



Darlington and Fayette United Methodist Churches March 2025



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A Lenten Reflection...



- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
- Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
- Give up worry; trust divine Providence
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope
- Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
- Give up hatred; return good for evil
- Give up negativism; be positive
- Give up pettiness; become mature
- Give up jealousy; pray for trust



Spring Is Coming



“Spring in My Hometown” is one of the children’s songs that contains the sentiment of Korean folks’ hometown well. It is still being sung by many people over time. Here is the lyric of Spring in My Hometown:

*“My hometown that I lived in is a flower blooming mountainous place;
With peach blossoms, apricot blossoms and baby azaleas.
A whole town full of colorful flower blossoms.
I long for the time I played in that place.”*

The composer of this song wrote the lyrics when he was 14 years old. For immigrants who have left their homeland and lived in a distant land for a long time, this song may be sung more than the national anthem.

Spring is coming. It is the season when all things come to life when life, which has been holding its breath all through the cold winter, is fully stretched. What is the name of the season ‘Spring’? Spring is where clear water gushes out between rocks. This means ‘rising up.’ It has become a word meaning spring, the season when new shoots emerge from the ground, green buds burst out on dead-looking branches, and all things emerge after waking up from a long hibernation.

As the Season of Lent is approaching, how can our spiritual vitality be restored? In



Isaiah 44:3-4, God promises that He will restore his people, *“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. They shall SPRING UP like grass in a meadow, like willows by flowing streams.”* This verb SPRING UP reminds us of spring. It is the promise that there will be a restoration of the spiritual spring day. Spring is the season when everything springs up. I hope that spring of spiritual recovery will come to our lives as well, where everything will be newly restored, vitality will be restored, and dynamic vitality will be regained. Spring up! Spring is coming.

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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.



Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of December/January

- In Memory of Sally Gorgas given by Roger Gorgas.
- In Memory of Delbert Steiner given by Pat Steiner.
- IN Memory of Pete & Millie Parkinson, Dana Parkinson given by Steve Parkinson.
- In Memory of Calin Wirth by Dennis Wirth.
- In Memory of Richard Boatman given by Gloria Boatman.

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!



UMCOR Sunday is March 30, 2024.

UMCOR serves as a “voice of conscience among Methodists to act in the relief of human suffering without distinction of race, color or creed,” by reaching out to children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.

As a church, we have decided to support UMCOR’s mission through this special giving Sunday.

If you would like to make a donation to UMCOR for relief efforts, please do so on March 30 and mark your contribution with UMCOR.

This is the way that we are in mission throughout the world, as soon as it is needed. Our special offering allows UMCOR to be ready to serve at a moments notice.

Won't you consider equipping Christ's Body to serve?

A look at the Darlington numbers for January

Income	\$ 8,830.47
Expenses	- 13,487.64
Difference	\$4,657.17

YTD 2024

YTD Income	\$ 8,830.47
YTD Expenses	- 13,487.64
YTD	\$ 4,657.17

2025 Apportionment Total - \$28,488

Paid YTD - \$1,200
Balance Left for 2025- \$ 27,288
Percentage paid - 4.21%

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.





Silent Auction

Men's Silent Auction

The United Methodist Men are holding a Silent Auction in the back of the League Room at the Darlington Church March 2-16.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, March 5th, is the first day in the Christian Season of Lent. It is a call for reflections and repentance. It falls on a different date each year because it is dependent on the date of Easter. It can occur as early as 4 February or as late as 10 March.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are from the previous year's burnt Palm Sunday branches. These ashes are mixed with olive oil. This paste is used at the service to make the sign of the cross as a sign of penance, upon each person's forehead. As it is placed, the minister recites the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return", or "Repent, and believe the Gospel."

The Season of Lent

Lent is a season of soul-searching, repentance, and renewal. It is a season for reflection, taking stock, and starting over again.

Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism.

By observing the forty days of Lent (Sundays are not included in this count as they are considered a day for celebrating the Resurrection), the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles. (*The Apostolic Constitutions*, Book V, Section III.)

Darlington - Blood Drive

Monday, March 24

12:30pm - 5:30pm

Darlington American Legion

Appointments: 1-800-733-2767

or visit redcrossblood.org





Classes are Wednesdays @ 6 p.m. – All Grades

Confirmation

Confirmation class has begun. It will take place on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in the Welcome Hall located upstairs in the Education Building. Please pray for our Confirmands this year.

The Choir will be singing on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Choir practice will be on Wednesday nights at 7pm. If it is a Sunday that they sing, they will have practice at 9 a.m. to run thru the songs.

We are looking for more people to join the choir. If you are interested please contact Doug Kelly.



