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Members & Friends of Ridgeway
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Hello Friends,



We are coming up on a very busy time for many as we prepare for back to school and "restarting" some fall programming at church. We would like to offer Sunday school every Sunday with the kickoff being September 17th. If you feel called to help with Sunday school or are willing to volunteer your time 1 or 2 Sundays a month, please let me know or call the church office and let Carla know. It would be great to have a rotation of people to help with Sunday School as it would make it easier to offer the program every Sunday and not have it fall on one person.

I would like to ask that we all join together in praying for the people affected by the fires in Hawaii, as well as all of our farmers who desperately need some rain. Please continue to pray that people are able to return to their homes, that they are able to fix or rebuild what has been damaged. Let us pray that they remain hopeful they can begin the process of recovering from such awful devastation. It is my hope that the people in these areas can feel the presence of God with them during this difficult time, wrapping them in His loving arms, and providing them comfort and peace like only He can. Please continue to pray for our farmers, as not only do they need rain, but pray that they can still have a safe and bountiful harvest, without having too much lost due to the lack of rain. The power of prayer is undeniable, and the

rewards are many, so please continue to pray for the people affected.

Let us also extend prayers to the teachers, staff, and students that are starting the new school year! May they all have a happy, healthy, and safe school year ahead!

Let us all be mindful, when you see farmers on the road, that you give them space, and be patient with them as they travel to get work done. Without our farmers, we don't eat, have you thanked a farmer today?

I thank you for joining me in praying for so many people! I have office hours available 10-3 Tuesday-Wednesday and other times by appointment. Feel free to contact me anytime. (608) 482-4088 or pastorlorrim@gmail.com. Please join us for Sunday worship in Dodgeville @ 9am and beginning September 10th @ 11am in Ridgeway every Sunday! I look forward to meeting you and seeing you there. May the Love and the peace and the grace of our Lord be with you always!

In Christ,
Pastor Lorri

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Begins September 17th for children any age.

MONTHLY POTLUCK BRUNCH

On the third Sunday of every month we will have a potluck brunch after the church service. Please bring a dish to pass and enjoy the fellowship starting September 17th!

Farmer's Prayer



Southern Love and Blessings

Lord, bless the land You've given me,
And may I always know
As I tend each crop and creature
You're the one who helps them grow.

Grant me the strength and wisdom
Please protect me from harm,
And thank You for Your gracious gift ~
The Blessing of this Farm.

CHOIR NOTES



Our choir will soon begin its “fall season” and we could definitely use some more voices! For the last several years we have sung on the first and third Sundays with rehearsals either on the Wednesday night before our scheduled Sunday and/or at 8:00AM on the Sundays that we sing. We can be flexible with our schedule.

Maybe, you sang in your high school choir or maybe you would just like to give it a try, if you(male or female) are interested please give the choir director, Charlene Mingst, a call at 608-935-5758.

At this time the choir is scheduled to sing on September 17th, October 1st and October 15th. We will rehearse at 8:00AM on the Sundays that we sing (and possibly on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30PM—current members please watch for an email.) We welcome new and/or returning members at any time. Please contact the director, Charlene Mingst at 608-935-5758 if you have any questions.

PLEASE PRAY:

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

Giving/Attendance Stats - August

Week	Attendance	Offering
1	Park service	\$1,053
2	43	\$5,347
3	47	\$2,219
4	n/a	n/a



United Women in Faith Happenings

All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend any of these meetings and/or events. Questions may be directed to Charlene Mingst or any one of our current members.

United Women in Faith is scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 7th at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. We will accept nominations for 2024 officers at this meeting. There will be a brief program, a business meeting and refreshments will be served. All women of the church are invited to this meeting and to all other UWinFaith meetings and events.

The date of the UWinFaith Sunday celebration has been changed to October 1st.

The Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for October 6th and 7th, with set-up dates starting on Monday, October 2nd and continuing through Noon on Thursday, October 5th. Please see more detailed information about this event on a different page of this newsletter.

The South West District UWinFaith Annual Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th at Madison Bethany UMC from 9:00AM-3:00PM. Registration begins at 8:30AM. The theme for the meeting is "Bold Women in Faith". SW District Superintendent, Rev. Amanda Stein will be the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions include: "How to be a welcoming community", "Green Team", "Faith and Gun Violence" and "The Playing Field". There will be a Memorial Service for members that have passed away since last year's Annual Gathering and Communion will be celebrated at the close of the meeting. A registration fee of \$15.00 includes morning refreshments, luncheon, and materials. The registration form is due by September 2nd. Please see Charlene Mingst or Martha Boyer for a form and/or more information.



FALL RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

The annual United Women in Faith's Fall Rummage/Bake Sale is scheduled for Friday, October 6th and Saturday, October 7th. The hours for the sale are: 8:00AM – 4:00PM on Friday and 8:00AM-Noon on Saturday. The Bake Sale is to be held on Saturday morning only. The "Bag Sale" will be between the hours of 10:00AM-Noon on Saturday.

