantry is being recognized and supported by many persons which means that those with food needs are receiving a better selection and amount of food each week. Thank you for your support of the pantry through your prayers and gifts of food and finances. If you would like to donate specific items, the following are some that our customers regularly request:

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| Canned Pineapple | Applesauce | Salsa |
| Hamburger/Tuna Helper | Sugar | Jelly |
| Chunky Peanut Butter | Mayonnaise | Salt/Pepper |
| Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat | Sloppy Joe Sauce | Chunky Soup |
| Corned Beef Hash | Unsweetened/Sweetened Cereal | |



Pastor Angel's Page

Friends with the triune God

I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. John 14:15

Aren't you glad to count on a friend that understands you? We have a friend named Jesus that sits next to our God and because this friend understands us, we can be confident that he pleads for us when we make mistakes. The author of the book of Hebrews wrote:

"So then, since we have a great High Priest (friend) who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most"
Hebrews 4:14-16

When we understand our relationship with God as a friendship and see ourselves as friends of God, our prayers will be different. We will see our prayer being led by the Holy Spirit and our relationship with God will be stronger. The church I grew up in taught me a lot of misunderstanding about God. They were too strict to the point that it made me believe that God was so far away from me. That I needed to be perfect in order to God accept me and if I made any mistakes God was going to be mad at me and would not bless me. I didn't see God as my friend, but as a supreme being that I could never make him happy. But as I study the scripture, I come to found out that none of those things I learned were true. We don't have to be perfect to be friends with Jesus; we just need to obey him and if we make a mistake, he understands. *(continued on pg. 6)*



Our Cookie Walk held on December 17th was a success! Thank you to all our wonderful bakers who provided such a delightful array of cookies!



Being Neighborly

The last time you moved into a new community, did your neighbors welcome you? From previous moves, I fondly recall receiving smiles, handshakes, baked goods and houseplants. Because one new neighborhood included two parsonages, I wasn't surprised to receive invitations to worship. After that, I began anticipating similar invitations, even though we had a church home. We don't always take our new neighbors up on the offers, but knowing that churchgoers live nearby is comforting.

When a new family moves into your neighborhood, how do you respond? Does it cross your mind to invite them to worship? Maybe they're waiting for — even needing — that invitation. To ask, you don't need to be a pastor or a member of the evangelism committee ... just a friendly neighbor.



**SOUPER
BOWL
SUNDAY**

Super Bowl Sunday – February 12th
Don Edmunds will be making and selling his
delicious chili! Don't miss out!
All proceeds will benefit DUMC.

The only thing Jesus asks is for us to recognize our mistakes, repent and then follow him.

This is why the author of Hebrews said “...*So let us come boldly to the throne of our **gracious** God...*” God will not reject you, he will not strike you down with thunder, he will not even be mad at you for he extends his grace so we can repent and get back to him.

He has his arms wide open to receive you with the same love he loves Jesus his son. He is not mad at you, on the contrary, he is proud of you that you made a decision to come to him in your moments of need.

Pastor Angel Rosario



New Membership Class

If you're interested in church membership, it is not too late to join our **New Membership Class!** The class lasts about an hour, and is held each Tuesday in January at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. Come learn about Delavan UMC and let us answer any questions you may have about church membership.



Thank you to everyone who put together the Reverse Advent Baskets for the Food Pantry. They were handed out to the families the beginning of January.

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am Hisp. Band Practice 12 pm Hispanic Worship	2	3 5 pm TOPS (FH) 6 pm Membership Class (L) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study	4 9-12 Food Pantry 7:30 pm AA (CR)	5 12-3:30 pm PEO Group (FH) 6:30 pm Pastor Lilliannett's Bible Study (FH)	6 10 am AA (CR)	7
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TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly; PEO=Philanthropic Educational Org.; AA = Alcoholics Anon.
FH = Fellowship Hall; L = Library; CR = Community Room; S = Sanctuary