Rosie's Bags

Rosie Bags are back and looking for donations. Rosie Bags send a weekend snack bag home with about 40 DEMS students per week. With rising costs and growing number of students in need, our funds over time have depleted quickly. We are asking for **monetary or food donations** to help offset the cost of snacks for our needy students. Any questions, please reach out to Danielle Hardyman or Jamie Hartwig.

If you would like to donate to this program, submit donations in the offering plate or send to the church office. Please mark donations "Rosie's Bags". Thank you for your support.



Scholarships

Seniors and College Students and their Parents, please check your email for the Scholarship information from the UWF & Foundation. They are due by April 1. Any questions, please contact the office.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

- Ash Wednesday, March 5**– 6:00 pm Worship at DUMC
- Palm Sunday, April 13**– 8:30am Worship at FUMC
10:00am Worship at DUMC
- Maundy Thursday, April 17**- 6pm at DUMC
- Good Friday, April 18**— 1:00 pm Worship at DUMC
- Easter Sunday, April 20** 8:30am Worship at FUMC
10:00am Worship at DUMC

Keeping you safe!!!

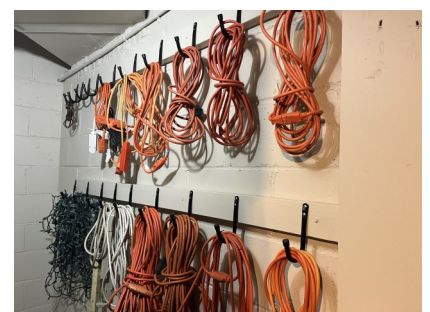
Update on the "Keeping You Safe" Information Published in the February, 2025 Newsletter.

The Ad Council, at their February 20th meeting, again discussed the locking of Church doors 10 minutes after the beginning of worship service. It was decided to utilize a doorbell system, rather than asking latecomers to knock on the door, alerting the ushers to let them in. The hope is that a doorbell hooked to an indicator light (sitting on the usher's table), would be less disruptive.....we hope, and we shall give it a try.

We hope this makes our congregation feel safer. If you have any questions please contact Fritz Hanewall, Admin Chair.



Trustee Work Day



Love that Moves Us

One of the things I love most about the Good News is its message that God loves us just as we are, right where we are. That is the most fundamental message of grace — that “God loved us while we were yet sinners” (Romans 5:8). God sent His Son into the midst of a world that would ultimately put Him to death. And God continues to reach out to those who are the least, the last, and the lost. Without that message of Good News, it wouldn’t be the Gospel.

But there is another part. Yes, God loves us just as we are, but He also loves us too much to let us stay where we are. God’s desire for us is to grow in all ways to become more like Jesus.

So, how do we become more like Jesus? By growing as disciples —through devotion, prayer, generosity, following Jesus’ teachings, and being open to where God might lead us. Grace is free, but holiness and godliness require discipline — the spiritual work to which we are called as disciples. In fact, the word “disciple” shares its root with “discipline.” Those who seek to grow in faith and spiritual maturity respond to the Good News of God’s love by committing to prayer, study, worship, and service.

This Lenten season, let’s renew our commitment to make room in our lives for God through all the means at our disposal.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Children’s Time



Darlington & Fayette United Methodist Churches

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR MARCH 2025

___ 3/01/25	II Corinthians 3:12-4:5	The Lord Removes the Veil
___ 3/02/25	Luke 9:28-45	The Transfiguration
	(Transfiguration Sunday-March 2)	
___ 3/03/25	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Offering of Firstfruits
___ 3/04/25	Psalm 91	Our Lord – Our Refuge and Fortress
___ 3/05/25	Galatians 2:15-21	Justified By Faith in Jesus Christ
	(Ash Wednesday – March 5)	
___ 3/06/25	Romans 3:21-26	Righteousness Through Faith
___ 3/07/25	Romans 10:8-13	Confession and Belief-Jesus Is Lord
	(World Day of Prayer – March 7)	
___ 3/08/25	Exodus 30:1-9	The Altar of Incense
___ 3/09/25	Luke 4:1-13	The Devil Tries to Tempt Jesus
___ 3/10/25	Psalm 27	Our Lord – Our Salvation
___ 3/11/25	Genesis 15:1-18	God’s Covenant With Abram (Abraham)
___ 3/12/25	Numbers 34:1-12	Boundaries of Canaan
___ 3/13/25	Ephesians 2:14-22	Fellow Citizens With God’s People
___ 3/14/25	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Our Citizenship in Heaven
___ 3/15/25	Psalm 118:19-26	The Gates of Righteousness
___ 3/16/25	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus’ Sorrow for Jerusalem
___ 3/17/25	Luke 19:41-44	Jesus Wept Over Jerusalem
___ 3/18/25	Isaiah 55:1-9	The Lord’s Higher Ways and Thoughts
___ 3/19/25	Psalm 63:1-8	Seek God – Praise God
___ 3/20/25	I Corinthians 10:1-13	Warnings From Israel’s History
___ 3/21/25	Acts 3:16-21	Repent and Turn to God
___ 3/22/25	Acts 17:22-31	Command to Repent
___ 3/23/25	Luke 13:1-9	Repent or Perish
___ 3/24/25	Joshua 5:9-12	Celebrate Passover at Gilgal
___ 3/25/25	Psalm 32	The Joy of Forgiveness
___ 3/26/25	Romans 6:4-14	Dead to Sin - Alive in Christ
___ 3/27/25	Romans 6:15-23	Slaves of Righteousness
___ 3/28/25	II Corinthians 5:16-21	New Creation in Christ
___ 3/29/25	Jeremiah 50:4-7	The Lord’s People – Lost Sheep
___ 3/30/25	Luke 15:1-3 & 11-32	The Parable of the Lost Son
___ 3/31/25	Acts 7:29-36	Exodus From Egypt



