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Members & Friends of DUMC

**Newsletter
March 2019**



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A Lenten Season Preview

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent is coming quickly! This month, as we begin the season of Lent on Wednesday, March 6th, I wanted to let you know about what we'll be doing together as a church.

Ash Wednesday Service—6:30PM at Dodgeville UMC

We will continue on our yearly rotation with Plymouth UCC. Our church will be hosting the service, and Rev.

Joylynn Graham will share the message with us.

There will be an imposition of ashes as

well as a celebration of Holy Communion. I encourage

you to join us for the Feeding Friends meal that will be served at 5:00PM.



Sunday Morning Services—“With All Your Heart”

“In this season of formation and preparation, we again approach the 40 days of Lent from a variety of different perspectives and points along the Christian journey. During this season, new and longtime Christians alike hear the call to return to God with all their hearts, thus entering a season historically characterized by much prayer and fasting. These works of discipline have for hundreds of years served as a means by which new converts prepare for baptism, which occurs as a part of the Easter Vigil. Using the words of Wesleyan theology, we believe all this work is initiated by God, who invites us to come before God with all our hearts.



...The Old Testament and Epistle readings work hand-in-hand to clearly articulate the distinct pathway that begins with God's call (Ash Wednesday and Lent 1) and continues through the process of our own

repentance (Lent 2 and 3), reconciliation with God and one another (Lent 4 and 5)...Every year, then, this season becomes a place for us to revisit and renew our beginnings along the Christian journey of salvation.”

– *from Discipleship*

Ministries of The United Methodist Church

The scriptures will break down as follows:

- March 10: “God’s Generous Heart” – Deuteronomy 26:1-11 & Romans 10:8b-13
- March 17: “Imitating” – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 & Philippians 3:17-4:1
- March 24: “Repenting” – Isaiah 55:1-9 & 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- March 31: “Coming Together” – Joshua 5:9-12 & 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- April 7: “Making a New Thing” – Isaiah 43:16-21 & Philippians 3:4b-14

Midweek Wednesday Evening Services

This year, we will be doing a simple prayer service on Wednesday evenings at **6:00PM** in the Chapel starting March 13th. There will not be any singing; the focus will be on prayer, in addition to a brief homily focused around one scripture reading:

- March 13th – Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- March 20th – Joshua 5:2-12
- March 27th – Luke 4:1-13
- April 3rd – Joel 2:1-2 12-17
- April 10th – Acts 11:1-12

Again I would encourage you to come to the Feeding Friends meal before the service. If you have any questions about the services, do not hesitate to ask. May you have a spiritually fruitful Lenten season!

~ Pastor Jim

P. S. – I do believe that I promised a report of what took place at the 2019 General Conference Gathering that will be taking place February 23-26, 2019. This newsletter will already be published before the conference is concluded. I will offer my full thoughts in the April edition of our newsletter. In the meantime, I’d be willing to chat with anyone individually that would like to!

Church Family News

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend the following events.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, March 7 at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall. (The officers will meet at 6:30PM in the Library.) Mary James will lead us in the program titled "Women Investing in Shalom" from our Sisterhood of Grace program book. Refreshments will be served by the officers.

The Evening Star Circle will meet on Monday, March 11 at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall. Shirley Lewis will serve as the hostess and Jeanne Kapotas will present the devotions.

The Grace Post Circle will meet on Monday, March 18 at 1:00PM at the Country Kitchen. Louise Price will lead the devotions.

The annual Spring Rummage/Bake Sale is scheduled for Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30, 2019. The set-up dates are Tuesday-Thursday, March 26-28. Please look at another page in this newsletter that has more detailed information regarding this event.

Conference and District Events:

The annual WI Conference United Methodist Women Mission Action Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Mauston UMC in Mauston. The theme is "Racial Inequality and Trauma with Opiates". The timeline for the event is 9:00AM-2:30PM. The deadline for registration at the fee of \$15.00 is due by Friday, March 8. Late registration is March 9-16 at a fee of \$18.00. Please see Charlene Mingst or Robin Digman for a registration form or if you have any questions regarding this event.

