



Darlington and Fayette United Methodist Churches March 2026



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Holy Week and Easter Services



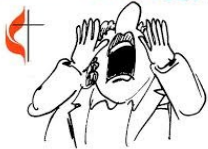
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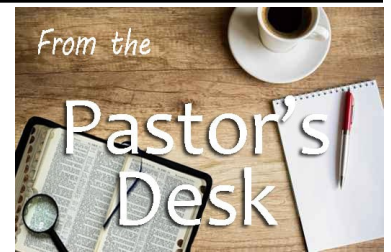


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“Awakening Our Hearts This Lent”

As we enter this holy season of Lent, I invite our church family to see these forty days not simply as a tradition on the calendar, but as a sacred opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God. Lent is a time to meditate on Christ’s death and resurrection. It is also a time to courageously face our own death and resurrection in Him.



The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:31, *“I die every day.”* The Christian life is a daily surrender. There is only one throne in our hearts. Either we sit on it, or Christ does. In Galatians 2:20–21, Paul declares, *“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”* When Jesus died on the cross, our sinful self was put to death with Him. When He rose in victory, He completed His mission and secured His triumph. Because of His resurrection, we are able to fight sin and overcome it. Jesus is always our supporter and helper, yet we must choose daily to surrender and obey.

Lent asks us an honest question. In what areas do I need to die, and in what areas do I need to be resurrected by God?

Some may struggle with sins that visibly harm others and themselves. Some may be battling anger, addiction, or destructive habits. Many of us, however, wrestle with things that may not appear to be serious sins or seem to harm anyone else. Pride, selfish ambition, jealousy, spiritual laziness, indifference, or a lack of love can quietly take the throne of our hearts. The most important question is not how we judge ourselves or how others judge us. It is how God sees us. Even if everything appears fine outwardly, if God says no, it is not good for us.

The more we draw near to God through prayer, Scripture, and quiet reflection, the more sensitive we become to His voice. It is similar to how we know what our family members love or dislike. We know because we spend time with them. God speaks through the Holy Spirit, often gently, in our thoughts, convictions, and the Word. He is always speaking. The question is whether we are listening.

In the Gospel of Matthew 25:29, Jesus says, *“For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”* Spiritually, this is a sobering truth. When we respond to the guidance God gives us, He entrusts us with greater clarity, deeper understanding, and a more intimate awareness of His will. But when we ignore His voice and close our ears, our hearts can grow numb. Even the sensitivity we once had can fade. It is not that God stops speaking, but that we stop listening.

This Lent, let us wake up our spiritual sensitivity. If you feel that you have never clearly sensed God’s voice before, this is a precious time to begin. Calm yourself. Open your heart and mind. Be ready to change whatever God challenges you to change.

Let this season be a revival of our souls. Turn away from spiritual laziness and indifference. Join the Lenten journey intentionally. Practice dying daily so that Christ may live more fully in you. As we walk with Jesus toward the cross and the empty tomb, may we not only remember His death and resurrection, but truly live them out every day.

Rev. Han Lee

Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of January & February

- In Memory of Charlene Burkeland given by Gloria Boatman.
- In Memory of Anne Craig, Lois Gordon & Roger Gorgas given by Cheryl & Todd Chiaverotti.
- In Memory of Mike Curry given by Karen Curry.
- In Memory of Stan Howard given by Marion Howard.
- In Honor of Carolyn Abraham’s birthday given by Allan Abraham.



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!

A look at the Darlington numbers for January.

Income	\$ 9,079.62
Expenses	- 11,907.83
Difference	(\$ 2,828.21)

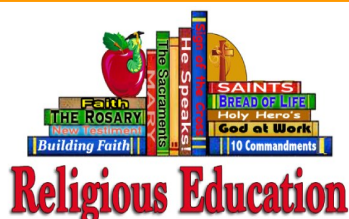
YTD 2026

YTD Income	\$ 9,079.62
YTD Expenses	- 11,907.83
YTD	(\$ 2,828.21)

2026 Apportionment Total - \$26,484
 Paid YTD - \$1,350
 Balance Left for 2026- \$ 25,1347
 Percentage paid - 5.10%

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.



