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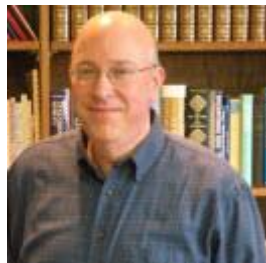
Newsletter
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“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” – John 1:1, 14 (NIV)



Dear members & friends of the Dodgeville UMC,

What an incredible gift we have received and are reminded of this time of the year! Advent- *the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day*- is a very special time for those who follow Jesus because it challenges us to pause from our busy lives and remember the hope we have during what can be a very stressful season. Advent gives us the time to refocus our hearts and minds on the real reason for this time of year- God's gift of himself. And the observation of Advent itself is a gift- a time to reflect, think deeply about, and pray, asking God to do a great work in our hearts as we remember again the gift given to us through his Son. We continue, year after year, to observe Advent because God expects something amazing to happen in our lives at Christmas- if we are open to all God desires for us!

This Advent, we're moving into a worship theme called *Under Wraps*. In this series, we're going to be reminded of the character of God, as seen in the Old Testament and then fulfilled in the New Testament in the person of Jesus. Together, we're going to see specifically how four characteristics of God are described in scripture, from beginning to end. And those four characteristics are:

- God is *expectant* (Nov. 30)
- God is *dangerous* (Dec. 7)
- God is *jealous* (Dec. 14)
- God is *faithful* (Dec. 21)

Jesus- God under wraps squeezed himself into the body of a little bitty baby and came here to live with us and show us who God really is. But there was more to his mission than that. God- in Jesus- also came to rescue us, to buy us back from a life of sin so we could fully know God and, in turn, *be known by him*. Yes personally known by the God of the universe. Isn't that an incredible gift?

Each week we explore one of these four characteristics of God, and then conclude on Christmas Eve (Wednesday, Dec. 24) with the topic of JOY as a final gift from God- a joy that comes from knowing his Son intimately. Come join us during this season of JOY, as we unwrap the gift of God's Son, who was really God under wraps.

May you know the JOY of the season as we journey together,

Pastor Rom

Poinsettia Orders

Opportunities to order Poinsettias for display in the sanctuary during the Christmas season will be offered December 7th and 14th. Those who order plants may take them home after the Christmas Eve service or the Sunday after.

Church Family News

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

There is no regular meeting for UMW this month; instead the **annual Christmas Pot Luck** is scheduled for Thursday, December 4 at 6:00PM in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend- please bring a guest and a dish to pass.

The Grace Post Circle will meet for their annual Christmas Pot Luck on Monday, December 8 at 12:00- noon-- at Louise Price's home. Please bring an item for pot-luck devotions.

There is no meeting scheduled for the Evening Star Circle in December. There will be no meeting for UMW or the Circles during the month of January. Our regular meeting schedules will resume in February.

The UMW has a **Bake Sale** scheduled for Saturday morning, December 6th to be held at Hill's Pub- the location of the Santa's Secret Shop. You can bring your items for the sale to the UMW Pot Luck or drop them off at Robin Dignan's home Friday, or before 7:00AM on Saturday morning.

UMW "Year-End" Giving. At our November meeting the membership voted to make the following contributions to the UMW WI Conference Projects: \$100.00 each to Northcott and the Hmong House of Good News, both located in Milwaukee; \$100.00 to Harbor House . a homeless shelter located in Superior, WI; and \$100.00 to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. We also contributed \$100.00 to the **Imagine No Malaria+** project. Community projects and/or programs that also received a \$100.00(each) donation include: Homeless Shelter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Community meals, New Beginnings, Feeding Friends, Santa's Secret Shop, Empty Stocking, Santa Cop, Community Free Clinic, Iowa County Food Pantry. \$200.00 was given to DUMC.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Scott Godfrey
- 4 - Keith Bowers
- 5 - Ken Dobson
- 5 - Mylee Mulder
- 8 - Mary Terrill
- 9 - Kaitlin Strutt
- 12 - Denise Tolzman
- 13 - Matt Schlueter
- 13 - Earl Welsh
- 14 - Kevin Houck
- 14 - James Short
- 17 . Ivy Wilson
- 19 . Holly Starr
- 20 . Mary Wilson
- 22 . Robin Digman
- 22 . Dawn Van Epps
- 23 . Rosemary Edwards
- 29 . Mary Lou Oxnem
- 31 . Julie Colden

Circuit 2.0 Launch

Sunday, December 7th

1:30

DUMC

Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 . Dean & Mary Terrill
- 29 . Dale & Nancy Mortimer
- 31 . Art & Margaret Humbert

Giving/Attendance Stats

Week	Attendance	Offering
November		
1	116	\$3,229
2	106	\$3,218
3	105	\$3,281
4	118	\$2,550
5	110	\$3,433

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Compassionate
Friends will be
holding a Candle
Lighting
Ceremony on
Sunday,
December 14th at
6:00 PM at
DUMC.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES:

5:00 PM
Ridgeway:
Grace Service

7:00 PM
Contemporary
Service

9:00 PM
Traditional
Service

PLEASE PRAY:

Jim Tolzman, Julia Harman, Mary Johnson, Kaylyn Knight,
Marcie Scullion, Schlueter family, Jim Middagh, Jeff Dux,
Gerald Fingerson, Craig Brown, Grandma, Karl Lasse,
Mae Kinsman, Shirley, Mary Ellen Jewell

Choir Notes:

The Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, December 3 @ 7:00PM in the music room. We are scheduled to sing on December 7th and 21st, and at the late service on Christmas Eve. We will rehearse at 8:15AM before the morning service and approximately 30 minutes before the Christmas Eve service. We would welcome anyone to join us!

