



Darlington and Fayette United Methodist Churches July 2025



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GIVING**
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SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT
around the world and around the corner

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Be Yourself

My mother, who has lived in Korea, will turn 90 in July. She has dementia, but every once in a while, very rarely, she has moments of lucidity. It's hard not to see her for years, but I was able to visit my mother two years ago. One day I asked her, "Mom, do you have any advice for me?" She said, "Be yourself.....don't try to be something you're not. It takes away a lot of stress!"



People don't always want us to be ourselves; they want you to be who they want you to be. In order to survive for the journey of your life, you have to figure out how to be yourself. In today's crisis, I think, you may have to *do* some things you'd rather not do. But you can find a way to *be* yourself, and to grow into your best self. That's a lifetime's work. The challenges of growing into ourselves keep us alive and learning and growing. In my heart of hearts, I want things to be easy and smooth, but I've learned the most from the most difficult times of my life. Life is full of challenges, and that's good.

What does "being yourself" mean? How can you be yourself? And how do you know that you are not being yourself? While the Bible doesn't directly instruct people to "be yourself," it emphasizes themes of authenticity, self-acceptance, and loving oneself as a foundation for loving others.



Ephesians 2:10 reminds us that we are God's masterpiece, created for good works. This verse suggests that understanding God's purpose for an individual is part of understanding oneself. "Being Yourself", according to me, is how I would behave in front of one or more people... truly speaking, how I would behave in front of GOD. In this season of growing, season of green, we should strive for authenticity and allow the natural personality to shine in front of GOD. This is a good advice: Be Yourself!

In Christ, Pastor InSun

If you have a joy, concern or prayer request please share with Pastor InSun at 608-776-4114 for assistance. Please let us know if you would like to be shared with the congregation or remain private.



Church operating expenses don't get to take a summer vacation...please remember to support your church while you enjoy your summer.



Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of June

- In Memory of Sally Gorgas given by Roger Gorgas.
- In Memory of Gert & Shorty Pratt given by Mary Ann & Sue Kowalski.
- In Memory of Linda Pratt Larson given by Mary Ann & Sue Kowalski.
- In Memory of Lori Pratt Fox given by Mary Ann & Sue Kowalski.
- In Memory of Jerry Davis given by Richard & Pamela Eggers, Rita White, Lori Neuman & James Sinclair, Ron & Fanny Ingwell, Larry Neckerly, Orvin & Ruth Siegenthaler.



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. The amounts will never be listed!

Online Giving & Mobile Giving

Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJ3M/home> for our online giving version or download the app in your Apple or Google Play app. Enter with church code **FS4XM7**. Thank you for your continued support to the church.



A look at the Darlington numbers for June

Income	\$ 15,052.89
Expenses	- 15,465.74
Difference	(\$412.85)

YTD 2025

YTD Income	\$ 69,838.99
YTD Expenses	- 66,715.91
YTD	\$3,123.08

2025 Apportionment Total - \$28,488

Paid YTD - \$6,050
Balance Left for 2025- \$ 17,705
Percentage paid - 21.77%



Midwest Mission, is a vital arm of the United Methodist Church. Working alongside the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), they bring hope to those in need, **next door and across the sea!** Learn how members of our Church can help by visiting midwestmission.org and **watching the Newsletter** for more information. While you're waiting.....do you have a retired sewing machine, or a bicycle sitting in your garage? You could save the day if you would consider donating them to our Church, and then onto Midwest Mission! The Mission is also in need of bars of soap, deodorant, leather work gloves, baby onsies (size 0-6 months), 24 pack crayons, 12 pack colored pencils and diaper pins. Please leave your donation in the Midwest Mission basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you and God Bless!



Wisconsin Conference United Women in Faith Youth Mission Camp (YoMiCa) *July 20—25 (Sun—Fri)*

YoMiCa (Youth Mission Camp) is a week filled with classic camp experience combined with learning about the mission of the church. Join other youth grades 4-6 and 6-9 at Pine Lake camp in July. Make new friends while you swim, play evening games and learn about how missionaries are making a difference in countries and communities around the world. [Click here for camp registration and camp schedule.](#)

Scholarships from Wisconsin Conference Mission U are available to cover up to half the cost of attending YoMiCa. Any youth wishing to attend this camp may request a scholarship. All are welcome at camp. You do not need to be United Methodist or connected to a church. Additional scholarships are available through the camp office.

Faithful. Fruitful. Financially Wise.
2025 Stewardship Conference at Pine Lake

Theme: Faithful. Fruitful. Financially Wise.
August 8–9, 2025
Pine Lake Camp, Westfield, WI
Zoom & In-Person Options Available



The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation invites clergy and lay leaders to a weekend designed to inspire generosity, build confidence, and strengthen your church's financial discipleship.

