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Count Your Blessings!

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Dear Church Family,

What a beautiful season of the year! As I look around at the colorful autumn leaves, I find myself amazed by the beauty and wonder of God's creation. The trees, dressed in brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold, remind me of the creativity and beauty of our Creator. And as I breathe in the crisp, cool air each morning, I realize once again that the seasons are changing.

There is something deeply spiritual about these changing seasons. They remind us that life is always moving, yet God's faithfulness remains constant. Through every season of our lives, whether joyful or challenging, God's loving hands are quietly at work. I am grateful to be reminded of that truth, especially as we approach Thanksgiving.

Count your blessings! What a wonderful invitation for this season. When I begin to count my blessings, I realize just how much I have to be thankful for.

First of all, I am deeply grateful that God has brought me to Dodgeville United Methodist Church. Serving as your pastor has opened a new chapter in my ministry, filled with new experiences, relationships, and opportunities to grow together in faith. I am thankful for every Sunday we gather to worship, every

opportunity to share God's Word, and every conversation that allows us to know one another more deeply.

I am especially grateful for your **generosity and hospitality**. You have welcomed me with open hearts, and your kindness continues to encourage me. I am thankful for our recently started Bible study, where we can explore Scripture, ask honest questions, share our lives, and grow deeper in our relationship with God and one another.

I am also grateful for our church leaders and for all of you who faithfully serve behind the scenes. So much of what makes our church a loving and welcoming community happens quietly, often without recognition. Your time, dedication, prayers, and willingness to serve are precious gifts to this congregation.

My heart is especially thankful for those among us who continue to hold on to faith through life's difficulties. I know that some of you are facing challenges, carrying heavy burdens, or walking through seasons of uncertainty. Yet you continue to trust God, care for others, and move forward with courage. Your faith is a beautiful testimony to God's sustaining grace.

I am also grateful for everyone involved in **Feeding Friends** and our church's efforts to serve the wider community. Even when resources are limited and circumstances are challenging, you continue to find ways to care for our neighbors and share God's love in practical ways. This is what it means to be the church—living out our faith through love and service.

The more I think about it, the more I realize that there are simply too many blessings to count!

Of course, life is not always easy. We all have worries, disappointments, and struggles. Giving thanks does not mean ignoring those realities. But when we intentionally shift our attention from what is difficult to what we have received, something beautiful happens. We begin to recognize God's presence in places where we may have thought God was absent. The hands of God, which sometimes seem invisible, become almost tangible through the people, relationships, and moments of grace that surround us.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, I invite you to take a little time to remember how God has faithfully led you through the years. Think about the people who have blessed your life, the challenges you have overcome, and the unexpected ways God has provided for you.

The God who has faithfully guided us this far will continue to lead us into the future with goodness and love.

And as we count our blessings, may our gratitude move us beyond words. Jesus taught us that loving God and loving our neighbors belong together. Our love for God becomes visible in the way we care for one another, welcome strangers, serve those in need, and share what we have.

My prayer is that Dodgeville United Methodist Church will continue to grow and mature as a community of Jesus Christ, a community that loves God deeply and loves our neighbors generously.

Thank you for being part of this beautiful journey of faith. I am truly grateful that we get to walk it together.

Happy Thanksgiving!

With gratitude and blessings,
Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong

Trustee Committee

The Trustees installed some aluminum flashing on the north entrance ramp to prevent further deterioration of the existing concrete. This aluminum was donated by John Lundall of Energy Unlimited. Not only did he donate the material, he bent and fabricated the aluminum to the required dimensions for the Church project. We would like to thank John for his help and the donation of the aluminum. If you see him out and about town, be sure to thank him.

From the Trustee Committee

Church Choir

The choir will sing: **Nov 8th and 22nd**
We rehearse at **8:00 a.m. on Sundays when we sing**.



We are always happy to welcome **new and returning choir members!** If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of our choir, we would love to have you join us.



No matter your experience level, there is a place for you!

Church Directory Update

As a new year approaches, the church will be updating the DUMC Members & Friends Directory for 2027. Please send any requests for changes or additions to your contact information or photo by calling the church office at 608-935-5451 or email office@dodgevilleumc.org before December 31, 2026.

An updated directory will be available for pick-up at the church in January.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight will be hosted on **Sunday, December 6th.** This event prepares us for the Christmas season. There will be scripture readings along with music and fellowship.
We will need table hosts, speakers and musicians. If you are interested in any or all of these, please contact Jan Kirschbaum.

United Women in Faith

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The United Women in Faith thanks everyone who helped in any way to make our Fall Rummage and Bake Sale a huge success! Thank you for the generous donations of rummage items and baked goods; and especially thank you to everyone who worked throughout this event as it would never have happened without your generous donations of time!!

