Delavan United Methodist Church
213 S. Second Street
Delavan WI 53115
JULY 2024 TOWER
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED





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

Mary Neiger	July	7
Peggy Jo Behrens		8
Steve Dargits		12
Katie Harrington & Paul Brandt		14
(Happy 5 th Anniversary Katie & Paul!)		
Tammy Demet		17
Joyce Francis		17
Dale Thompson		17
Ed & Barb Foster		26
(Happy 55 th Anniversary Ed & Barb!)		
Kofi Yartey		29
T.J. Neiger		30





We will have a church clean-up day on Saturday, July 20th from 8 a.m. -? We'll be cleaning up the yard, the kitchen, and whatever else needs cleaning/sprucing up! The Vida Abundante crew will finish

painting the outside; move the pews and strip/refinish the sanctuary floor. If you can help with any of these projects, feel free to join us!

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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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THE WATER OF LIFE

A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst.

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13-4 12+7 18+2 1+7 10-1 20-2 17+2 8+12 22+3 1+2 11+4 15-2 2+3

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12+11 10-2 6+9 10+13 2+7 12+7 11-3 1+4 24-5 11+9 4-3 6+5 11-6

4+16 5+3 14-9 9-3 9+9 2+3 9-4 15-8 5+4 7-1 18+2

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Revelation 22:17, NIV



Grilled Pork Chop Dinner Church Fundraiser Duesterbeck's Brewery N5543 County O - Elkhorn. Saturday, July 6 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a delicious grilled pork chop dinner at Duesterbeck's Brewery in Elkhorn and help raise funds for DUMC.

The menu will include: 2 Grilled Pork Chops, Baked Potato, and Applesauce. Cost is \$15 if you pay with cash, \$16 if you use a credit card.

Duesterbeck's Brewery offers many varieties of craft beer. For nonalcoholic beer they offer Lakefront and Heineken. Soda, lemonade, water, fruit punch, and Sprecher's sodas are also available.

If you like, stay and enjoy live music with Petty Union from 6:30 -9:30 p.m. Come support the church and enjoy a sumptuous pork chop dinner! Our thanks to Duesterbeck's Brewery for graciously hosting this event!

NOISY CANS

We pass the Noisy Cans during the offering on Sunday mornings, and at the end of the month the proceeds benefit local charities. In June, Twin Oaks Homeless Shelter benefited from your donations. In July we will collect donations for school supplies. Thank you for your donations to our Noisy Cans!

Revelation 22:1 /, NIV



Circuit Worship in the
Park - Phoenix Park
Sunday, July 28
10:00 a.m.
Picnic Potluck to Follow

On Sunday, July 28th five of the churches in our Circuit (Lake Geneva UMC, Delavan UMC, Darien UMC, Elkhorn UMC and Spring Prairie UMC) will be having a combined worship in the park at Phoenix Park at 10:00 a.m.

A picnic potluck will follow. Sloppy Joes and beverages will be provided. Please sign up to bring a dish to pass. The sign-up sheet for the potluck will be posted on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. It is also Food Pantry Sunday, and we will be collecting donations for our Food Pantry. (In case of rain, worship and the potluck will be held indoors at DUMC). All are welcome to join us!



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

For healing and strength: Don Hummel, Jeannette Boss, Gene Gallup, Jacob Blair, Leona Kruizenga, Ann Scott, Patty Mata, Pat Wierenga, David Rosario, Jenni Mirus, Donna Boltz, and Steve Jones.

For our military: Nicholas Bell.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (con't)

There is a Youth Camp to learn about what missionaries do, with lots of fun activities at the UMC Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI July 14-15, supported by the Conference UWFaith. If you know youth wishing to go, information about the camp and scholarships will be on the bulletin board and/or online at: wiumcamps.org/yomica.

If you would be interested in joining our Delavan UWF, please e-mail Chris at: christinemarie1950@gmail.com or the church at: delavanumcwi@gmail.com or call 262-728-3644.

July Worship Participants

Sunday, July 7

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown

Communion: Chris Anding, Mo Mawhinney

Lector: Jesse Guzman
Greeter: Mo Mawhinney
Coffee: Martha Behlman

Sunday, July 14

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds

Lector: Martha Behlman

Greeters: Jeff & Tammy Demet

Coffee: Dorie Kosche

Sunday, July 21

Ushers: Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman

Lector: Chris Anding Greeter: Chris Anding

Coffee: (volunteer needed!)

Sunday, July 28

Ushers: Dale Thompson & Friends

Lector: Greg Matthews

Greeters: Carolyn & Greg Matthews

Coffee: (volunteer needed!)



