

Delavan United Methodist Church
213 South Second Street
Delavan WI 53115

MARCH 2025 TOWER

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262-728-3644
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Please join us!

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

Spanish Worship at Noon

★ **COMING EVENTS** ★

Ash Wednesday Lent Devotion & Luncheon
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
12:00 p.m.

Our Lent Devotion & Luncheons will be held
each Wednesday in Lent through
April 9th at Noon.
(details inside!)

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours: Tues-Thurs.
8 a.m. – Noon



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

Carolyn Matthews	March	4
Chris Anding		5
Ron Pippitt		11
Linda Lemmen		15
Leslie Pelnar		17
Chris & Leslie Pelnar (<i>Happy 20th Anniversary!</i>)		19
Lilliannet Rosario		25
John & Martha Behlman (<i>Happy 42nd Anniversary!</i>)		26

NOISY CANS

Each Sunday during the offering 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 February we collected \$90 for Rooted & Rising - Washington Park (formerly United Methodist Children's Services). Thank you for your donations!



On Sunday, March 16th, we will be asking for a special offering to go towards our apportionments. Your offering towards apportionments benefits local congregational development, global connectional ministries, clergy and lay leadership, conference support ministries, plus connectional ministries.

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*

Puzzle!



Fill in the blanks with the tiny creatures mentioned in each verse (all NIV). Then search for those words in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6

Psalm 78:45

Matthew 23:24

Judges 14:8b

Acts 12:23

Leviticus 11:22

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Deuteronomy 7:20

Exodus 16:20

1 Samuel 24:14

Isaiah 50:9

Isaiah 59:5

Leviticus 11:22

Leviticus 11:22



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O	L	S	P	I	D	E	R	S	B	E
T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S



Answers: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



Ash Wednesday, March 5th, will be the beginning of our Lent Devotion & Luncheons here at DUMC. It will start at 12:00 p.m., with a short

devotion followed by a luncheon of homemade soup, bread, crackers, and cookies or bars. The luncheons will continue each Wednesday in Lent through April 9th. Jeanne Esch & Kathy Vance will co-chair the luncheons. A free will offering will be taken each Wednesday to benefit the church that is hosting that day. Volunteers to help serve & clean-up each Wednesday, and donations of (sliced) Italian or French bread are needed. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help or donate bread, please sign up! The following churches have agreed to host:

March 5: Delavan UMC/Pastor Angel Rosario

March 12: St. Andrew's Catholic Church
Devotion: Fr. Oriol Regales

March 19: First Baptist Church
Devotion: Pastor Dave Goralski

March 26: Delavan United Congregational Church
Devotion: Pastor Teena Carpenter

April 2: The River Church
Devotion: Pastor Rachel Johnson or
Pastor Toni Davis

April 9: Creek Road Community Church
Devotion: (to be announced)

March Worship Participants

Sunday, March 2

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown
Communion: Chris Anding and Mo Mawhinney
Lector: Carolyn Matthews
Greeter: Chris Anding
Coffee: Chris Anding & Carolyn Matthews

Sunday, March 9

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds
Lector: Jesse Guzman
Greeter: Cheryl Davis
Coffee: Martha Behlman

Sunday, March 16

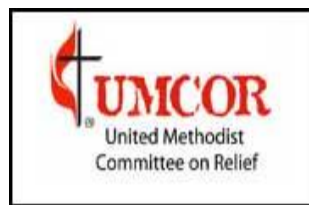
Ushers: Jim Aldinger, John Behlman
Lector: Don Edmunds
Greeter: Susie Pegel
Coffee: Sandy Edmunds

Sunday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 30

Ushers: (To be announced)
Lector: Mo Mawhinney
Greeter: Dorie Kosche
Coffee: (coffee host needed!)