The annual South West District Spring Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Merrimac UMC in Merrimac. The retreat theme is: "A Few Words that can Change Your Life Forever". The retreat leader is Pastor Anita Lang who has served the Pleasant Prairie UMC for the past 8 years. The Saturday

UMW events...

event is scheduled from 9:00AM-2:00PM. The registration form and fee of \$15.00 is due by Saturday, April 1st. If you have questions and/or are interested in attending please see Charlene Mingst or Robin Digman for the registration form. There is also an overnight option for this event that is scheduled for Friday, April 12 at Durward's Glen. If you think you might be interested in this option please see Charlene Mingst or Robin Digman ASAP.

SPRING RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

The annual Spring Rummage/ Bake Sale is scheduled for Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30, 2019. The hours are: 9:00AM-5:30PM on Friday and 8:00AM-12:00PM on Saturday. The Bake Sale is to be held on Saturday morning only. The "Bag Sale" will be between the hours of 10:00AM-12:00PM on Saturday.

The set-up dates are Tuesday-Thursday, March 26-28. Items for the rummage sale can be brought in from 9:00AM-4:00PM on those dates. Because storage space is very limited—if at all possible please wait to bring your items on the planned days. PLEASE DO NOT BRING: TVs, computers, dehumidifiers, home-recorded VCR tapes or DVDs, stained or torn clothing, or inappropriate books or magazines. Bake Sale items should be priced and can be brought in on Friday or early Saturday. If you like to bake please consider donating items for the bake sale. We will need many workers to help set-up and to work during the sale.

Sign-up sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall starting on about Sunday, March 10. Please sign up for a shift or two!! If you have a question about an item that you would like to donate please call Charlene Mingst (935-5758). This annual fund-raiser helps 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.

Financial

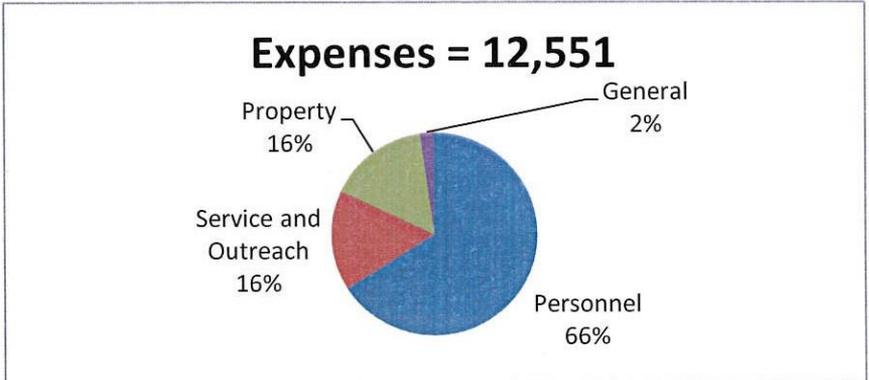
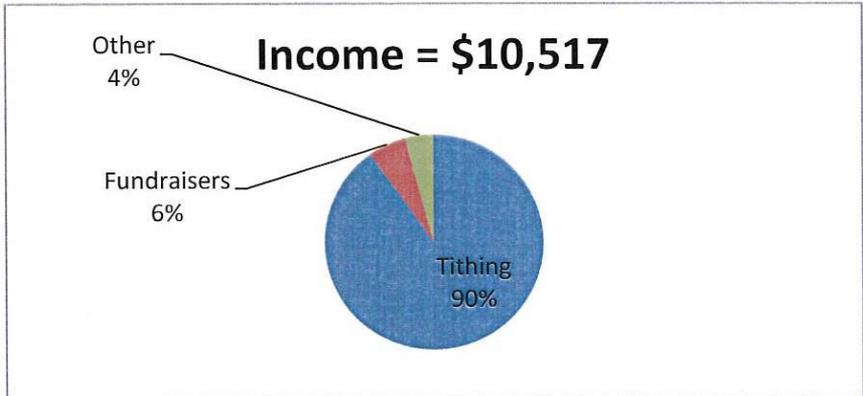
January

Tithing	\$9,485.00	90%
Fundraisers	\$585.00	6%
Other	\$447.02	4%
Total	\$10,517.02	

Personnel	\$8,286.59	66%
Service and Outreach	\$1,999.00	16%
Property	\$1,992.94	16%
General	\$272.58	2%
Total Expenses	\$12,551.11	

Report

January 2019 Financial Overview



Net Income -\$2,034.09

Highlights

- 100% of apportionments paid (included above in Service and Outreach)
- Church Utilities higher than anticipated due to colder temperatures
- Giving came in 7% below projections

*Respectfully Submitted by the Finance Committee
Tina Smith and John Aschilman, co-chairs*

GIVING Why Do I Give?

