

Dodgeville United Methodist Church  
327 North Iowa Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533

*Prepared especially for ...*

Newsletter  
April 2014



## THE 'WHY' OF HOSPITALITY



*Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives. – Galatians 4:19 (NLT)*

Last month, we talked about closing the back door by offering appropriate responses to those gifts (guests) whom God sends our way. Again, Pastor Nelson Searcy, described those gifts in this way: First-time guests are extraordinary gifts full of unparalleled potential. As God brings them through the front door, our carefully planned reciprocation can turn those first-time guests into long-time attenders or members! Before we get into a list of how we can be about biblical hospitality, however, I want to talk briefly this month about the why of biblical hospitality (assimilation)

Why do we need to learn the Assimilation System (hospitality) at Dodgeville UMC? Consider this: Assimilation leads to life transformation by giving people various ways and opportunities to become maturing followers of Christ. Here's another definition for you: Assimilation is the process used to encourage first-time guests to continue coming back until they see and understand God's power, accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and commit themselves to the local church through membership. So, it's not just being nice to people when they come to see us because we're supposed to. We really are a part of something much bigger than that. As Searcy would say, we are all a part of the chain of salvation. There's not just one way that people come to a personal faith in Jesus Christ and experience salvation. There are many ways. Sometimes, it takes many people being used as God's

instruments to see one life turned around. But, everyone who is in that chain is important to the outcome. And it all begins with assimilating people into the life of the church. And that only happens when they feel loved, because they are offered biblical hospitality when they come to Dodgeville UMC. Does that make sense?

Paul's heart-cry for the people at the church in Galatia was that Christ would be fully formed in their lives (see scripture above). Everything he did for them and all of his preaching and teaching was with this one purpose in mind. He wanted them to be unhindered in their search to know Jesus and follow him. Do you have this same passion for those who visit Dodgeville UMC? If we don't have a passion to win others to Christ, then why are we here? It's not about our mission; it's about Jesus' mission.

The fact is, we can't be about making disciples if we can't get them to come back after that first visit. What we do with the gifts (guests) God sends us may be the difference between someone's eternal life and death. And let me be clear: Encouraging people to come back to our particular church is not about having impressive worship numbers or filling up our sanctuary. It's about leading others to a faith in Jesus, through the Spirit's prompting. After all, Jesus is the only one who can save them from themselves and we are all a part of the chain of events that gets them to that point. So, why are we talking about learning how to close the back door and keep our guests coming back? It's a matter of life and death, for many. And numbers, if looked at appropriately, are really an indication of life change. Again, that's the business we are in.

Next month, we'll be getting into the first seven minutes and just how important first impressions can be to those God sends our way.

On the journey of life together,

*Pastor Rom*

# Church Family

## Church Family News



United  
Methodist  
Women

***All Women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend the following meetings and events – Local Unit Activities and Special Events***

**The next UMW meeting** will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church in Fellowship Hall. There will be an executive board meeting at 6:30 PM in the library. Members of the Grace Post circle will present the program and members of the Evening Star circle will provide refreshments.

**The Evening Star Circle** will meet at the church in Fellowship Hall on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Mary James is the hostess and Jeanne Kapotas will lead the Bible Study.

**The Grace Post Circle** will meet on Monday, April 21 at 1:30 PM at the home of Marian Reynolds with Eunice Jewell presenting the devotions.

**The annual Spring Rummage/Bake Sale** is scheduled for Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. The hours are 9:00 AM-5:30 PM on Friday, and 8:00 AM-12:30 PM on Saturday. The Bag Sale will be between the hours of 10:30 AM-12:30 PM on Saturday. The Bake Sale is to be held on Saturday morning only. The set-up days are on Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24. Items for the rummage sale can be brought in starting at 9:00 AM on both days. Bake Sale items can be brought in on Friday evening or early Saturday. Please label and

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price the items that you bring. We will need many workers to help set up and to work during the sales. Please sign up on the forms that you will find on the small table in Fellowship Hall. This is one of the fundraisers that help us to meet our goals of mission on the local, state, national, and international levels. Thank you to all who will work and also to everyone who donates items to sell.

