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Greetings church family!

I am excited to be heading into the month of February! I have always thought of February as a month of love. I have such fond memories of sharing Valentine's with my classmates in grade school. I loved to fill out those Valentines with my classmate's name on them, and usually my mom let me add a piece of candy to it! I loved bringing home my decorated Valentine box and opening it to reveal all the notes of love from my friends. I kept that tradition going into middle school and high school. Still to this day, I love to celebrate Valentine's Day with my family and friends, because there is something special about telling people that you love and care for them. So, February is a natural month to stop and ponder God's great love for us. God showers upon us unconditional AGAPE love each and every day of our lives, and that is something to celebrate! God's AGAPE love for us fills us, and we are then able to overflow onto others. I would challenge each of us this February to look for opportunities to show love to everyone that you meet. I challenge each of us to look for ways that we can love others in our homes, workplaces, and in our community. Do you have a friend that is sick? Why not make them dinner? Does someone you know need encouragement? Why not send them a card? Do you know someone without a church home? Why not invite them to church? In this newsletter you will find a list of ideas to get you started. If everyone in our congregation committed



to one random act of kindness a day, imagine the number of people that would be touched by the love of Jesus! The possibilities are endless! Go in love. Serve others. Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring your friend to Christ! See you in church!

In Christ,
Pastor Lorri McGranahan



Districts 2024 is in the books! 21 people were in our group: 15 youth and 6 adult leaders from 3 different churches. It was quite the adventure due to Snowmageddon 2024! We had

to leave a day early but found incredible accommodation at the Tundra Lodge complete with a waterpark and arcade. We then transferred to another hotel in the blizzard. That was an adventure in itself! We enjoyed three days of incredible worship, music and seminars, and our kids grew closer to each other and to Christ. Our 6 adult leaders came back completely exhausted but full of excitement for the youth, as two in our group accepted Christ for the first time! Our drive home on Sunday was a little treacherous, but we made it safely to the kids favorite eating spot: The Pizza Ranch, and then on to home. Thank you so much for your support of this great event!





I am beginning two course of study classes this Spring. COS 321 (Bible 3: The Gospels) and COS 324 (Preaching). These classes will be on Monday nights and Saturday mornings. I am excited to add to my learning!

-Pastor Lorri

25 DAYS OF RANDOM ACTS OF Kindness

1. Smile at someone just because.
2. Buy the person behind you coffee.
3. Donate toys to charity.
4. Make homemade dog treats and deliver them to a shelter.
5. Bake cookies for your neighbor.
- 6.. Donate to a food bank.
7. Send a card in the mail just because.
8. Volunteer
9. Donate old blankets and towels to an animal shelter.
10. Paint rocks and hide them for others to find
11. Send a care package to deployed soldiers.
12. Pay for someone's meal at a restaurant.
13. Let someone go in front of you in line.
14. Mow the lawn, rake the leaves, or shovel snow for your neighbor.
15. Leave a generous tip at a restaurant.
16. Send someone flowers.
17. Help someone before they ask.
18. Carry a stranger's grocery bags.
19. Leave a treat in the mailbox for your mail carrier.
20. Donate to your favorite charity.
21. Compliment a stranger.
22. Bake treats and deliver them to your local police station.
23. Pick up litter at the park.
24. Place a jar of pennies by a wishing fountain!
25. Call a relative just to say hello!

CHOIR NOTES

The choir is scheduled to sing on Sunday, February 4th and Sunday, February 18th. We will rehearse at 8:00AM both Sundays. We welcome new and/or returning members at any time. Hope to see you there!

Trustee Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Will be held on February 11th, 8-11AM, for \$10.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

Our unit of United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, February 1st at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. Martha Boyer will present the program; Charles and Denise Tolzman will serve refreshments. All members of the church are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!



Please pray: Pam Fingerson, Edna Dunham, Ivy Wilson, Zach Hickman, John Gevelinger and family, Patti Kersten, Theresa Stewart, Jane & Ron Elwell, Kurt Hasburgh, Edith Hunter, Dean Litchfield

Wills and Memorials Committee:

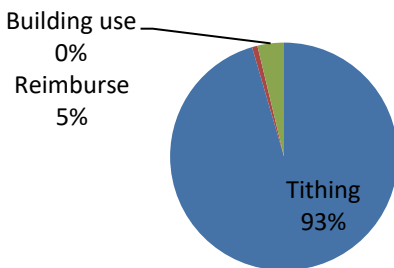
The Wills and Memorials committee will meet on Tuesday, February 20th at 1:30PM in the Church Library.

