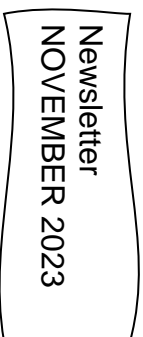


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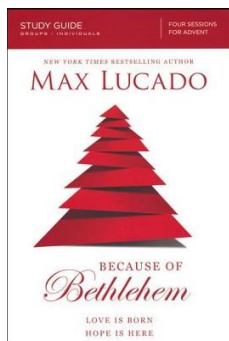
Pastor's Corner



Greetings Church family! It is November one of my very favorite months of the year! It is a time built right into our calendar to stop and pause and give thanks for all that we have, since we celebrate Thanksgiving in November. We get to stop and focus on gratitude and the things that we are thankful for in our lives. As I was reflecting on what to write in this Pastor's corner, I was reminded of the book of Philippians. In Philippians 2:14-15, Paul says ***"14 - Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 - so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe"***. The question is, are we going to whine or shine? It also reminded me of one of my favorite children's sermons that I ever heard, and it was about Mr. Grumbledump. Mr. Grumbledump complained about everything, and everywhere he went, he found the negative in absolutely everything. During that children's sermon my friend Jen shared that when she was growing up when they would be negative, her dad would tell them to "happy up". I absolutely loved that! That children's sermon really stuck with me. "Don't be a Mr. Grumbledump and Happy Up". When I have been tempted to grumble since then, I remember that sermon, and instead of grumbling, I try to remember to have an attitude of gratitude, because even some of the most negative experiences can have a twist of positive if we

look hard enough. And the people around us will notice this change in us. In this verse Paul reminds us that we are to shine like stars in the universe. The world is watching us as Christians. They see what we think, say, and do. We need to do our best to bring positive energy to the people around us and to be ready to give them a reason for the hope that we have received in Christ. So, let's do our best to try not to be a Grumbledump, and to Happy Up! November is a great month to be intentional about gratitude! So let me start. I am incredibly grateful to be your pastor, and thankful that we are on this adventure together. So, I challenge us to be intentional with gratitude. Maybe Start a prayer journal and write down your gratitude to God, and then shine like stars! See you in church!

Pastor Lorri



Advent Bible study beginning on Wednesday November 29th in the church library beginning at 10:00 a.m. snacks and coffee, tea and cocoa will be served. We will be studying Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem" and would love it if we could have as many people join as possible. This is a great way to kick off the Advent Season, as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. In this four-session video-based study, bestselling author Max

Lucado reveals that because of Bethlehem, we have the promise that God is always near us, always for us, and always with us. The *Because of Bethlehem Study Guide* includes video discussion questions, Bible exploration, and personal study and reflection materials for in-between sessions. See you on Wednesday November 29th! Please Email Carla at: carla@dodgevilleumc.org or call the church office @ (608) 935-5451 no later than November 16th if you would like to take part in the study so that we can order books for everyone.



Wednesday November 22nd:

Thanksgiving Dinner and worship service. Feeding friends invites you to join us for our free Thanksgiving dinner with Turkey, Ham, and all the fixings, which will be served from 5-6PM. We will follow dinner with a special ecumenical service of Thanksgiving @ 6:30PM. ALL ARE WELCOME! You won't to miss it!



Charge Conference will be on Thursday November 16th potluck dinner @5:30 p.m. Conference @6:00 p.m. Pastor Jeffrey Meyer from Monroe UMC will be presiding. Come and celebrate all that has been accomplished in 2023 and look forward to all that is to come in 2024 as our church does its annual Charge conference paperwork approval! See you there!

CHOIR NOTES

The choir is planning to sing on the following Sundays in November and December: November 5th, November 19th, December 3rd, and December 17th. We will rehearse on Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30PM in the music room and at 8:00AM on the Sundays that we sing. We will also plan to sing on Christmas Eve—time to be announced. Please join us as we celebrate the holiday season.





We need your help! Calling all ladies who like to decorate for Christmas! We need table hosts for advent by candlelight! Here is a description of what you can expect if you are a host: To host a table, you will decorate one of the tables at church with a Christmas theme, and then invite family and friends to attend to sit at your table. Don't worry if you cannot fill an entire table, we can help with people from the general sign up. You can let your personality shine through as you decorate your table. It can be fancy or casual or something eclectic...just as long as it has a Christmas feel!! The items you would need to provide include:

- * Candles to illuminate your table. We will try to illuminate the entire room using only candles...we will eat and read by candlelight, so include a variety of heights of candles please.
- * Plates: eight (8) dessert-size or larger. (China, glass plastic or paper)
- * Napkins: eight (8) cloth or paper
- * Tablecloth: Paper or cloth
- * Forks and spoons.... available at church too.
- * Containers for cream and sugar packets.... available at church too.
- * Coffee cups
- * Water glasses or goblets
- * Water pitcher and coffee carafe.... some available at church

Here is what you can expect from the Advent by Candlelight event:

Delicious desserts and snacks served to us by a team of kitchen staff. A room full of beautifully decorated tables all light by candlelight. This is my favorite event. It truly is so beautiful. We will then have a service of 9 lessons and Carols, where we will listen to the Scriptures led by women of the churches and beautiful music led by talented musicians, and some singing of Christmas carols with all of us. This is truly a magical evening, and I would encourage you to consider being a table host and reaching out to 7 people to join you at your table. Here are some pictures so that you can see what you can expect:



Dodgeville United Methodist Church

Annual Fall Dinner

Saturday, November 4, 2023

4:30 to 6:30 PM

The meal is both **Dine-In** and **Drive-Thru**

Deliveries are available to a Dodgeville address.

