

Delavan United Methodist Church
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SEPTEMBER 2025 TOWER

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Please join us!

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

12:30 p.m. Spanish Worship

★ COMING EVENTS ★

FALL RUMMAGE & UWF BAKE SALE

Friday, September 19 from 8-4

Saturday, September 20 from 8-2

(\$3 Bag Sale from 12-2 on Saturday)

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Friday, September 19th from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Saturday, September 20th from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Fall is a great time to clean out those closets, attics, basements and garages and bring your clean, usable treasures to the church rummage sale! (No tv's please!) The United Women in Faith will also hold a Bake Sale during the two days of the rummage sale.

LOTS of help will be needed sorting and pricing the items. Sign-up sheets will be on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help, please sign up!

Cindy Gallup (262-728-5157) is the chair of the Rummage Sale. Chris Anding (262-607-1386) and Pat Brown (262-728-3689) are the co-chairs of the Bake Sale. We are blessed with many wonderful bakers in our congregation, so donations of baked goods would be very much appreciated! A sign-up sheet for the Bake Sale is in the Fellowship Hall. The money raised from the Bake Sale will go towards missions.

You may bring items for the rummage sale anytime during office hours (Mon-Thurs. 8-1) and place them upstairs in the Sunday School room – or - if you can wait until September 8th, you may place the items in the church library, or bring your items the week of the sale. Our Rummage Sale is one of our best fundraisers, and we need your help and your treasures to make it a success!

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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 understand, living, and sharing of our faith by worshipping 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*

September Worship Participants

Sunday, Sept. 7

Ushers: John Behlman, Greg Matthews, Van Brown
Communion: Katie Harrington
Lector: Katie Harrington
Greeter: Joanne Howe
Coffee: Martha Behlman

Sunday, Sept. 14

Ushers: Dick Martin, Don Edmunds
Lector: Anita Ryan
Greeters: Judy Weyrough & Cheryl Wolfe
Coffee: Susie Pegel

Sunday, Sept. 21

Ushers: United Women in Faith
Lector: Linda Lemmen
Greeter: Cindy Gallup
Coffee: United Women in Faith

Sunday, Sept. 28

Ushers: Dale Thompson & Friends
Lector: Martha Behlman
Greeters: Ed & Barb Foster
Coffee: Sandy Edmunds



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

Phyllis Almburg	Sept.	1
Vernola Anderson		3
Don Hummel		8
Don & Sandy Edmunds (Happy 48 th Anniversary!)		10
Greg Matthews		12
Susie Pegel		13
Judy Weyrough		25
Lindsey Duesterbeck		27
Krista Edmunds & Rick Mealy (Happy 7 th Anniversary!)		28



A **BIG THANK YOU** TO Cathy Duesterbeck for chairing another Pork Chop Dinner! We appreciate all the work Cathy does to organize this event, and all the work our volunteers do to make this dinner possible. Many don't realize how much work it takes to put this dinner

together – this is one of our best fundraisers, and we couldn't do this without all of your hard work and dedication! From the ticket sellers to the dishwashers...you are appreciated! Thank you!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

**Our Annual Harvest Dinner will be
 Wednesday, October 29 from 4-6:30 p.m.
 Watch your October Tower for details!**

NOISY CANS

Our Noisy Cans are passed during the offering and then the contributions are totalled at the end of the month. The proceeds benefit a local charity, our Food Pantry, or Pastor's Discretionary Fund. In August we collected \$94 for Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. This month our donations will benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Walworth County. Thank you for your donations!



Two of our members, Joan Jones & Carolyn Matthews have almost completed their year of Bethel Bible Series at Chapel on the Hill (September will be the final month). Congratulations Joan & Carolyn!



Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

For healing and strength: Moe Mawhinney, Phyllis Almburg, Van Brown, Don & Jean Hummel, Gene Gallup, Ann Scott, Jacob Blair, Leona Kruizenga, Pat Wierenga, Steve Jones, Donna Brellenthin, Paul Holman, Joe Guzman, Jeff & Carrie Dixon.



United
Women
in Faith

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS (con't)

Our United Women in Faith Sunday will take place Sunday, September 21st during the 10:00 a.m. worship. We will be awarding a faithful participant in the missions of the church a Special Mission Recognition Pin and also praising God in thanksgiving for all we have been able to donate to the different organizations in the community. We are asking for volunteers to usher, lector, and greet that Sunday. We will also be hosting coffee hour.