Delayan United Women in Faith Happenings July 2024



Summer is here. Let's think of hosting a barbeque or picnic using our theme "Food, Faith & Fellowship." Let's think of being in contact with nature while doing so raising awareness of environmental concern in the midst of other human justice issues. This will

be the theme for the Thursday, Aug. 22 meeting at 10:00 a.m. We are encouraged and invited to form a Green Team by the UWFaith unit at First UMC, Madison. They are collecting for Terracycle which collects a long list of items that usually go in landfills and recycles them. First UMC suggested we partner with them in the handling of the Terracycle items. That will be discussed at our Aug. 22 meeting.

We are also encouraged to continue collecting clean, used socks to support Northcott Neighborhood House, our UWFaith Wis. National Mission Institution. We will partner with Milton UWFaith in the handling of these items. Whitewater UWF has started making mats for the homeless out of strips of plastic bags on a loom made by Midwest Missions. We are invited to collect the bags. Collection boxes will be started in the Fellowship Hall for these.

Good news - Lisa Jones from Brown Deer has accepted our invitation to be our speaker at UWFaith Sunday on Sept. 8. She will bring Cathryn Luse and both will give their testimonies. These women are tireless in their mission to others.

Our bank account was recently switched to Associated Bank of Elkhorn. We now have a new name, Delavan United Women in Faith on our checkbook, but according to the General Conference, our legal name will remain United Methodist Women. We arranged it so checks can be written out to both names.

The Conference UWFaith has asked units if they would like to donate an honorarium to go for missions for Bishop Jung's work in the UMC and with the UWFaith as he retires and moves on. Please let me know if interested.

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Pastor Angel's Page Freedom Worship Acts 16:25-26

²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. ²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundation. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

This month on the 4th we celebrate Independence Day. The Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence, announcing the colonies' separation and freedom from Great Britain. This event that happened in 1776 marked history in the United States. Something similar, but in a much smaller scale, is what happened to Paul and his ministry partner Silas.

Paul and Silas were true worshipers. After doing the ministry of the Gospel, they were accused of disturbing the people and they were sent to jail. But true worshipers are ready to worship God no matter the circumstances and at any time. So, "Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening." God uses the true worshiper's pain to free those around them. Paul and Silas' worship freed them from prison. Verse 26 says "All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!"

The worship of a true worshiper will make the unbeliever believe. This act of worship, not only freed Paul and Silas from the physical prison but the Jailer's life was changed by the event happening that night, that he and his entire family became believers of Jesus Christ. When we worship God everywhere, no matter the circumstances and let people know who God is in our lives, those who listen will be changed. Our worship is one that frees people from the weight of sin.

No matter what, keep on worshiping God.



June has been an important month in the life of the food pantry. We were visited by Jesse Karr, our account rep at Feeding America, for his bi-annual visit to our pantry to gather data and

ensure that we are operating safely and effectively in serving the needs of the hungry. It is supposed to be a half-hour visit, but as usual, it became an hour and a half visit. This is the usual time that we spend with Jesse because of our good relationship. Once again, our inspection passed with flying colors and no concerns.

As you may recall, the number of families we serve has remained steady after having a slight dip at the end of the COVID epidemic. Jesse reports that other pantries in eastern Wisconsin are having a similar experience. They have remained steady and have shown growth. For our pantry, our growth is balanced by those who have used the pantry but no longer need the support we offer. It seems that our support helps a fair number of people in food crisis until they gain stability, a better job, and no longer need our assistance. As well, we have a core group of people who for various reasons continue to use our pantry (a limited pension without a hope of increase, permanently disabled persons, families that have accepted children/grandchildren because of death or divorce, etc.)



We are working with VIP Services of Elkhorn on a pilot program called "Plant a Row for the Hungry." Its goal is to have local gardeners put in some extra items when they plant their garden. The harvest of these items is to be shared with local pantries to provide fresh produce for the hungry. If all goes well this season, next year

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we will expand the program to all the pantries in Walworth County.

Barb Foster and Van Brown represented our pantry at the Health Fair at our church on June 15th. In addition to informing attendees about our pantry, we gained another volunteer to help. Marten is a teenager who has been a wonderful addition to our team of volunteers. He is enthusiastic and well-liked by both customers and other volunteers. His youthful energy and pleasant attitude are valuable additions to our team.

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 hungry persons in our community.

Please remember Red Wagon Sunday is July 28.

Here is a list of popular items that are distributed by your food pantry for you to consider donating:

- Ketchup
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Salt/Pepper
- Spaghetti Sauce with Meat
- Flour
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Pork & Beans
- Sugar
- Tomato Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Elbow Macaroni
- Refried Beans