We want to give a big thank you to Barb Phillips for her hard work throughout the set-up and to the clean-up crew that packed up all the leftovers.

The money that was earned will be used to meet our pledge to mission to the South West District UWF and help us support mission projects throughout the world, the nation, and the state as well as local and community projects. We will continue to support our church with a generous donation to the general fund, and supplies for the kitchen.

Again, we say thank you! We are deeply grateful to everyone for your support!

United Women in Faith Updates/Meetings

United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, November 5th, at 6:30PM in the Library. The program will be the annual World Thank Offering.

If you have been filling an offering jar or box throughout the last year, please bring it to this meeting. During the business meeting we will be making decisions about "End of the Year Mission Giving". Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Hope you plan to attend!!

The annual SW District Day of Enrichment will be held at Columbus UMC in Columbus, WI on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00AM – 1:00PM. (Registration beginning at 8:30AM) Lunch will be served at the church at 1:00PM.

The Keynote speaker is Wiliam Schmitt from **Rooted and Rising.** Information about the Children's

Defense Fund Children's Sabbath will be presented by Mary Baker. A Zoom and livestream option is being offered.

Our December meeting will be our annual **"Christmas Gathering"** pot-luck meal. It is scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd.

October Ministry Snapshot

Date	Worship	Offering
10/4	64	$7,143.51
10/11	58	$4,385.18
10/18	53	$3,126.44
10/25	68	$4,848
PayPal	N/A	$470
Online	N/A	$1,120

November Birthdays

02- Jon Trankle
03 – Jase Mulder
04 – Michael Beerkircher
04 – Haddie Olday
07 – Jill Bower
12 – Lee Oxnem
14 – Merlin Gorsline
19 – John Aschliman
25 – Myron Miles
26 – Zach Hickman

Happy Birthday!

PLEASE PRAY:

Art Humbert, Caroline Lemire, Monte Hottman, Family of Rose, Wanda M., Judi Whitford, Jerry Whitford, Grace Stewart, Adam Johnson, Kieffer Family, Barb Breuer (Kirschbaum), Beth Thomas

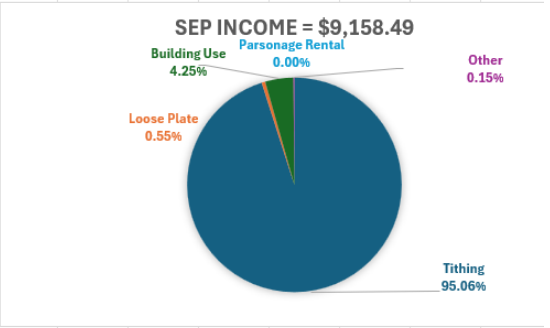
November Anniversaries

18 – Eric & Jill Bower

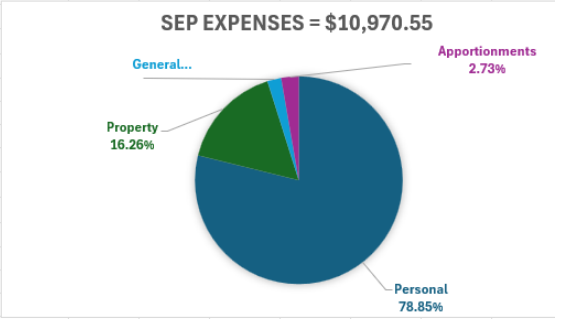
Happy Anniversary!

Sep. Financial Reports

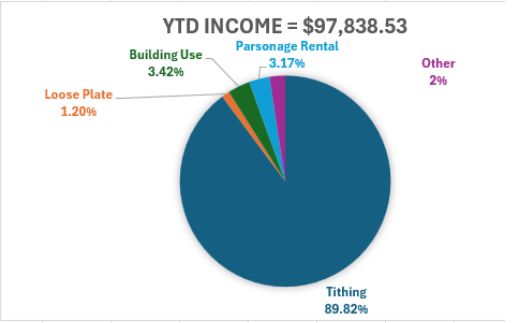
Sep 2026 Monthly Income	
Tithing	8,705.75
Loose Plate	50.00
Building Use	389.00
Parsonage Rental	0.00
Other	13.74
Total Income	$ 9,158.49