If you have a child in grades 1st-8th, please let Jamie Smith or the church office know so we can update our list. If you are willing to serve or lead, contact the office.
The children meet every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday Services during Lent
 Feb 25—March 25
 6:00 p.m.
 Communion will be served every Wednesday
 At: Immanuel United Church of Christ
 A Light supper served @ 5 pm
 Signup for Lenten supper prep is on table in back of Sanctuary




Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday	March 29	8:30am Worship at FUMC 10:00am Worship at DUMC
Maundy Thursday	April 2	6pm at DUMC
Good Friday	April 3	6:00 pm Worship at Immanuel United Church of Christ
Easter Sunday	April 5	8:30am Worship at FUMC 10:00am Worship at DUMC



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 until March 15. Please support the Church with your bid.
 Thank You



UMCOR Sunday is March 15, 2026.

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 15 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?



When: Thursdays March 5-May 28, 2026
Time: 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church
15691 County Rd K
Darlington, WI 53530

Contact: Gary Swigart
gary@fbcdarlington.com
608-558-7128

Or register at: griefshare.org/findagroup
Cost: No cost for this Grief Share



UWF Easter Flower Sale

We will fill the sanctuary with Easter Lilys, Tulips, Daffodils or Hyacinths and colored Flower Pictures on Easter Sunday. Plants will be ordered from Natures' Gifts. Flower Pictures will be colored by Religious Education students. For \$15 each, the flower you order can be taken with you that day or will be delivered to your designee.

Complete the order form below and submit it Sunday offering or church office by March 23. Names will be listed as you indicate below.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

or In Honor of: _____



Please circle one: *Easter Lily* *Tulip* *Daffodil* *Hyacinth* *Colored Picture*
 Cost is \$15 per plant or picture

Checks Payable to: United Women in Faith (UWF)

Lay Servant Training: Called to Preach

April 10, 9 am - 4 pm & April 11, 9 am - noon Elk Mound: Trinity UMC

Called to Preach is a course designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Called to Preach is the required preaching course in the lay speaker track of study. Please purchase From Pew to Pulpit, by Clifton F. Guthrie, available at Cokesbury.com.

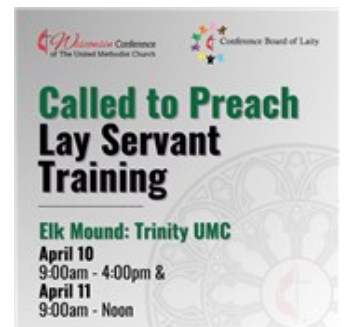
The cost of the training is \$25.00. Pay upon arrival.
 (Both sessions must be completed for class credit).

Register here <https://wisconsin-reg.brtaapp.com/lsmregistrationcalledtopreach>

Course Coordinator:

Rev. Joel Certa-Werner, joelumcrev@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2026



Darlington - Blood Drive

Monday, March 23

12:30pm - 5:30pm

Darlington American Legion

Appointments: 1-800-733-2767

or visit redcrossblood.org



Scholarships

Seniors and College Students and their Parents, please watch your email for the Scholarship information from the UWF & United Methodist Foundation.

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.



Meals on Wheels: THANK YOU!!!

We give thanks for those that delivered meals on wheels on behalf of The United Methodist Church of Darlington in the "rough" month of January.

- Bob & Ellen Boatman
- Donna Smith
- Gloria Blaser
- Joan Thompson
- Judy Whalen
- Cheryl Chiaverotti

Thank you for your commitment!
Our next delivery month will be June

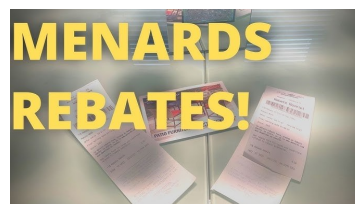
Thanks much.
Barb Eicher



Helping the Church

Feel called to help out the church but can't figure out a way to do it..... Do you shop at Menards??? If you do then consider keeping your rebates for the church. If you don't send them in and want to donate, either send them to the Church, attention Vickie Pratt, Treasurer, or drop them in the collection plate. They can use your donated reward dollars to purchase supplies.