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously. (2 Psalm 37:21)

People give to the church for a variety of reasons that form a hierarchy of motivations. Where they fall on the hierarchy is related closely to how much, proportionately, they give; how willingly they give; how they respond to being asked to pledge their support to the mission and ministry of the church, and how openly they talk about their giving. What motivates you to give?

Some people feel **called** to give out of their faith. Giving generously feels right and natural. It is a part of their discipleship. In turn, they are grateful for their own blessings including a place in the church where they can contribute.

Some people feel **fulfilled** by giving. They derive joy, energy and good feelings from giving. They value the church in their lives and want to support it so it is there for others.

Some people **value** giving as a duty. It is the right thing to do and creates good in the world. Giving influences the community for good and connects the giver with the community.

Some people would feel **guilty** if they did not give. They feel giving is something they should do, even if they would rather not. Alternatively, that fear they will be shamed if they do not give.

Finally, some people feel **coerced**. They feel their situation compels them to give. Which of these describes why you give? Which do you think would be most pleasing to God? Next month, how to move up the hierarchy...

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

ATTENDANCE/GIVING FOR FEBRUARY:

<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Offering</u>
February 3	82	\$3,167
February 10	93	\$4,045
February 17	60	\$1,281
February 24	n/a	\$ n/a

Please Pray:

John Schwartz, Marilyn Liddle, Anna Olson, Eileen, Joyce Aschliman, Lois Dobson, Candy, John Hlavac, Bill Wilson, Alan Jewell, Nicole B., John Harker, Tony Gindt, Joyce, John Kristen, Rose Williams, Jackie Dux, Mary Lou Oxnem, Ann Portzen, Ron Hunter, Jack O'Bryan, Mary Jean Thomas, Mary Ellen Schultze, Jeff Dux, Jack Meixelsperger, Kathy Bryant, Scott, Katie, Parker Adelman, Leah and family, Walsh family, Ahzara Kinnicker family, family of Lois Nelson

CHOIR NOTES

The Choir is scheduled to sing on **Sunday, March 3rd** and **Sunday, March 17th**; we will rehearse at 8:15 AM on those days. At this time there is no Wednesday night rehearsal planned for the month of March. Stay "tuned" as this might change. We welcome new and/or returning members at any time.

Basic Lay Servant Course

Saturdays: April 27 and May 4, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Dodgeville United Methodist Church
327 N Iowa St, Dodgeville WI

Instructor: Rev Dr Barbara Cook

Theme: Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry

The Class is the required first step for becoming a Lay Servant or Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church, and is a prerequisite for the Advanced Lay Servant courses.

Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended, and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

The required text is “**Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant’s Book**” (ISBN #978-0-88177-627-0) and may be purchased from The Upper Room Bookstore, or Amazon.com.

Cost: \$25 if text is purchased separately, \$35 if instructor purchases text. Fee is for facility rental, instructional materials and instructor’s mileage.

Please bring a bag lunch.

