

Delavan United Methodist Church
213 S. Second Street
Delavan WI 53115

NOVEMBER 2024 TOWER

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Please join us!
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship
12:00 p.m. Spanish Worship

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8-1
Pastor's Office Hours: Tues-Thurs. 8-12
www.delavanumcwi.org



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

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| Cathy Duesterbeck | November | 6 |
| Mary Rima | | 9 |
| Sue Neiger | | 11 |
| Cindy Gallup | | 23 |
| Pastor Angel Rosario | | 30 |
| Dale & Gail Thompson (Happy 49 th Anniversary Dale & Gail!) | | 8 |



Our Church Council has been having a discussion about possibly removing the organ from the chancel and utilizing that space.

For more than 4 years the organ has been unusable (in need of expensive repairs). It is beyond our ability to fix and maintain it. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Anita Ryan, Chair of the Worship Committee, (ryan.anita1@gmail.com) or Ana Martinez, President of the Church Council, (ana_krodriguez239@hotmail.com),

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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

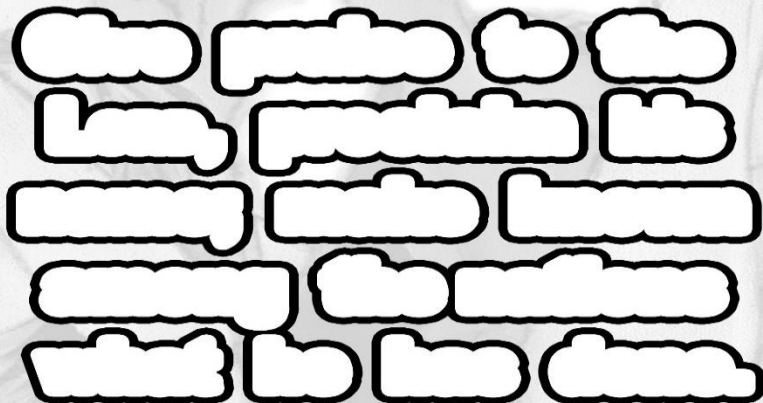
Live the Fruit of the Spirit

Puzzle!

Discover a psalm of thanks from David by matching the words in the list to the shapes below.

WORD LIST

nations proclaim the what to make done Give name among Lord known the he praise has his



1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

Answer: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV



Walworth County Community Thanksgiving Dinner's 17th year!

A free Thanksgiving meal will be served to anyone in Walworth County that needs one. A complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings! They offer dine-in, delivery, or pick-up. If you would like to dine in or pick up your meal, it will be held at the Waters Edge on Delavan Lake, 1220 S. Shore Dr., Delavan from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.

If you would like your meal delivered, they are taking delivery orders now. Please call **Brenda at 262-749-4621** to place your delivery order. Deliveries are courtesy of Cub Scout Pack #327, Scout Troop #328 and #7328, and their families, along with other volunteers. For delivery orders, all meals must be ordered by **November 22 by 5 p.m.** All food is being donated, cooked, and served by volunteers.



'BRIDGING THE GAP'

A new support group "Bridging the Gap" will be meeting at DUMC on Tuesdays, starting November 12th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. upstairs in the youth room. This group is for anyone dealing with addiction, or anyone in need of emotional support. Come and check it out!



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. On November 10th 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 sponsor 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. Please make your donation by Monday, December 9th. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this special mission.

*Barb Foster, Chair
Outreach Committee*



Food in a Backpack (formerly 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 five other churches.

If you would like to help with the cost of food, donations would be very much appreciated! Please make your check payable to Delavan UMC with "Backpack" on the notation line. Thank you for your support!

November Worship Participants

Sunday, November 3

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown
Communion: Van & Pat Brown
Lector: Joan Jones
Greeter: Joan Jones
Coffee: (coffee host needed!)

Sunday, November 10

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds
Lector: Cheryl Wolfe
Greeters: Judy Weyrough & Cheryl Wolfe
Coffee: (coffee host needed!)

Sunday, November 17

Ushers: Jim Aldinger, Don August, John Behlman
Lector: Chris Anding
Greeters: Van & Pat Brown
Coffee: (coffee host needed!)

Sunday, November 24

Ushers: Dale Thompson & Friends
Lector: Anita Ryan
Greeter: Cindy Gallup
Coffee: (coffee host needed!)



First Baptist Church presents
"Helpers in Harmony"

Sunday, Nov. 10th at 6:30 p.m., 213 S. Main St.