Looking ahead to May- our annual **“Friends’ Night”** is scheduled for Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 PM. This year’s musical entertainment will be presented by the Dodgeville UMC Hand Bell Choir, directed by Dan Roble. Please mark your calendar to join us and bring a friend for this evening of musical entertainment, yummy treats, and fellowship.

## CHOIR NOTES

The choir will sing at the 9:00 AM services on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday), and 27<sup>th</sup>. We will rehearse at 8:15 before those services. We will also sing a Communion anthem at the Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 PM on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to arrive at 6:00 PM for a short rehearsal before this service. We welcome new and/or returning singers at any time!!



# COMING SOON!!!

## **Rummage & Bake Sale**



Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

9 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

8 AM - 12:30 PM

(Bake Sale on Saturday only)

Bake sale items may be dropped off  
Friday before 5:30 or Saturday before  
8:00

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Rummage Sale items may be  
brought to the church

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 AM - 4 PM

and

Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

9 AM - 8 PM



**Workers Needed**



## ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Adult Fellowship will resume meeting on Thursday, April 10 with a 6:00 p.m. potluck in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share, table service and beverages will be provided. If you have any ideas for programs, your input would be appreciated. Anyone interested in fellowship and a good meal are welcome to join us. If you have questions about our group contact Charlie and Louise Price or Ron and Bobbi Butteris.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL FRIEND'S NIGHT

Everyone is invited to attend this annual event to be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 1. This year musical entertainment will be provided by the Dodgeville UMC Hand Bell Choir, directed by Dan Roble. Please mark your calendar to join us and bring a friend for this evening of musical entertainment, yummy food, and fellowship.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday** – April 13th, 9:00 & 10:45AM Worship

**Maunday Thursday** - April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM Worship

**Good Friday** – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM Worship

**Easter Sunday** – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 & 10:45AM Worship

**PLEASE NOTE: No All4One or Meal on April 16<sup>th</sup>**

# Summer Youth Mission Trip 2014

Destination: Dallas, TX – July 12-20

## **What is the mission trip all about and why do we do it?**

Every summer our youth join 150+ other United Methodist youth and adults from around Wisconsin on a week-long mission trip somewhere in the US. Past destinations have included Kentucky, West Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, and this year Dallas. On these trips, our youth work long, hard days on various projects ranging from roofing, painting, carpentry, and handicap ramp construction, to community center additions drywalling and community outreach.

While our main objectives are serving as the hands and feet of God and being spiritual ambassadors, our youth and adults themselves experience a work of God in their own hearts, growing closer in their relationship with their Savior. It is a very successful ministry reaching many for Christ.

**How can I help and support our missionaries?** We really only need two things from our supporters to make this a successful trip each year.

**Your Prayers** – Your prayers are one of the most powerful ways you can support the group. There are so many things in play on a trip like this – safety on the job sites, safety in travel to and from our destination, weather, coordination and management before and during the trip, and prayers for all to experience God as he would have us.

**Financial Support** - The cost to participate in the trip is \$475 per person. While we work hard to do multiple fundraisers throughout the year to help offset this cost, often it isn't enough. Several of our youth come from modest households and struggle to cover the difference.

Becoming a trip stockholder or sponsoring a youth missionary is something that makes a huge difference. We also greatly appreciate you supporting our fundraisers!

For more information, videos, photos and blog posts about our summer trips, visit <http://www.sidekickmissions.com>.

If you would like to participate, help, or support us financially, please contact Craig Brown at (608) 234-0288.

