

Delavan United Methodist Church  
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FEBRUARY 2025 TOWER

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Methodist Church  
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**FEBRUARY TOWER**



*Please join us for worship  
Sunday mornings at 9:00  
a.m. or Spanish worship  
at 12:00 p.m.*

***Connect with us!***

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*Church Office Hours:*

*8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

*Monday-Thursday*



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

Jeff Demet	February	1
Davian Rosario		1
Katie Harrington		3
Denise Bruneau		4
Scout Pelnar		7
Renee Yartey		16
Joe Almburg		17
Van & Pat Brown		17
<i>(Happy 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Van &amp; Pat!)</i>		
Joan Jones		23
Gracie Yartey		25
Jim Aldinger		28

### NOISY CANS

Each Sunday we pass the Noisy Cans, and at the end of the month the proceeds benefit a local charity, our Food Pantry, or Pastor's Discretionary Fund. In January we collected \$123 for Food in a Backpack. In February your donations will benefit Rooted & Rising -Washington Park (United Methodist Children's Services.)

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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!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

A place to live

1	2	3	4	5

Opposite of dark

6	7	8	9	10

Companion

11	12	13	14	15	16

Hand greeting

17	18	19	20

Male adult

21	22	23



8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5

17 9 2 5 19 5 12 6 7 19 5 4

13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4

13 15 8 2 16 18 15 16

8 2 16 13 23 10 1 14 21

1 John 4:16, NIV

Answers: house, friend, light, wave, man; God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16, NIV



Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, which means our Lent Devotion & Luncheons will begin March 5<sup>th</sup> at noon and continue each Wednesday through April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting Ash Wednesday, and we will need volunteers to make 3-4 soups, and cookies or brownies. We will also need help serving and clean-up. Please watch for sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. More information will be coming in your March Tower.



**CHILI SALE  
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
DURING COFFEE HOUR**

Don Edmunds will be making his wonderful chili the week before Super Bowl, and will have his chili for sale during coffee hour on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to reserve some chili, please give Don a call at 262-728-9785 and let him know. All proceeds to benefit the church. His chili sells out fast – and sometimes there isn't much left to sell during coffee hour. So if you would like to reserve some chili, please contact Don.



Thanks to everyone for your donations of winter hats, mittens & scarves for the Mitten Tree. Your donations were taken to Turtle Creek Elementary School.



On the third Sunday of each month we will be asking for a special offering to go towards our apportionments. Your offering towards apportionments will benefit local congregational development, global connectional ministries, clergy and lay leadership, conference support ministries, plus connectional ministries. For a complete breakdown of where our apportionment money goes, please see the insert included in your Tower.



Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

*For healing and strength:*

Joe Almburg, Don Hummel, Dick Martin, Jeannette Boss, Gene Gallup, Jacob Blair, Leona Kruizenga, Ann Scott, Jenni Mirus, Donna Boltz, Pat Wierenga, Dan Cannon, David Rosario, Steve Jones, Donna Brellenthin, Reynaldo Martinez, Paul Holman, Nancy Hutchinson.

*For our military:* Nicholas Bell.

## February Worship Participants

### Sunday, February 2

*Ushers:* John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown

*Communion:* Chris Anding & Dorie Kosche

*Lector:* Don Edmunds

*Greeter:* Joanne Howe

*Coffee:* Sandy Edmunds

### Sunday, February 9

*Ushers:* Dick Martin, Don Edmunds

*Lector:* Katie Harrington

*Greeter:* Sandy Edmunds

*Coffee:* Chris Anding

### Sunday, February 16

*Ushers:* Jim Aldinger, John Behlman

*Lector:* Chris Anding

*Greeters:* Dale & Gail Thompson

*Coffee:* Van & Pat Brown, Kathy Walter

### Sunday, February 23

*Ushers:* Dale Thompson & Friends

*Lector:* Jean Pippitt

*Greeters:* Katie Harrington & Paul Brandt

*Coffee:* *(coffee host needed)*

Time...

Time... is too slow for those who wait,  
too swift for those who fear,  
too long for those who grieve,  
too short for those who rejoice.

But for those who love,

time is eternity.

-Henry VanDyke





United  
Women  
in Faith

## Delavan United Women in Faith February Happenings



First UW Faith meeting February 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Love one another as I have loved you** (John 13:34). Love is the theme for the month of February as we celebrate Valentine's Day. We will be sending out valentines for our shut-ins. You may bring valentines you would like to share.

Our Delavan 2025 Program Books are available now in your mailboxes with the new theme, "Carrying our Faith Forward." Thank you, Jeanne, for making it possible.

All women are invited to our first UW Faith meeting of the year, Thursday, February 6 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be led in devotions about reflections in our faith by Barb Foster, Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Salad Luncheon discussion will follow. Plan to be at the meeting if you are interested in supporting the Salad Luncheon, which is tentatively scheduled for May 15.