Financial Report

CURRENT MONTH November, 2014

Monthly Income	\$ 24,729
Monthly Expenses Paid	\$ 20,720
Net Income for month	\$ 4,009
Apportionments Paid	8,508
Unpaid Apportionments	\$ 0

YEAR TOTALS THROUGH CURRENT MONTH

Years Income	\$142,530
Years Expenses Paid	\$156,344
Net Income for Year	\$ <13,834 >
Apportionments Paid	\$ 12,762
Unpaid Apportionments	\$ 8,508

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

Monthly Apportionments are part of our church budget. Some members choose to designate a portion of their offering to apportionments. Year-to-date offerings designated to apportionments are \$803. Year-to-date apportionments we have paid to the conference is \$12,762.

2012 Trustee Loan: \$8,155
2013 Music Fund Loan: \$10,000
2014 Music Fund Loan: \$3,000

2014 SUNDAY SERVANTS

Week	DATE	Media	Film	W. Assist	Greeters	C Moment	Cafe	Accompanist
5	11-30-14	Starrs	Chip	Terry E	Forrests Coldens	Craig	Mary Lou Oxnem Ginny Gorsline	Ginny Special Music: Bell Choir
1	12-7-14	Zach	Matt	Peggy F	Alexanders L&M Oxnem	Mary Ellen	Mary Aschliman Mary James	Mary Special Music: Choir
2	12-14-14	Mary	Matt	J Piper	Alexanders L&M Oxnem	Julie	Starrs	Al, Tom, Dave Special Music: Jeff A
3	12-21-14	Tom	Matt	Mary Ellen	M Gorsline L&M Oxnem	Juanita	Sandy Alexander	Ginny Special Music: Choir
7PM	12-24-14	Starrs		Julie Piper		n/a	n/a	Al, Matt, Scott
9PM	12-24-14	Starrs	Steve	Sandy Alexander	Alexanders	n/a	n/a	Ginny Bell Choir Choir
4	12-28-14	Starrs	Maggie	Sandy A	Leisers L&M Oxnem	Sarah	Sandy Alexander	Al, Scott, Matt Special Music: Band

Unavailable: Harmans Dec 28; Dec 24 – Atheys, Craig Brown,

DECEMBER

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday																						
30 9:00 AM Worship Service	1 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting in Fellowship Hall	2 2:00 PM Ridgeway Grace UMW Meeting 6:00 PM Trustee Meeting	3 2:00 PM SWCAP Meeting 5:00 PM Feeding Friends Suppers 6:30 PM All4One High School Group 6:30 PM All4One Middle School Group	4 10:00 AM Prayer Ministry 6:00 PM UMW Christmas Potluck	5	6 8:30 AM P.E.O. 5:00 PM Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	7 Communion 8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Essential Transformation 1:30 PM Circuit 2.0 Launch	8 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Band Practice 7:00 PM Evening Star Circle	9 8:30 AM DCOM	10 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Feeding Friends Suppers 6:30 PM All4One High School Group 6:30 PM All4One Middle School Group	11 10:00 AM Prayer Ministry	12	13 9:30 AM Compassionate Friends Rehearsal 10:00 AM Private Party in F.H. 5:00 PM Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	14 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Essential Transformation 6:00 PM Compassionate Friends	15 1:30 PM Grace Post Circle 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting in Fellowship Hall	16 8:30 AM Bloodmobile	17 5:00 PM Feeding Friends Suppers 6:30 PM All4One High School Group 6:30 PM All4One Middle School Group	18 10:00 AM Prayer Ministry	19	20 5:00 PM Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	21 8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Band Practice	23	24 5:00 PM Ridgeway Grace Candlelight Service 7:00 PM Contemporary Family Candlelight Service 9:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Service	25	26	27 Communion Ridgeway Grace 5:00 PM Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	28 LOOSE CHANGE 8:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Worship Service	29 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting in Fellowship Hall	30	31	1	2	3 5:00 PM Ridgeway Grace Worship Service

MISSION

and outreach

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

A total of 450 people were served the Community Thanksgiving Meal!

Christmas Offering

Our annual Christmas offering will support
%Imagine No Malaria+

Community Bulletin Board

BARNABAS HOUSE PRISON MINISTRY

Inmate Outreach Sponsor Package

Send \$6.00 per package, favorite bible verse, your name, address, phone or email to

Barnabas House, 206 S Iowa St, Dodgeville, by December 10th

Also

Christmas Card Writing for Inmates

Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM

206 S Iowa St

For more info call 930-CARE

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Thursday, December 25th, 12:00-1:30 PM at Culver's.

Reservations: for a delivered meal, or to eat at Culver's, call at 574-4591. *This dinner is made possible through Dodgeville Churches and the generous contributions of United Fund of Iowa County, Culver's, Salvation Army and other Iowa County Businesses, individuals, and civic organizations. Monetary donations accepted at the door will be used for the cost of the meal.*

Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale

Faith Lutheran Church, Mineral Point

Saturday, December 6th

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Dodgeville Kiwanis Sponsored

Community Christmas Social

Dodgerbowl

Monday, December 8th at 5:30 PM

Dinner \$11.00 - \$7.50 for students

Michael Massey will perform

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