March Lectionary

March 2

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

March 9

1st Sunday in Lent

Scouting Ministries Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 16

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 23

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 30

4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 6:15:1-3, 11b-32

Religious Education





Mar 1 Zoie Zuberbuhler
 Mar 2 Ashley Tyson
 Mar 3 Robin Steiner
 Mar 3 Lexi Jones
 Mar 3 Dallas Hermanson
 Mar 8 Ruth E. Thompson
 Mar 8 Knox Reichling
 Mar 10 Cathy Paulson
 Mar 10 Tammy Halvorson

Mar 12 Carmen Rielly
 Mar 12 Jackson Hemming
 Mar 14 Ann Mieke
 Mar 14 Alex Abraham
 Mar 15 Dan Hemming
 Mar 16 Gary Bawden
 Mar 16 Nathan Thomas
 Mar 16 Bill Whitford
 Mar 18 Bridget Schuchart
 Mar 18 Dakota Davis
 Mar 19 Logan Hermanson
 Mar 19 Kelly King
 Mar 20 Kathy Blosch
 Mar 20 Erica Halvorson

Mar 21 Caitlyn Chiaverotti
 Mar 23 Jean North
 Mar 24 Blaise Watters
 Mar 24 Cassy (Steiner) LaZars
 Mar 25 Jean Peters
 Mar 25 Payton Steiner
 Mar 26 Paula Stauffacher
 Mar 26 Danielle Bailey
 Mar 26 Remie Nyffenegger
 Mar 27 Harley Halvorson
 Mar 27 Amy Thomas
 Mar 28 Shirley McConnell
 Mar 30 Chelsea Edwards
 Mar 30 Archer Chiaverotti

March Liturgists

Mar 2 D- Kent Mieke
 F- Lance Lansing
 Mar 9 D- Judy Whalen
 F- Pam Gould
 Mar 16 D- Kent McConnell
 F- Dennis Wirth
 Mar 23 D- Kent Mieke
 F- Ron Ingwell
 Mar 30 D- Judy Whalen
 F- Lance Lansing



Happy Anniversary

Mar 18 - John & Marie Wamsley

March Acolytes

Mar 2 Rya Fitzsimons
 Chesne Fink
 Mar 9 Evan Komprood
 Coby Lancaster
 Mar 16 Cheyenne Elzen
 Ryley Burbach
 Mar 23 Rya Fitzsimons
 Chesne Fink
 Mar 30 Cheyenne Elzen
 Ryley Burbach

Thank You

March Ushers

Mar 2 Cathy Paulson
 Beaver Paulson
 Mar 9 Jason Hendrickson
 Dick Allendorf
 Mar 16 Tim Pratt
 Vickie Pratt
 Mar 23 Tim Stover
 Stephanie Stover
 Mar 30 Cheryl Chiaverotti
 Todd Chiaverotti

Sneak peak at April 1

Liturgist: D- Kent Mieke
 F- Lance Lansing
 Ushers: Beaver Paulson
 Cathy Paulson
 Acolytes: Rya Fitzsimons
 Chesne Fink

COME WITH US Worship

March 2025



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<p>2 Transfiguration Sunday <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry</p>	<p>5 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service Religious Education Confirmation Class</p>	<p>6 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry</p>	<p>7 World Day of Prayer Pastor InSun's Day Off</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Baptism</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 10:30 Service at Manor</p>	<p>12 6:00 Religious Education 6:00 Confirmation Class 7:00 Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry</p>	<p>14 Pastor InSun's Day Off</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 6:00 Religious Education Confirmation Class</p>	<p>20 6:30 Trustee mtg.</p>	<p>21 Pastor InSun's Day Off</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 6:00 Religious Education Confirmation Class</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 4th Sunday in Lent <i>UMCOR Sunday</i> 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington</p>	<p>31</p>					

