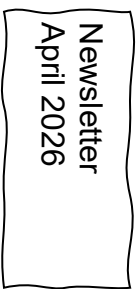


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Easter Hope for the Journey

Dear Dodgeville UMC family,

As we enter the month of April, we do so in the light of Easter. This is the season in which the Church sings up its joyful song: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!** At the very center of our faith stands this good news—that Jesus Christ, who was crucified, dead, and buried, has been raised from the dead, and because he lives, hope is alive.

Easter is not simply a day on the church calendar. It is the declaration that God is still at work bringing life out of death, hope out of despair, and joy out of sorrow. The resurrection tells us that darkness does not win, fear does not have the final word, and even what seems lost is never beyond the reach of God's redeeming love.

Many of us know what it means to walk through difficult seasons. There are times in life that feel like Good Friday—days marked by pain, disappointment, fear, or grief. There are also seasons that feel like Holy Saturday—times of waiting, uncertainty, silence, and confusion, when we wonder what God is doing and why answers seem delayed. Yet Easter Sunday reminds us that God is present not only in our moments of celebration, but also in our sorrow, our questions, and our waiting. The empty tomb proclaims that God is faithful even when the road is hard and the future is unclear.

The resurrection of Jesus does not erase the reality of



suffering, but it does transform its meaning. It assures us that suffering is never the end of the story. In Christ, God has entered the deepest pain of human life and has overcome it from within. Because Jesus rose, we are given a living hope—a hope that does not depend on circumstances, but on the living presence and power of God.

This Easter season, I encourage you to hold on to that hope. If you are weary, may the risen Christ renew your strength. If you are discouraged, may he lift your eyes toward new possibilities. If you are carrying grief or uncertainty, may you know that the Lord walks with you and will not let you go. And if your heart is full of joy, may that joy deepen into gratitude and overflow into love for others.

Easter also calls us to live as resurrection people. We are invited not only to celebrate the risen Christ, but to reflect his life in the world around us. That means bringing kindness where there is hurt, peace where there is tension, encouragement where there is weariness, and faith where there is fear. In a world often marked by division and anxiety, the Church is called to be a living witness that Christ is alive and still transforming lives.

My prayer for you this month is that the hope of Easter will take deeper root in your heart and shape the way you live each day. May you remember that no Friday lasts forever, no grave can hold the power of God, and no night is too dark for the dawn of resurrection.

Christ is risen. Hope is alive. And God is still making all things new.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong

ALUMINUM CANS – HELPING HANDS

We serve our community through our aluminum can recycling program. Every month or so John Aschliman kindly loads the cans from the collection outside and drives them to Rewey for recycling. We split the funds we receive from the cans between the FOOD PANTRY and SAVATION ARMY (gas cards). January and February collections raised \$498!!

Thank you to John Aschliman for faithfully donating time and equipment to help us serve our community!

WILLS & MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

The Wills & Memorials Committee is pleased to offer scholarships to seniors who have a close association to the Dodgeville United Methodist Church. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact the church office at 608-935-5451 to request an application.

Date	Attendance	Offering
3/1	68	\$2,589
3/8	70	\$2,498
3/15	58	\$2,055
3/22	64	\$2,058
3/29	71	\$1,462

Holy Week Services

- **Good Friday – April 3rd at 6:30 PM at DUMC (Maudy Thursday + Good Friday)**
- **Easter Sunday – April 5th at 9:00AM**



LOOSE CHANGE FOR CHANGE – NOISY CAN

Every Sunday we pass around a “Noisy Can” in addition to our regular offering. We were able to give \$300.50 to **The Food Pantry** from January/February contributions.

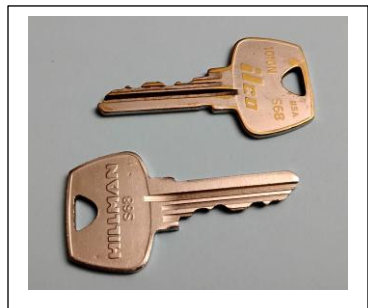
March/April contributions will support UMCOR [United Methodist Committee on Relief].



CALLING ALL BUILDING KEYS

If you happen to have a key that looks similar to the keys in the photo, (original keys had the letters “Sargent”) and couldn’t remember what it is for, please bring it back to DUMC. We would like to collect these keys, since we are rekeying the building and these old keys will enter the locks but will not turn them.

We are trying to avoid keys being broken off in the locks when the rekeying project is completed. Thank you for your help!