Whether you're just beginning or deepening your stewardship ministry, this two-day conference has something for you. Friday features two tracks—Foundations of Faithful Stewardship and Growing Fruit That Lasts—with sessions on narrative budgets, Consecration Sunday, planned giving, church financial tools, and more. Saturday brings everyone together for practical and visionary workshops on topics like:

- Rich Church, Poor Church: Bridging the Gap Between Assets and Vitality
- Next Generation Stewardship: Engaging Youth, Families, and Gen Alpha
- Talking About Money More Effectively in Church
- Understanding and Engaging Millennial and Gen Z Givers
- Endowment Planning & Revive Community Development. In-person attendees enjoy lodging, meals, and a beautiful camp setting.

Zoom participation is available per church. All attendees receive access to session recordings to share with teams back home.

Register early to secure lodging. Visit <https://www.wumf.org/upcoming-events/> for full schedule and details.

DARLINGTON
• CHAMBER/MAIN STREET •

Tunes at Twilight 2025

Sunday evenings this summer!
6-8 p.m. • Veterans Memorial Park • Darlington, WI

 JUNE 29 SHEKINAH KING	 JULY 6 FRANK MARTIN BUSCH & THE NAMES	 JULY 13 JACKSON TAYLOR
 JULY 20 2ND GENERATION <small>Featuring a preview of Darlington Children's Theatre</small>	 JULY 27 GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN <small>FEATURING LOCAL TALENT: SYDNEY BRANDT, SADIE JOHNSON, MEGHAN SOLBERG, CLAREY KNELLWOLF-SCHWARTZ, MOLLY UPPENA, CARLY WINSLOW</small>	

Bring a blanket or chair, sit back, and enjoy the tunes • Snacks sold by local organizations
Line-up is subject to change • Rain location: Driver Opera House • Like Tunes at Twilight on Facebook for announcements

Our Church will be providing food and beverages for the **July 6th and July 13th Tunes At Twilight**. The United Methodist Men/UMM will be cooking July 6th, grilling brats, burgers and hotdogs AND topping the meal off with ROOT BEER FLOATS! Our Women in Faith/WIF will host at the July 13th concert, serving bar-b-ques, grilled hot dogs while the Lafayette Homemakers serve their famous pies. Please consider joining the fun for great food and music in the park. The proceeds from the UMM and UWF help fund Church needs and programs. Hope to see you there and carryouts will be available.
Food will be ready around 5:30 pm.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith Meeting
July 17, 2025—5:00 pm

Boating fun with the Pratt's



Witness

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”

These final words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew have long inspired the church to share the message of faith with the world.

Over the years, I've heard many suggestions on how we might do this—some advocate for door-to-door outreach, like Mormon missionaries; others prefer modern marketing methods such as social media campaigns. Still others say, “We should focus on our own before reaching out.” Each of these approaches has merit, but they also raise a deeper question: *How does God truly touch people's lives today?*

Henri Nouwen offers a helpful perspective: “Often we think that to witness means to speak up in defense of God. This idea can make us very self-conscious. We wonder where and how we can make God the topic of our conversations and how to convince our families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues of God's presence in their lives . . . (But) the way God's Spirit manifests itself most convincingly is through its fruits: 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.' These fruit speak for themselves. It is therefore, always better to raise the question, 'How can I grow in the Spirit?' than the question 'How can I make others believe in the Spirit?'”

In other words, the most powerful witness we offer is not through strategies or persuasion, but through the lives we live. When we become a community that reflects God's love, forgiveness, and service, people notice. In a world marked by division and loneliness, being a faithful, Spirit-filled church may be the clearest way we share Christ with the world.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Marilyn Carpenter heard our plea for fabric to make diapers, receiving blankets, baby jackets and quilts for our mission partners at Midwest Mission. She decided it was high time to thin out her fabric "stash". She sorted, stacked and sorted some more, until a colorful collection (filling a large table) of fabric was ready to share with the mission and our own Church Sewing Group. We quickly put together some quilts (see photo), just in time to be shipped to those in need....and there is So Much More waiting for the sewers in our Church to transform into infant clothing, diapers, quilts and more. Angels come in all shapes and sizes, colors and talents. Marilyn's thoughtfulness will help so many now and down the road.



Baptisms



Henry Yuen
Son of Stephen & Samantha
Yuen



Gary Garrison
Son of Garth & Rebecca
Garrison



Thank you to all who came supported
this fundraiser.



"NEWS" from the 2025 Annual Conference - Your Lay Leader's View

We have a **NEW** BISHOP, who presided over his first Annual Conference. Bishop Dan Schwerin will steer the ship with a genuine love of God and ALL God's people. He is smart, kind, experienced in every field of ministry and we welcome him! The UMC has a **NEW** VISION STATEMENT; "Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully and Lead Courageously". More on that in a couple weeks.