THANK YOU.



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 through the songs.

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



Grace that Keeps Moving

There's a difference between grace that stops with us and grace that keeps moving.

Grace, at its core, is a gift we didn't earn and can't repay. God offers love, forgiveness, mercy, and belonging not because we've checked the right boxes, but because that's who God is. And while receiving grace can be life-changing, one of the most faithful responses to grace is letting it flow through us to someone else.

The 2000 movie *Pay It Forward* explores this idea through a simple, hopeful premise. A middle-school student is given an assignment to come up with an idea that could change the world. His solution is disarmingly small: instead of paying someone back for a kindness, you "pay it forward" by doing something generous for three other people; something they couldn't easily do for themselves. Those people then do the same for others, creating a ripple effect of generosity and compassion.

The film isn't naïve about the difficulty of living this way. Not everyone responds. Some people stop the chain. Others are changed deeply. But the idea at the heart of the story rings true: grace grows when it's shared.

That's how God's grace often works in the real world. We receive forgiveness and choose to forgive someone else. We experience generosity and become more generous. We are shown patience and learn to extend patience to others. Grace doesn't lose power when it's shared – it multiplies.

Stewardship, at its best, is not about extracting resources or enforcing obligations. It's about helping people recognize the grace they've already received – and inviting them to pass it along. When generosity is rooted in gratitude and grace, it stops being a burden and becomes a joy.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation



Scrip sales cost you nothing and provide support for our church. The UMW sells Scrip cards: gift cards to over 750 retailers. These cards are sold to you at face value, costing you nothing more than you would normally spend. They are purchased though a discount, yielding a small profit for the church.

You can place an order with Sheila Kelly at kellysheila87@gmail.com or 608-482-1141. You can even purchase scrip on-line for immediate arrival of your printable gift cards at <https://www.raiseright.com/> Thank you Sheila for your hard work directing this important fund raising program!

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR MARCH 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
___ 3/01/26	John 3:1-17	Jesus Teaches Nicodemus
___ 3/02/26	Romans 5:1-11	Peace – Joy - Reconciliation
___ 3/03/26	Psalms 95	The Lord – Rock of Our Salvation
___ 3/04/26	Psalms 114	Water From the Rock
___ 3/05/26	Exodus 17:1-7	Water From the Rock
___ 3/06/26	Numbers 20:1-13	Water From the Rock
	(World Day of Prayer)	
___ 3/07/26	Jeremiah 2:12-19	The Lord – “Living Water”
___ 3/08/26	John 4:5-42	Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman
___ 3/09/26	Matthew 5:14-16	Light of the World
___ 3/10/26	Psalms 23	The Shepherd’s Psalm
___ 3/11/26	I Samuel 16:1-13	The Prophet Samuel Anoints David
___ 3/12/26	Ephesians 5:8-14	Live as Children of Light
___ 3/13/26	John 9:1-12	Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind
___ 3/14/26	John 9:13-34	The Pharisees Investigate the Healing
___ 3/15/26	John 9:35-41	Spiritual Blindness
___ 3/16/26	Romans 13:11-14	Put on the Armor of Light
___ 3/17/26	Psalms 130	Our Hope Is in the Lord
___ 3/18/26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	The Valley of Dry Bones
___ 3/19/26	Revelation 11:1-12	Prophecy – the Two Witnesses
___ 3/20/26	Romans 8:6-11	Dead to Sin – Alive to God
___ 3/21/26	John 11:1-16	The Death of Lazarus
___ 3/22/26	John 11:17-45	Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead
___ 3/23/26	Isaiah 50:4-9	The Ultimate Servant (the “Messiah”)
___ 3/24/26	Philippians 2:5-11	The Humility of Jesus Christ Our Lord
___ 3/25/26	I Corinthians 11:23-26	The Lord’s Supper
___ 3/26/26	Zechariah 9:9-12	Prophecy of Jesus’ Triumphal Entry
___ 3/27/26	Matthew 27:11-56	Jesus Stands Trial and Crucifixion
___ 3/28/26	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Gates of Righteousness/the Lord Is God
___ 3/29/26	Matthew 21:1-11	The Triumphal Entry of Jesus
	(Passion/Palm Sunday)	
___ 3/30/26	Jeremiah 31:1-6	The Remnant of Israel Saved
___ 3/31/26	Hebrews 9:11-15	The Blood of Christ