Come enjoy an evening of musical entertainment at First Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 10. Admission is a donation of food items to be shared with local food pantries. The presentation is a fundraiser for Delavan Human Concerns (which helps people with rent, utilities, etc.) Our Pastor Angel, Don Edmunds and Jesse Guzman will be performing.



United
Women
in Faith

Delavan United Women in Faith November 2024 Happenings

Everyone is invited to our World Thank Offering meeting Thursday, November 21 at 10 a.m. in the church library.

Bring donations for what you are thankful for. Our offering will be going for: Social Justice Work – Spiritual Growth Opportunities – Just Energy for All – Leadership Development Events and Resources – International Mission Partners – Scholarships for Women Studying for Career and Professional Success – Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline – 90 National Mission Institutions in the U.S. – Regional Missionaries serving in Asia, Africa, and Latin America – and so much more!

We will also be planning for next year and would like you to come to this, our end of the year meeting, to organize for next year. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing the future of our Salad Luncheon and other fundraisers. Our officers will also be working on the Unit Survey for 2023 before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you and welcome input and ideas from all of you.

Blessings to all and thank you to those who gave generously to missions for women, children and youth through the year. We are thankful for Eau Claire Lake Street UMC hosting the Annual Gathering on Oct. 12, Milton UMC hosting the SE Gathering Sept. 21 and for all the other churches who hosted gatherings in the NW, NC, NE, and SW Districts this fall. God's blessings and lots of goodwill were spread to all.



October has been an active month for the pantry. The number of families who use our pantry averages about 33 with a high of 42 customers the third week. Based on past experience, the last Wednesday in the month is the busiest for the pantry.

In September I started a series of articles about the 4 primary elements of a successful food pantry. Here's a reminder of what they are: 1. A supply of food; 2. A convenient location, 3. Engaged volunteers, and, 4. Organization (coordination of donations, volunteers, and a consistent, fair and simple distribution system.)

This month I want to focus on the element "a supply of food." While it may seem obvious to most that this is what a food pantry is all about, there are vital nuances with this element that may be assumed or taken for granted. Operating a food pantry is a crisis ministry. Many people who come to the pantry are concerned about where their next meal will be coming from, while others have the added concern of how they will feed their family. Still others will be thinking ahead to the weekend and if they will have enough food to last through the weekend.

If the pantry doesn't have enough food to distribute, the pantry now has a crisis. The food supply of our pantry (or any food pantry) depends upon regular and predictable sources of food.

To manage the supply so we have enough for our families, we rely on a variety of sources that combine to ensure an adequate and timely supply of a variety of food that is nutritious. A major source of our food is donations: from individuals, churches, service groups, social organizations. This is terrific, but we have little control over what or how much we get of the items donated. Thus, we publish a list of suggested items.

Another source of food is Feeding America (FA). This is a valuable resource, but is also limited in selection. FA serves 26 counties in Eastern Wisconsin, seeking to provide food for the various ethnic and cultural groups in this area. (con't on pg. 5)

Thus, there may be several items in their warehouse that none or only a small number of our families would want. Feeding America provides some food for free and other food at a cost (often slightly less than our local markets). We have a shopping account with a positive balance that we use to purchase food each month that is delivered the first Monday of each month.

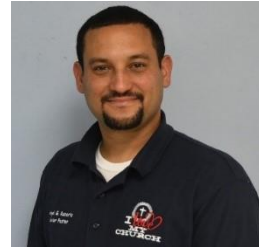
The third source of food in our pantry is a result of the money that is donated to us. This allows our volunteers to shop locally each week and “re-stock” the shelves with items that will be needed the next Wednesday to provide a nutritious and balanced selection from which they can choose. We shop the sales as you do and stock up on regular items when they go on “special.”

The fourth source of food is a mixture of donated items. These include food drives (holiday collections), leftover food from community events (Scarecrow Fest, Corn Fest, etc.). We also have regular donors such as Kwik Trip and Piggly Wiggly. Kwik Trip provides a variety of donations from sandwiches, meals, donuts/bakery, milk, eggs, meat, butter, yogurt, etc. Piggly Wiggly donates their excess bakery items. We never know each Tuesday how much and of what kind these donations will be, however we are grateful for their willingness to share.

Sometimes we receive a donation of a large quantity of food at one time; more than we can use or store. We then accept the donation and share what we are not able to use with our pantries in Walworth County. Likewise, other Walworth County pantries who are the beneficiary of more food than they can use at one time share with our pantry.