Registrations for the Women's Retreat April 25-27 at Lake Lucerne Camp, Neshkoro, WI are available on the bulletin board. It is a fun and interesting weekend at the beautiful 2-level Milton Giese center overlooking the lake with time to relax in the weather proof adult cabins, enjoy creative workshops, nature hikes, Bible studies and more. Meals are provided. Deadline for registration is April 1. The theme is "Fully Rely on God" or F.R.O.G.

The 2025 Reading Program list is on the book cart in the Fellowship Hall. Books from the last 5 years are counted toward your reading program certificate at the end of the year. Anyone may sign out a book. Some books from that list are available on the cart. Some may have to be borrowed from the temporary library at the Community Center on Geneva St. near ACE Hardware or can be ordered. If you can't find what you're looking for, please ask at the church office.

The Milton UWF unit is hosting a new Book Club started in January by the Program Resources leader, Pat Spors, at her home on the east edge of Janesville and we are invited. Meeting dates will be available soon. This is a great way to watch up on books and visit with others from another unit. If you are interested in going to the Book Club or joining our Delavan UWFaith unit, please e-mail Chris at [christinemarie1950@gmail.com](mailto:christinemarie1950@gmail.com) or contact Delavan United Methodist Church at 262-728-3644. **Happy Valentine's Day!**



Before I keep my promise to write about the last element of a food pantry (organization), I will give a brief summary of our activity at the pantry this January. While off to a slow start on January 2<sup>nd</sup> with 11 customers, we resumed our average number of 31 customers the rest of the month. We are glad that we can provide this emergency help to families in our area.

Organization is the key element that supports the other three elements (food, volunteers, and location) and determines a food pantry's success. Several years ago, Van & Pat Brown initiated the DUMC Food Pantry, gave heroically to get it up and running. It is like the creation story in *Genesis 1:2* "*The earth was without form and void.*" God then spoke and brought order out of chaos.

In my experience, the organization needed for a food pantry is similar to the organization to operate a small grocery store. Here is a list of major responsibilities:

1. Find a convenient and usable location to receive, store and distribute food,
2. Find reliable sources/suppliers of quality food,
3. Recruit, interview, train, schedule, and maintain a staff of volunteers,
4. Provide for transportation of food to the location,
5. Sort, date, store food,
6. Eliminate outdated or damaged items (received or in storage),
7. Order food from suppliers in a timely manner to ensure an adequate supply to meet need,
8. Solicit donations (cash and in-kind) to provide a steady flow of food,
9. Communicate with donors expressing appreciation and updating them on the current needs,
10. Work with other area food pantries to coordinate activities, support each other's pantries in their work, and learn of new resources for food, (con't p. 5)

## FOOD PANTRY (con't)

11. Maintain statistics that illustrate hunger needs and how donations are used to combat these needs,
12. Prepare and revise each week the “shopping list” given to each customer that lists the foods available from which to choose,
13. Orient the current week’s volunteers as to what items are available that Wednesday, the quantity available, and where additional items are stored,
14. Set-up (before opening at 9 a.m.) tables, signs, and displays,
15. Take down and put away tables, signs, and perishable food that will be able to be distributed the next week,
16. Review regularly stocked items at the close of Wednesday’s pantry shift and prepare a shopping list of items to purchase for next week’s shift,
17. Shop locally for the items, bring to pantry, date and shelf replacement items,
18. Defrost freezers, clean refrigerators, and general housekeeping for health and safety, and
19. Quarterly meetings of volunteer leaders for review of ongoing activity, changes in policy, and planning for the coming months.

This list provides the general outline of activity needed to keep the pantry up and running. While the DUMC food pantry is open for customers 3 hours every Wednesday, there are many hours a week that volunteers serve to make the open hours on Wednesday productive. At least twice a month, we receive an order from Feeding America that is delivered to the Walworth County drop site in Elkhorn. That order is picked up and brought to the pantry, unpacked, inspected, date, and stored in the pantry, overflow storage, refrigerators or freezers. (con't on p. 6)

