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APRIL 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:

- ✦ *Good Friday Worship*
6:00 p.m. April 7
- ✦ *Easter Sunday Worship*
9:00 a.m. April 9
- ✦ *Spring Rummage Sale*
April 14 & 15
Fri. 8-4 & Sat. 8-2



Kathy Vance	2
Nancy Williams	16
Cheryl Wolfe	18
Breanna Yartey	23
Ann Scott	24



Pastor Angel & Lilliannet Rosario	8
(Happy 18 th Anniversary!)	



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lent Luncheons! Our Lent luncheons wouldn't be possible without you giving of your time & talents to come help set up and clean up. I know the churches that hosted really appreciated that! Thanks also to everyone who donated cookies/brownies and bread. You are awesome!

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 worshiping 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

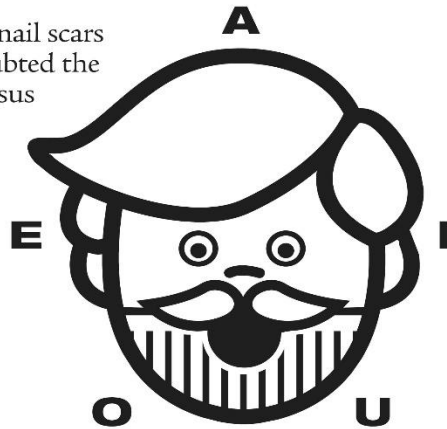


SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?

Directions:

Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete
John 20:29, NIV.



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JOHN 20:29, NIV

Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, NIV



Friday, April 14th from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 15th from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Spring has sprung! Have you started cleaning out your closets, garages, attics & basements to find treasures for our church Rummage Sale? Bring your items to the church anytime during office hours (Mon-Thurs 8-1). Please be sure the items are clean and in good condition. (Please, no televisions).

The UWF will also be holding a Bake Sale during the rummage sale. Donations of baked goods would be very much appreciated! Sign-up sheets for the rummage and bake sale are in the Fellowship Hall. Many hands make light work, so please sign up to help! Pat Brown is the chair of the bake sale, Cindy Gallup is chair of the rummage sale.

Noisy Cans

Our Noisy Cans are passed during the offering on Sunday mornings, and the proceeds are given to local charities. In March we collected donations for Pastor's Discretionary Fund and raised a total of \$91. In April our Noisy Cans will benefit Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee.



Pastor Angel's Page

What is a disciple of Jesus Christ?

*Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make **disciples** of all the nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these **new disciples** to obey all the commands I have given you..." Matthew 28:18-20*

"The word *disciple* refers to a student or apprentice. Disciples in Jesus's day would follow their rabbi (which means teacher) wherever he went, learning from the rabbi's teaching and being trained so they could become rabbis themselves. Basically, a disciple is a follower, but only if we take the term *follower* literally. Becoming a disciple of Jesus is as simple as obeying His call to follow." (From the book "*Multiply*" by Francis Chan).

There is a difference between a "disciple/follower" and a "believer" We were all called to be disciples of Jesus Christ but many have become only believers. The truth is that we first come to believe in Jesus, from there we should grow to become a disciple and then we are to teach others to become disciples as well. This is the process of disciple making. When Jesus chose the 12, he simply went to them and told them "follow me" from there, each of them left their homes, towns, job, family, etc. then they begin the journey with Christ. How do we become a disciple of Jesus in the year 2023?

To be a disciple of Jesus Christ for this day and age is to imitate him to the point that we will look like him. Not physically of course, but morally and spiritually. Rev. Francis Chan in his book "multiply" wrote "...It's impossible to be a disciple or a follower of someone and not end up like that person..." If we are to be like Jesus, then our lives should reflect his forgiveness, kindness and unconditional love.
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United
Women
in Faith



Chris Anding, Barb Foster, Tammy Demet and Martha Behlman are holding blankets tied by the United Women in Faith this fall and winter. They tied 10 blankets in all with 2 given to shut-ins. It is with joy that they made these for the children to take after they have their forensic interviews at the Wal/Co Child Advocacy Center.

