Delavan United Methodist Church 213 S. Second Street Delavan WI 53115 SEPTEMBER 2023 TOWER ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED





We wish God's blessings to those of you celebrating a birthday or anniversary in September.

Phyllis Almburg	September	1
Vernola Anderson		3
Don Hummel		8
Greg Matthews		12
Susie Pegel		13
Kori Pehkonen		18
Judy Weyrough		25
Lindsey Duesterbeck		27
Don & Sandy Edmunds		10
(Happy 46 th Anniversary Don & Sandy!)		
Krista Edmunds & Rick Mealy (Happy 5 th Anniversary Krista & Rick!)		28

Noisy Cans

Each Sunday we pass the Noisy Cans during the offering, and at the end of the month the proceeds are given to a local charity. In August we collected \$81 for the Spirit of Hope Homeless Shelter. In September we will collect donations for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Walworth County. Thank you for your donations!

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Mission Statement

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

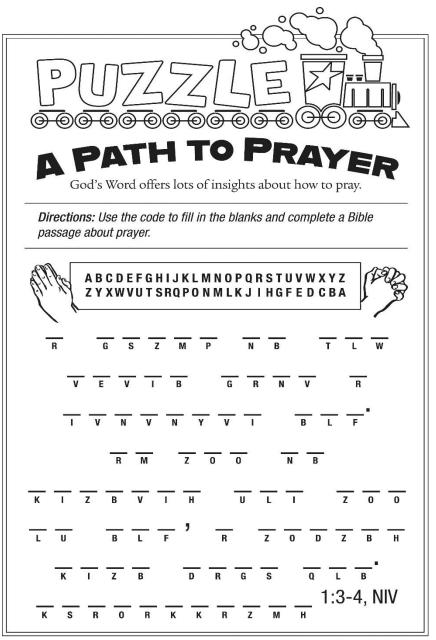
Vision Statement

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

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Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, MIV

Friday, September 22 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, September 23 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (\$3 Bag Sale from 12-2 on Saturday)

Now that the weather is a bit cooler, it's a great time to clean out your closets, attics, basements & garages and bring your clean, usable treasures to the church rummage sale! (No televisions, please). The United Women in Faith will also hold a Bake Sale during the two days of the rummage sale.

We will need LOTS of help sorting and pricing the items. Sign-up sheets will be on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to help!

Cindy Gallup (728-5157) is the chair of the rummage sale, Pat Brown (728-3689) is the chair of the bake sale. We are fortunate to have so many good bakers in our congregation. Donations of baked goods would be very much appreciated!

You may bring items for the rummage sale any time during office hours (Mon-Thurs. 8-1) and place them upstairs in the Sunday School room. Our rummage sale is one of our best fundraisers, and we need you to make it a success!

September Worship Participants

Sunday, September 3

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown

Lector: Joan Jones

Communion: Van & Pat Brown
Greeters: Van & Pat Brown
Coffee: Dorie Kosche

Sunday, September 10 – United Women in Faith Sun.

Ushers: Pat Brown, Tammy Demet, Barb Foster,

Sue Neiger

Lector: Sue Neiger

Greeter: Linda Lemmen

Coffee: Brunch served by UW Faith

Sunday, September 17

Ushers: Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman

Lector: Ed Foster

Greeters: Ron & Jean Pippitt
Coffee: (volunteer needed!)

Sunday, September 24

Ushers: Dale Thompson
Lector: Jesse Guzman
Greeters: Ed & Barb Foster
Coffee: (volunteer needed!)



SEPTEMBER 2023 HAPPENINGS

The Delavan United Women in Faith are now taking orders for the Heritage Cookbook. A sign-up sheet and sample cookbook are available in the Fellowship Hall. Materials have been donated and cookbooks will be assembled by the UWF members. They only ask for a donation toward missions.

All are invited to our United Women in Faith Sunday, September 10th. Martha Boyer, Dodgeville, will be our speaker and give her testimony on how Methodist Missions helped her while growing up in Mexico. She is our former Conference President. A brunch will be served by the UWF.

Our meeting on August 22 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall was to plan the UW Faith Sunday and also assemble the ordered cookbooks. If you would like to join Delavan UW Faith to help support missions for women and children around the world, please contact Vice-President Linda Lemmen. Fall and Annual Gatherings are posted on the bulletin board.

You are invited to the **SE District Annual Fall Gathering** of UW Faith on Saturday, September 23 at West Allis First UMC, 7520 W. Lapham St., West Allis, WI. In-person is 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., lunch included. Virtual option: 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. 2023 theme is: Living the Kin-dom.

All are invited to the **2023 Wisconsin Conference UW Faith Annual Gathering**. "Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story". October 13 & 14 at Lake Street UMC, 337 Lake St., Eau Claire. If you would like to attend either of these events, (or need a scholarship to do so), please contact Chris Anding.



Have you noticed the new paint job on the entrance door by the mailbox?

Our thanks to Dale Thompson for the wonderful job he did on painting the door, and for spiffing up our entrance! It sure needed it! We appreciate your time & talents Dale!



Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

For healing and strength: The Family of Estrid Sanders, Steve Jones, Alice Halverson, Jesse Williams.

For our military: Nicholas Bell.

(Congratulations to Dorie Kosche for getting the good news from her doctor – she is cancer free! We will pray for her continuous good health!)



The Harvest Dinner will be Wednesday, October 25th. More information to follow in your October Tower and bulletins!



Pastor Angel's Page

What do I do... when I don't know what to do?