To arrange a delivery, call 608-341-7303.

Mark Your Calendars!

MENU

Swiss Steak with gravy

Coleslaw

Mashed Potatoes

Corn

Bun

Homemade Apple Crisp

Beverage & Silverware



Tickets are \$15

Tickets are available at the door or may be purchased
ahead of time at the church office.

The proceeds from the dinner will go to support the DIIMC Roof Project.

**Invite your family, friends, & neighbors
for a DELICIOUS meal!**



Wednesday, November 22nd

Dodgeville United Methodist Church
327 N. Iowa St.

5:00PM-Feeding Friends Community Meal

This meal is free and open to all! This traditional Thanksgiving meal includes turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, salads, vegetables and a wide variety of pies and desserts.

6:30PM-Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Participating clergy include:

Pastor Lorri McGranahan, Dodgeville United Methodist Church

Pastor Seaichwill, Plymouth United Church of Christ

Pastor Scott Craddock, Hidden Valley Community Church

Pastor Stephen Troester, Formerly of Mineral Point Cowboy Church

Giving/Attendance Stats

October		
Week	Attendance	Offering
1	52	\$2,388
2	42	\$1,714
3	52	\$2,137
4	51	\$958

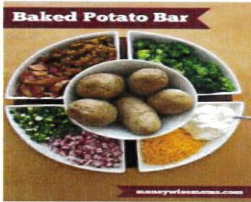
PLEASE PRAY:

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

FEEDING FRIENDS

Join us for food and fellowship around the table! Serving every Wednesday @ Dodgeville United Methodist Church. There are no restrictions or requirements to join us for this free community weekly meal! ALL ARE WELCOME! Take a break from the business of life and join others for food and fellowship!

MENU:



Nov 1st - hosted and served by various community groups



Nov 8th - TBD - hosted and served by Gary with Plymouth United Church of Christ



Nov 15th - Dodgeville UMC, Spaghetti w meatballs, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit, dessert ** there will be GLUTEN FREE spaghetti and meatballs offered as well! **



Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Meal - Turkey, Ham, and all the fixings - a community Ecumenical Worship Service will follow @6:30PM



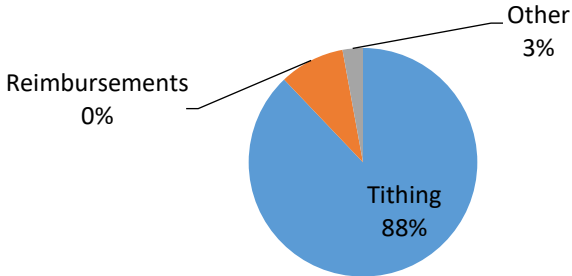
Nov 29th - TBD - Hosted and served by Dodgeville Lions Club

Financial

September

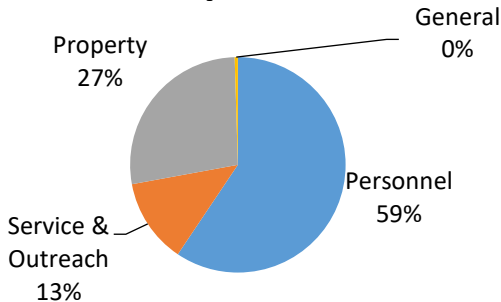
Tithing	\$8,524	88%
Reimbursements	\$897	9%
Other	<u>\$279</u>	3%
Total	\$9,700	

September Income = \$9,700



Personnel	\$9,128	59%
Service & Outreach	\$1,952	13%
Property	\$4,210	27%
General	<u>\$73</u>	0%
Total Expenses	\$15,363	

September Expenses = \$15,363



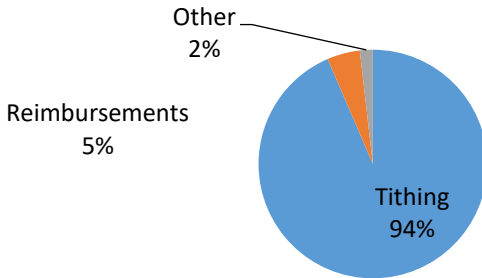
Report

YTD

Tithing	\$102,056	94%
Reimbursements	\$5,063	5%
Other	\$1,994	2%

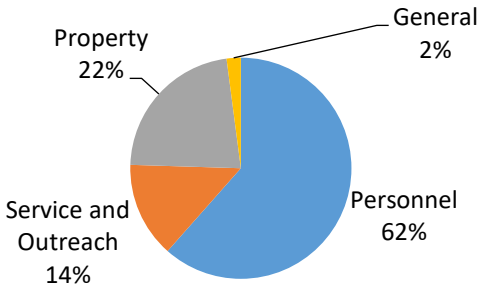
\$109,113

YTD Income = \$109,113



Personnel	\$80,083	62%
Service and Outreach	\$18,170	14%
Property	\$29,200	22%
General	\$2,700	2%
Total Expenses	\$130,153	

Year to Date Expenses = \$130,153



United Women in Faith Happenings

Our regular meeting for this month is scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. It is our annual World Thank Offering meeting—members, don't forget to bring your containers! Deb Short will serve refreshments.

