



Darlington and Fayette United Methodist Churches March 2024



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Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

**online
GIVING**
easy. fast. effective

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Order Easter Flowers



Silent Auction

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United
Women
in Faith

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LECTIONARY



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WORSHIP
LEADERS

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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



**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY!**



Faith that Focuses on the Joy of God



“The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them.” (Psalms 11:4)

We live in many relationships: There are friends, siblings, parents, teachers and students, etc. It shouldn't be a one-sided relationship in order to continue to make a beautiful relationship. When it becomes considering and understanding for one another, the relationship continues to be beautiful and good.

Our faith is the same. If we only try to receive or get something from God one-sidedly, the faith is not healthy. Such faith can't last long. We should be people who can bring back something for God through our time, gifts, and service. We should be people who can work for God through our daily livings.



David didn't pay attention to what to receive and what to get from God. Rather, he was a man who had focused on; “What God will like” “How can I please God?” “What should I do?” Also, “What do I look like?” “How should I live to be pleased with God?” He was an attentive believer. For David's sake, God wanted to be considerate and take care of anything more. This relationship.....what a beautiful relationship it is.

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As we have been walking through this Lenten journey, there are some practices I recommend to help you keep a commune relationship with God:

1. **Read the Bible** following the daily reading plan of newsletter.
2. **Pray daily.**
3. **Give up complaining.**
4. **Move.** Do something every day based on “What God want me to do?”

We all need to move forward in that relationship. That's what a healthy believer looks like.

Pastor InSun

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.



Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday, March 24– 8:30am Worship at FUMC
10:00am Worship at DUMC
Maundy Thursday, March 28- 6pm @ DUMC
Good Friday, March 29 1:00 pm Worship at DUMC
Easter Sunday, March 31 8:30am Worship at FUMC
10:00am Worship at DUMC

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

- In Memory of Sally Gorgas given by Roger Gorgas.
- In Memory of Charlene Burkeland given by Gloria Boatman.
- In Memory of Charlene Burkeland given by Margaret Ruppert.
- In Honor of Brooks Jon Carpenter 1st Birthday given by Pat Steiner
- In Memory of Tom Osterday given by Tim & Kristin Osterday.
- In Memory of Gary Pelock given by Joyce Stoddard.



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 January

Income		\$ 6,479.42
Expenses	-	<u>20,146.74</u>
Difference		(\$13,667.32)

YTD 2024

YTD Income		\$ 6,479.42
YTD Expenses		<u>20,146.74</u>
YTD		(\$13,667.32)

2024 Apportionment Total - \$29,196

Paid YTD - 10,000
 Balance Left for 2024- \$19,196
 Percentage paid - 34.25%



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.



UMCOR Sunday is March 10, 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 10 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?



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 3-17.

The United Methodist Men are working on getting a group together to support and assist other groups in their projects if needed. They will be set a date for a meeting in March (watch March Newsletter for date). Our goals are to have better structure in developing the Men's group, better and faster communication, get input into our fundraising projects and to meet a few times a year as necessary, maybe 3-4 times a year. Look for an announcement date soon. We hope to get a strong group so we can better serve our church family.

Thank You
Fritz Hanewall



Scholarships

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

Graduation Sunday

We have many students that will be Graduating this year. **We will hold Graduation Sunday on Sunday May 19.** Please join us. Thank you for supporting our students as they venture into the "real world". The UWF will be hosting a **graduation breakfast** that morning for the seniors and their parents. Watch upcoming newsletters for more information.

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
March 26, 2024— 6:00 pm

Dessert will be served.

Darlington - Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 25
12:30pm - 5:30pm
Darlington American Legion
Appointments: 1-800-733-2767
or visit redcrossblood.org



Annual Conference Ingathering

The Wisconsin Conference Disaster Response Team and Mission Motivation Committee have been working with Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC). We will be collecting supplies until June 1. Please have your items to the church or Pastor InSun by then.