Special Sundays Mission Project sponsored by the United Methodist Conference and our Church Outreach Committee will be recognized on UMCOR Sunday, March 30th, 2025. There will be a brochure and a donation envelope for UMCOR placed in the church bulletins on that Sunday in March. Thank you for your support.

Barb Foster, Outreach Com. Chair



Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

For healing and strength: Vernola Anderson, Van Brown, Joe Almburg, Don Hummel, Dick Martin, Jeannette Boss, Gene Gallup, Jacob Blair, Leona Kruienga, Ann Scott, Jenni Mirus, Donna Boltz, Pat Wierenga, Dan Cannon, David Rosario, Steve Jones, Donna Brellenthin, Sarah Prum, Paul Holman, Nancy Hutchinson.

For our military: Nicholas Bell.



Mark Your Calendars!

Our Church Spring Rummage Sale will be Friday and Saturday, April 25 & 26. You may bring items for the rummage sale anytime during office hours and place them upstairs in the Sunday School room. Now is a great time to start cleaning out your closets, attics, basements & garages for treasures you would like to donate. (Please, no tv's).



Food Pantry (con't)

Items that we need regularly are:

Ketchup/Mustard
Peanut Butter (Chunky)
Salt/Pepper
Flour/Sugar
Tomato Soup
Elbow Macaroni
Pork & Beans

Hamburger/Tuna Helper
Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce with Meat
Chicken Noodle Soup
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Refried Beans
Tortillas

Thank you for helping to make life healthier, better, and easier for the families we support and help! As they say to us: **"God bless you."**

Rev. Ed Foster, Coordinator
Delavan UMC Food Pantry



Please welcome the newest member of our church staff, pianist Clarissa Marquez. In addition to Laurie Hallmark playing for us on the first Sunday of the month, Clarissa will play for us the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month, and occasionally a 4th Sunday. She is married, lives in Walworth, and has an infant daughter, Rosalia.

Clarissa has 17 years of experience playing the piano, and is also an accomplished harpist. She is the principal harpist of the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra. We are blessed to have her with us!



Pastor Angel's Page

The three amigos

Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. Matthew 17: 1

A British publication once offered a prize for the best definition of a friend. Among the thousands of answers received were the following: "One, who multiplies joys, divides grief and whose honesty is inviolable." "One who understands our silence." "A volume of sympathy bound in cloth." "A watch that beats true for all time and never runs down." The winning definition read: "A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

I think the best definition of a friend is the name of Jesus. He said there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. Jesus gave his life to save us all and it came with a great cost. We all have friends, some are closer than others. It is important to have a friend in which we can trust with our own personal problems.

Jesus did have twelve friends that he called his disciples in whom He strategically invested time and effort. Out of the twelve, He chose three amigos that He took to a different level than the other nine. Peter, James and John are considered Jesus' inner circle of the original twelve disciples.

If it was important to Jesus, the Son of God, to have an inner circle of friends like Peter, John and James, it must be because God knew we couldn't do life by ourselves. We are all called to be disciples of Jesus, regardless of our past, present or future circumstances.

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The question is, If Jesus could chose three amigos that weren't perfect, that failed him and that needed to be changed, what stops you from becoming one of Jesus' friends?

He wants to be one of your inner circles of friends. He wants to hear your problems, listen to your heart and know how you are doing. We all need friends that can do just that and Jesus can be one of them. Would you like Jesus to be one of YOUR three amigos? Then ask him in prayer, I am sure he will not refuse.

Pastor Angel Rosario



“Food in a Backpack”
Sponsored by the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee has been participating in this ecumenical mission project (which provides food for the weekend to school children in need) with other area churches for 2 years. In addition to helping pack food bags, each church strives to make money donations to help cover costs for the food. Please consider a donation to this special mission project for the children in our community. A donation marked “Food in a Backpack” can be put in the offering plate or can be dropped off at the church office during March or April. Thank you for your support of this mission project.

