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NOVEMBER 2023 TOWER

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

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

Cathy Duesterbeck	November	6
Mary Rima		9
Sue Neiger		11
Cindy Gallup		23
Pastor Angel Rosario		30



Dale & Gail Thompson	November	8
(Happy 48 th Anniversary Dale & Gail!)		



A great big THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the Harvest Dinner, everyone who donated salads, pies, butter, brown sugar; our turkey baker, our "turkey-pickers", our biscuit makers, all those who took squash home to bake, everyone who stayed to help clean-up; and our meal "runners". We couldn't have put on this fund raiser without all of your help. Special thanks to Cathy Duesterbeck for chairing another successful Harvest Dinner. Thank you!

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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

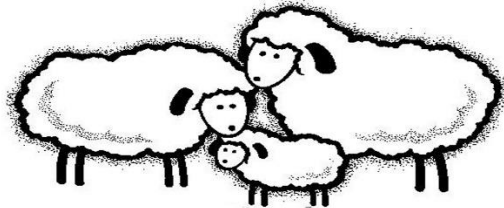
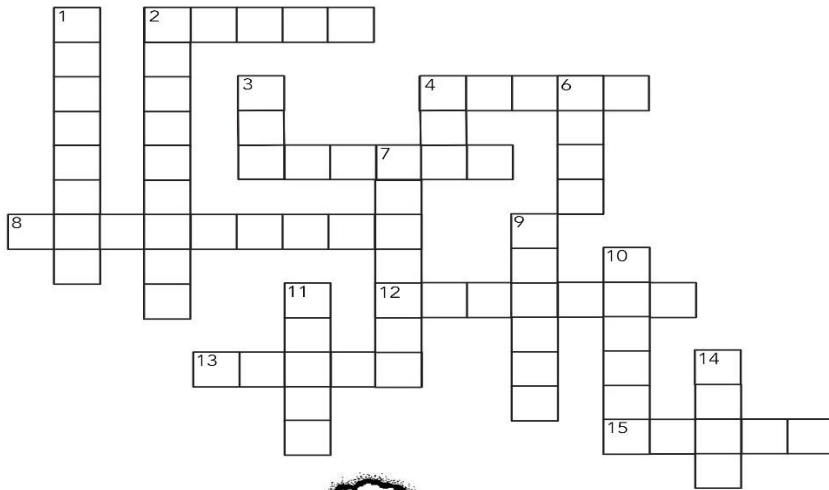
The people of Delavan United Methodist Church are committed to deepening our understanding, living, and sharing of our faith by worshiping God and reaching out to members of the community, regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, gender or economic status, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability.

The people of the United Methodist Church

Live the Fruit of the Spirit

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Puzzle!



ACROSS

- 2. cause of Job's trouble
- 4. twinkling, heavenly lights
- 6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
- 8. creature of the deep (41:1)
- 12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
- 13. sores
- 15. Job had 7,000

DOWN

- 1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
- 2. affliction
- 3. had seven sons
- 4. ocean
- 5. precipitation
- 7. Job had 500
- 9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
- 10. Job had 3,000
- 11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
- 12. Job had 500 yoke

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Leviathan, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep;
Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elihu, 12. oxen

On Saturday, October 21st Dick Martin's family had an Open House here at the church to celebrate Dick's 90th birthday. Here are a couple photos from the Open House.



"90 Never Looked So Good"



Dick and his children: L to R - Trisha, Rick, Peggy Jo, Stacey, and David.



**Walworth County Community
Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 23, 2023
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Water's Edge Restaurant**

Once again, the Walworth County Community Thanksgiving Dinner is offering a **free** Thanksgiving meal to anyone in Walworth County that would like one. You may dine in, order it to go, or if you are a senior, disabled, or homebound, you may have your meal delivered.

If you prefer to dine in, the meal will be served at the Water's Edge, 1220 South Shore Drive in Delavan. All food is being donated, cooked and served by volunteers.

To schedule food delivery, please call Brenda at 262-749-4621 and leave a message. All delivered meals must be ordered by Friday, November 17 by 5 p.m. The Cub Scouts will be delivering the meals.



NOISY CANS

In October we raised \$96 for Pastor's Discretionary Fund. In November Noisy Cans will benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you for your donations!



The Mitten & Hat Tree will be set up in the Fellowship Hall in November. Donations of mittens, hats and scarves (or donations of yarn for those who like to knit) will be very much appreciated! The donations will go to the Delavan-Darien elementary schools.