We've ratified four **NEW** Amendments to the UMC Constitution, concerning Regionalization which will allow for the way the *UMC Worldwide*, organizes its geographical regions to align with each region's unique situations. Also ratified was an amendment broadening our inclusivity language, i.e. *All means all people* are welcome in the UMC. Another amendment strengthened the language concerning the UMC long standing Racial Justice commitment and lastly the educational requirements of clergy voting for clergy delegates was made more consistent and clear.



The **NEW** UMC Church (in the U.S.) will be 25% smaller than before the disaffiliations, and all facets of administration will reflect this.

And finally, a **NEW** Budget for 2026, which will reflect the changes the Church has survived since 2019. There will be more details presented in the coming weeks, and of course the Wisconsin Conference website, wisconsinumc.org has a wealth of information!

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – JULY 2025
 (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>
July 5	Romans 16	_____
July 12	I Corinthians 5	_____
July 19	I Corinthians 10	_____
July 26	I Corinthians 15	_____

(Progress Milestone: 148 chapters read – 56.9% of the New Testament)

OLD TESTAMENT SELECTED BIBLE READINGS SCHEDULE – JULY 2025
 (Read one chapter **each weekday** to complete Year 2025 Old Testament readings.)

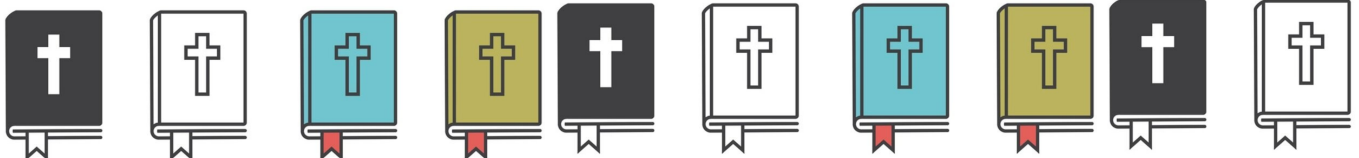
<u>End of Week (Saturday)</u>	<u>Chapters Completed</u>	<u>Check-off</u>
July 5	Ezekiel 10	_____
July 12	Ezekiel 15	_____
July 19	Ezekiel 20	_____
July 26	Ezekiel 25	_____

(Progress Milestone: 148 chapters read – 59.2% of the Books of the Prophets)

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR JULY 2025

___ 7/01/25	Psalm 30	Be Thankful for God's Mercy
___ 7/02/25	II Samuel 22:21-28	The Lord Rewards Righteousness
___ 7/03/25	Proverbs 11:16-23	Sow Righteousness-Reap a Reward
___ 7/04/25	Galatians 6:1-16	Doing Good to All
___ 7/05/25	Luke 9:57-62	The Cost of Following Jesus
___ 7/06/25	Luke 10:1-20	Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two
___ 7/07/25	Psalm 82	God Administers Judgment
___ 7/08/25	Amos 7:7-17	Amos and a Plumb Line
___ 7/09/25	Deuteronomy 4:5-8	God Is Near When We Pray
___ 7/10/25	Ephesians 1:15-23	Thanksgiving and Prayer
___ 7/11/25	Colossians 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and Prayer
___ 7/12/25	Romans 13:8-10	Love Fulfills the Law
___ 7/13/25	Luke 10:25-37	The Parable of the Good Samaritan
___ 7/14/25	Amos 8:1-12	A Basket of Ripe Fruit
___ 7/15/25	Psalm 52	Trust in God's Unfailing Love
___ 7/16/25	Romans 16:25-27	To God Be Glory Forever
___ 7/17/25	Colossians 1:15-29	The Supremacy of Christ
___ 7/18/25	I Chronicles 16:7-11	Seek the Lord
___ 7/19/25	Psalm 27:4-8	Seeking the Lord
___ 7/20/25	Luke 10:38-42	Mary's Choice – Jesus Teaching
___ 7/21/25	Hosea 1:1-11	Hosea's Wife and Children
___ 7/22/25	Zephaniah 2:1-7	The Lord God Will Restore His People
___ 7/23/25	Psalm 85	A Psalm of Restoration
___ 7/24/25	Romans 8:1-8	Life Through the Spirit
___ 7/25/25	Colossians 2:6-23	Freedom From Human Regulations
___ 7/26/25	I John 4:1-6	Test the Spirits
___ 7/27/25	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus' Teaching on Prayer
___ 7/28/25	Hosea 11:1-11	God's Love for Israel
___ 7/29/25	Psalm 107:1-9, 43	The Redeemed of the Lord
___ 7/30/25	Colossians 3:1-11	Rules for Holy Living
___ 7/31/25	Ecclesiastes 5:10-20	Riches Are Meaningless



July Lectionary

July 6

4th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

July 20

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

July 27

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10

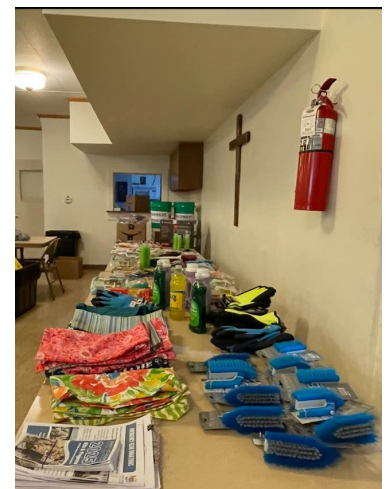
Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

The Ingathering Event for Midwest Mission was held recently, at Annual Conference held in Middleton.