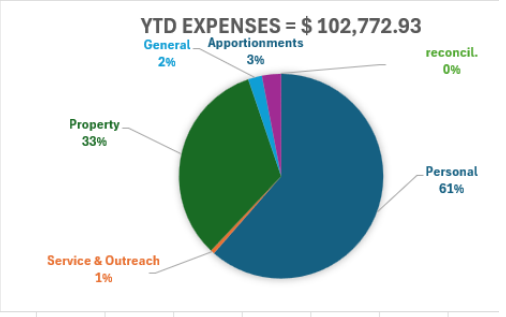
Sep 2026 Monthly Expenses	
Personal	8,650.60
Service & Outreach	
Property	1,783.66
General	236.29
Apportionments	300.00
Total Expenses	$10,970.55



Actual YTD 2026 Income	
Tithing	87,879.21
Loose Plate	1,178.00
Building Use	3,347.00
Parsonage Rental	3,100.00
Other	2,334.32
Total Income	$ 97,838.53



Actual YTD 2026 Expenses	
Personal	63,139.45
Service & Outreach	620.27
Property	33,657.12
General	2,255.79
Apportionments	3,100.00
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Total Expenses	$102,772.93



SUNDAY SERVANTS

Nov	Media	Liturgist/ Child Mom	Greeters	Cafe	Accompanist	Sunday School
1	Dee Dochnahl	Denise Tolzman	Sarah & Caleb Buroker	Peggy Forrest & Edith Hunter	Mary Wilson	Melissa Thierfelder
8	Tom Harman	Terry Edwards	John Aschliman & Martha Boyer	Dawn Van Epps & Deb Short	Jan Kirschbaum	Peggy Forest
15	Denise Tolzman	Peggy Forrest	Deb & Jim Short	Kerry Beerkircher & Julie James	Ginny Gorsline	Deb Short
22	Tom Harman	Jan A (Noisy Can)	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Jan Kirschbaum	Penny Edwards
29	Denise Tolzman	Britanny Gevelinger	Sarah & Caleb Buroker	Kerry Beerkircher & Julie James	Ginny Gorsline	Melissa Thierfelder
Dec	**Media**	**Liturgist/ Child Mom**	**Greeters**	**Cafe**	**Accompanist**	**Sunday School**
6	Dee Dochnahl	Martha Boyer	Chip & Peggy Forest	Jody Vanderloo & Penny Edwards	Mary Wilson	Peggy Forest
13	Tom Harman	Terry Edwards	John Aschliman & Martha Boyer	Mary & Rich James	Jan Kirschbaum	Christmas Program Deb S. & Penny E.
20	Denise Tolzman	Brittany Gevelinger	Deb & Jim Short	Sarah & Caleb Buroker & John Aschliman	Ginny Gorsline	No Sunday School
24 Christmas Eve	Tom Harman	Denise Tolzman	Scott T., Denise T., Sandy A, & Steve A.	N/A	Ginny Gorsline	No Sunday School
27	Dee Dochnahl	Peggy Forrest	Sandy & Steve Alexander	Jan A., Charlene M. & Ginny G.	Jan Kirschbaum	No Sunday School

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9:00am Worship Service	2 6:30pm Trustee Meeting	3 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:30am Prayer Ministry 2:00pm Pastor Yohon Office Hours 5:30pm Book Study with Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong	4 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:30pm Bible Study	5 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:00am Book Study with Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong 11:30am Pastor Yohan Office Hours 6:30pm UW in Faith Meeting	6	7 6:00pm DTC Support Group
8 9:00am Worship Service	9	10 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:30am Prayer Ministry 11:00am Carla in Office - Melissa Out of Office 2:00pm Pastor Yohon Office Hours 5:30pm Book Study with Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong 5:30pm PEO	11 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:30pm Bible Study	12 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:00am Book Study with Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong 11:30am Pastor Yohan Office Hours 1:00pm Advent by Candlelight Meeting 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	13	14 6:00pm DTC Support Group
15 9:00am Worship Service	16 7:30pm Farm Bureau	17 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:30am Prayer Ministry 2:00pm Pastor Yohon Office Hours 5:30pm Book Study with Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong 6:00pm Charge Conference	18 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:30pm Bible Study	19 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:00am Book Study with Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong 11:30am Pastor Yohan Office Hours	20	21 6:00pm DTC Support Group
22 9:00am Worship Service	23	24 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:30am Prayer Ministry 2:00pm Pastor Yohon Office Hours 5:30pm Book Study with Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong	25 Newsletter Deadline 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:30pm Bible Study	26 9:00am Strong Bodies 10:00am Book Study with Rev. Dr. Yohan Hong 11:30am Pastor Yohan Office Hours	27 4:00pm DFL Cookie Walk Set Up	28 DFL Cookie Walk 6:00pm DTC Support Group
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NOVEMBER

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Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Dodgeville United Methodist Church on **Wednesday, November 18, at 6:00 PM.**