Happy Fall, UWF Sisters in Delavan and beyond! We are now at that wonderful time of year when the leaves are peaking with colors varying from browns to yellows and reds. Let's enjoy it as winter and our fall planning and World Thank offering meeting in November will soon be here.

We will be meeting on Thursday, November 16 in the church library to plan for next year's meetings. All ladies in the congregation are invited. Please bring ideas for meetings, possibly an activity, program or speaker you would like, or have lunch out. All possibilities are on the table. We will be starting the 2024 Program booklet as well. We may possibly have a Christmas Tea in December during coffee hour. Those plans may be made at the November meeting so try to be there! New members are welcome!

New programs for 2024 started Sept. 2023 and go to Dec. 2024 with the theme "Exercising Faith: Spiritual Practice in Action." Our Sept. 2023 program led us on a spiritual walk much like our Move 4 Mission event at the Annual Gathering in downtown Eau Claire where we explored the sculptures while walking 2 miles. The spiritual walk in the Sept. program is described as gathering in a group to hear a theme scripture read, splitting into small groups to walk and being assigned questions to answer about that scripture while walking.

November Worship Participants

Sunday, Nov. 5

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown

Greeter: Chris Anding

Communion: Vernola Anderson & Dick Martin

Lector: Anita Ryan

Coffee: Dorie Kosche

Sunday, Nov. 12

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds

Greeters: Katie Harrington & Paul Brandt

Lector: Cheryl Wolfe

Coffee: *(volunteer needed!)*

Sunday, Nov. 19

Ushers: Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman

Greeter: Martha Behlman

Lector: Martha Behlman

Coffee: *(volunteer needed!)*

Sunday, Nov. 26

Ushers: Dale Thompson

Greeter: Susie Pegel

Lector: Jean Pippitt

Coffee: *(volunteer needed!)*

Mark Your Calendars!

COOKIE WALK will be held

Saturday, December 16

9:00-11:00 a.m.



Pastor Angel's Page

Tell your story

³ Then Paul said, "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, and I was brought up and educated here in Jerusalem under Gamaliel... I was carefully trained in our Jewish laws and customs... I persecuted the followers of the Way, hounding some to death, arresting both men and women and throwing them in prison... As I was on the road, approaching Damascus about noon, a very bright light from heaven suddenly shone down around me. ⁷ I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' ⁸ "Who are you, lord?' I asked. "And the voice replied, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, the one you are persecuting... "I asked, "What should I do, Lord?" And the Lord told me, "Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told everything you are to do."

This is the Apostle Paul's story, if you want to know the full story you can read Acts 22. The book of Act was written by Luke addressed to Theophilus a high priest converted to Christian. Luke was trying to keep him up to date with his faith in Jesus and is sharing all the events that happened, so Theophilus would grow in his faith. When Paul was giving his testimony, he wasn't trying to change people's view on Christianity, what he was doing was sharing his own personal experience with Christ to others. It is personal because it was unique to him; no one told Paul about Jesus, no one led Paul to Jesus; he simply saw a bright light and heard a voice that made conversation with him.

If you have a wonderful story of how Jesus made himself very real in your life, then tell your story. Your story is unique and no one can say anything contrary to your story because it is your own experience, your experience can change someone else's life. By the way, when we share our testimonies to other believers, their faith grows.

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The Hispanic church and I have been taking about 30 minutes of prayer after Sunday services. We have prayed over people's lives for healing and the responses have been amazing. God has healed and has opened the doors for others looking for new jobs and opportunities. The testimonies are great of what God has done through our prayer group. Tell your story!

Pastor Angel Rosario



Prayer LIST

Please keep the following members and friends in your daily prayers.

For healing and strength: Beth Brick, Carolyn Matthews, Anna Armstrong Streitzler, Pat Wierenga, Sue Neiger, Steve Jones, Ann Serpe, Jesse Williams, Clare Brooks, Alice Halverson.

For our military: Nicholas Bell



The Sunshine Fund is a fund set up by the Outreach Committee to support our congregational members in need (illness, hospitalization, funerals, etc.) If you would like to donate to this fund, please make your check payable to Delavan UMC with "Sunshine

Fund" on the notation line. Thank you for your donations!



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.

In November there will be a small tree placed in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. You may choose an Angel Tree tag for the child you would like to sponsor. The cost to adopt a child is \$30. Please make your check payable to Delavan UMC with the notation "Angel Tree". Place your check in the envelope provided and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of this special mission.

*Barb Foster, Chair
Outreach Committee*



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK 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 very much appreciated! Please make your check payable to DUMC with "Backpack" on the notation line. Thank you for your support!



