

*Delavan United Methodist Church
213 S. Second Street
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OCTOBER 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** ✦

Harvest Dinner

Wednesday, October 25

4:00-6:30 p.m.

Carry-Out Only

(Details inside)

October Birthdays

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

Jesse Guzman	October	7
Mark Karbash		9
Cheryl Davis		10
Angel Rosario, Jr.		13
Dick Martin		19



Joe & Phyllis Almburg	October	29
(Happy 63 rd Anniversary Joe & Phyllis!)		



Dick Martin will be celebrating his 90th birthday on October 19th. You are invited to an Open House on Saturday, October 21st at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Dick has done so much for our church, keeping our church grounds well maintained, and more. Let's show our appreciation by helping Dick celebrate his 90th birthday!

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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

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (con't)

Our Conference Annual Gathering will be Friday 10 am – Saturday 2:30 pm, October 13-14 “Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God’s Story” at Lake Street UMC, Eau Claire. Events will start at 10 am with a volunteer opportunity for service, lunch, a visit to the Chippewa Valley Museum and then a walk in downtown Eau Claire to see the sculptures at 2:45 p.m. A Move 4 Missions event will be held during the walk to see the sculptures where participants of any ability can be sponsored to go around downtown Eau Claire.

Proceeds will go to the National Office for programming and missions. Registration for the Gathering will start at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 at Lake Street UMC, Eau Claire and program will start at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in helping with missions for women and children, please e-mail Chris Anding at: christinemarie1950@gmail.com. Our next meeting will be November 16 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer LIST

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

For healing and strength: Pat Wierenga, Jim Edmunds, Chris Anding, Sue Neiger, Steve Jones, Jesse Williams, Clare Brooks, Alice Halverson.

For our military: Nicholas Bell.

A flyer for a Harvest Dinner. The background is light beige with a decorative border of autumn leaves and pumpkins. At the top center, there are three pumpkins. Below them, the title "HARVEST DINNER" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Underneath the title, the date "Wednesday, October 25, 2023" and time "4:00 – 6:30 p.m." are listed. The location "Delavan United Methodist Church, 213 S. Second Street, Delavan WI" is provided. A yellow box highlights the text "Drive-Thru/Carry Out Only". Below this, the menu items "Turkey & Biscuits, Squash, Beans, Cranberry Jello Salad, and Homemade Pie" are listed in orange. The pricing "Adults \$15.00" and "Ages 6-12 - \$7.00" is shown. The contact information "Call 262-728-3644 for Tickets" and the accessibility statement "We Are Handicapped Accessible" are at the bottom. A small cartoon turkey is on the left side of the menu.

Lots of help will be needed to make this dinner a success! If you can help, please sign up on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of slab pies, butter, and brown sugar are needed. Squash bakers and cranberry salads are also needed. Please sign up to help!



Our Bible Study is now held in the church library on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. until noon - then out to lunch at area restaurants. Please join us! (Note: Bible Study canceled for Monday, October 9).



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and food while I was recuperating from knee surgery. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated!
Chris Anding



NOISY CANS

Each Sunday during the offering we collect donations in our Noisy Cans for local charities. In September we collected \$90 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Walworth County. In October our donations will benefit Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your donations!



Thank you to everyone who helped with the church Rummage Sale! We raised a little over \$1800! Thanks also to everyone who brought baked goods for the UWF Bake Sale – they raised over \$600! We couldn't do this without all of your support!

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United Women in Faith

OCTOBER 2023 HAPPENINGS



Thank you to all the volunteers and UW Faith members who donated recipes and helped put the Delavan UMC Heritage Cookbook together. We now have something in which to remember our favorite recipes. To date, we have

given out 18 cookbooks and have 2 as a resource in the church office. If you would like one, please let us know and we will start up the printing press. If you have extra recipes, there are sheet protectors in the office. All donations will go to Midwest Missions.



