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**FEBRUARY 2024 TOWER**

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

**Coming Events:**

- ◆ **Lent Devotion & Luncheons Begin**  
**Ash Wednesday, February 14**  
**at Noon and Held Each Wednesday**  
**Through March 13**

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*We wish God's blessings to those of you celebrating a birthday or anniversary in February. Please notify the church office of any additions or corrections.*

Jeff Demet	February	1
Davian Rosario		1
Katie Harrington		3
Denise Bruneau		4
Scout Pelnar		7
Renee Yartey		16
Joe Almburg		17
Joan Jones		23
Gracie Yartey		25
Jim Aldinger		28
Van & Pat Brown	February	17
(Happy 56 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Van & Pat!)		

### NOISY CANS

Our Noisy Cans are passed during the offering on Sunday mornings, and the proceeds benefit local charities. In January we collected \$125 for Blessings in a Backpack. In February we will collect donations for Rooted & Rising-Washington Park Neighborhood (formerly UM Children's Services). Thank you for your donations!

### DELAVAN UMC STAFF

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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!

After solving the equations, write the words on the correct numbered lines below. Complete Ephesians 1:3 (NIV) to discover how God shows his great love for us.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 14 - 7 = ___ Father    | 10 + 15 = ___ in        |
| 10 + 9 = ___ heavenly  | 10 - 5 = ___ God        |
| 9 + 9 = ___ the        | 6 - 3 = ___ to          |
| 12 + 12 = ___ blessing | 12 - 6 = ___ and        |
| 2 - 1 = ___ Praise     | 6 + 6 = ___ Christ      |
| 7 + 7 = ___ has        | 18 - 9 = ___ our        |
| 11 + 11 = ___ every    | 22 - 11 = ___ Jesus     |
| 13 + 13 = ___ Christ   | 1 + 1 = ___ be          |
| 8 + 8 = ___ us         | 7 + 6 = ___ who         |
| 10 + 10 = ___ realms   | 2 + 2 = ___ the         |
| 8 + 9 = ___ in         | 10 + 5 = ___ blessed    |
| 5 + 5 = ___ Lord       | 4 + 4 = ___ of          |
| 10 + 11 = ___ with     | 10 + 13 = ___ spiritual |

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26		

Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3, NIV



LENT DEVOTION &  
LUNCHEONS  
BEGIN ASH WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
AT NOON

Please join us for our Lent devotion and luncheons beginning February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon, and held each Wednesday through March 13<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday (2/14) is our week to host, and we already have 4 soups (thank you!). We still need cookies or brownies, we also need donations of bread (the sliced, French bread at Wal-Mart for \$1.47). If you can help, please sign up on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. The following is the host schedule:

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|--------------|--|
| February 14: | Delavan UMC                                    |
| February 21: | Delavan Lionesses & the Monday Club            |
| February 28: | Delavan United Congregational Church of Christ |
| March 6:     | St. Andrew's Catholic Church                   |
| March 13:    | Creek Road Community Church                    |

We will also need volunteers to help set the tables, help serve and clean-up each week. People really look forward to our Lent luncheons, so please sign up to volunteer! Thank you.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



Don Edmunds will be making his wonderful chili the week of Super Bowl. He will have it for sale on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Why cook when you can enjoy Don's chili during Super Bowl?

Human Relations Day

Thank you to everyone for your donations on Human Relations Day, Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Your donations totalled \$270 for faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. Your donations will make a difference!



Please remember to keep the following members and friends in your prayers.

*For healing and strength:*

*Gene Gallup, Jacob Blair, Ann Scott, Pat Wierenga, Clare Brooks, Sue Neiger, David Rosario, Steve Jones and Alive Halverson.*

*For our military: Nicholas Bell.*

You are invited by the Delavan United Women in Faith to their first meeting of the new year, Thursday, February 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a chili potluck held after the meeting. A sign-up sheet is posted on the back table in the Fellowship Hall for bringing food. We will be breaking the bread with Barb Foster leading us in devotions from our '24 Program Book and learning about how the Lord's Prayer was taught to the disciples. Please join us! Questions? Call Chris at 262-607-1386.