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WOMEN OF THE BIBLE WEEKDAY READING PLAN FOR MARCH 2026

DATE	SCRIPTURE	TOPIC
___ 3/2/26	Joshua 15:13-19	Caleb gives his daughter Acsah land with springs of water.
___ 3/3/26	Joshua 17:1-6	Zelophehad's daughters are given land.
___ 3/4/26	Judges chapter 4	Deborah (a judge) and Jael.
___ 3/5/26	Judges chapter 5	Deborah and Barak -song of victory.
___ 3/6/26	Judges 11:1 and Judges 11:29-40	Daughter of Jephthah.
___ 3/9/26	Judges 13:1-7 and 13:24-25	Manoah's wife-Mother of Samson.
___ 3/10/26	Judges 16:4-22	Delilah deceives Samson.
___ 3/11/26	Judges 21:1 & 15-25	Wives for the Benjamites.
___ 3/12/26	Ruth chapter 1	Ruth marries and becomes a widow.
___ 3/13/26	Ruth chapter 2	Ruth meets Naomi's relative Boaz.
___ 3/16/26	Ruth chapter 3	Ruth proposes marriage to Boaz.
___ 3/17/26	Ruth chapter 4	Ruth marries Boaz and has a son.
___ 3/18/26	I Samuel chapter 1	Hannah – mother of prophet Samuel.
___ 3/19/26	I Samuel 2:1-11	Hannah's Prayer.
___ 3/20/26	I Samuel 14:49-51	King Saul's wife was Ahinoan and his daughters Merab and Michal.
___ 3/23/26	I Samuel 18:12-19	David rejects the opportunity to marry King Saul's older daughter named Mareb.
___ 3/24/26	I Samuel 18:20-30	Michal (a younger daughter of King Saul) marries David.
___ 3/25/26	I Samuel 25:1-19	Abigail – wife of Nabal.
___ 3/26/26	I Samuel 25:20-44	Abigail marries David. David had also married Ahinoam of Jezreel.
___ 3/27/26	I Samuel 28:3-25	King Saul consults a woman medium at Endor.
___ 3/30/26	I Samuel 30:1-20	David's wives captured by the Amalekites.
___ 3/31/26	II Samuel 3:6-11	Abner is accused of an affair with King Saul's concubine – Rizpah.



NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – MARCH 2026		
(Schedule-Read one chapter each weekday to complete the New Testament in one year.)		
<u>End of Week (Saturday)</u>	<u>Chapters Completed</u>	<u>Check-off</u>
March 7	Luke 3	_____
March 14	Luke 8	_____
March 21	Luke 13	_____
March 28	Luke 18	_____
<i>(Progress Milestone: 62 chapters read – 23.8% of the New Testament)</i>		

March Lectionary

March 1
2nd Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 121
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 John 3:1-17

March 8
3rd Sunday in Lent
 Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42

March 15
4th Sunday in Lent
 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

March 22
2nd Sunday in Lent
 Ezekial 37:1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45

March 29
Palm Sunday
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Phillipians 31:9-16
 Matthew 26:14-27



Just a friendly reminder...

Church Use Reminder

We invite you to use our nursery room during church service. We also have rooms available in the Education Building and church, should you want to host a meeting or gathering. Please contact the office to reserve. **As always, we ask that you kindly pick up after use and leave the rooms as you found them. Thank you**

With our Sympathy

We mourn with our community the passing of

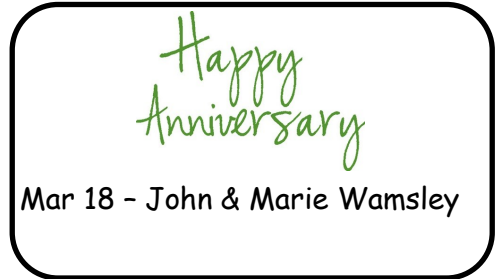
Lois Gordon
Her Daughter
 Cinda Quinn
 621 Evening Sun Way
 Verona, WI 53593