We would like to thank those who participated in and served at UW Faith Sunday, Sept. 10. We would also like to thank our speaker, Martha Boyer for coming to share her story. Congratulations

to Linda Lemmen for receiving the Special Mission Recognition Award! Thank you to everyone who helped lector, usher and serve. (L to R: Pat Brown, Chris Anding, Martha Boyer, Linda Lemmen, Barb Foster, Tammy Demet). Martha Boyer told us of her mother's legacy and how the UW Faith predecessor organization helped her. (con't on p. 12)

October Worship Participants

Sunday, October 1

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown

Communion: Martha Behlman & Joan Jones

Lector: Martha Behlman

Greeter: Sandy Edmunds

Coffee: Dorie Kosche

Sunday, October 8

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds

Lector: Joan Jones

Greeter: Joan Jones

Coffee: Martha Behlman

Sunday, October 15

Ushers: Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman

Lector: Cheryl Wolfe

Greeter: Denise Bruneau

Coffee: (Volunteer needed!)

Sunday, October 22

Ushers: Dale Thompson

Lector: Anita Ryan

Greeter: Vernola Anderson

Coffee: (Volunteer needed!)

Sunday, October 29

Ushers: (to be determined)

Lector: Katie Harrington

Greeters: Cathy & Lindsey Duesterbeck

Coffee: (Volunteer needed!)



Pastor Angel's Page

Without wasting any time

Act 3:1-12, 4:18-21

The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded!" "...Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd.

When I used to work for an armored truck company, I was once added to a stop that had to be done early in the morning, so my partner and I decided to make it our first stop. The first time we got there we were too early; the place wasn't even open, so we fell asleep. We decided that we were going to get there as early as possible so we can sleep as much as possible. That was a good waste of time.

For some things, it's ok to take a little break, but when we talk about sharing Jesus to someone you know it can change their lives forever; there is no wasting time. That is exactly what Peter did. Peter did not waste any time and took advantage of the problem to convert it into an opportunity to share Christ to just one person.

Then "Peter saw his opportunity". But this time he addresses the church. There might be times where you will talk to people about Christ and you will not see the fruit of it, and that is ok. The best part of this story was not about the many people that came to be a believer, or the miracle, it wasn't even Peter's preaching. The best part of this story is in verse 20. *"We cannot stop telling about the wonderful things we have seen and heard".*

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If your heart isn't burning with the desire to witness to others what God has done in you, then you need to pray that God helps you get that boldness to speak to others.

Remember Matthew 10:32 says: "If anyone acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will openly acknowledge that person before my Father".

If we are trying to grow our church to the next level there are two things we must do: first is to seek the filling of the Holy Spirit and the second one is to not waste any time and witness.

Pastor Angel Rosario



Learning from Autumn Leaves

Every fall, I marvel at the beautiful leaves, studying the intricate shapes and God's creative, colorful displays. Despite its deterioration, the foliage reveals splendor — mere months after bursting out in spring and providing summer shade.

I often think I'm like an autumn leaf. Through many seasons, God has transformed me from a self-absorbed person to one who trusts his steadfast promises. Winter is approaching for me too. Yet the Holy Spirit keeps molding me to reflect God's goodness and beauty. During the autumn of my life, I pray that God helps me embrace changing seasons while reflecting his love and light to all.
—MaryAnn Sundby



"Blessings in a Backpack" is a special mission project for hungry children in our area who are in need of food on the weekends. We are participating in this project along with 5 other area churches. If you would like to help with the cost of food, donations would be appreciated. Please make your check payable to DUMC with "Backpack" on the notation line. Thank you for your support!



The Outreach Committee will again be sponsoring the Angel Tree Mission Program, which ministers to children of a parent who is in prison by providing gifts to children at Christmas upon the request of the parent. We will be sponsoring 10 children who will receive a gift card. Our church members have the opportunity to participate in this special Outreach Mission. (Information on how to sponsor a child will be provided in the November church newsletter and in church bulletins.) Thank you in advance for your continued support of this special mission.

*Barb Foster, Chair
Outreach Com.*

It is because of generous donations of cash and food that we consistently have been able to provide food for our customers. While we have shopped judiciously, both at Feeding America and at local vendors, our cash on hand is greatly reduced. In order to ensure that we have food for our customers through the end of the year, we have eliminated some items from our customers' shopping list.

