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MARCH 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 continue each Wednesday through March 20
- ◆ March 29 Ecumenical Good Friday
Worship 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ March 31 Easter Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m.

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

Carolyn Matthews	March	4
Harlan Andrich		4
Chris Anding		5
Ron Pippitt		11
Linda Lemmen		15
Leslie Pelnar		17
Dory Abellada		23
Lilliannette Rosario		25
Chris & Leslie Pelnar (Happy 19 th Anniversary!)		19
John & Martha Behlman (Happy 41 st Anniversary!)		26



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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

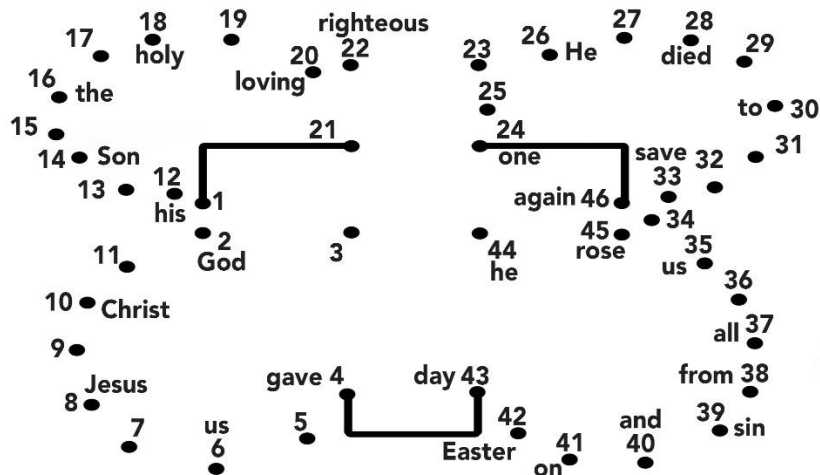
NOISY CANS

Our Noisy Cans collection is taken during the offering. This month our Noisy Cans proceeds will benefit Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Last month we collected \$136 for Rooted & Rising (formerly United Methodist Children's Services). Thank you for your donations!

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

Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



2	4	6	8	10	12	14
16	18	20	22	24		
26	28	30	33	35	37	38
40	41	42	43	44	45	46

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.



Our Wednesday Lent Devotion & Luncheons will continue through March 20th at Noon. We will have a short devotion and a luncheon of homemade soup, crackers, bread, and brownies/cookies will follow. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the church that is hosting. March 6th St. Andrew's Catholic Church will host; March 13 will be Creek Road Community Church; March 20: to be determined. Please join us!



The Worship Committee will be purchasing Easter lilies to grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday (March 31). If you would like to honor or remember a loved one by giving a monetary gift in their name toward the purchase of the lilies (the cost of each lily is \$15), please fill out the form included in your newsletter (for those of you who receive it by mail) and either drop it off or mail it to the church. Extra forms will be on the table in the sanctuary. A listing of the donors will be included in the Easter bulletin and the May Tower. The deadline to donate is Sunday, March 24th.



An Ecumenical Good Friday worship will be held on March 29th at 6:00 p.m. here at Delavan UMC. First Baptist Church and United Congregational Church of Christ will be joining us. There will be an Ecumenical Choir. If you are interested in singing in the choir, rehearsal is set for Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 p.m. at DUMC. Please join us for this special service.

March Worship Participants

Sunday, March 3

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown
Communion: Don Edmunds & Katie Harrington
Lector: Katie Harrington
Greeters: Cathy & Lindsey Duesterbeck
Coffee: Dorie Kosche

Sunday, March 10

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds
Lector: Joyce Francis
Greeters: Dale & Gail Thompson
Coffee: (coffee host needed!)

Sunday, March 17

Ushers: Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman
Lector: Ed Foster
Greeters: Ed & Barb Foster
Coffee: (coffee host needed!)

Sunday, March 24

Ushers: Dale Thompson & Friends
Lector: Joan Jones
Greeter: Joan Jones
Coffee: (coffee host needed!)