To register – or with questions send an email or call:

Rev Dr Barbara Cook

Email: dbcook54@gmail.com

Phone: 608.778.6084

**IOWA COUNTY
TECHNICAL RESCUE
FUNDRAISER**

Sunday, April 7th
Quality Inn, Mineral Point

For more info:
608-341-9867

RED CROSS BOOD DRIVE

Upland Hills Health
Friday, March 29
9AM-2PM
Conference Rooms A&B

CO-ED DODGEBALL

Mineral Point HS
March 24
SPCICWI@gmail.org

SPRING CONCERT

Grace Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 13
3-5 PM

March Birthdays

2 – Phil Udelhoven
7 – Rachel Dees
7 - Julia Harman
10 – Mary Aschliman
15 – Johnathon Butteris
15 - Dallas Starr
20 – Nora Johnsrud
30 - Jeff Athey

**No MARCH Anniversaries
Please contact the church
office if your special day
isn't listed.**

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Those attending the summer mission trip will be heading to Hopkinsville, KY. They will be doing a variety of projects during their Monday-Thursday work week. Anyone finishing grades 8 - 12 were invited to go on the trip. Adult chaperones must be 23 years young at the time of the trip.

Cost of the trip is \$500. First payment of \$250 was due January 11th. Second payment of \$250 AND FORMS are due by April 12th. All money (checks made payable to Sidekick Missions) will be sent to: BMZ Church - Sidekick Missions, 107 W. Oak Street, Boscobel, WI 53805

2019 SUNDAY SERVANTS

Week	DATE	Communion	Media	SS Teacher	Liturgist	Greeters	C Moment	Cafe	Accompanist
4	2-24-19		Starrs	Harmans	Mary Ellen	C&P Forrest S&J Colden H Rideout	Jeanne	Deb Short Dawn Van Epps	Al, Scott, Dylan, Christina SM: Band
1	3-3-19	Struttis	Starrs	Martha Peggy	Jan	S&S Alexander Dallas Starr Ron Butteris	Pastor Jim	Bobbi Butteris Marie Oelklaus	Denise Special Music: Choir
2	3-10-19		Mary	Starrs	Kevin	S&S Alexander Dallas Starr Denise Tolzman	Julie	Julia Harman	Al, Tom, Dylan Christina Special Music: Band
3	3-17-19		Starrs	Christina Rose	Peggy	S&S Alexander Dallas Starr Ron Butteris	Juanita	Martha Boyer *Julie Colden	Mary Special Music: Choir
4	3-24-19		Mary	Harmans	Terry	S&S Alexander Dallas Starr Ron Butteris	Jeanne	Penny Edwards	Al, Scott, Dylan, Christina SM: Band
5	3-31-19		Mary	Martha Peggy	Mary Ellen	S&S Alexander Dallas Starr Ron Butteris	Pastor Jim	Julie James Kerry Beerkircher	Ginny Special Music
1	4-7-19	Dee, Jeanne	Tom	Starrs	Christina	Dona Ray J&B Oxnem J Halverson M Schultze	Jeanne	Mary Aschliman Mary James	Ginny Special Music Choir
2	4-14-19		Starrs	Christina Rose	Julia	Dona Ray J&B Oxnem M Schultze	Julie	Jan Aschliman Charlene Mingst	Al, Scott, Dylan, Christina SM: Band
3	4-21-19		Mary	Harmans	Martha	Dona Ray J&B Oxnem M Schultze	Juanita	Rachel Dees *Jeanne Kapotas	Ginny Special Music Choir
4	4-28-19		Starrs	Martha Peggy	Sandy	Dona Ray J&B Oxnem M Schultze	Pastor Jim	Deb Short Dawn Van Epps	Al, Robin, Dylan Christina Special Music: Band

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Daylight

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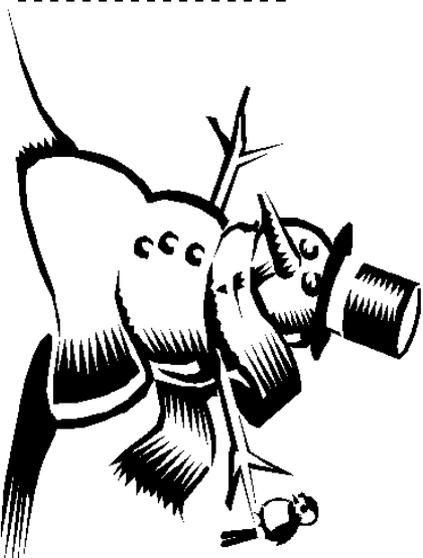
Time

Begins

Sunday,

MARCH 10th

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Rummage/Bake
Sale
March 29 & 30



Set CLOCK ForWARD!