We have eliminated some items that are too expensive per unit, or are more of a supplemental item so that we can provide a consistent and nutritious and balanced resource. Our strategy is to take advantage of the free and lost-cost items at Feeding America and buy sale items in quantity from local resources (Piggly-Wiggly, Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, Woodman's and Aldi's).

We are praying and trusting that the financial support we received in the prior years from various individuals, churches, civic groups and businesses will continue. In previous years, we received many contributions at the end of the year and we are hopeful this pattern will continue.

Thank you for donating and helping to fight hunger in our community. Your generous support is much appreciated by our customers who regularly comment "God bless you" as they receive their food. Your gifts of food and finances helps your pantry to meet the food need in our community. Thank you for your generous support!

If you would like to donate specific items, the following are some that our customers regularly request. Please remember [October 22nd is Red Wagon Sunday.](#)

Canned Pineapple	Hamburger Helper	Ketchup
Tuna Helper	Peanut Butter	Jelly
Salt/Pepper	Spaghetti Sauce w/Meat	Sugar
Sloppy Joe Sauce	Boxed Scalloped Potatoes	
Chicken Noodle Soup	Pork & Beans	



Your Food Pantry continues to meet the needs of those with food scarcity. Last month, we wrote our report before the last Wednesday of August. That Wednesday we had the highest number of families on any day in 2023; 42

families. While we did not keep pace with that number in September, we averaged 31 families each Wednesday and we had an emergency need on Sunday, Oct. 1. We have had to add a volunteer to each Wednesday's group because of the steadily growing number of customers.


As we were closing up one Wednesday in August, a young woman rushed up asking for assistance. She was unemployed, homeless, without a car, and had slept in the park the night before. She had a backpack, the clothes she had on, and was seeking food that did not need refrigeration. We were able to provide her with some drink boxes, orange juice, fresh fruit, bread, crackers, and sausage sticks. While she was greatly discouraged, your ministry through the food pantry gave her some hope that she could find the help she needed to get back on her feet. She is representative of the folks who are helped through the ministry of the food pantry.

Our produce garden at the Hummel's farm has just about wrapped up for the season. We have harvested the last of the tomatoes, the butternut squash, peppers, and the broccoli. We will wait until after the first frost to harvest our Brussels sprouts. Our customers have relished what our garden produced and church members and friends of the pantry have donated. We are grateful to the Hummels for the use of their land and to the members who have helped with the garden (Carolyn & Greg Matthews, Jim Aldinger, Denise Bruneau, Dori Kosche, Sue Neiger, and Dale Thompson). Their time and efforts have made the garden a great addition in your food pantry ministry and provided very fresh produce to our customers.

As you know from your personal budgets, the cost of food has increased significantly in 2023. We have had the same experience in our pantry. (con't on p. 8)



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	2 11 am BIBLE STUDY (L)	3 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (FH)	4 9-12 Food Pantry 7:30 pm AA (CR)	5 10 am TRUSTEES (FH)	6 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR)	7
8 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship 2 pm SPRC (L)	9 (No Bible Study today) 12 pm Erckfritz Funeral Luncheon (FH)	10 5 pm TOPS (FH) 6 pm Homeless Shtr. Board (L) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (FH)	11 9-12 Food Pantry 1:30 pm Delavan Service Leag. (FH) 7:30 pm AA (CR)	12	13 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR)	14 10-3 Hispanic Health Fair (FH)
15 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	16 11 am BIBLE STUDY (L)	17 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (FH)	18 9-12 Food Pantry 6 pm COUNCIL (FH) 7:30 pm AA (CR)	19 5 pm FINANCE COM. (FH)	20 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR)	21 2-4 pm Dick Martin's 90th Birthday Open House (FH)
22 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	23 11 am BIBLE STUDY (L)	24 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (FH)	25 9-12 Food Pantry  4-6:30 HARVEST DINNER 7:30 pm AA (CR)	26	27 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR)	28
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HBP = Hispanic Band Practice; AA = Alcoholics Anonymous; OA = Overeaters Anon.; TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly
 FH = Fellowship Hall; L = Library; CR = Community Room; S = Sanctuary