Keep a reminder posted to attend the next unit meeting on Thursday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. There will be a special Bible-based exercise as we consider ways to further our mission in the form we feel best. We will ask Katrina Willis, Conference Membership Nurture & Outreach, if she would like to return to guide us.

Blessings to all as we enter the fall of 2025, enjoying God's majesty of cascades of colored leaves and bountiful harvests.

Chris Anding



"Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns."

—George Eliot



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Delavan United Women in Faith Happenings- September 2025

Bake Sale Friday, Sept. 19 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

United Women in Faith Sunday – Sept. 21 – 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting Thursday, October 9 – 10:00 a.m. Church Library

Our Sept. program asks, “As we live out our faith, how can we continue to practice relationships and build community in a spirit of openness and inclusivity? What is faithfulness to you?” While we ponder these things, let us consider how we share with one another. Where is the spirit of grace in our lives? How can we carry our faith forward as our program book suggests? Where are the geese in our lives as in the cover of our Yearbook, carrying our faith forward? The answer could be that we are the geese carrying our faith forward to serve women, children and youth in any way we can. We are faithful to others as God is faithful to us, thus building community and justice for all.

In this spirit, we have set out to do some wonderful things this month. Our unit will host a Bake Sale Sept. 19-20. Anyone from church is invited to bring baked goods of any kind to the church starting on Weds. & Thurs. before the sale and during the sale Fri. & Sat. You may leave them in the kitchen or on the tables in the front hallway. Free coffee will be provided at the sale for your convenience to enjoy the goodies. All proceeds will be going to international, national and local missions. Pat Brown and Chris Anding will co-chair the event. Thank you for your donations. (con’t on pg. 11)

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Again this year, starting in September 2025 through May 2026, the Outreach Committee and the Church Council are supporting “Food in a Backpack”, a community mission project for school children in our area who are in need of food on the weekends. Our church is working with 5 other churches in the community, with Sugar Creek Lutheran Church as the organizer of this project.

We have 4-5 members from our church who will be helping pack the school backpacks on 6 Wednesday mornings for 1-1 ½ hours during the school year. If you would like to volunteer to help pack food bags, please call or e-mail the church office.

Donations from our church members to help support the cost of the food needed for this mission project would be appreciated. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to DUMC with “Backpack” on the notation line. All of the 6 churches will also be supporting this project. This is an exciting mission project, since it is a community mission project that involves so many area churches working together with the school district to meet the needs of children. Thank you for your support!

Barb Foster, Chairperson
Outreach Committee



We will resume our Bible Study on **Friday, September 26th** from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will go out for lunch at an area restaurant following Bible Study. Please join us!

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



Once again, Delavan UMC is participating in the New Day Women's Clinic Baby Bottle Boomerang. Those interested in participating will take a baby bottle home, fill it with coins, bills, or a check, and bring it back to the church at the end of the month (Sun. Sept. 28). Proceeds will be used to purchase baby supplies (clothing, diapers, formula, etc.) If you would like to participate in Baby Bottle Boomerang, you may pick up a baby bottle after worship on Sunday, September 7th. Please fill out the information needed in the sign-out sheet. Thank you for participating!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND RECEIPTS

Date	Attendance	Receipts
8/3/25	28	\$4367
8/10/25	26	\$591
8/17/25	30	\$2352
8/24/25	26	\$4499
8/31/25	29	\$3374

Amount that we need each month to meet expenses: \$13,879.00. In August we received \$15,183.00. (Please note that some of the monies received were for the Food Pantry, Noisy Cans, and from the parking lot donations.)



Pastor Angel's Page

Is God in Control?

"You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail." Proverbs 19: 21

Being in control means that things are going to be the way we like it and it also means that we will feel safe, accomplished and good about ourselves. Sometimes it could also be very tiring. Trying to keep control of your life, your finances, your marriage, your kids' education, your career and so on, could be quite a bit of work.

What if trying to control these things keeps you away from God? Have you been fighting to get control of something and still feel like it is falling out of your hands? What if it's not God's will? You may be fighting against God.