PLEASE PRAY:

Zach Hickman, Gevelinger family, Theresa Stewart, Ron Weagle, Rod Sparling, Art Humbert, Arthur Gough, Caroline Lemire, Millie Jean, Sue Lindl, Baebler Family, Monte Hottman

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Trustees will be offering breakfast again on Sunday, April 12th from 8-11AM. Adults \$10; Child age 10 and under \$5; Family \$25. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

CHOIR NOTES



The choir is scheduled to sing on Easter Sunday - April 5th, and April 26th. We will rehearse at 8:00AM on those Sundays. We welcome new and "returning" members at any time. Please join us!!

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS

The United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30PM in the Library. The program will be **Seeds of Hope** based from the scripture from Mark 16: 1-7. (Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome arrive at the tomb after the crucifixion). After the program we will have a business meeting followed by refreshments. Hope to see you there!

April Events:

The UW in Faith WI Conference Social Action Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 9:00AM-Noon. This is a ZOOM event. The theme is **Responding in Love**. The speakers and their topics are: Attorney Grant Sovern "Immigration in Wisconsin" – Standing Up for Due Process and Rev. Breanna Illene "How Congregations can take action on immigration in their own Communities". Registration is available on the website: <https://www.wisconsinumw.org>. There are 4 scheduled "Watch Parties" in the SW District: Cargill UMC in Janesville, Lodi UMC in Lodi, First UMC in Madison, and Crossroads UMC in Waunakee. There is a \$10 registration fee. Please see Charlene Mingst if you are interested in attending.

The South West District UW in Faith Spiritual Growth Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 9:00AM-1:00PM at the Milton UMC, Milton, WI. The theme for the day is **Faith Journeys**. The retreat leaders are Alice Schellenberger and Mitch Richards who will share their individual stories of answering the Call to become United Methodist Pastors. Lunch will be served at 1:00PM at the church. The registration deadline is April 13. There is a fee of \$20. Please see Charlene Mingst for a registration form.

The annual Spring Rummage/Bake Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th. The "set-up" dates are Monday, April 20th through Thursday (noon) April 23rd. Please see another page of this newsletter for details about this event. We will need many workers to help both with the setting up and the sale dates – including clean-up on Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE 2026

The annual United Women in Faith's Spring Rummage/Bake Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th. 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, April 20th through Thursday, April 23rd. Please bring items on those dates between the hours of 9:00AM-4:00PM Monday – Wednesday and between 9:00AM-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, pianos, entertainment centers, computers, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, home-recorded VCR tapes or DVDs, stained or torn clothing, or inappropriate books, DVDs, or magazines. Please limit clothing donations to Spring or Summer 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. Many people look forward to buying homemade baked items.

We will need many workers to help set up and to work during the sale. Sign-up sheets will be available soon. 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.**

COMING SOON!!!

Rummage Sale

(Spring/Summer Clothing only please!!)

workers needed all days:

[Sign-up sheet in fellowship hall]

Friday, April 24th 8AM - 4:00 PM

Sat., April 25th 8AM-12:00PM

(Bake Sale on Saturday)

Items may be brought:

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Monday & Tuesday,

April 20th & 21st,

9:00AM-7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 22nd

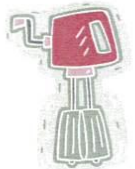
9:00 AM - Noon

Thursday, April 23rd

Baked goods may be brought on

Friday or by

7:45 AM Saturday



2026 WISCONSIN INGATHERING

MAKE A GLOBAL DIFFERENCE
FROM RIGHT HERE IN WISCONSIN



The WI Conference Mission Motivation Committee will be collecting items for Midwest Mission at the Annual Conference. **Together let's fill the trucks!**

NEEDED ITEMS TO COLLECT

(You may make complete kits or donate any of the items from these kits)



Personal Dignity Kits

- 1 Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multi-packs
- 1 Bar Soap - 3 - 4 oz
- Shampoo - 12 - 19 oz (tape lid shut)
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 Lotion - 8-10 oz (tape lid shut)
- 1 One gallon resealable plastic bag

All items must be NEW & placed in the one-gallon resealable plastic bag.

\$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag, per kit. Please give the donation to volunteers at Annual Conference, and do not place cash in the resealable plastic bag.



Home Care Kits

- Liquid Household Cleaners - 58 - 80 oz. total - no spray bottles
- Dish Soaps - 42 - 64 oz total
- Liquid Laundry Detergents - 100 - 150 oz total
- 1 Scrub Brush - with or without handle
- 1 - 5-gallon round bucket with resealable lid

All items must be NEW & placed in the bucket.