When Tim Pratt pulled up in Middleton, at the Annual Conference Ingathering Event, with a fully-loaded trailer (provided by Dick Allendorf) **packed** with donations, he brought smiles and warmed the hearts of the volunteers from Midwest Mission. SO MANY generous donations from both the Fayette and Darlington Churches are now on their way to flood and hurricane victims in the Southern U.S., and on board ships headed overseas. Homeless shelters can restock personal toiletry supplies to those in need and newborn babies will have clothing, blankets and diapers they so desperately need. ALL THANKS to our wonderful congregation, the UMM and UWF. From hearts to hands.





July 1 Grace King
 July 3 Tim Douglas
 July 3 James Ackley
 July 4 Todd Chiaverotti
 July 4 Wyatt Boatman
 July 5 Meghan Douglas
 July 7 Sandy Morrison
 July 8 Morgan Black
 July 8 Skye Havens
 July 8 Mary Gould
 July 9 Skye Stecklein
 July 11 Susan Kowalski
 July 12 Deb Quinn
 July 13 Anyka Johnson
 July 14 Bea Thuli
 July 14 Camryn Andrews

July 17 Sheila Meyers
 July 17 Dan Meyers
 July 17 Ray VanMatre
 July 17 Kris Swanson
 July 17 Jacob Brown
 July 18 Scott Boatman
 July 19 Ava Hendrickson
 July 21 Shawn Benson
 July 21 Shane Reichling
 July 22 Ryder Fitzsimons
 July 23 Arnie Mieke
 July 23 Ronnie Rush
 July 24 Gary Blosch
 July 24 Leona Havens
 July 26 Pat Steiner
 July 26 Gracie Douglas
 July 26 Rick Fink
 July 27 Steve Crist
 July 28 Leah Sinclair
 July 29 Tammy Boyle
 July 29 Jerry Davis
 July 31 Ciarrh Davis
 July 31 Fanny Ingwell



July 11 Arnie and Ann Mieke
 July 12 Tom and Patti Black
 July 26 William and Michelle Eaton
 July 31 Ron and Fanny Ingwell



July Liturgists

July 6 D- Judy Whalen
 F- Lance Lansing
 July 13 D- Joan Thompson
 F- Ron Ingwell
 July 20 D- Kent McConnell
 F- Pam Gould
 July 27 D- Kent Mieke
 F- Dennis Wirth

July Ushers

July 6 Cathy Paulson
 Beaver Paulson
 July 13 Tim Pratt
 Vickie Pratt
 July 20 Tim Stover
 Stephanie Stover
 July 27 Todd Chiaverotti
 Cheryl Chiaverotti

July Acolytes

July 6 Rya Fitzsimons
 Chesne Fink
 July 13 Evan Komprood
 Coby Lancaster
 July 20 Rya Fitzsimons
 Maicy Norgard
 July 27 Cheyenne Elzen
 Ryley Burbach

Sneak peak at August 3

Liturgist: D- Joan Thompson
 F- Lance Lansing
 Ushers: Beaver Paulson
 Cathy Paulson
 Acolytes: Evan Komprood
 Coby Lancaster

With our Sympathy

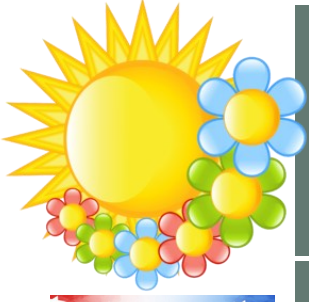
We mourn with our community the passing of Jerry Davis

His Wife
 Dixie Davis
 434 Wells St.
 Darlington, WI 53530



COME Worship WITH US

July 2025



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12
6 4th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington	10:30 Service @ Manor 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry		10-3 Darlington Food Pantry		Pastor InSun's Day Off

14	15	16	17	18	19
13 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry		10-3 Darlington Food Pantry 5:00 UWF mtg.		

**Pastor InSun at New Ministry Class
July 16-17**

21	22	23	24	25	26
20 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Baptism	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry		10-3 Darlington Food Pantry		

28	29	30	31		
27 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington	10-3 Darlington Food Pantry		10-3 Darlington Food Pantry		

