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Hello Friends,



Our new chapter in ministry is only just beginning as I write this. I would like to begin planning for the worship and ministry opportunities on the horizon. My focus has been on listening to you and learning, hearing about this church's wonderful history and the ways it is already in service to our community. And this is a necessary step in planning for the vision we cast for the future of the church. I need to know where we have been and what has worked. I even need to know the missteps and what has not. As we go into ministry together, I need to go deeper, understand what is this church passionate about? Where does that passion, knowledge, and experience converge to form our ministry? What is it that motivates us? In short, why do we do what we do and what are we hoping to bring about by doing it?

One way you can help me to answer these questions and better understand the church is by attending a MEET N GREET gathering with 8-10 people. The following four options have been offered for these gatherings: Tuesday, August 15th dessert at 6:00PM at Jan & Kevin Kirschbaum's, Monday, August 21st dinner at 5:30PM at Julia & Tom Harman's; Wednesday, August 23rd appetizer/dessert at 6:00PM at Martha Boyer's; Monday, August 28th snacks at 6:00PM at Denise & Scott Tolzman's. Reservations are required so hosts can plan accordingly.

Please register at the signup table in fellowship hall at church, or email carla@dodgevilleumc.org or call the church office (608) 935-5451 to sign up.

My prayer is that through these gatherings, we can get to know each other better and intentionally listen to the Spirit that motivates us and begin to paint a picture of what the future looks like.

I am here for the people. I welcome and am always open to ideas, suggestions, and any information you think I may find helpful.

I encourage you to take advantage of using the blue connection cards in the weekly bulletin. If it is a private prayer request, I will pray over it and get rid of the card. If you check the box that you would like a request added to our prayer list, Carla is happy to do that as well. Prayer is the best free gift we can give one another!

1 Timothy 2:1-3 Simple Faith and Plain Truth

2¹⁻³ The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray for contentment and grace so that all people can go about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.

I look forward to continuing to get to know all of you as we look to the future of Dodgeville and Ridgeway UMC's.

In Hope and Peace,

Pastor Lorri



CHOIR NOTES

We are planning to have a “Women’s Choir” sing at the service on Sunday, August 20th. We will plan to rehearse on Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30PM. Anyone who would like to sing can join us. Please see or call Charlene Mingst (608-935-5758) if you are interested.

The first Sunday for the Mixed Choir to sing will be Sunday, September 17th; after that we will resume our 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month schedule.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



The annual United Women in Faith “Breakfast at the Barn” hosted by Martha Boyer is scheduled for Thursday, August 3rd at 9:30AM. All are invited—please bring a breakfast dish-to-pass and feel free to bring a guest! If anyone needs a ride please contact Charlene Mingst – 608-935-5758.

The next regular UWF meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. We will accept nominations for 2024 officers at this meeting!! Please remember—all women of the church are invited to our meetings and we would love to see you there. We will be discussing a busy fall schedule as we make plans for UWF Sunday – to be held on Sunday, October 1st (the date has been changed) and the fall rummage sale – October 6th and 7th.



OUTDOOR SERVICE

Sunday, August 6th
9:00 AM @ Centennial Park

*Bring your own chair!
Join Dodgeville United Methodist,
Grace Lutheran &
Plymouth UCC churches!*

MEETING NOTICE:

The Wills and Memorials Committee will meet on Thursday, August 17th, 2023 at 1:30PM in the Church Library.

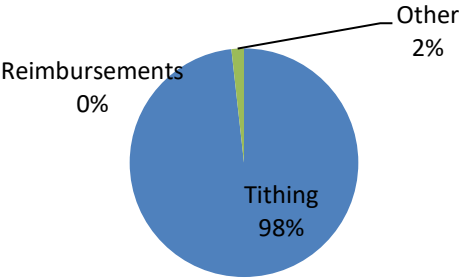
**Vacation Bible School is
August 7th-9th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM**