Matthew 6: 2-4 records Jesus saying: ² *So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.* ³ *But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,* ⁴ *so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*” (con’t on p. 6)

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Pastor Angel's Page

Good Days and Bad Days

“Enjoy prosperity while you can, but when hard times strike, realize that both come from God. Remember that nothing is certain in this life.”

Ecclesiastes 7: 14 NLT

A man was sitting in a bar, looking at his drink. He stayed like that for half-an-hour. Then, a big trouble-making truck driver stepped up next to him, grabbed the drink from him, and gulped it down in one swallow. At that, the man burst into tears. The truck driver said, “Come on man, I was just joking. Here, I’ll buy you another drink. I just can’t stand to see a grown man crying.”

“No, it’s not that!” the guy said, “Today is the worst day of my life. First, I overslept and was late to an important meeting. My boss was outraged and fired me. When I left the office, I discovered my car had been stolen, and the police said there was nothing they could do. I took a cab home, and as he drove off I realized I left my wallet on the back seat of the taxi. I thought it couldn’t get any worse, but when I walked into my house I found my wife in the arms of another man – and she told me to leave. So I stopped by a chemical store, and then came here. I’ve been sitting here thinking about taking my life ... when you came in and drank all my poison!”

Sometimes, as we get up in the morning we realize what kind of a day we’re going to have. Almost all the time we oversleep, our day turn into chaos. King Solomon was the one that wrote the verse above. Good days and bad days come from God. When bad days come, just think that God is still in the midst of them, he doesn’t leave you alone to go through them.

Remember the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4: 6-7 “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

Pastor Angel Rosario

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

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

For our military: Nicholas Bell.

NOISY CANS

In October your donations totaled \$81 for Pastor's Discretionary Fund. In November our Noisy Cans will benefit our Food Pantry. Thank you for your donations!



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

FOOD PANTRY (con't)

Many of you give generously and regularly to support our pantry and other pantries. We may not be able to tell you where your specific gift goes or to what kind of family it has helped (single senior surviving on Social Security, a blended family having to live together because of a death or unemployment, an individual suddenly unemployed, the working poor, or a recently separated parent with three young children, etc.). What we can tell you is that your gift of money or food was vital to the survival and well-being of a family or many families.

God bless you for your support!

Please remember Red Wagon Sunday is November 24, 2024.

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

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| Ketchup/Mustard | Pork & Beans |
| Hamburger/Tuna Helper | Spaghetti Sauce with Meat |
| Peanut Butter/Jelly | Chicken Noodle Soup |
| Tomato Soup | Mushroom Soup |
| Stovetop Stuffing | Tuna |
| Refried Beans | Baked Beans |
| Salt/Pepper | Flour/Sugar |
| Elbow Macaroni | Pancake Mix/Syrup |



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Homeless Shelter starts Nov. 1 | Helpers in Harmony Nov. 10 – 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church | | | | 1 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR) | 2 |
| 3 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am SBP 10:45 am Choir 12:00 pm Spanish Worship | 4 11 am BIBLE STUDY (FH) | 5 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Spanish Bible Study (FH) | 6 9-12 FOOD PANTRY 7:30 pm AA (CR) | 7 6-8:30 pm Bethel Bible Study at Chapel on the Hill | 8 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR) | 9 |
| 10 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am SBP 10:45 am Choir 12:00 pm Spanish Worship | 11 11 am BIBLE STUDY (FH) 5 pm FINANCE COM. (L) | 12 5-6 pm Bridging the Gap Support Group (Youth Rm.) 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Spanish Bible Study (FH) | 13 9-12 FOOD PANTRY 7:30 pm AA (CR) | 14 9:30 am Friends of the Library (FH) 6-8:30 pm Bethel Bible Study at Chapel on the Hill | 15 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR) | 16 |
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| 24 Red Wagon Sun. 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 am SBP 10:45 am Choir 12 pm Spanish Worship 3 pm Charge Conf. | 25 11 am BIBLE STUDY (FH) | 26 5-6 pm Bridging the Gap (Youth Rm.) 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Spanish Bible Study (FH) | 27 9-12 FOOD PANTRY 7 pm AA (CR) | 28  | 29 9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR) | 30 |

SBP=Spanish Band Practice; TOPS=Take Off Pounds Sensibly; AA=Alcoholics Anon.; OA=Overeaters Anon.
FH=Fellowship Hall; L=Library; CR=Community Room;