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Hi friends,

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2024! 2024...it feels strange to say and even more bizarre to write. I say that because, although you're reading my words in 2024, I'm writing these words several days before Christmas. Such is the nature of our 21st Century world and the fast-paced lives we lead. If we're not working two weeks ahead, we're behind!

Even though I'm writing this New Year's greeting ten days into the future, I get the sense that before launching into 2024 at a full sprint, we should first pause to reflect and thank God for his many 2023 blessings. After all, God has blessed our Dodgeville and Ridgeway family with a challenging but fruitful, blessing-filled year. I pray that before diving headlong into the New Year, you will pause to reflect on your journey with God over the past year and, in the process, come up with a list of your own. Maybe a list of challenges that you have overcome with God's help. Maybe a list of ways you have grown in your relationship with God over the past year. Maybe you need to list your blessings from the past year, to be reminded that maybe every day wasn't good, but there is something good in every day.

I would also ask you to reflect on and think about, what is God calling you individually or us as a church family to in 2024? What mission, ministry, or outreach do you feel called

to in 2024 to help fulfill God's mission and vision here on earth in 2024? Where can you be part of the Christmas story that lives on all year long by spreading the love and light of Jesus Christ in the world around you?

Because we serve a God who is constantly on the move, there's no doubt that 2024 will be filled with opportunities, challenges, and blessings. I am convinced that the best way to begin the 2024 New Year together is to stop and thank God for blessing and sustaining us through 2023. Wherever our journey with God takes us in the year ahead, I thank God for the opportunity to travel it with you, my Dodgeville and Ridgeway family. Happy New Year!
In the love and hope of Christ,

Pastor Lorri McGranahan

FEEDING FRIENDS

Our next turn to help with Feeding Friends is January 17th. The menu being planned is:

Soup & Salad Night

Assorted Hot Soups

Cheese/Salami/Crackers

Assorted Salads

Fresh Fruit

French Bread

Desserts

We would like DUMC to provide assorted hot soups and cold salads. Please sign up in the fellowship hall so we can know what to expect. Thank you!

Dodgeville United Methodist Church Leadership Team 2024

DODGEVILLE UMC CHURCH COUNCIL:

Chairperson:	Terry Edwards
Recording Secretary:	Penny Edwards
Lay Leader:	Denise Tolzman
Lay Leader to Annual Conference:	Martha Boyer
Staff/Parish Relations Committee Chair:	Jody Vanderloo
Trustees Chair:	Jan Aschliman
Finance Committee Chair:	Deb Short
Treasurer:	Lois Leffler
Financial Secretary:	Sandy Alexander
Wills & Memorials Committee Chairs:	Charlene Mingst Deb Short
Missions and Outreach:	Juanita Starr
UMW President:	Charlene Mingst
Members at Large:	Dee Dochnahl (2024) Caleb Buroker (2025)

DODGEVILLE UMC REQUIRED COMMITTEES:

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Tina Smith (2026)
Mary Terrill (2026)
Mary Wilson (2024)
Jody Vanderloo (chair) (2024)
Martha Boyer (2025)
Dave Klusendorf (2025)
Julia Harman (2025)

Trustees Committee

Kevin Kirschbaum (2026)
Jeff Starr (2026)
Ron Butteris (2026)
Jim Short (2024)
Chip Forrest (2024)
Tonia Pickett (2024)
Jan Aschliman (2025)
John Aschliman (2025)
Doug Digman (2025)

Stewardship & Finance Committee

Brittany Gevelinger (2026)
Dee Dochnahl (2026)
Deb Short (2024)
Jan Kirschbaum (2024)
Dawn Van Epps (2025)
Jeff Starr (2025)

Treasurer:	Lois Leffler
Financial Secretary:	Sandy Alexander
Wills & Memorials Chair:	Charlene Mingst

Office Manager: [Carla Pustina]

Nominations & Lay Leadership Committee

Terry Edwards (2026)
Julie James (2024)
Peggy Forrest (2025)
Pastor Lorri, chair

DODGEVILLE UMC ADDITION COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

United Women in Faith Executive Board

Charlene Mingst, president
Martha Boyer, vice-president
Mary James, secretary
Robin Digman, treasurer

Hospitality Team Co-Coordinator

Sandy Alexander
Mary James

Wills and Memorials Committee

Wanda McCutchin (2026)
Rose Hickman (2026)
Kim Roble (2024)
Shirley Lewis (2024)
Charlene Mingst (2025), co-chair
Deb Short (2025), co-chair
Edith Hunter (2025)
Jody Vanderloo (2025)

Feeding Friends Steering Committee

(Church/Community Partnership)

Juanita Starr
Jeff Starr
Lorri McGranahan—*Secretary*
Julia Harman—*Chair*
Dave Klusendorf—*Member, Dodgeville UMC*
Joe Brokish—*Member, St. Joseph's Catholic Church*
Joyce Widder—*Member, Grace Lutheran Church*
Gary McHone—*Member, Plymouth UCC*