They also filled Personal Dignity Kits for those suffering from disasters, and those will be sent to Midwest Distribution Center in Chatham IL.

Social Action Day will be Sat. April 15 from 9 –Noon (virtual). See registration details and a sign-up sheet for a watch party at Whitewater UMC in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested.

Bake Sale during the Rummage Sale – April 14-15. Pat Brown will chair it.



During your prayer time, please include the following members and friends:

For healing and strength: Dorie Kosche, Steve Jones, Pastor Eduardo de la Cruz, Nick Gianitsos, Alice Halverson.

For our military: Nicholas Bell.

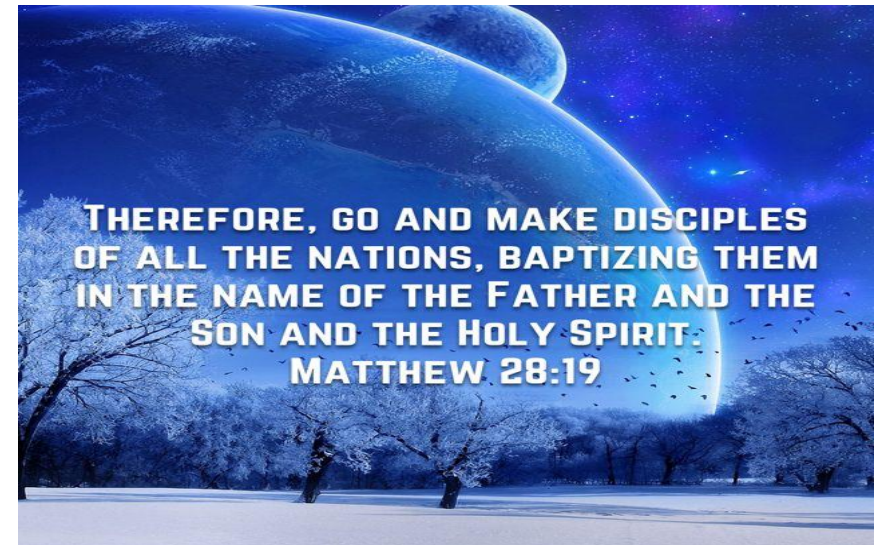


On Sunday, March 19th we had a special offering for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). The offering will benefit the administrative part of UMCOR, which will enable them to help others with relief efforts. Thank you for your contributions – we received nearly \$1,000!



Jesus is calling all his children to “...go and make disciples...” It was not a suggestion; it was not an opinion; it was not a desire; it was not a proposal; it was not a recommendation. Do you want to know what it was? It was with all authority, a commandment from Jesus to “GO” and make new disciples. Are you a disciple/disciple maker? If not, today is a good day to start!

Pastor *Angel Rosario*



CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 22nd

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

Come help if you are able!



Feeding the Community

Food Pantry News

Your Food Pantry has continued its vital ministry and is seeing a gradual and steady growth in the number of families served. This increase was

expected as people receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/Food Stamp) benefits had their monthly amount reduced as of March 1, 2023.

Fortunately, the variety of items available from Feeding America has increased. On our mid-March visit to Feeding America we were able to receive 100 lbs. of fresh potatoes and 20 lbs. of lettuce (10 lbs. of shredded and washed iceberg and 10 lbs. of trimmed and washed green leaf). Although the lettuce came in 5 lb. bags, we re-bagged it in 1-gal. bags for distribution to our customers. As well, we got several cases of elbow macaroni and a case of brown rice to have in reserve for the coming weeks. In total, we got 551 lbs. of food from Feeding America for \$72.69 (some items were free). This was a good month for purchasing from Feeding America. We got 90 lbs. of “shelf-stable product”, a variety of goods from Hamburger Helper to boxed cereals to canned vegetables to granola bars and snacks. These were 3 large boxes of items often donated by Kroger Food from their surplus or soon to be outdated items.