Barb Foster, Outreach Com. Chair



After last month's lengthy article, March's article will be much shorter. Our customers remain steady at about 32 families per week. However, February 19th, when the temperatures and wind chill factor was subzero, we served 35 families. In January, when we had our last significant snowstorm, we had only 11 customers. It seems that cold is not such a deterrent as snow is for our customers. Regardless of the number of families served each week, all are extremely grateful for the food provided and the overwhelming majority say “God bless you.”

As you are aware, Feeding America is one of our partners as a source of food for the pantry. This month we received a letter from them indicating how much food we obtained from them in the past year. In 2025, we received enough food for 11,674 meals. We received food for 8,421 meals at no cost, while we paid for 3,253 meals. The percentage amounts for these two numbers are 72% and 28%, respectively.

Here's the general distribution of resources in broad categories:

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| • Bakery | 27 pounds |
| • Dairy | 606 pounds |
| • Protein | 2,560 pounds |
| • Produce | 445 pounds |
| • Dry/Shelf Stable | 7,771 pounds |

That's a great partnership; and it is similar to the image of donations we received from individuals, churches, and organizations in the greater Delavan area. To be successful in fighting hunger in the Delavan community, we need broad support and diverse resources.

For a list of items that we need regularly, please see p. 10.



The Lenten desert

During the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5 this year), Christians figuratively follow Jesus into the desert. Just as our Savior spent 40 days fasting and facing temptation, we focus on self-reflection and contrition.

In an 1873 hymn, Claudia Hernaman wrote, "O Lord, throughout these forty days, you prayed and kept the fast. Inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past."

The desert experience of Lent serves a clear purpose, filling us up rather than depleting us. "This is what Lent is meant to be," writes theologian Ron Rolheiser. "Time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and the demons within us and to let God do battle with them through us. The result is that we are purified, made ready, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other."



We have more than enough food containers, so if you have more that you were thinking about donating, please recycle them. Thank you.



United
Women
in Faith


Delavan United Women in Faith
Happenings March 2025

We will soon be observing Ash Wednesday to recognize Jesus' sacrifice for our sins. It is a spiritual invitation to invite us to reflect on what experiences and rituals of faith are significant to you. It is a reminder of what Jesus did for the disciples – washed their feet – before he started his journey toward the cross before the Passover from John 13: 3-9. We start our own journey with Jesus the first week of March when we participate in the Ash Wednesday devotion and luncheon. You are invited to participate in a full schedule of Lenten services every Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall as we make our way with Jesus down the path. Following is a link you may click on to hear "For Those Tears I Died" from the "Carrying Our Faith Forward" program: <https://uwfaith.mn.co/posts/program-resource-and-gatherings-call-to-community-5minutes-69834121>.

God will lead us down the path as we anticipate our Spring Bake Sale during the church Rummage Sale, Fri. & Sat. April 25-26. The bake sale will be chaired by Pat Brown. Everyone is invited to bring cookies, bars, breads, cakes, snacks and pies to the event. Proceeds will go toward our pledge to missions and the women, children, and youth we serve. If you would like to help, please contact Pat Brown. Please note: our spring Salad Luncheon has been canceled.

You are invited to join us for our next UWF meeting, Thursday, April 3rd at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for devotions and planning our bake sale.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10 am-12 pm Cedric Square Memorial (S) 12 pm Memorial Luncheon (FH)
2 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:45 am Choir 11 am SBP 12 pm Spanish Worship	3 11 am Bible Study (FH)	4 2 pm Bridging the Gap (CR) 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Spanish Bible Study (FH)	5 Ash Weds. 9-12 Food Pantry 12 pm Lent Devotion & Luncheon (FH) 7:30 pm AA (CR)	6 6-8:30 pm Bethel Bible Study at Chapel on the Hill	7 9 am OA (FH) 10 am AA (CR)	8
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FH=Fellowship Hall; CR=Community Room; K=Kitchen; L=Library; S=Sanctuary

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