Mission and Outreach Committee

Julia Harman
Juanita Starr
Martha Boyer
Seirra McCracken
David Klusendorf

Membership Care & Concern Committee

Penny Edwards, chair
Nancy Mortimer
Dona Muller
Dawn Van Epps
Pastor Lorri McGranahan, *ex officio*

CHOIR NOTES

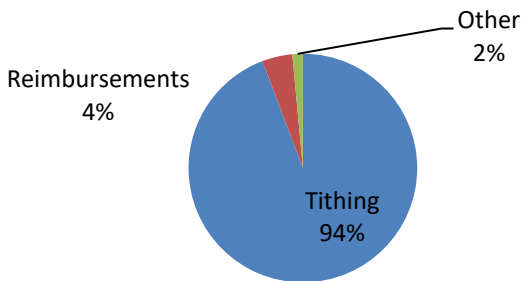
We will plan to sing on Sunday, January 21st, and looking ahead to February—we will resume our schedule of singing on the first and third Sundays. Those dates are February 4th and the 18th. We will rehearse at 8:00 AM on the Sundays that we sing. Please consider joining—we welcome new and/or returning members at any time.

Financial Report

November

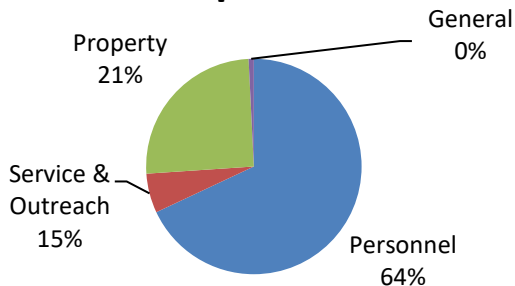
Tithing	\$16,541	94%
Reimbursements	\$751	4%
Other	\$259	2%
Total	<u>\$17,551</u>	

November Income = \$17,551



Personnel	\$8,812	68%
Service & Outreach	\$766	6%
Property	\$3,275	25%
General	<u>\$101</u>	1%
Total Expenses	<u>\$12,954</u>	

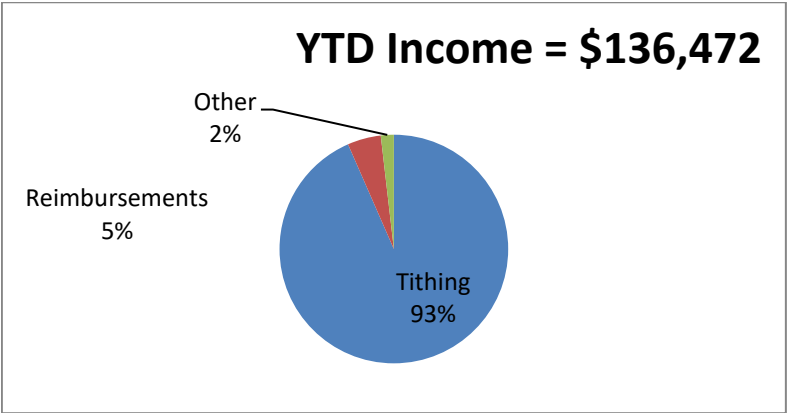
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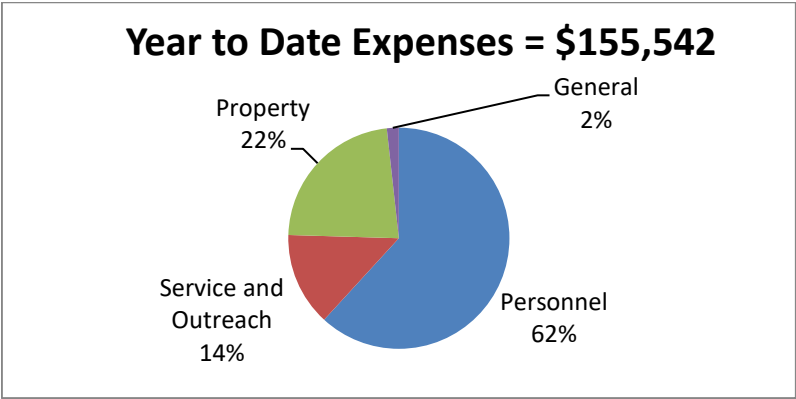
YTD

Tithing	\$127,508	93%
Reimbursements	\$6,459	5%
Other	\$2,505	2%

\$136,472



Personnel	\$96,146	62%
Service and Outreach	\$21,238	14%
Property	\$35,445	22%
General	\$2,713	2%
Total Expenses	<u>\$155,542</u>	



Active Discipleship

A University chaplain had an interesting conversation with a student that came to see him one day. He writes:

“I was wondering what I ought to do about the exam,” she said, “then I looked at this bracelet” (here she gestured to the “What Would Jesus Do?” bracelet on her wrist), “and I said to myself, ‘I am going to just say a little prayer, relax, and look after myself.’”