¹² "O our God, won't you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help." 2 Chronicles 20:12

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you just didn't know what to do? Maybe you were faced with a major crisis. Maybe you did something stupid. Not only didn't you know how you got yourself into that mess, but you didn't know how to get out of it either.

I remember when I was 13 years old; my dad wanted me at home by 9:00 pm from playing around in the neighborhood and he didn't want me to go anywhere else unless I asked for permission. One day my friends convinced me to go with them to return a Blockbuster movie that was about 20 miles away from home. They told me it was going to be quick but on our way we had a fender-bender accident and I got home way later than 9 pm. I didn't know what to do; I was scared of suffering the consequences of disobeying my dad. Luckily that night he didn't say anything.

Hopefully you can relate to that helpless feeling of not knowing what to do in a situation similar to this one. Maybe it's failing relationships, or mounting finances, or closing doors of opportunity that make you feel like the odds are definitely **NOT** in your favor. Maybe it's sin you can't overcome, anxiety overtaking your heart, or dreams and hopes that continue to go unfulfilled day after day.

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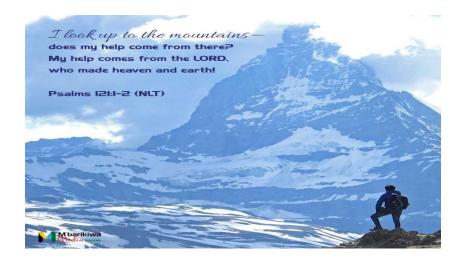
When you don't know what to do, the first thing you need to do is to recognize your limits. God did not make us superhuman. It is ok to feel powerless and helpless; it is ok to feel scared and afraid.

What is not ok is to accept defeat and stay in that feeling. Sometimes pride wants to get in the way, to deviate us from recognizing our limits. Sometimes we challenge ourselves to do something we know we can't do alone.

When you don't know what to do, do what King Jehoshaphat did; he sought guidance from the Lord when a vast army from three different cities came to attack the little Israel. Psalms 121:1-2 says, "I look up to the mountains does my help come from there? 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!"

And when here on this earth the odds are not in your favor, and you don't know what to do but you know Jesus, you are favored by the Most High. He will show you the way and will deliver you.

Pastor Angel Rosario



NEW DAY WOMEN'S CLINIC BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Delavan UMC is participating in the New Day Women's Clinic Baby Bottle Boomerang. Those interested in participating will take a baby bottle home, fill it with coins, bills, or a check, and bring it back to the church at the end of the month. Proceeds will be used to purchase baby supplies (clothing, diapers, formula, etc.). If you would like to participate, you may pick up a baby bottle after worship on Sunday morning – please fill out the information needed in the sign-out sheet. Thank you!



Thank You For Your Donation Thank you to everyone for your donations of school supplies! The proceeds from the Noisy Cans collection in July (\$81) was also used to purchase school supplies. Several boxes of school supplies were dropped off at Turtle Creek and Darien Elementary schools, which

were received with appreciation and enthusiasm!



Bible Study

Our Bible Study will begin again on Monday, September 18th at Tana's Restaurant in Delavan Inlet at 11:00 a.m. Bible study is from 11-12, and lunch is from 12-1 p.m. Please join us!

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Outreach Committee Mission Project: Blessings in a Backpack

The Outreach Committee and the Church Council are supporting "Blessings in a

Backpack", a community mission project for school children in our area who are in need of food on the weekends.

Our church will be working with 5 other churches in our community, with Sugar Creek Lutheran Church as the organizer of this project.

We have 5-6 members from our church who will be helping pack the school backpacks on 6 Wednesdays during the school year.

Donations from our church members to help support the cost of the food needed for this mission project would be appreciated. Please make your check payable to DUMC with "Backpack" on the notation line. All of the 6 churches will also be supporting this project.

This is an exciting mission project, since it is a community mission project that involves so many area churches working together with the school district to meet the needs of the children.

Thank you for your support!

Barb Foster Outreach Com. Chair



Your Food Pantry reflects the love of Christ for those with food needs in our community. During July we served an average of 31 customers per week and in August, with one

week to go, we have averaged 29 customers per week. Our demand has remained steady during the summer.

In August we were part of the Delavan Community Resource Fair at the High School. We were the only food pantry present to tell its story. We made contact with several other service groups and talked with about a dozen persons about what our food pantry had to offer. Hopefully, we have reached some persons who are in need of food and will take advantage of our pantry as a resource.

Our produce garden at the Hummel's farm has been producing lots of beans, broccoli, zucchini and summer squash. We fought the deer for the lettuce and harvested a fair number of radishes. Our tomatoes are starting to produce with lots of cherry tomatoes and a few Roma and Big Boy tomatoes. Our cucumbers have been a disappointment, while there are several butternut squash and brussels sprouts growing for harvest this fall. We're harvesting a variety of peppers – jalapeno, bell, etc. Our customers are enjoying fresh produce as it comes in season each week.

We are continually grateful for all of you who support the pantry on the 4^{th} Sunday – Red Wagon Sunday. Those gifts of food and finances help us to combat the needs in our community. Thank you for your generous support! If you would like to donate specific items, the following are some that are regularly requested:

Canned Pineapple or Applesa	Mandarin Oranges		
Hamburger/Tuna Helper	Salsa	Ketchup	
Peanut Butter	Jelly	Salt/Pepper	
Spaghetti Sauce with Meat	Beef Stew	Corned Beef Hash	
Sloppy Joe Sauce	Cereal		



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