Good Friday, March 29

Ushers: (to be announced)
Lectors: Ed Foster, Joan Jones, Cheryl Wolfe
Greeters: Dale & Gail Thompson

Sunday, March 31

Ushers: (to be announced)
Lector: Martha Behlman
Greeter: Kathy Walter
Coffee: (coffee host needed)



United
Women
in Faith

UW FAITH HAPPENINGS MARCH 2024



Our first unit meeting of the Delavan UW Faith was held Feb. 8, the same day as the tornado in Evansville. The blankets in the picture to your left were made for the tornado victims. Barb Foster led us in breaking of the bread

before we had our chili & fixings as we began our 2024 Program Book of Food, Faith and Fellowship.

Local Doings – we are anticipating a spring bake sale which will be chaired by Pat Brown. We discussed the upcoming Salad Luncheon (May 15) and decided as a group to make turkey salad, cheesy potatoes and baked beans, besides the cream puffs. Linda Lemmen will chair the luncheon. The next meeting will be with her by Zoom and in person April 18. All who would like to help are welcome to attend.

District/Conference Events – Social Action Day will take place by Zoom with units hosting Zoom watch parties Sat. April 13 from 9-12 noon. The closest watch party for us will be at Janesville Cargill UMC. Registrations will be out soon and we can carpool to Janesville. Consider the ways you impact your family, friends, and community around you. Maybe you're on the mission committee or have volunteered at a nonprofit or have something already in place in your UWF group like an active food pantry, social justice ministry, or a partnership with a National Mission Institution. Consider the different gifts we bring as UWF members, as a church, as a neighborhood community, and as we step faithfully forward, uniting hearts and hands to create a brighter, more compassionate tomorrow for women, children and youth. Give to the Legacy Endowment Fund on the Day of Giving March 23: United Women in Faith, ATTN: Legacy, 777 United Nations Plaza, 11th Floor Church Center for the UN, New York, NY 10017 or uwfaith.org/dayofgiving.



We are happy to say we have hired a new pianist! In addition to Laurie Hallmark playing the first Sunday of the month and Pastor Angel playing the 4th (or 5th) Sunday, our new pianist Tom Bradshaw, will be playing the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please give Tom a warm welcome when you see him!



UMCOR SUNDAY – MARCH 10



On Sunday, March 10th we will be taking a special offering for UMCOR. UMCOR is able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives

have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.



Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

For healing and strength: Jeannette Boss, Gene Gallup, Jacob Blair, Leona Kruienza, Christopher Ryan, Clare Brooks, Ann Scott, Damaris Lopez, Sue Neiger Family, David Rosario, Steve Jones, Alice Halverson.

For our military: Nicholas Bell.



You may be aware that the “Mighty Mississippi River” has its beginnings in northern Minnesota as a small stream. By the time it reaches the border between Minnesota and Wisconsin it has gathered considerable water and is a navigable waterway. As it continues its journey south to the Gulf of Mexico, several more small and large rivers add to its volume and power. So, you’re asking yourself, what does the Mississippi River have to do with our food pantry? Literally, nothing, but figuratively it has a great deal to connect to our food pantry.

Your food pantry is like the Mississippi River in that it is a “collector”. It collects donations from various groups, churches, business, and individuals. Those donations “flow” into your food pantry and do not remain to stagnate, but to move on to the homes of hungry families. This is similar to the way the Mississippi River flows south and provides food, recreation, and transportation to the communities along its path. (If you should travel to Dubuque, IA, you may choose to visit the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium for an informative interactive experience for all ages.)

Here are some of the “feeder streams” (groups and organizations) that fill our river of food that goes out to the hungry families in our community: Sugar Creek Lutheran Church, Wayman Chapel AME (African Methodist Episcopal), Faith Baptist Church, First Congregational UCC, Delavan Police Dept., Delavan Lion’s Club, Stinebrink’s Piggly Wiggly, First Supply, Gifford Tree Service, Feeding America, Wal/Co Food & Diaper Bank, Kunes Automotive Group, USPS Annual Food Drive, many individual donors from our congregation and the community, various anonymous donors who drop off donations. (con’t on p. 5)

FOOD PANTRY (con't)

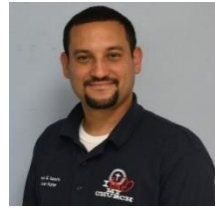
Food and money from these various sources flow into your pantry and provide the items we give to those who come and seek food assistance from your pantry.

