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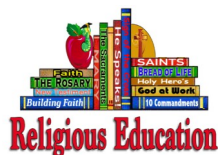


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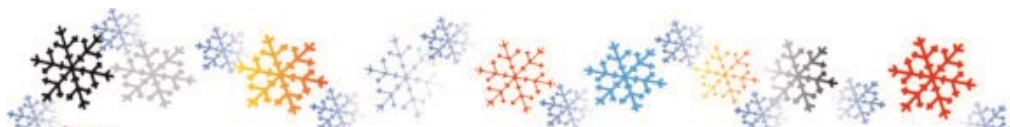


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What Is Your Choice?

And Joshua said.....

"Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15)

What are you doing to welcome the New Year? Will you join with others and celebrate? Stay up at home, watching the celebrations on TV? Or will December 31st be like any other night of the year? You will turn in at the usual time certain that tomorrow will come in the same old way.

Will you take time to reflect upon your life in the middle of the revelry? Quietly, make a resolution to do better, to try harder, or to be nicer? Or just hope for a better day tomorrow?



As Joshua stood up and over looked the Promised Land, looking to start a new life, he made a promise! He made a commitment. He made a covenant with God to remain faithful and in service to the God who had brought him out of slavery, who had given him a new life.

As we come to the start of "New Year", in the midst of celebrations and quiet times, we should answer for ourselves who will we serve faithfully in 2024? The God who gives us life and calls us to service? Or the foreign gods who weigh us down, wear us out or leave us empty. It's your choice.

Happy New Year!

Pastor InSun

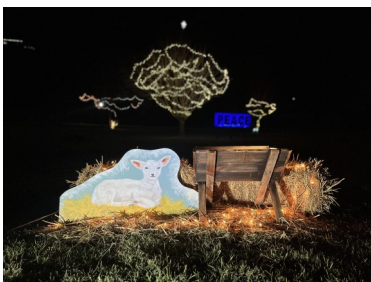
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Fayette UWF



Light Display at
Riverside Park



Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of November & December

- In Memory of Sally Gorgas given by Roger Gorgas.
- In Memory of Delbert Steiner given by Pat Steiner.
- In Memory of Aaron Lancaster given by Denise Lancaster.
- In Memory of Carol McDaniel given by John McDaniel.
- In Memory of Paul & Lois Alm given by Linda Bawden.
- In Memory of Chris Phillipson given by Linda Bawden.
- Given in memory of Shirley Nethery given by Ric & Donna Douglas.
- Given in memory of JoAnne Shosie given by Ric and Donna Douglas.



Add your loved ones or friends to this list by filling out your offering envelope and designating an **extra** amount to be given in Memory or in Honor of someone to celebrate a Birthday or Anniversary. It's a great way to acknowledge those special people in your life. Amounts will never be listed!

A look at the Darlington numbers for November

Income		\$ 23,446.70
Expenses	-	<u>20,751.98</u>
Difference		\$2,694.72

2023 Apportionment Total - \$26, 669

Paid YTD - \$4,470

Balance Left for 2023— 22,122

Percentage paid - 16.81%

2023 Offering Envelopes

2023 Offering Envelopes are available in the back of the church. If you do not receive offering envelopes and would like a boxed set, please reach out to Becky in the office.



**VANCO
MOBILE**
new online giving app



Online Giving & Mobile Giving

Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJ3M/home> for our online giving version or download the app

in the in your Apple App or Google Play enter with church code **FS4XM7**. Thank you for your continued support to the church.

Online Giving
through
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*Christmas
Blessings*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree this year, it was a success.

Why December 25?

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

You're invited to join us at this year's Bishop's Convocation of Laity Leadership 2024. If you belong to The United Methodist Church, you are a leader and disciple for Jesus Christ. This gathering is for you!

Connect with our Conference Leadership during this event to:

- Learn of connectional ministries within The United Methodist Church.
- Be encouraged to broaden your God given gifts and talents within the work of the church.
- Devotion and Bible study scripture during this inspiration filled event.



Date & Time: February 9, 2024, 6:30pm, February 10, 2024, 8:30a- 4:00pm

Location: West Bend: Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church (323 S 5th Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095)

Registration: The registration fee is \$10.00 per person. To register go to <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=779994&language=eng>



Religious Ed Fun



Religious Ed
Classes are Wednesday's
@ 6 p.m. – All Grades
ON CHRISTMAS BREAK
Return on January 24

Darlington Community Food Pantry
Open Tuesdays and Thursdays,
10 am to 3 pm

The Local Food Pantry is taking donations. There is a bin in the back of the sanctuary if you feel called to help. Thank you for your support.

Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry will be **Friday January 5 at the First Baptist Church in Darlington.** Please "pop" your trunk.