Your donations of food and cash are a double blessing. As you donate items listed on the “wish list” at the end of each month’s article, we can replenish the shelves of the most popularly requested items. Your cash gifts allow us to purchase items locally each week after we have served our families on Wednesdays. We comparison shop at Piggly Wiggly, Aldi’s, Dollar Tree, and Walmart, seeking the best values on items we need. We also buy in quantity when items such as sugar, Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, etc., are on sale so we have these items in reserve to replenish our shelves.

April Worship Participants

Sunday, April 2

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown
Communion: Paul Brandt & Katie Harrington
Lector: Don Edmunds
Greeter: Sandy Edmunds
Coffee: (Volunteer needed)

Sunday, April 9

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds
Lector: Jesse Guzman
Greeter: Vernola Anderson
Coffee: Chris Anding & Sue Neiger

Sunday, April 16

Ushers: Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman
Lector: Anita Ryan
Greeter: Denise Bruneau
Coffee: (Volunteer needed)

Sunday, April 23

Ushers: Dale Thompson
Lector: Ed Foster
Greeters: Ed & Barb Foster
Coffee: (Volunteer needed)

Sunday, April 30

Ushers: (to be determined)
Lector: Jesse Guzman
Greeters: Joe & Phyllis Almburg
Coffee: (Volunteer needed)

TOWN HALL MEETING Disaffiliation Update

Our special Town Hall meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall after church service on March 5th. It was well attended by our congregants. This was a time for the Council and the pastor to communicate with the congregation what has been happening with the process of disaffiliation. Pastor explained that he missed three deadlines starting in December to January and because of that, the process stopped. This means that we are no longer able to vote to disaffiliate under the paragraph 2553 which would allow us to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and keep all of the properties belonging to the church; because of disagreements in regard to the view on human sexuality.

Going forward, the church will remain the same way it is right now. There is a General Conference meeting planned for August 2024 in which there will be the possibility of voting to change the language of the Book of Discipline. General Conferences are a 2-week long meeting of the United Methodist Church denomination with representatives from all over the world. There are more than 800 UMC delegates, that during this period of time, they vote on matters of the denomination. This is the only time and way to make changes to the Book of Discipline. These meetings are normally done every 4 years, but because of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, the meeting has been postponed 3 times and now is scheduled for 2024.

Bottom Line: There will be no changes for Delavan UMC. Delavan UMC will continue to be affiliated to the United Methodist Church and will continue to work for God in this community. We will continue to provide spiritual food for those that are spiritually hungry and will continue the ministries of the food pantry and homeless shelter.

I appreciate the leadership board for continuing to work together during this period. The members are as follows: (Chair) Dale Thompson, (SPRC Chair) Joan Jones, (Trustees Chair) Jim Aldinger, (Finance Chair) Cathy Duesterbeck, (Outreach Chair) Barb Foster, (Food Pantry Dir.) Edwin Foster, (Worship Co-Chair) Anita Ryan and (United Women in Faith) Christine Anding.

Food Pantry News (con't)

In March we were blessed with a \$1,000.00 donation from the Delavan Lion's Club. We appreciate our community partners who also provide us with the means to purchase the food that our families need.

We continue to receive donations from our partners: Sugar Creek Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, various groups who use our church building, and you. Thank you for your support of the food pantry through your prayers and gifts of food and finances, as well as providing a convenient location to serve those who are hungry.

If you would like to donate specific items, the following are some that our customers regularly request.

Canned Pineapple
Mandarin Oranges
Spaghetti Sauce with Meat
Sloppy Joe Sauce
Hamburger Helper
Tuna Helper
Sweetened/Unsweetened Cereal

Applesauce
Salt/Pepper
Salsa
Ketchup
Corned Beef Hash
Beef Stew
Jelly





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HBP=Hispanic Band Practice						1
Palm Sunday 2 9 am WORSHIP 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	3 11 am Bible Study at Tana's Rest.	4 5 pm TOPS (FH)	5 9-12 Food Pantry 7:30 pm AA (CR)	6 10 am TRUSTEES	7 9 am OA (FH) 10 am AA (CR) 6 pm Good Friday Worship	8
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FH = Fellowship Hall; L = Library; CR = Community Room