Financial

December

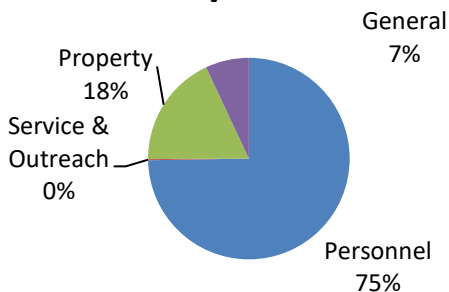
Tithing	\$14,611	85%
Loose Plate	\$118	1%
Building use	\$575	1%
Reimburse	\$1,388	8%
Other	\$529	3%
Total	\$17,221	

December Income = \$17,221



Personnel	\$8,928	75%
Service & Outreach	\$22	0%
Property	\$2,164	18%
General	\$834	7%
Total Expenses	\$11,947	

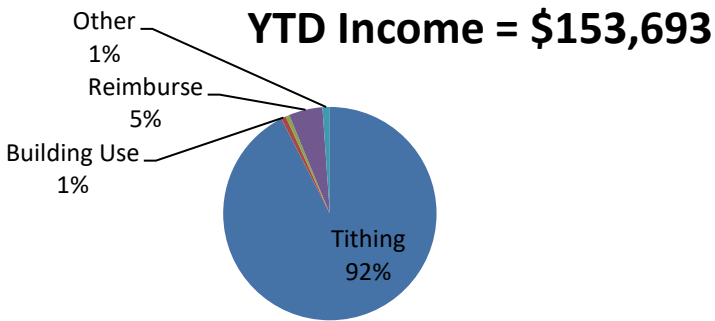
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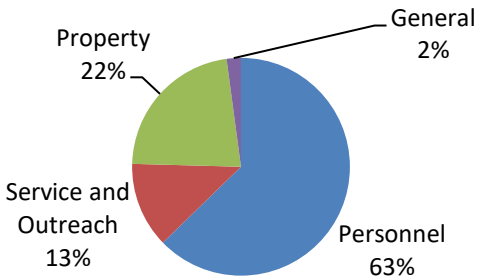
YTD

Tithing	\$142,119	92%
Loose Plate	\$1,140	2%
Building Use	\$875	1%
Reimburse	\$7,847	5%
Other	\$1,712	1%
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	\$153,693	



Personnel	\$105,075	63%
Service and Outreach	\$21,259	13%
Property	\$37,608	22%
General	\$3,546	2%
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Total Expenses	\$167,489	

Year to Date Expenses = \$167,489



BREAKDOWN OF DUMC'S 2023 ANNUAL GIVING (*All Contributors)