If you have a joy, concern or prayer request we would like you to share them with Pastor InSun. Please email her at leeinsun0202@gmail.com or call her at 608-776-4114 to give them to her. Please let us know if you would like that to be shared with the congregation.

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2023

(Schedule-Read one chapter **each weekday** to complete the New Testament in one year.)

<u>End of Week (Saturday)</u>	<u>Chapter Completed</u>	<u>Check-off</u>
January 6	Matthew 5	_____
January 13	Matthew 10	_____
January 20	Matthew 15	_____
January 27	Matthew 20	_____

(Progress Milestone: 20 chapters read – 7.7% of the New Testament)

OLD TESTAMENT SELECTED BIBLE READINGS SCHEDULE – JANUARY 2024

(Read one chapter **each weekday** to complete Year 2024 Old Testament readings.)

<u>End of Week (Saturday)</u>	<u>Chapters Completed</u>	<u>Check-off</u>
January 6	Genesis 1-5	_____
January 13	Genesis 6-10	_____
January 20	Genesis 11-15	_____
January 27	Genesis 16-20	_____

Read the Bible every day. Pray every day. Don't make any decisions too harshly or too quickly, without first considering God about it. Ask Him, 'Shall I do this, Father?' Ask Him, 'Is it Your will for me to do this?' Then see what the Holy Spirit will speak to you. He might not give you a vision, but He will speak in some way to you, to let you know, if you'll be sincere and ask Him.



Darlington & Fayette United Methodist Churches

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR JANUARY 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
___ 1/01/24	Isaiah 60:1-6	The Glory of Zion
___ 1/02/24	Haggai 2:1-9	The Coming Glory of God's Temple
___ 1/03/24	Matthew 2:1-12	The Visit of the Magi
___ 1/04/24	Psalms 29	The Lord –Glory-Strength-Peace
___ 1/05/24	Genesis 1:1-5	In the Beginning
___ 1/06/24	Acts 19:1-7	Apostle Paul in Ephesus
___ 1/07/24	Mark 1:4-11	John the Baptist Prepares the Way
(Epiphany Sunday)		
___ 1/08/24	I Samuel 3:1-20	The Lord Calls Samuel
___ 1/09/24	Psalms 139	God Is Omniscient ("All-Knowing")
___ 1/10/24	I Corinthians 6:12-20	Sexual Immorality
___ 1/11/24	Leviticus 19:30-37	Obedience to the Lord
___ 1/12/24	Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for Obedience
___ 1/13/24	Romans 15:1-6	Encouragement of the Scriptures
___ 1/14/24	John 1:43-51	Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael
___ 1/15/24	Ephesians 4:17-32	Living as Children of Light
___ 1/16/24	Romans 13:8-14	Love – for the Day Is Near
___ 1/17/24	I Corinthians 7:29-31	Time Is Short for the Lord's Work
___ 1/18/24	Psalms 62:5-12	God – Our Rock and Salvation
___ 1/19/24	Jonah 3:1-10	Jonah Goes to Nineveh
___ 1/20/24	Matthew 12:38-41	Jesus – the Sign of Jonah
___ 1/21/24	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus Calls the First Disciples
___ 1/22/24	II Timothy 4:9-18	Paul Proclaimed Christ to the Gentiles
___ 1/23/24	Acts 15:12-20	Gentiles Turning to God
___ 1/24/24	Zechariah 1:1-6	A Call to Return to the Lord
___ 1/25/24	Deuteronomy 18:15-22	God's Word Came Through the Prophets
___ 1/26/24	Psalms 111	Eternal Praise to the Lord
___ 1/27/24	I Corinthians 8:1-13	Food Sacrificed to Idols
___ 1/28/24	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit
___ 1/29/24	Ezekiel 18:30-32	Repent and Live
___ 1/30/24	Psalms 116:1-9	The Lord – Gracious and Righteous
___ 1/31/24	Joel 2:12-14	The Lord – Gracious and Merciful



REMINDERS – The *SCRIPT Program* is a great fund raiser for our Church that you can partake in all year round. You can place an order with Sheila Kelly at kellysheila87@gmail.com or 608-482-1141. Thank you Sheila for your hard work directing this important fund raising program!



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith Meeting
January 10, 2024—6:00 p.m.
New Year Celebration
Everyone brings an appetizer.

Thank you to those that delivered Meals on Wheels during December.

Barb Eicher
Joan Thompson
Don & Diane Osterday
Donna Smith
Nancy & Rick Fisker



Special thanks to the double duty volunteers!