# Financial Report

## **CURRENT MONTH FEBRUARY, 2014**

Monthly Income	\$ <u>9,472</u>
Monthly Expenses Paid	\$ <u>13,168</u>
Net Income for month	\$ <3,696>
Apportionments Paid	<u>1,063.50</u>
Unpaid Apportionments	\$ <u>1,063.50</u>

## **YEAR TOTALS THROUGH CURRENT MONTH**

Years Income	\$ <u>21,575</u>
Years Expenses Paid	\$ <u>27,634</u>
Net Income for Year	\$ < 6,059 >
Apportionments Paid	\$ <u>2,127</u>
Unpaid Apportionments	\$ <u>2,127</u>

TOTAL APPORTIONMENTS DUE FOR YEAR \$25,524  
APPORTIONMENTS DUE PER MONTH \$ 2,127

*2012 Borrowed from Trustees: \$10,000 - (2013 designated giving to building maintenance) 1,845 = \$8,155*  
*2013 Borrowed from Music Fund: \$10,000*

## **ATTENDANCE/GIVING FOR MARCH:**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>Offering</b>
<b>March 2</b>	91	28	\$3,144
<b>March 9</b>	77	63	\$2,221
<b>March 16</b>	85	28	\$1,829
<b>March 23</b>	54	35	\$1,844
<b>March 30</b>	85	47	\$1,894

# Mission & Outreach

**Loose Change for Change for January-March** \$1,373.65 was given and designated to the Homeless Shelter.

**April, May and June** loose change for change will support the Barnabas House Jail Ministry.



## EASTER FLOWER ORDER

Easter Lily and Tulip orders will be taken again this year for display in the sanctuary on Easter. If you would like to order a plant to display, and then take home after the Easter Sunday service, please see the bulletin insert for the next two Sundays, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Plants are \$10.00 each and can be purchased with exact change, or with a check written to DUMC .





## **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

5 - George & Jeanne Kapotas  
8 - Ron & Julie Symons  
11 - Doug & Robin Digman  
16 - Rich & Judy Strutt

## **PLEASE PRAY:**

- Dorothy
- Felicity
- Marion Schreihart
- Mark McCutchin
- Keith Henry & Eileen Gorsline
- Marilyn Welsh
- 8 yr old. brain tumor
- Jerry
- Scott Murn
- Al Ernzen
- Royce Reukauf
- Jim Tolzman
- Families involved in missing airplane
- Jack . continued acceptance of new kidney and strength

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

5 - Kevin Kirschbaum  
7 - David Olson  
8 - Mary Berg  
8 - Amber Price  
9 - Chip Forrest  
9 - Lillian Nye  
15 - Julie Athey  
15 - Jeff Oxnem  
17 - Ben Berryman  
18 - Peggy Forrest  
20 - Mackenzie Leitzinger  
22 - John Houck  
22 - Mike Weber  
24 - Marilyn Liddle  
24 - Maggie Piper  
25 - Jan Kirschbaum  
27 - Mary Ellen Schultze  
27 - Scott Tolzman  
29 - Maggie Godfrey

## APRIL 2014

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Worship Service	31 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting in Fellowship Hall	1 2:00 PM Ridgeway Grace UMW Meeting 6:00 PM Trustee Meeting 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting	2 4:30 PM All4One Children/Adult Groups 5:30 PM Lenten Meals 6:30 PM Middle School, High School & Adult Groups	3 10:00 AM Prayer Ministry 12:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM UMW Meeting	4	5 7:00 AM Relay for Life Scrap Booking 5:00 PM Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	
6 Communion 8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM Pastor's Prayer Group	7 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting in Fellowship Hall	8 6:00 PM PEO 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision	9 4:30 PM All4One Children/Adult Groups 5:30 PM Lenten Meals 6:30 PM Middle School, High School & Adult Groups	10 10:00 AM Prayer Ministry 11:00 AM Funeral Luncheon 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Adult Fellowship 6:30 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting	11	12 5:00 PM Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	
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20 Easter 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Worship Service	21 12:00 PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 1:30 PM Grace Post Circle 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting in Fellowship Hall	22 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision	23 9:00 AM Rummage Sale Prep until 4:00 PM 4:30 PM All4One Children/Adult Groups 5:30 PM Feeding Friends Suppers 6:30 PM Middle School, High School & Adult Groups	24 9:00 AM Rummage Sale Prep until 8:00 PM 10:00 AM Prayer Ministry 12:00 PM Bible Study	25 11:00 AM Rummage Sale until 5:30 PM	26 8:00 AM Rummage Sale until 12:30 PM 5:00 PM Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	
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2014 SUNDAY SERVANTS