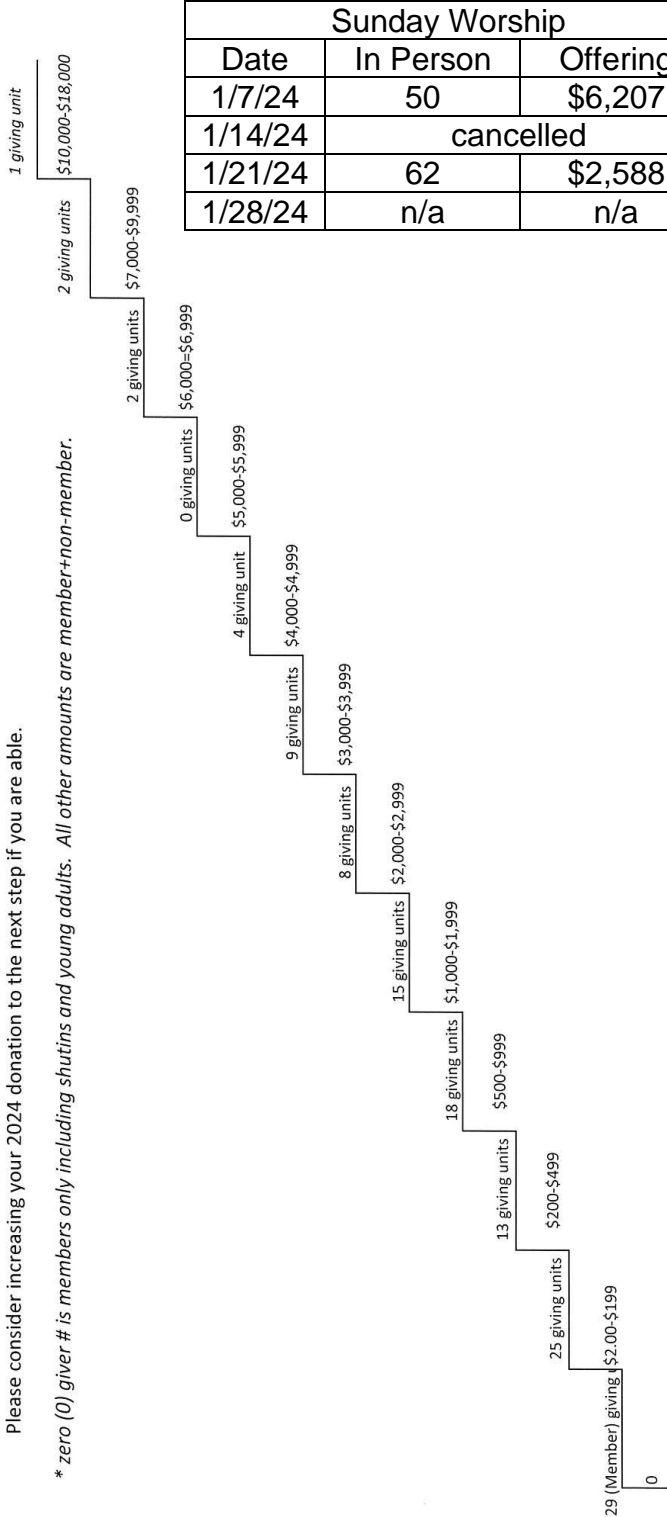
PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SEE WHERE YOUR ANNUAL FINANCIAL GIVING FELL IN 2023

Are each of us giving what we are able to give? The cost of operating our church and supporting it's missions continues to go up.

"Command the people to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18

Please consider increasing your 2024 donation to the next step if you are able.

* zero (0) giver # is members only including shutins and young adults. All other amounts are member+non-member.



Sunday Worship		
Date	In Person	Offering
1/7/24	50	\$6,207
1/14/24	cancelled	
1/21/24	62	\$2,588
1/28/24	n/a	n/a

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

SUNDAY SERVANTS

28	Terry Penny E	Dawn V Sandy A	Tom	Terry	Sandy & Steve A	Sandy A	Jan
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	Denise	Dawn V	Deb & Jim S	Mary & Rich J.	Ginny
18	Deb S	Denise Sandy A	Tom	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
Mar	S School	Counters	Media	Liturgist/Child Mom	Greeters	Cafe	Accompanist
3		Jan K Sandy A	Dee	Dawn V	Sarah & Caleb B	Peggy F Nancy M	Jan
10	Peggy F	Jan A Sandy A	Tom	Julia/Lorri	Deb & Jim S	Dawn V Deb S	Ginny
17		Denise Sandy A	Denise	Martha B	John A, Martha B	Kerry B Julie J	Jan
24	Deb S	Dawn V Sandy A	Tom	Peggy F	Chip & Peggy F	Sandy A	Ginny
31	Terry & Penny	Jan K Sandy A	Dee	Terry	Sandy & Steve A	Kerry B Julie J	Jan

We will be having an Ash Wednesday Bread and Soup Supper on
Wednesday February 14th at



Dodgeville UMC, at 5:00 p.m. (This will be the feeding friends meal that week) in the church fellowship hall. Meal will be served until 6:00 p.m. and there will be an Ash Wednesday service immediately following at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Ron Symons
- 2 - Bonnie Oxnem
- 3 - David LaBelle
- 9 - Tom Harman
- 10 - Jeff Starr
- 19 - Dee Dochnahl
- 27 - Don Smith
- 28 - Carol Thomas



THANK YOU!

We gratefully acknowledge the donation of eight aprons to our kitchen. Aprons were donated by Dawn Van Epps and embroidered by Jon Barlett.



FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY FEEDING FRIENDS

7th Lasagna-volunteers

14th Soup/Salad – DUMC

21st Scalloped Potatoes/Ham-GLC

28th Chicken/Gravy – St. Joes