January Lectionary

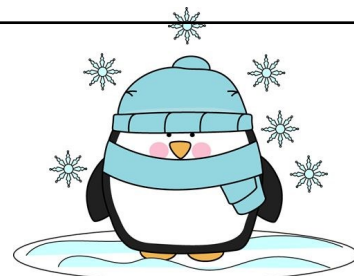
January 6
Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 07
Baptism of the Lord
Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 14
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Human Relations Day
1 Samuel 3:1-10. (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 21
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Jonah 3:1-5
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 28
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28





Jan. 2 Karen Curry
 Jan. 4 Alyza Johnson
 Jan. 5 Wayne Thompson
 Jan. 6 Ava Smith
 Jan. 6 Brady Smith
 Jan. 7 Denise Lancaster
 Jan. 10 Kara Tyson
 Jan. 12 Ryan Pratt
 Jan. 13 Ric Douglas
 Jan. 13 Greg Halvorson
 Jan. 14 Kent McConnell
 Jan. 14 Chesne Fink
 Jan. 15 Abby Douglas
 Jan. 17 Brooke Douglas

Jan. 17 Jeanette Zee
 Jan. 18 Alison Goebel
 Jan. 18 Madden Burbach
 Jan. 19 Carson Carpenter
 Jan. 19 Erica Ruppert
 Jan. 20 Dave Bailey
 Jan. 21 Jack Sauer
 Jan. 21 Rick Fisker
 Jan. 22 Jill Pratt
 Jan. 25 Bob Teasdale
 Jan. 25 Colton Tyson
 Jan. 27 Ashley Parkinson
 Jan. 27 Mary Jane McDonald
 Jan. 27 Riggs Black
 Jan. 27 Cathy Havens
 Jan. 28 Kim Craig
 Jan. 30 Nolan Allendorf



Jan 5 Robert & Cathy Paulson
 Jan 21 TJ & Mandi Nyffenegger
 Jan 22 Richard & Jean North
 Jan 29 Rick & Laura Fink



January Ushers
 Jan 7 Cathy Paulson
 Beaver Paulson
 Remie Nyffenegger
 Dawson Douglas
 Jan 14 Ken Norgard
 Rebecca Norgard
 Lylah Norgard
 Raynie Norgard
 Jan 21 Cheryl Chiaverotti
 Todd Chiaverotti
 Paige Douglas
 Pierce Thompson
 Jan 28 Nick Zuberbuhler
 Jason Hendrickson
 Zoie Zuberbuhler
 Ava Hendrickson

January Acolytes
 Jan 7 Rya Fitzsimons
 Chesne Fink
 Jan 14 Maicy Norgard
 Ryley Burbach
 Jan 21 Evan Komprood
 Coby Lancaster
 Jan 28 Cheyenne Elzen
 Chesne Fink

Sneak peak at Feb 4
 Liturgist: D- Joan Thompson
 F- Dennis Wirth
 Ushers: Beaver Paulson
 Cathy Paulson
 Remie Nyffenegger
 Aubrey McCarthy
 Acolytes: Maicy Norgard
 Ryley Burbach

January Liturgists
 Jan 7 D- Joan Thompson
 F- Dennis Wirth
 Jan 14 D- Judy Whalen
 F- Lance Lansing
 Jan 21 D- Kent McConnell
 F- Ron Ingwell
 Jan 28 D- Kent Miehe
 F- Pam Gould



Winter Weather

Please always do what is best for you when considering journeying out for worship or other church events during weather incidents. We will share our cancellations through email and Facebook. In addition, we will try to share with WEKZ radio in Monroe and WDMP in Mineral Point.



COME Worship WITH US January 2024



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1	Office Closed	2	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry	3	No Religious Ed	4	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry	5	Second Harvest Food Pantry	6	
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Happy
New Year!

7 **Epiphany Sunday**
Special Speaker Kent Mehe
8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington

8	9	10	11	12	13
	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry	No Religious Ed 6:00 UWF mtg.	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry	Pastor In Sun's Day Off	

Pastor InSun Vacation January 2-15

14 **1st Sunday after the Epiphany**
Special Speaker Kalee Crist
8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington

15	16	17	18	19	20
Pastor InSun back in office 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry	No Religious Ed 6:00 Choir Practice	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry	Pastor In Sun's Day Off		

21 **2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**
8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington w/ Choir

22	23	24	25	26	27
11:00 New Member class	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry	6:00 Religious Ed	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry	Pastor In Sun's Day Off	

28 **3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**
8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington

29	30	31
11:00 New Member class	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry	6:00 Religious Ed

While Pastor is on Vacation Rev. Tammy Clausen of Platteville UMC will cover pastoral care on Pastor InSun's absence. (Her cell no. is 608-475-2151)