FINANCIAL

June

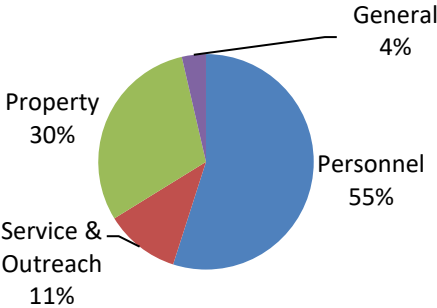
Tithing	\$10,458	98%
Reimbursements	\$0	0%
Other	\$188	2%
Total	\$10,646	

June Income = \$10,646



Personnel	\$9,091	55%
Service & Outreach	\$1,864	11%
Property	\$4,995	30%
General	\$598	4%
Total Expenses	\$16,549	

June Expenses = \$16,549

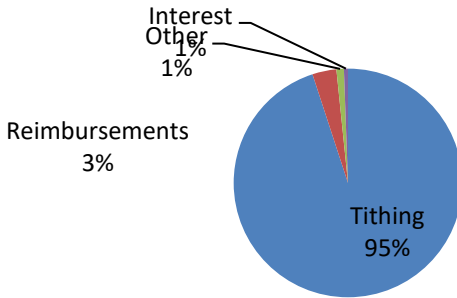


REPORT

YTD

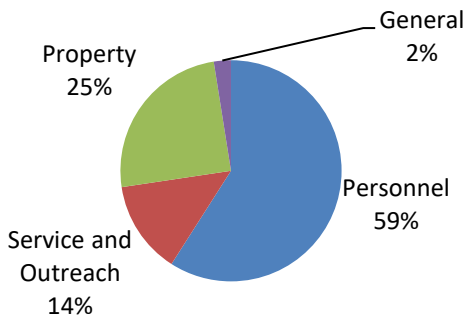
Tithing	\$75,853	95%
Reimbursements	\$2,718	3%
Other	\$840	1%
Interest	\$458	1%
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	\$79,869	

YTD Income = \$79,869



Personnel	\$52,471	59%
Service and Outreach	\$12,075	14%
Property	\$22,098	25%
General	\$2,220	2%
Total Expenses	\$88,864	

Year to Date Expenses = \$88,864



QUICK FIX OR LIFESTYLE CHANGE?

I have tried just about every diet known to humanity through my adult life. Low carb. Counting calories. Intermittent fasting. Weight Watchers. I've lost weight on them all. I've gained weight on them all.

One commonality I have found between losing weight and not, no matter the weight loss system, is my approach to the diet. Do I see it as an overall diet and activity lifestyle change? Or is it simply something I need to suffer through to achieve a goal weight? The former is more about health and less about numbers on a scale but requires a plan and discipline. The latter frequently allows me to get to the number but is often unsustainable in the long-term, resulting in rebound weight gain.

I would argue that we, in the church, too often approach stewardship as a crash diet. We take four weeks in the fall to talk about the importance of giving generously, we look at the church budget, and then ask people to make a pledge to support the ministries. In my mind, this approach tends to resemble (ineffective) fundraising rather than Christian Stewardship. It has little chance of either impacting people's lives or truly funding life-giving ministries.

True Christian stewardship is about discipleship. It is about lifestyle. Its goal is helping people learn how to relate to their finances and possessions in terms of their faith and their relationship with God. Success is determined on the metrics of financial healthiness, not on the number on the scale (i.e., the income line on the church budget).

This type of stewardship cannot be contained to just three or four weeks in the fall. It is about helping equip people to earn enough to meet their needs, to learn how to get and stay out of debt, to use tools like a spending plan (i.e., a budget) to wisely save and spend thoughtfully, and to experience the full benefits to giving extravagantly. I believe churches need to be as committed to helping people learn how to be faithful financial stewards as we are helping people learn how to pray.