And I thought to myself, “I can think of at least a couple of other things Jesus might tell you to do — like get over to the library and get busy studying for this exam.”

Devoid of specific content, insubstantial, vague “spirituality” may be our contemporary Christian undoing. We have rendered Jesus into someone so vague, amorphous, and flimsy that he makes little claim upon us. Jesus has become a fashion accessory, something tied to our wrist, a comfort, never a challenge. What would Jesus do? Whatever we do, it appears.

This short story reminds me of what a challenge Christian Discipleship. It is easy for us to become a member of a church, attend several times a year, give a little money, and to sit back and relax because we all know that God’s grace is free. And yet, we forget that while God’s love is given to us freely, if we allow it to grab ahold of us, it changes our lives. Our priorities are no longer our own, but God’s. We pray that “God’s will be done,” not only in a general sense, but particularly in and through our own lives. This means becoming an active part of our community of faith. Giving our energy to worship, instead of being a passive observer. Actively loving and serving our neighbor, instead of just praying for them and hoping for a miracle. Spending time with God in prayer and study. Letting generosity be the top priority in our finances, not just giving what’s left over after we’ve gotten ours.

Christian Discipleship is a difficult enterprise. Thank God we have grace to support us and strengthen us. And thank God we have a community of faith to help us along and to hold us accountable.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

SUNDAY SERVANTS

31	n/a	Dawn V Sandy A	Dee	Peggy F	Chip & Peggy F	Kerry B, Julie J	Ginny
Jan.	S School	Counters	Media	Liturgist/Child Mom	Greeters	Cafe	Accompanist
7	?	Jan K Sandy A	Dee	Dawn V	Sarah & Caleb B	Peggy F, Nancy M	Jan
14	Deb S	Jan A Sandy A	Tom	Julia/Lorri	Deb & Jim S	Dawn V, Deb S	Ginny
21	Peggy F	Denise Sandy A	Denise	Martha B	John A, Martha B	Kerry B, Julie J	Jan
28	Terry Penny E	Dawn V Sandy A	Tom	Terry	Sandy & Steve A	Sandy A	Ginny
Feb.	S School	Counters	Media	Liturgist/Child Mom	Greeters	Cafe	Accompanist
4	Deb	Jan K Sandy A	Dee	Jan A/Lorri	Sarah & Caleb B	Jody V, Penny E	Jan
11	Peggy F	Jan A Sandy A	Tom	Dawn V	Deb & Jim S	Mary & Rich J.	Ginny
18	Deb S	Denise Sandy A	Denise	Martha B	John A, Martha B	Sarah & Caleb B, John A	Jan
25	Terry Penny E	Dawn V Sandy A	Tom	Terry E	Sandy & Steve A	Jan A, Charlene M, Ginny G	Ginny

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
31	9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	1		2	10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	3	10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	4		5		6	6:00pm DTC Support Group
7	Communion 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	8		9	10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	10	10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:00pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	11		12		13	6:00pm DTC Support Group
14	9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	15	7:30pm Farm Bureau	16	10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	17	10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:00pm Feeding Friends Steering Committee	18		19		20	8:00am PEO 6:00pm DTC Support Group
21	8:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Dodgeville & Ridgeway Worship 10:00am Polluck Brunch	22		23	10:30am Prayer Ministry 1:30pm Wills & Memorials Meeting 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	24	Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	25		26		27	6:00pm DTC Support Group
28	LOOSE CHANGE 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	29		30	10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	31	10:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	1	6:30pm UW in Faith Meeting	2		3	6:00pm DTC Support Group

Church Family News

Giving/Attendance Stats

DECEMBER		
Week	Attendance	Offering
1	56	\$2,343
2	101	\$2,743
3	62	\$3,645
Christmas Eve	56 & 85	n/a
4	34	n/a
12-31-23	n/a	n/a

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Our unit of United Women in Faith does not have a scheduled meeting in the month of January; however, there will be a planning meeting later in the month—the date is yet to be determined. We will have our first scheduled meeting in 2024 on Thursday, February 1st at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 – Melissa Mulder
4 - Charlene Mingst
9 - Bobbi Butteris
9 – Alex Harman
12 - Dacotah Starr
19 – Edith Hunter
21 – Zach Tolzman
22 - Penny Edwards
25 - Julie Oxnem
27 – Kelsey Forrest
28 - Judy Strutt

January Anniversary

12 - Ron & Bobbi Butteris

WILLS AND MEMORIALS COMMITTEE:

This committee has scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, January 23rd at 1:30PM in the Church Library.

Please Pray for:

Pam Fingerson, Edna Dunham, Ivy Wilson, Zach Hickman, John Gevelinger and family, Patti Kersten, Theresa Stewart, Jane & Ron Elwell

JANUARY