Other Items in the Kits and Projects Brochure

You can download the Kits and Projects Brochure by scanning the QR Code or visiting midwestmission.org/kits



Monetary Donations can also be made. For more information on how to give, visit <https://www.wisconsinumc.org/ingathering>.

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Bringing the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief.

WHO? YOU!

Volunteers, donors, and prayer supporters are the heart and soul of Midwest Mission.

HOW

We send tangible resources to those in need to make an intangible difference in their lives. In times of crisis, Disaster Relief, Health, Education, and Micro Business supplies are given freely through trusted partner nonprofits.

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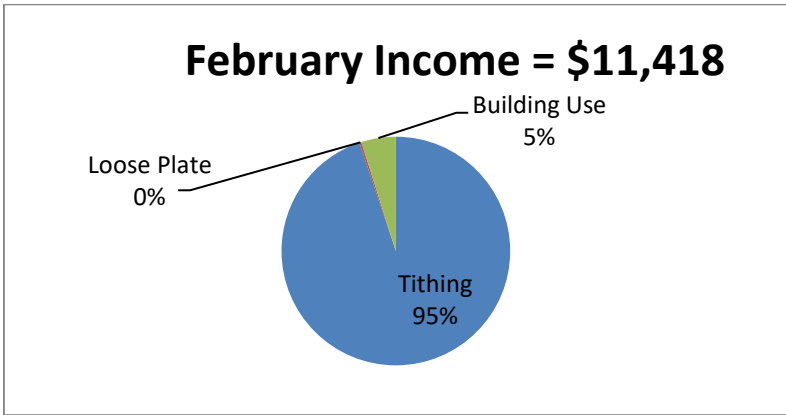
Join the Weekly Newsletter — Get the God news each Friday and start your weekend off right. Visit midwestmission.org/newsletter or scan the QR code to sign up!



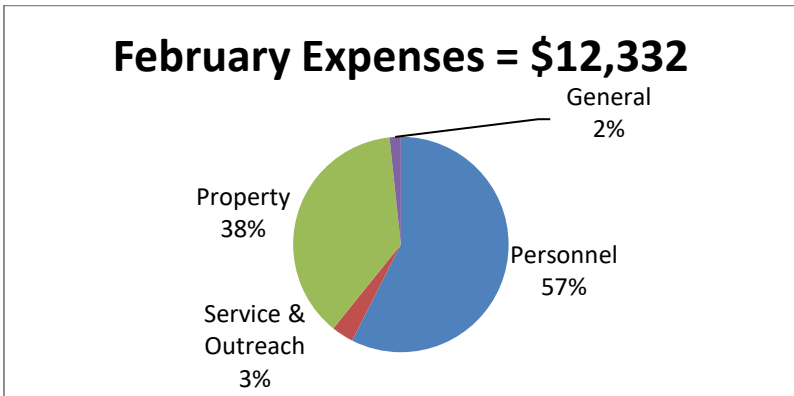
Financial Report

February

Tithing	\$10,815	95%
Loose Plate	\$33	0%
Building Use	\$557	5%
Other	\$13	
Total	\$11,418	

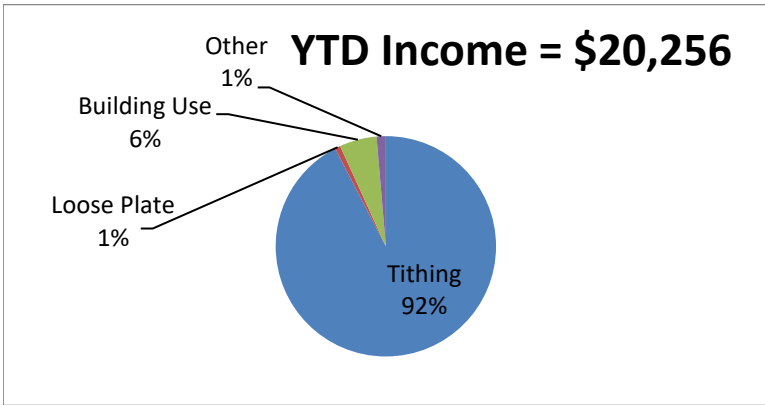


Personnel	\$7,088	57%
Service & Outreach	\$408	3%
Property	\$4,627	38%
General	\$208	2%
Total Expenses	\$12,332	