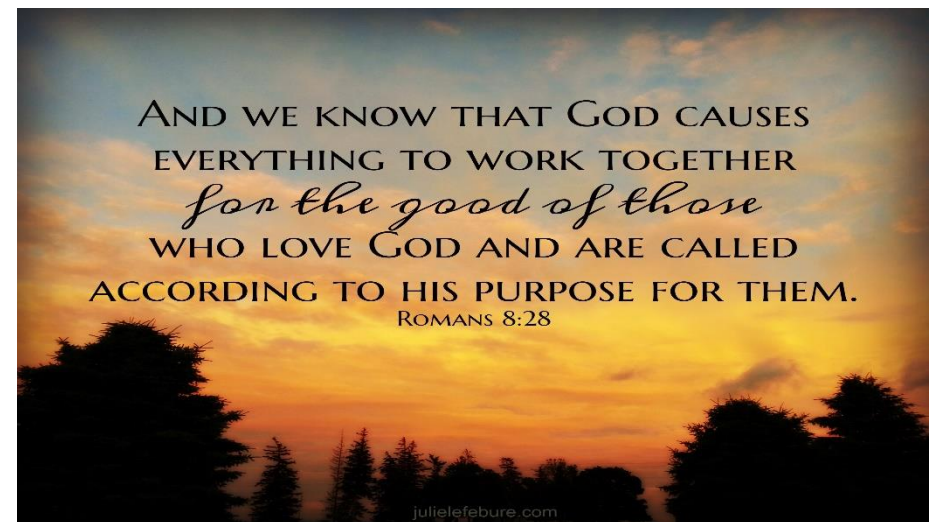
## Pastor's Page (con't)

Paul said in Romans 8:28 “*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*”

Hopelessness is a delusion, the consequence of an inaccurate belief system; it is an imposter that is the result of believing a lie. Truth is transformational; it has the power to make you free!

Let us pray that God will work a miracle in our circumstances and that we may believe that he can. Let us praise him even as we wait, confident that if he doesn't work a miracle in our circumstances, he is most certainly working a greater miracle within our hearts. Whatever the outcome is, all will work together for good.

*Pastor Angel Rosario*





## Pastor Angel's Page

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Job 1:14-19

*"<sup>14</sup> a messenger arrived at Job's home with this news: "Your oxen were plowing, with the donkeys feeding beside them, <sup>15</sup> when the Sabeans raided us. They stole all the animals and killed all the farmhands. I am the only one who escaped to tell you." <sup>16</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news "the fire of God has fallen from heaven and burned up your sheep and all the shepherds..." <sup>17</sup> While he was still speaking, a third messenger arrived with this news "Three bands of Chaldeans raiders have stolen your camels and killed your servants..." <sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news "your sons and daughters were feasting... suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed and all your children are dead..."*

This is a perfect situation to feel hopeless and blame God for every bad situation that has happened. In some situations you may have felt the same, hopeless and angry looking to blame someone for your pain. This is true **&** there is also another truth. It's natural for us to see things in two different perspectives: "either" "or", two corners, two extremes, black or white; but it's very unusual that we see an **"and"** to every situation.

We experience hopelessness **&** it is also true that we can experience hopefulness and exercise our faith. Job is an example of this, he could have sat there and complained and blamed God but instead this was his attitude against all bad news *"...The Lord gave me what I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!"*

(Con't on pg. 9)

## FOOD PANTRY (con't)

Usually, we receive two or three donations of food at the church office that will need to be sorted, dated, and stored appropriately so the volunteers are aware of what's available for distribution each Wednesday.

As I said at the beginning of the article, operating a food pantry is comparable to having the skills, resources, and commitment needed to operate a small grocery store. Organization, food, volunteers, and good location are the essential ingredients in the success of this mission to fight hunger in our community.

Items that we need regularly are:

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

I invite you to continue our fight against hunger in our community. I am grateful for all your past support.

*Rev. Ed Foster*  
*DUMC Food Pantry Coordinator*

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 11-4 Vida Abundante Baby Shower (K, FH)
<b>2</b> <b>9 am Worship</b> 10 am Fellowship 10:45 am Choir 11 am SBP 12 pm Spanish Worship	<b>3</b> <b>11 am BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>4</b> 2 pm Bridging the Gap (CR) 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Spanish Bible Study (FH)	<b>5</b> <b>9-12 Food Pantry</b>  7:30 pm AA (CR)	<b>6</b> 6-8:30 pm Bethel Bible Series at Chapel on the Hill	<b>7</b> 9 am OA (FH) 10 am AA (CR)	<b>8</b>
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<b>23</b> <b>9 am Worship</b> 10 am Fellowship 11 am SBP 12 pm Spanish Worship	<b>24</b> <b>11 am BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>25</b> 2 pm Bridging the Gap (CR) 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Spanish Bible Study (FH)	<b>26</b> <b>9-12 Food Pantry</b> 1 pm Delavan Service League (FH) 7:30 pm AA (CR)	<b>27</b> 6-8:30 pm Bethel Bible Series at Chapel on the Hill	<b>28</b> 9 am OA (FH) 10 am AA (CR)	

SBP=Spanish Band Practice; TOPS=Take Off Pounds Sensibly; AA=Alcoholics Anon.; OA=Overeaters Anon.

FH=Fellowship Hall; CR=Community Room; L=Library; K=Kitchen; S=Sanctuary