The set-up dates are Monday, October 2nd through Thursday, October 5th. Please bring items on those dates between the hours of 9:00AM-4:00PM and between 9:00-Noon on Thursday. 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, entertainment centers, computers, dehumidifiers, home-recorded VCR tapes or DVDs, stained or torn clothing, or inappropriate books, DVDs, or magazines. Please limit clothing donations to Fall and Winter only.

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 starting on or about Sunday, September 10th. Please sign up for a shift or two or call Charlene Mingst at 608-935-5758. (If you have a question about an item that you would like to donate please call that same number.)

This annual fund-raiser helps the United Women in Faith meet our goals of mission on the local, state, national, and international levels, including supporting the general fund of our church. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WILL WORK AND ALSO TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES ITEMS.

A PRAYER FOR OUR TEACHERS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING TEACHERS
WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES

TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN.

AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE NEW YEAR,
FILL THEM WITH STRENGTH TO LEAD,
GRACE TO GUIDE AND HOPE TO THRIVE
IN THEIR CLASSROOM.

BLESS THEM BEYOND MEASURE
FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS

TO POUR INTO THE NEXT
GENERATION THROUGH EDUCATION. AMEN

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

In the last six minutes of the University of Kentucky's 1996 national semifinal men's basketball victory over the top-ranked University of Massachusetts, Mark Pope – Rhodes scholar candidate and senior – calmly sank all six of his free throws. Twice he stepped to the line with Kentucky clinging to a three-point lead. Pope did not miss.

Putting to rest the speculation that Kentucky would wilt in the national spotlight, Pope remarked after the game, "We go through those exact situations every day in practice. That gives us all confidence in ourselves because we have confidence in our preparation."

Just as Pope recognized that practice is the key to playing a good basketball game, we understand that the same is true in every aspect of our lives. Children are reminded to do their homework so they can do well on their tests. Youth learning to drive can practice for up to 12 months with a permit before they get their own driver's licenses and set out on their own. Speeches and presentations are reviewed and practiced, giving the deliverer the familiarity needed to speak confidently and clearly.

Christian discipleship is no different. Routine and practice are needed to give us the foundation we need to face the dilemmas we encounter in life. The habitats of worship, generosity, daily prayer, study, and the sacraments help us develop our relationship with God so that we don't find ourselves scrambling when hard times hit. While it is true that God will never abandon us in difficult times whether we have this foundation or not, it is easier to rely on our faith while the seas of life are calm instead of trying to anchor ourselves amid a storm.

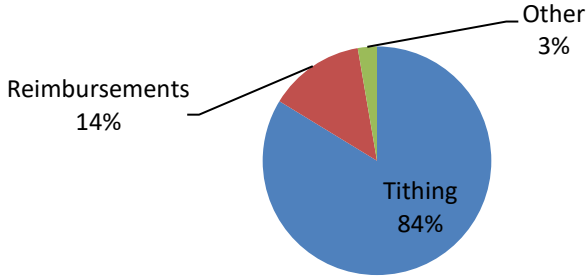
*Rev. Jason Mahnke
Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation*

Financial

July

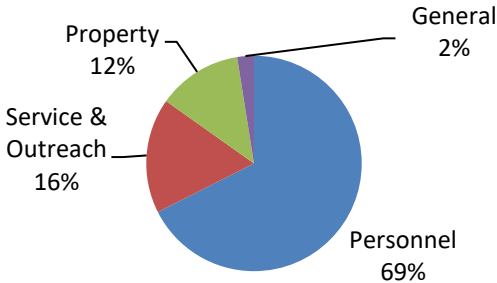
Tithing	\$8,924	84%
Reimbursements	\$1,448	14%
Other	<u>\$288</u>	3%
Total	\$10,660	

July Income = \$10,660



Personnel	\$8,995	69%
Service & Outreach	\$2,299	16%
Property	\$1,688	13%
General	<u>\$334</u>	2%
Total Expenses	\$13,315	

July Expenses = \$13,315



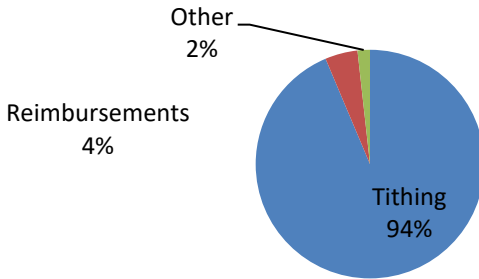
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YTD

Tithing	\$84,776	94%
Reimbursements	\$4,166	5%
Other	\$1,586	2%

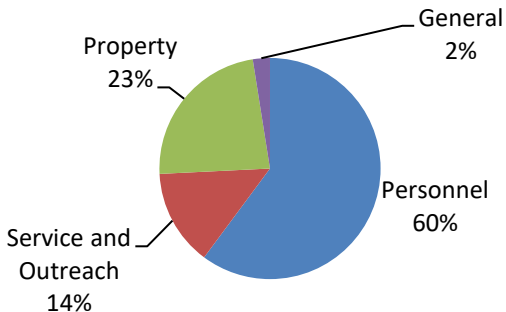
\$90,528

YTD Income = \$90,528



Personnel	\$61,466	60%
Service and Outreach	\$14,374	14%
Property	\$23,786	23%
General	\$2,552	2%
Total Expenses	\$102,178	