Pastor Angel will be on vacation from February 6-12. Please call the church office if a pastoral emergency should arise.



We can use more warm winter coats, hats, gloves & scarves for our Food Pantry clients in need, and for the Homeless Shelter. If you have a warm, clean winter coat (or hat, gloves or scarves) please hang them in the hallway by the church office. Thank you!



United  
Women  
in Faith

DELAVAN UNITED WOMEN IN  
FAITH HAPPENINGS  
FEBRUARY 2024

We should have all received our Delavan Unit Program Books by now. Thank you Jeanne for putting them together! Please take a few minutes to see when our meetings, fundraisers and events are. Food, Faith and Fellowship will be the theme for this year's 2024 Program Book from National. During the January lesson, we will be talking about breaking the bread and sharing it like Jesus did with the disciples. February's lesson will share how important water is to our bodies and how Jesus taught that he could give living water to the Samaritan women to relieve her thirst if she believed. Here is something from Linda Caprariello, our Conference Spiritual Growth Coordinator, to ponder:

***“Taste and see that the Lord is good.” Psalm 34:8***

*For those of us who have “tasted” the goodness of the Lord, we may more easily relate to our theme about feeling welcomed at God’s table! There is that special feeling of being drawn in ... into something so appealing that we would want to come back again! Can you see where I am heading here? How can we United Women in Faith welcome other women – women of all ages to the Lord’s table in this new year ahead? How can we help others “taste” what we know to be so very good? I have always believed in the idea of hospitality, and will always remember my own mother inviting my friends over to the house – and yes, even to church if I wanted them to spend the night! I do not think we are hosting too many sleepovers anymore, but can we find other ways to host others to come to our home, our church, or anywhere? I think that our 2024 Program Guide has something important to ponder, as the title helps us to imagine: “Food, Faith, and Fellowship.” These program ideas may just lead us to where we could be focusing and investing our energies in this new year before us!*

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*Pastor Angel's Page*  
Faith for Everyday Life

Hebrews 11:1- **“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.”**

**What does faith do?**

**-Faith makes us righteous before God** Hebrews 11:4 **“It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel’s offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts.”**

Because Abel’s faith made him righteous he was able to think beyond himself and brought the best of the best offering to God. What kind of offering do you bring to God? The best of your time or your left-over time? The best of your talents or a mediocre talent? The best of your treasure or your left-over treasure?

**-Faith pleases God** Hebrews 11:5-6 **“It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying... for before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And it is impossible to please God without faith.”**

Enoch made walking with God his constant endeavor. In everything, he wanted to please God and do nothing to offend Him. Walking with God is to comply with His will, to concur with His designs and to be workers together with him. The most important thing in the entire world is to know the will of God and walk with Him. Enoch walked currently beside the Lord with His Word and His will. He lived above the world and walked as though he was already in the Kingdom. Walking in the will of God is submitting ourselves in obedience to God’s word. That faith pleases God.

**-Faith heals us** He 11:11-12 **“It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise.”**

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## Pastor's Page (con't)

In the Bible times, faith was used as the last resource for healing. Now faith is not even in the picture when it comes about healing. If the doctors said there is no hope; that's it there is no hope. I have learned that the doctors and medicine can exhaust all their knowledge, but God's knowledge is forever. Many of the miracles of healing Jesus performed were because of faith.

Believe in God's word, walk in obedience and have faith, it doesn't matter what you are going through; your faith can move mountains.

Pastor Angel Rosario



In January we shared a lot of statistics for the help the pantry provided in 2023. This month, while referencing some statistics, we'll spend time on some operational information that doesn't involve so many numbers.

(However, we keep in mind that each number represents a person or family whom we have helped through this ministry.)