Items Needed:

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Re-sealable Plastic Bag

Home Care Kit

- 1 Liquid Household Cleaners (no spray bottles)
- 1 Dish Soaps—42-64 oz
- 1 Liquid Laundry Detergent 100-150 oz total
- 1 Scrub Brush– with our without handle
- 1 5 gal Round Bucket with a re-sealable lid

To provide a kit without shopping or sewing, bring a monetary donation to Annual Conference or send to: Wisconsin Conference of The UMC 750 Windsor Street, Suite 104 Sun Prairie, WI 53590 Please write check to: Wisconsin Conference add “Ingathering Home Care Kit” to memo line.

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – MARCH 2024

(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>
March 2	Luke 1	_____
March 9	Luke 6	_____
March 16	Luke 11	_____
March 23	Luke 16	_____
March 30	Luke 21	_____

(Progress Milestone: 65 chapters read – 25.0% of the New Testament)

OLD TESTAMENT SELECTED BIBLE READINGS SCHEDULE – MARCH 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>
March 2	Genesis 41-45	_____
March 9	Genesis 46-50	_____
March 16	Exodus 1-5	_____
March 23	Exodus 6-10	_____
March 30	Exodus 11-15	_____



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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR FEBRUARY 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
___ 3/01/24	Isaiah 29:13-16	Man's Wisdom Is Insufficient
___ 3/02/24	I Corinthians 1:18-25	Christ the Wisdom and Power of God
___ 3/03/24	John 2:13-22	Jesus Cleanses the Temple
___ 3/04/24	Deuteronomy 16:1-6	Celebrate the Passover
___ 3/05/24	Numbers 21:4-9	The Bronze Serpent
___ 3/06/24	Psalms 107:1-22	The Lord's Love Endures Forever
___ 3/07/24	Titus 2:11-14	Live Upright and Godly Lives
___ 3/08/24	Ephesians 2:1-10	Made Alive in Christ
___ 3/09/24	Titus 3:1-7	Heirs of Grace
___ 3/10/24	John 3:14-21	Jesus Answers Nicodemus
___ 3/11/24	Galatians 6:6-10	Be Generous and Do Good
___ 3/12/24	Jeremiah 31:31-34	New Covenant With Israel and Judah
___ 3/13/24	II Corinthians 3:7-18	The Glory of the New Covenant
___ 3/14/24	Psalms 51:1-12	David's Prayer for Forgiveness
___ 3/15/24	Acts 2:36-39	Repent – Gift of the Holy Spirit
___ 3/16/24	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus – the Great High Priest
___ 3/17/24	John 12:20-36	Jesus Predicts His Death
___ 3/18/24	Philippians 2:5-11	The Humility of Jesus Christ
___ 3/19/24	Isaiah 50:4-9	Prophecy of Jesus' Crucifixion
___ 3/20/24	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus' Triumphal Entry
___ 3/21/24	Mark 14:1-42	Anointing-Lord's Supper-Gethsemane
___ 3/22/24	Mark 14:43-72	Arrest-Sanhedrin-Peter Disowns Jesus
___ 3/23/24	Mark 15:1-20	Jesus Before Pilate
___ 3/24/24	Mark 15:21-47	Crucifixion-Death-Burial of Jesus Christ
(Palm/Passion Sunday)		
___ 3/25/24	Psalms 31:9-16	Trusting God in Anguish or Pain
___ 3/26/24	Acts 10:34-43	Peter Teaching at Cornelius' House
___ 3/27/24	Psalms 36:5-11	The Lord's Love and Righteousness
___ 3/28/24	Psalms 118	Thanksgiving-Deliverance From Enemies
___ 3/29/24	I Corinthians 15:1-11	The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
___ 3/30/24	John 20:1-18	The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
___ 3/31/24	Mark 16:1-8	The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

(Easter Sunday)





New Members in February
@ Darlington UMC

Matt & Isabel Walter



Ash Wednesday



There Never Seems to Be Enough

Sometimes it flies, sometimes it crawls, but it always passes inexorably.