The annual SW District Day of Enrichment is happening on Saturday, November 11 at the Columbus UMC in Columbus, WI. Registration will begin at 8:30AM and the day's activities will begin at 9:00AM. The keynote will be presented by United Methodist Childrens' Services. There will be special music, Reading Program reports and Unit Sharing. Pastor Sang Wook Park will serve communion. Lunch will be served at 1:00PM and will feature a variety of Korean dishes. The deadline to send in the registration form is November 4th. Please see Charlene Mingst if you would like to attend and share a ride.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Jon Trankle
3 - Jase Mulder
7 – Jill Bower
12 - Lee Oxnem
14 - Merlin Gorsline
19 – John Aschliman
22 - Karl Lasse
25 - Cathryn Tredinnick
26 – Zach Hickman

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

18 – Jill & Eric Bower

THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY MEAL

November 23
Red Room, Dodgeville
Call 608-535-7051 to Volunteer

DODGER FOOD LOCKER COOKIE WALK

Saturday, Nov 25 from
10AM-3PM at DUMC

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HOME *for the* HOLIDAYS

NOVEMBER 25TH



Dodgeville Area
Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, November 25th

Come celebrate and support Shop Small Business Saturday here in Dodgeville! A full day of family fun is planned! Vendor fairs, cookie walk, breakfast with Santa, holiday movie, carriage rides, lights parade. After the parade, we will be reading off names and lighting trees to honor those who have passed.

We would like to put a float in the parade and also maybe have something to hand out (Church info, hot chocolate packets, candy canes).

NEEDED:

VOLUNTEERS and float ideas

Truck – trailer or wagon for float

Ideas for decoration

Lights – decorations – decorating the float

Monetary donations for treats to hand out for parade

2023 SUNDAY SERVANTS

Nov	S School	Counters	Media	Liturgist/Child Mom	Greeters	Cafe	Accompanist
10/29	Deb	Jan A Sandy A	Juanita	Dawn V	Chip & Peggy Forrest	Sandy A	Ginny
5	Deb	Denise Sandy A	Dee	Peggy F	Sarah & Caleb B	Nancy M Peggy F	Ginny
12	Peggy	Jan K Sandy A	Tom	Julia/Lorri	Deb & Jim S	Dawn V Deb S	Jan
19	Juanita	Juanita Sandy A	Denise	Martha B	Martha B, John A	Kerry B Julie J	Ginny
26	Terry Penny	Jan A Sandy A	Juanita	Terry E	Sandy & Steve A	Sierra Ethan M Juanita Dacotah	Jan
Dec.	S School	Counters	Media	Liturgist/Child Mom	Greeters	Cafe	Accompanist
3	Deb	Jan A Sandy A	Dacotah S	Dawn V	Jan, John A, Charlene M	Jody V, Penny E	Ginny
10	Peggy	Denise Sandy A	Dee D	Jan/Lorri	Sarah & Caleb B	Mary & Rich J.	Jan
17	Juanita	Jan K Sandy A	Tom H	Martha B	Deb & Jim S, Martha B	Sarah & Caleb B, John A	Ginny
24	Terry Penny	Juanita Sandy A	Denise T	Terry E	Sandy & Steve A	Jan A, Charlene M, Ginny G	Jan
31	Deb	Dawn V Sandy A	Juanita S	Peggy F	Chip & Peggy F	Kerry B, Julie J	Ginny

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
29	9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	30		31	10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	1	8:00am Fall Dinner Prep 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	2	Fall Dinner Prep 6:30pm UW in Faith Meeting	3	Fall Dinner Prep	4	4:30pm Fall Dinner 6:00pm DTC Support Group
5	Communion 8:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship 1:00pm Hospice Remembrance Service	6	6:30pm Trustee Meeting	7	10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	8	10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:00pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	9		10	Organ Tuning	11	6:00pm DTC Support Group
12	9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	13		14	10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm PEO 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	15	10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:00pm Feeding Friends Steering Committee	16	5:30pm Charge Conference Polluck/Meeting	17		18	6:00pm DTC Support Group
19	8:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Dodgeville & Ridgeway Worship 10:00am Polluck Brunch	20	7:30pm Farm Bureau	21	10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	22	Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:30pm Ecumenical Worship Service	23		24		25	Holiday Parade 10:00am DFL Cookie Walk 6:00pm DTC Support Group
26	LOOSE CHANGE 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	27		28	10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	29	10:00am Advent Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	30		1		2	6:00pm DTC Support Group

NOVEMBER