I have learned – whether it comes to dieting or learning how to be a faithful steward – I will never fully arrive. But I am slowly learning that the *true treasure of each is in the experience and the growth each journey offers.*

Are you interested in helping people in your congregation take this

journey? Consider helping your pastor or stewardship team put together a yearlong stewardship plan which may include offering a financial wellness class like Financial Peace University or Saving Grace, holding an appreciation celebration thanking people for all they give to make a difference in the church and community, and simply making time to regularly talk about the challenges and joys of faithful financial stewardship.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

ATTENDANCE/GIVING FOR JULY:

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
July 2	41	\$1,920
July 9	34	\$853
July 16	37	\$1,942
July 23	61	\$2,330
July 30	N/A	N/A

Please Pray

Pam Fingerson, Edna Dunham,
Jeff & Jackie Dux, Ivy Wilson,
Zach Hickman, John
Gevelinger and family, Patti
Kersten, Theresa Stewart, Pam
Pospichal

OUTDOOR CHRISTIAN CONCERT

Local Artists

Ken Drury & Ben Schmidtke Jr.
Thursday, August 3, 6:30 PM
HIGHLAND VILLAGE PARK
Freewill Offering

SALAD LUNCHEON AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tuesday, August 15, 11:00AM-1:00PM
\$8.00
Also, drawing for Quilt Raffle \$5.00 per
ticket

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Don & Tina Smith
5 - Melissa & Jeremy Mulder
5 - James & Lana Dobson
17 - Lee/Mary Lou Oxnem
21 - Peter & Jody Vanderloo
24 - Zach & Rose Hickman
28 - Mark & Robin Masters

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 - Jean Leigh
11 - Jackie Dux
17 - Ginny Gorsline
21 - Shirley Lewis
25 - Peter Vanderloo
26 - Martha Boyer
27 - Ron Butteris

2023 SUNDAY SERVANTS

Week	DATE	Communion	Media	Liturgist	Greeters	Child Moment	Cafe	Accompanist
5	7-30-23		Juanita	Dawn	John Aschliman Sarah & Caleb Buroker	Dawn	Sandy Alexander	Ginny
1	8-6-23	<i>Worship at Centennial Park</i>						
2	8-13-23		Juanita	Jan	Chip & Peggy Forrest	Pastor Lorri	Mary & Rich James	Ginny
3	8-20-23		Juanita	Peggy	Chip & Peggy Forrest	Peggy	Sarah & Caleb Buroker, John Aschliman	Ginny
4	8-27-23		Juanita	Dawn	Chip & Peggy Forrest	Dawn	Jan Aschliman Charlene Mingst Ginny Gorsline	Ginny
1	9-3-23	Dee	Juanita	Terry	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Terry	Peggy Forrest Nancy Mortimer	Ginny
2	9-10-23		Juanita	Martha	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Martha	Dawn Van Epps Deb Short	Ginny
3	9-17-23		Juanita	Jan	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Pastor Lorri	Kerry Beekircher Julie James	Ginny
4	9-24-23		Juanita	Peggy	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Peggy	McCrackens Stars	Ginny

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
30	9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship Service 6:30pm Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	31		1	10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	2	5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal	3	9:30am UW in Faith Brunch at the Barn	4		5	6:30pm DTC Support Group
6	Communion 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship Service at Centennial Park 6:30pm Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	7	5:00pm Vacation Bible School 6:30pm Trustee Meeting	8	10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:00pm Vacation Bible School 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	9	5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal 5:00pm Vacation Bible School	10	6:00pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm Church Council	11		12	6:30pm DTC Support Group
13	9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship Service 6:30pm Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	14		15	10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group 6:00pm MEET N GREET at Kirschbaum's	16	5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal 6:30pm Women's Choir Rehearsal	17	9:00am Lifeline Screening 1:30pm Wills & Memorials 6:30pm Feeding Friends Steering Committee	18		19	6:30pm DTC Support Group
20	9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship Service 6:30pm Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	21	5:30pm MEET N GREET at Harman's 7:30pm Farm Bureau	22	10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	23	Newsletter Deadline 5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal 6:00pm MEET N GREET at M Boyer's	24		25		26	6:30pm DTC Support Group
27	LOOSE CHANGE 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship Service 6:30pm Ridgeway Grace Worship Service	28	6:00pm MEET N GREET at Tolzman's	29	10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	30	5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal	31		1		2	6:30pm DTC Support Group