The Food Pantry is collecting gently used winter coats for their customers who need a warm coat for winter. If you have a coat you would like to donate, please hang it in the hallway outside the church office. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY (con't)

The week before Thanksgiving we will be providing our families with a complete Thanksgiving meal that includes a turkey and all the trimmings. We are receiving 40 turkeys from Feeding America and are ordering the supplemental items from them with our regular order. We will be doing creative storage of these "birds" until we can deliver them.

If you have a few extra dollars this Thanksgiving, would you consider making a cash donation so we can be sure to provide a complete meal for all 40 families? Thanks for considering this opportunity.

Thank you for donating and helping to fight hunger in our community. Our families continue to ask God's blessing for us for the food they receive from our pantry. As you eat your Thanksgiving meal and return thanks to God for your blessings, remember that there are hundreds of families that you have helped in the past year with food needs. You have been a blessing to so many families. Thank you and God bless you. Your gifts of food and finances help your pantry to meet the food needs 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, November 26th is "Red Wagon" Sunday.

Canned Pineapple	Ketchup	Hamburger Helper
Tuna Helper	Jelly	Peanut Butter
Salt/Pepper	Spaghetti Sauce (with meat)	
Sloppy Joe Sauce	Boxed Scalloped Potatoes	
Sugar	Tomato Soup	Chicken Noodle Soup
Mushroom Soup	Pork & Beans	



We will be ringing the bell for Salvation Army on Friday, November 24th from 9-5, and on Friday, December 15th from 9-5 at the Delavan Piggly Wiggly. Time slots are in one hour increments. If you would like to ring the

bell for an hour (or two), please sign up on the back table in the Fellowship Hall, or e-mail Jeanne at the church office and let her know what time slot you would like. Thank you!



We continue to meet the needs of those families who are dealing with the effects of food scarcity in our community. We see this most clearly as each month draws to a close.

The supplemental food resources our families receive start running out in the 3rd week of the month and there are more families who shop at our pantry to make ends meet. On the 3rd Wednesday of October our pantry provided food to 34 families. On the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays in October we helped 28 families. This has been the pattern for the past couple of months. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to keep up with these shifting needs.

In October, Delavan UMC and Vida Abundante hosted a health fair that had several health and welfare agencies from Walworth County represented with booths, personnel, and literature. The Food Pantry was also present and shared how we might help those in need. While at the health fair, we met a woman who had recently immigrated with her family to Delavan from Mexico. Both she and her husband were employed, but their income was not sufficient to meet their family's food needs. Although they were here as legal immigrants, they did not qualify for governmental assistance. She and her husband do not speak much English. With the aid of an interpreter, we were able to understand their needs for supplemental food. Since we have our shopping list in Spanish, she was able to create an order that we could fill for her family. However, the catch was that she and her husband lived in Delavan, but worked in Elkhorn, and did not get off work until 2:30 p.m., long after our pantry closes. We found a solution by having her drop off her completed list Wednesday morning on her way to work and placing it in our package box near the office door. Her order is filled during pantry hours and she can pick up her order and a shopping list for the following week on her way home from work. Thus, we are helping with the food needs of a family that does not meet the usual criteria for assistance. In doing so, we observe the Great Commandment that was our Gospel lesson on Reformation Sunday in loving God and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HBP=Hispanic Band Practice			1 9-12 Food Pantry 7:30 pm AA (CR)	2	3 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR)	4
5 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	6 11 am BIBLE STUDY (FH)	7 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (FH)	8 9-12 Food Pantry 1:30 pm Delavan Service Leag. (FH) 7:30 pm AA (CR)	9 9:30 am Friends of the Library (FH)	10 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR)	11
12 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	13 11 am BIBLE STUDY (FH)	14 5 pm TOPS (FH) 6 pm Homeless Shltr. Board (L) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (L)	15 9-12 Food Pantry 6 pm COUNCIL 7:30 pm AA (CR)	16 11 am UWF (L)	17 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR)	18 Hispanic Celebration (time to be determined)
19 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	20 11 am BIBLE STUDY (FH)	21 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (L)	22 9-12 Food Pantry 1:30 pm Delavan Service Leag. (FH) 7:30 pm AA (CR)	23 Happy Thanksgiving! 7-10 pm (FH) Gomez Family	24 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR)	25
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FH = Fellowship Hall; L = Library; S = Sanctuary; CR = Community Room
 AA = Alcoholics Anonymous; TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly; OA = Overeaters Anon.