Year to Date Expenses = \$102,178



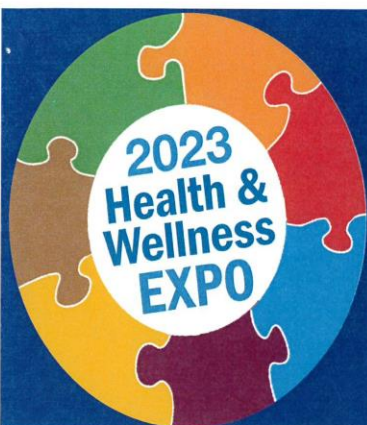
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 LOOSE CHANGE 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 6:30pm Ridgeway Grace Worship	28 6:00pm MEET N GREET at Tolzman's	29 10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	30 5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal	31	1	2 6:30pm DTC Support Group
3 Communion 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 6:30pm Ridgeway Grace Worship	4 6:30pm Trustee Meeting	5 10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	6 8:00am Fall Dinner Planning Meeting 5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal	7 6:30pm UW in Faith Meeting	8	9 6:30pm DTC Support Group
10 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	11	12 10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm PEO 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	13 5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal 6:00pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	14	15	16 6:30pm DTC Support Group
17 8:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 9:00am Sunday School Carnival Kick-off 10:00am Polluck Brunch 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	18 7:30pm Farm Bureau	19 10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	20 Newsletter Deadline 5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal	21 6:30pm Feeding Friends Steering Committee	22	23 6:30pm DTC Support Group
24 LOOSE CHANGE 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 9:00am Sunday School 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	25	26 10:00am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm PEO 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	27 5:00pm Feeding Friends Community Meal	28	29 Organ Tuning	30 6:30pm DTC Support Group

2023 SUNDAY SERVANTS

Week	DATE	Communion	Media	Liturgist	Greeters	Child Moment	Cafe	Accompanist
4	8-27-23			Peggy	Chip & Peggy Forrest	Dawn	Jan Aschliman Charlene Mingst Ginny Gorsline	Ginny
1	9-3-23	Dee		Terry	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Terry	Peggy Forrest Nancy Mortimer	Ginny
2	9-10-23			Martha	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Martha	Dawn Van Epps Deb Short	Ginny
3	9-17-23			Jan	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Pastor Lorri	Kerry Beerkircher Julie James	Ginny
4	9-24-23			Peggy	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Peggy	McCrackens Starrs	Ginny
1	10-1-23	?		Dawn	Sarah & Caleb Buroker John Aschliman	Dawn	Jody Vanderloo Penny Edwards	Ginny
2	10-8-23			Terry	Sarah & Caleb Buroker John Aschliman	Terry	Mary & Rich James	Carla
3	10-15-23			Martha	Sarah & Caleb Buroker John Aschliman	Martha	Sarah & Caleb Buroker; John Aschliman	Jan
4	10-22-23			Jan	Sarah & Caleb Buroker John Aschliman	Pastor Lorri	Jan Aschliman Charlene Mingst	Mary
5	10-29-23			Terry	Sarah & Caleb Buroker John Aschliman	Terry	Sandy Alexander	Mary

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
AMEN



Friday
September 15th
9am-Noon

Hidden Valley Community Church
605 N Bequette St Dodgeville, WI 53533

Join us!

11th Annual
-in person-

**FREE
DEMONSTRATIONS**

Health & Wellness EXPO

FREE Admission -FREE Door Prizes - FREE Health Screens



**MEDICATION
TAKE BACK**

**PRESENTATION
BY SENIOR
MEDICARE
PATROL**



**OVER 40
VENDORS**

Transportation available by contacting the ADRC.

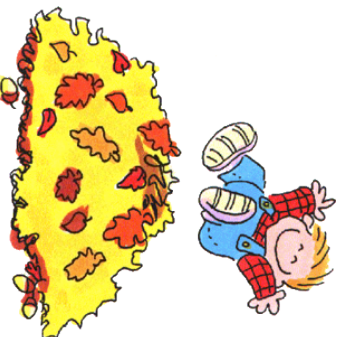


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SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - London Starr
8 - Brinley Miles
13 - John Oxnem
15 - Doug Digman
16 - Nancy Mortimer
19 - Terry Edwards
20 - Charlie Price
23 - Akayla Schultze
24 - Anthony Butteris
27 - Louise Price
29 - Sandra Alexander



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 - Chip & Peggy Forrest
15 - Terry & Penny Edwards
15 - John & Bonnie Oxnem