Roger Gorgas
His Nephew
 Eric Kuhls
 4494 Hwy 81
 Platteville, WI 53818





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| Mar 1 Zoie Zuberbuhler | Mar 16 Bill Whitford |
| Mar 2 Ashley Tyson | Mar 18 Bridget Schuchart |
| Mar 3 Robin Steiner | Mar 18 Dakota Davis |
| Mar 3 Lexi Jones | Mar 19 Logan Hermanson |
| Mar 3 Dallas Hermanson | Mar 20 Kathy Blosch |
| Mar 8 Ruth E. Thompson | Mar 20 Erica Halvorson |
| Mar 8 Knox Reichling | Mar 21 Caitlyn Chiaverotti |
| Mar 10 Cathy Paulson | Mar 23 Jean North |
| Mar 10 Tammy Halvorson | Mar 24 Blaise Watters |
| Mar 12 Carmen Rielly | Mar 24 Cassy (Steiner) LaZars |
| Mar 12 Jackson Hemming | Mar 25 Jean Peters |
| Mar 14 Ann Mieke | Mar 25 Payton Steiner |
| Mar 14 Alex Abraham | Mar 26 Paula Stauffacher |
| Mar 15 Dan Hemming | Mar 26 Danielle Bailey |
| Mar 16 Gary Bawden | Mar 26 Remie Nyffenegger |
| Mar 16 Nathan Thomas | Mar 27 Harley Halvorson |
| | Mar 27 Amy Thomas |
| | Mar 28 Shirley McConnell |
| | Mar 30 Chelsea Edwards |
| | Mar 30 Archer Chiaverotti |



- March Liturgists
- Mar 1 D- Judy Whalen
F- Lance Lansing
- Mar 8 D- Joan Thompson
F- Pam Gould
- Mar 15 D- Kent McConnell
F- Ron Ingwell
- Mar 22 D- Kent Mieke
F- Ron Ingwell
- Mar 29 D- Lori Allendorf
F- Ron Ingwell

- March Acolytes
- Mar 1 Rya Fitzsimons
Piper Ritchie
- Mar 8 Chesne Fink
Cruz Fink
- Mar 15 Cheyenne Elzen
Ryley Burbach
- Mar 22 Coby Lancaster
Hendrix Lund
- Mar 29 Wheeler Douglas
Kynrk Johnson

- March Ushers
- Mar 1 Cathy Paulson
Beaver Paulson
- Mar 8 Tim Pratt
Vickie Pratt
- Mar 15 Tim Stover
Stephanie Stover
- Mar 22 Todd Chiaverotti
Cheryl Chiaverotti
- Mar 29 Dick Allendorf
Tim Osterday



- Sneak peak at April 7
- Liturgist: D- Judy Whalen
F- Lance Lansing
- Ushers: Beaver Paulson
Cathy Paulson
- Acolytes: Rya Fitzsimons
Piper Ritchie

COME Worship WITH US

March 2026



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1 2nd Sunday in Lent

Communion Sunday

8:30 Worship in Fayette
9:00 Choir Practice
10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir

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10-3 Darlington Food Pantry
10:30 Worship @ Manor

4
6:00 Religious Education
1-5th graders at DUMC,
6th + at IUCC
6:00 Worship at
Immanuel Church of Christ

5
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

6
4:00 Second Harvest
Mobile Food Pantry

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8 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington



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10
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

11
6:00 Religious Education
1-5th graders at DUMC,
6th + at IUCC
6:00 Worship at
Immanuel Church of Christ
7:00 Choir Practice

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10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

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15 4th Sunday in Lent

Umcor Sunday

8:30 Worship in Fayette
9:00 Choir Practice
10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir

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17
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry



18
6:00 Religious Education
1-5th graders at DUMC,
6th + at IUCC
6:00 Worship at
Immanuel Church of Christ

19
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

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22 5th Sunday in Lent

8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington

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24
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

25
6:00 Religious Education
1-5th graders at DUMC,
6th + at IUCC
6:00 Worship at
Immanuel Church of Christ
7:00 Choir Practice

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10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

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29 Palm Sunday

8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington

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