Week	DATE	Time	Media	Film	W. Assist	Greeters	C Moment	Café	Organ
1	4-6-14	9:00	Gail	Maggie	Jan A	D Ray, J&B Oxnem, Tolzmans	Juanita	Mary Aschliman Mary James	Ginny
		10:45	Mary		Terry	Mortimers, S Carroll,			
2	4-13-14	9:00	Zach	Matt	Julie A	D Ray, J&B Oxnem, Tolzmans	Sarah	Juanita & Dacotah Starr Jane Pegram	Denise
		10:45	London		Sarah	J Halverson			
MT	4-17-14	6:30 PM	Gail				n/a	n/a	
GF	4-18-14	6:30 PM	Mary				n/a	n/a	
3	4-20-14	9:00	Tom	Gail	Peggy F	D Ray, J&B Oxnem, Tolzmans	Julie	Sandy Alexander, Jennia? *Jan Aschliman *Charlene Mingst	Mary
		10:45	Mary		Julie P	Mortimers, G Ray, J Halverson			
4	4-27-14	9:00	Zach	Matt	Kevin K	D Ray, J&B Oxnem, Tolzmans	Craig	Sarah Godfrey	Ginny
		10:45	London		Mary Ellen S	Mortimers			
1	5-4-14	9:00	Mary	Steve	Sandy A	Forrests, Coldens	Gail	Edith Hunter, Sandy Alexander	Mary
		10:45	Mary		Gail R	H Rideout, ME Schultze, S Carroll			
2	5-11-14	9:00	Zach	Matt	Jeff A	Forrests, Coldens	Julia	Juanita & Dacotah Starr	Ginny
		10:45	London		Terry E	H Rideout, ME Schultze, G Ray, J Halverson			
3	5-18-14	9:00	Tom	Chip	Jan A	Forrests, Coldens	Sarah	Diane & Shianne Carroll, *Julie Colden	Denise
		10:45	Mary		Sarah G	H Rideout, ME Schultze, G Ray, J Halverson			
4	5-25-18	9:00	Zach	Matt	Peggy F	Forrests, Coldens	Juanita	Penny Edwards, Sandy Alexander	Ginny
		10:45	London		Mary Ellen S	H Rideout, ME Schultze			

\*\* Café treat suppliers only

## CAPITAL COULEE MISSIONINSITE TRAININGS

**April 5, 2014; 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Monona  
UMC**

or

**May 31, 2014; 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at  
Platteville UMC**

Sponsored by: The Capital Coulee District Strategy  
Team

Led by: Jim Aniol

MissionInsite is a tool that will give us insight into our mission field, what our congregations and our neighbors think about missions, how they feel about church and what they need from church. You will learn how this tool will give you detailed demographic information about your church and community, which will be helpful for identifying your community needs and reach out to new people, young people and diverse people.

Clergy and ALL lay leadership from your congregations are invited to attend one of the above trainings. You may bring your laptop or iPad to download information related to your church and community.

Please register ASAP, but no later than a week before the date of the training you plan on attending. You can either call to 608-837-0056 or email to [smalone@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:smalone@wisconsinumc.org). There is no cost for this training.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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The Iowa County Department of Social Services  
is recruiting

### **Foster Parents!**

If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life, please  
call the Foster Care Coordinator at (608)930-9801.

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### **BMZ 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Summit**

April 25 & 26

Bmzchurch.org to register

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### **'A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement'**

Musical Comedy . Five Flags Theater

Thursday, April 17, 2 & 7PM

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### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Avoca UMC**

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 PM

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### **UPLAND HILLS HEALTH COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00AM-2:00PM

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### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC**

#### **SPRING AUCTION**

Saturday, April 12, 6:00-9:00PM

Deer Valley Lodge, Barneveld

# APRIL