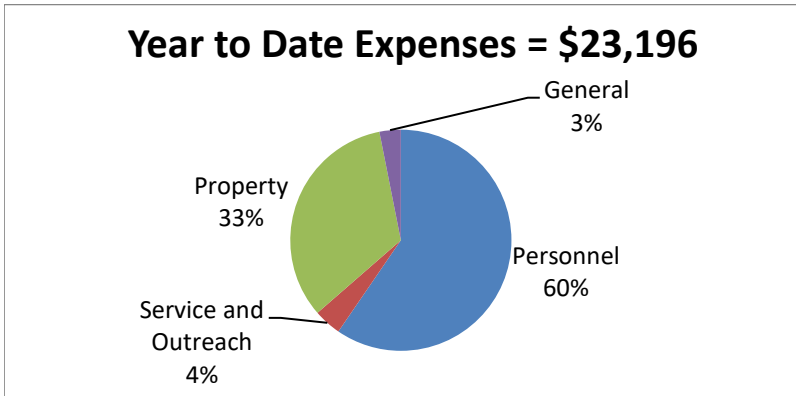


YTD

Tithing	\$18,713	92%
Loose Plate	\$163	1%
Building Use	\$1,107	5%
Other	\$274	1%
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Personnel	\$13,816	60%
Service and Outreach	\$937	4%
Property	\$7,721	33%
General	\$722	3%
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Total Expenses	\$23,196	



SUNDAY SERVANTS

Apr	Media	Liturgist/Child Mom	Sunday School	Greeters	Cafe	Accompanist
5	Dee Dochnahl	Brittany Gevelinger		Sarah & Caleb Buroker	Jody Vanderloo, Penny Edwards	Mary Wilson
12	Tom Harman	Dawn Van Epps	Peggy Forrest	John Aschliman	Mary & Rich James	Jan Kirschbaum
19	Dee Dochnahl	Terry Edwards	Terry & Penny Edwards	Deb & Jim Short	John Aschliman Sarah & Caleb Buroker	Ginny Gorsline
26	Denise Tolzman	Jan Aschliman	Deb Short	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Jan Aschliman Charlene Mingst Ginny Gorsline	Jan Kirschbaum
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3	Dee Dochnahl	Denise Tolzman	Peggy Forrest	Sarah & Caleb Buroker	Peggy Forrest	Mary Wilson
10	Tom Harman	Dawn Van Epps	Deb Short	John Aschliman	Dawn Van Epps Deb Short	Jan Kirschbaum
17	Denise Tolzman	Terry Edwards	Terry/Penny	Deb & Jim Short	Kerry Beerkircher Julie James	Jan Kirschbaum
24	Denise Tolzman	Jan Aschliman	n/a	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Sandy Alexander	Ginny Gorsline
31	Dee Dochnahl	Peggy Forrest	n/a	Chip & Peggy Forrest	Kerry Beerkircher Julie James	Ginny Gorsline

April 2026

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
29 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship	30			31 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:30am Prayer Ministry	1 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	2 9:00am Strong Bodies 6:30pm UW in Faith Meeting	3 6:30pm Good Friday Service	4 6:00pm DTC Support Group					
5 Communion 8:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Easter Worship	6 6:30pm Trustee Meeting			7 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:30am Prayer Ministry	8 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	9 9:00am Strong Bodies 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	10	11 6:00pm DTC Support Group					
12 8:00am Trustee Pancake Breakfast 9:00am Worship Service	13 Headstart Training			14 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm PEO	15 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	16 9:00am Strong Bodies	17	18 6:00pm DTC Support Group					
19 8:15am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Worship Service	20 9AM-4 Rummage Sale Prep 7:30pm Farm Bureau			21 9AM-4 Rummage Sale Prep 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:30am Prayer Ministry	22 Newsletter Deadline 9AM-7 Rummage Sale Prep 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	23 9AM-12 Rummage Sale Prep 9:00am Strong Bodies	24 8AM-4 Rummage Sale	25 8AM-12 Rummage Sale 6:00pm DTC Support Group					
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Kevin Kirschbaum
- 9 - Chip Forrest
- 16 – Rose Hickman
- 17 – Ben Berryman
- 17 – Lana Dobson
- 18 - Peggy Forrest
- 22 - Mike Weber
- 25 - Jan Kirschbaum
- 27 – Brittany Gevelinger
- 27 - Scott Tolzman



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 - Ron & Julie Symons
- 11 - Doug & Robin Digman
- 11 – Jeff & Jackie Dux

APRIL