In the middle of December, we sent a letter out to the businesses in the Town of Delavan and the churches in the City of Delavan. We also asked the Delavan Area Chamber of Commerce to distribute our donation letter to their members. Since that writing, we have received support from three businesses; two of whom donated last year. We also received a large donation from the Delavan Lions Club. While the rate of return on our communication might seem poor, it takes a while for the harvest to develop. We will continue to plant seeds and await the harvest while we go about the ministry of feeding hungry families. As Jesus says in the parable of the sower:

<sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying : 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

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## Valentine's Day Jokes for Animal Lovers

What did one sheep say to the other?  
*I love ewe!*

And how did the other sheep respond?  
*You're not so baaa-d yourself.*

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?  
*They are very scent-imental creatures.*

What did the enamored deer say?  
*I'm very fawn-ed of you!*

What question did the penguin ask on February 14?  
*Waddle I do without you?*

What do you call two birds in love?  
*Tweethearts!*

What did one bee say to the other?  
*I love bee-ing with you, honey!*

*February Worship Participants*

Sunday, February 4

*Ushers:* John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown  
*Communion:* Carolyn & Greg Matthews  
*Lector:* Carolyn Matthews  
*Greeter:* Denise Bruneau  
*Coffee:* Dorie Kosche

Sunday, February 11

*Ushers:* Dick Martin, Don Edmunds  
*Lector:* Don Edmunds  
*Greeter:* Sandy Edmunds  
*Coffee:* Van & Pat Brown, Kathy Walter

Sunday, February 18

*Ushers:* Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman  
*Lector:* Martha Behlman  
*Greeter:* Cheryl Davis  
*Coffee:* Paul Brandt & Katie Harrington

Sunday, February 25

*Ushers:* Dale Thompson & Friends  
*Lector:* Joan Jones  
*Greeters:* Van & Pat Brown  
*Coffee:* Chris Anding

*“Don’t let me ever think, dear God, that I was anything but the instrument for your story - just like the typewriter is mine.” -Flannery O’Connor*

<sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. *Matthew 13: 3-8, NRSV.*

We have sown the seed to let members of our community know of the need and we count on God to motivate those persons to respond. As we await the reponse, we continue to do ministry. Another important development that occurred recently was the addition of two volunteers to the pantry. They are Susan and Bill who are members of Christ Church Delavan (Episcopal). They are a retired couple who saw our sign on the corner and came to investigate opportunities to volunteer. They are working with the team on the third Wednesday of the month. We are grateful that they were led to join the food pantry ministry.

So far during the month of January, our numbers have been a little lower (about 27/week) than our usual number. Bitter cold temperatures early in the month and now foggy weather have been factors that seems to influence the number of customers for a couple weeks. Regardless, 27 average is a significant number of families whom the pantry has helped. As always, we are grateful for your gifts of food and finances that extends the love of Christ to hungry families in our community.

The following is our February list of most needed items in our pantry. We welcome your donations anytime and especially on [Red Wagon Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>](#).

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Ketchup                   | Sloppy Joe Sauce    |
| Hamburger/Tuna Helper     | Chicken Noodle Soup |
| Peanut Butter             | Mushroom Soup       |
| Jelly                     | Pork & Beans        |
| Salt/Pepper               | Elbow Macaroni      |
| Spaghetti Sauce with Meat | Refried Beans       |
| Tomato Soup               |                     |

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					9 am OA (FH) 10 am AA (CR)	1:00 p.m. Rosario Birthday Party (K, FH)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>9 am Worship</b> 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	<b>11 am BIBLE STUDY (FH)</b>	5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (FH)	<b>9-12 Food Pantry</b> 7:30 pm AA (CR)	<b>10 am UWF (FH)</b>  <b>5 pm FINANCE COM. (FH)</b>	9 am OA (FH) 10 am AA (CR)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29		
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AA = Alcoholics Anon. OA = Overeaters Anon. TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly HBP = Hispanic Band Practice  
FH = Fellowship Hall; L = Library; K = Kitchen; S = Sanctuary