During the month of February, your pantry has shown a significant increase in the number of families served. Each week has served at least 30 families, with a new high of 45 families. We are honored to be this ministry. In Matthew 9: 35-39, Jesus speaks of ministering to persons and a variety of needs. ³⁵ *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.* ³⁶ *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* ³⁷ *Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;* ³⁸ *therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* NRSV

Thank you for your continued compassion and help for those hungry families in our community. Together we are God's hands reaching out and touching the lives of those in need in our community.

Please remember **Red Wagon Sunday** is March 24, 2024. Here is a list of popular items that are distributed by your food pantry for you to consider donating:

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



Pastor Angel's Page

The passion of the Christ

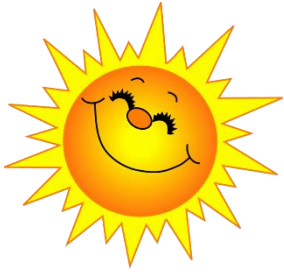
Jesus was passionate about many things. He was passionate about you and me, about salvation, about helping the needy, but something that many people don't talk about much, is that Jesus was passionate about a relationship. He showed us with examples that one of the most important things he wanted to accomplish was a personal relationship with you. Look at what Jesus said in the Gospel of John 15:4-8:

⁴ *Remain in me, and I will remain in you; for a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.*

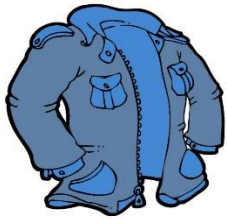
⁵ *"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.* ⁶ *Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.* ⁷ *But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!* ⁸ *When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father."*

Jesus always looked for a relationship with a passion. Every person he encountered, he would look at them and with a compassionate heart, he would heal and save them. To many, he told them "follow me" and what that meant was to establish a relationship with him. A relationship built in trust and hope, a relationship that required communication and honesty. Those who remain in a relationship with him will be able to ask for anything and it will be granted.

Pastor Angel Pioserio



The Outreach Committee is responsible for the Sunshine Fund, which is a fund set up to support our congregational members in need (illness, hospitalization, funerals, etc.) If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make your check payable to DUMC with the notation "Sunshine Fund." Thank you for your donations!



We are in need of clean, warm winter coats (hats, gloves, scarves) for our food pantry customers and the homeless shelter. If you have a winter coat you no longer wear, please consider donating to the church. Please hang it in the hallway by the church office. Thank you!



On the Sunday after Easter, some churches incorporate joy into worship through "holy humor." During his four decades in ministry, Thom Rainer has collected these funny gems heard by real-life pastors:

- "Is it okay to lie if I ask for forgiveness in advance?"
- (during the offertory) "Pastor, do you have change for a twenty?"
- "Pastor, will you pray for my son? He's wild and out of control." (Pastor: "Sure, what's his name?") "Maverick."



The first day of spring is March 19th, and with the warmer, unseasonable weather we had in February, everyone is anxious to start their spring cleaning! Our Spring Rummage Sale will be Friday, April 19 from 8-4 and Saturday, April 20 from 8-2.

Now is a great time to clean out those closets, attics, garages and basements for all those items you don't want and would like to contribute to the rummage sale. (No tv's please).

Please make sure the items are in clean and usable condition. You may bring items for the rummage sale any time during office hours (8-1 Mon-Thurs) and put them upstairs in the Sunday School room.

We will need lots of help for the rummage sale, and sign-up sheets will be posted in the Fellowship Hall in later March.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					9 am OA (FH) 1 10 am AA (CR) 9 pm V.A. Vigil	2 9 am V.A. Breakfast
3 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	4 11 am Bible Study (FH)	5 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Hispanic Bible Study (FH)	6 9-12 Food Pantry 12 pm Lent Dev. & Luncheon (FH) 7:30 pm AA (CR)	7	8 9 am OA (FH) 10 am AA (CR)	9
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Easter Sun. 31 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am HBP 12 pm Hispanic Worship	HBP = Hispanic Band Practice; FH = Fellowship Hall; CR = Community Room; L = Library TOPS = Take Off Pounds Sensibly; OA = Overeaters Anon.; AA = Alcoholics Anon.					