What happens when our plans don't align with God's plans? Perhaps you've had an experience where a plan you longed to accomplish fell apart. If it did, then let it go. The moment our plans don't align with God's plan that is when we are trying to take control and not allowing God to take control.

If it's not God's will, no matter how much you try, it is not going to happen. YOU HAVE TO LET IT GO. One thing I know really well is that God's plans are better than mine. No matter how good my plans can be, God's plans are always better, so when things don't go the way I want them to, I let it go off my hands. I give them all to God in prayer and say, "Your will be done."

Allow God to take control and you will experience the perfect will of God in your life. Remember: "You may have a good plan, but God's purpose is better."

Pastor Angel Rosario

FOOD PANTRY (con't)

Barb showed her that we had been open for 120 minutes at that moment and that we were filling order 26 as they spoke. Doing the math, on average, it required 4.6 minutes to process an order. This took the wind out of the visitors' sails, saying that she guessed it was not as inefficient as she thought.

Barb also told her that when there was someone who had an appointment, we shuffled cars to get that person served quickly so they could get to work. We also have dealt with dead batteries and cars that would not start, so we were experienced in how to manage developing problems.

There is an old hymn written by William Cowper in 1774, entitled "God Moves in a Mysterious Way His Wonders to Perform." The simple math calculation helped our visitor to reframe her perspective and judgment. It helped me to let go of my anger and defensiveness of the pantry work and volunteers. God is present in each situation and the opportunity for ministry is not always in the main task, but in each encounter that surrounds the main task/goal.

By the way, we served a total of 42 families that day. It was not the highest, but it was 10 families over our average (or 1/3 more than average). We are grateful for this ministry to the hungry in our area and we are thankful for each and every donation of food, finances, or time that allows the pantry to function. God bless you for your part in this vital ministry. Rev. Ed Foster, Coordinator

Items we regularly need are:

Ketchup/Mustard	Hamburger/Tuna Helper
Chunky Peanut Butter	Spaghetti Sauce with Meat
Jelly	Chicken Noodle Soup
Pork & Beans	Tomato Soup/Mushroom Soup
Diced Tomatoes	Elbow Macaroni
Refried Beans	Tortillas
Fruit Cocktail	Peaches



Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger. Ephesians 4: 26 NRSV

Wednesday, Aug. 20 was an especially busy day at the pantry. When we arrived to prepare for the day there were 3 walk-up visitors and 8 cars in line waiting for us to open. By the time we opened, there were 12 cars in line with the line growing by the minute. It was my week to work and I and another volunteer were filling orders, while the two younger volunteers were taking orders to our visitors and loading them in the cars. They were also restocking shelves and the "Free Choice Table" with additional items and produce. It was an unusually busy start for our pantry. We were "in the groove" swiftly filling orders and had at least 2 orders filled and waiting for each visitor when they came in to make their selection from the Free Choice Table.

At close to 11:00, a visitor stormed into the pantry, complaining that she had to wait 20 minutes before she got her order, saying, "When I have to wait 20 minutes for free food, it's no longer free!" She was loud enough that we heard her in the pantry as we were working to fill orders. She said she wanted to come to the meeting of the pantry and register her complaint about how poorly the pantry was operated. As the coordinator, I work one Wednesday each month, but I drop by often on other weeks to bring additional produce or to just support our volunteers and greet our visitors. I knew from my actual work and seeing other volunteers working that no one was slacking off, but that they took pride in filling orders quickly and accurately. I was about to step out and share my frustration with her anger and judgment on our process.

However, my wife Barb was distributing and collecting shopping lists from guests and said she would deal with this visitor so we could continue to fill orders. I stepped back into the room and continued to fill orders while she spoke with the woman.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		2 pm Bridging the Gap (FH) 5 pm TOPS (FH) 7 pm Spanish Bible Study (FH)	9-12 Food Pantry 7:30 pm AA (CR)	6-8:30 pm Bethel Bible Series at Chapel on the Hill	9 am OA (L) 10 am AA (CR) 8-3 Darien UMC Rummage & Bake Sale	8-2 Darien UMC Rummage & Bake Sale
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28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> FH=Fellowship Hall; L=Library; CR=Community Room OA=Overeaters Anon.; AA=Alcoholics Anon.; TOPS=Take Off Pounds Sensibly; SBP=Spanish Band Practice </div>			
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