We mark it, save it, waste it, bide it, race against it. We measure it incessantly with a passion for precision that borders on the obsessive. We are obsessed with it; we never seem to have enough of it; and yet scientists don't even know how to explain it. What is it? The answer is time. We never seem to have enough time.

A group of experts once got together to figure out how much time we should need to get everything done in one day. These experts got together and noted how much time was needed for exercise, hygiene, work, commuting, household chores, eating, entertainment, spiritual development, sleep, and family time. When these figures were all added together, the experts said that a human being needs 42 hours a day. That's not very encouraging.

Of course, those are the things we're supposed to be doing every day according to experts. In truth, we add to that list as well. Consider that every day in the United States:

- 74,000 of us move to a different home and 22,465 move to another state.
- 36 businesses go bankrupt while 13,700 new ones start up.
- Americans purchase 38,082 new automobiles and trucks and smash 16,438.
- 2,266 couples get divorced while 6,578 get married.
- Dogs bite 12,329 people including 15 mail carriers.
- We eat 75 acres of pizza, 53 million hotdogs, 167 million eggs, 3 million gallons of ice cream, and 3,000 tons of candy.

The Psalmist tells us that "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." In other words, every moment of every second, and every second of every minute, and every minute of every hour, and every hour of every day is literally a gift from God. Unfortunately, in all of the hustle and bustle of our lives, we forget this. Instead, we are more often stressed out by this gift than thankful for it. Think about this: God gives to every one of us all the same amount of time in a day.

Sometimes it's just our perspective. What if we were to get up every morning and thank God and remember that "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." It wouldn't give us any more time, but maybe our perspective each day would change and we'd appreciate the gift of time a little more.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry **will be Friday March 1 at the First Baptist Church in Darlington.** Please "pop" your trunk.



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.

Religious Ed
 Classes are Wednesday's
 @ 6 p.m. – All Grades



March Lectionary

March 3
3rd Sunday of Lent
 Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 John 2:13-22

March 10
4th Sunday of Lent
 Numbers 21:4-9
 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
 Ephesians 2:1-10
 John 3:14-21

March 17
5th Sunday of Lent
 Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51:1-12
 Hebrews 5:5-10
 John 12:20-33

March 24
Palm Sunday
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Mark 14:1-15:47

March 31
Easter Sunday
 Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 John 20:1-18





- Mar 1 Zoie Zuberbuhler
- Mar 2 Ashley Tyson
- Mar 3 Robin Steiner
- Mar 3 Lexi Jones
- Mar 3 Dallas Hermanson
- Mar 6 Gerald King
- 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 17 Jay King
- 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 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

Happy Anniversary

Mar 18 - John & Marie Wamsley



- March Ushers**
- Mar 3 Cathy Paulson
Beaver Paulson
Paige Douglas
Dawson Douglas
 - Mar 10 Ken Norgard
Rebecca Norgard
Lylah Norgard
Raynie Norgard
 - Mar 17 Cheryl Chiaverotti
Todd Chiaverotti
Remie Nyffenegger
Aubrey McCarthy
 - Mar 24 Nick Zuberbuhler
Jason Hendrickson
Zoie Zuberbuhler
Ava Hendrickson
 - Mar 31 Tim Osterday
Dick Allendorf
Ryder Fitzsimons
Dawson Douglas

- March Liturgists**
- Mar 3 D- Joan Thompson
F- Dennis Wirth
 - Mar 10 D- Judy Whalen
F- Lance Lansing
 - Mar 17 D- Kent McConnell
F- Ron Ingwell
 - Mar 24 D- Kent Mieke
F- Pam Gould
 - Mar 31 D- Judy Whalen
F- Dennis Wirth

- March Acolytes**
- Mar 3 Maicy Norgard
Ryley Burbach
 - Mar 10 Cheyenne Elzen
Chesne Fink
 - Mar 17 Maicy Norgard
Ryley Burbach
 - Mar 24 Evan Komprood
Coby Lancaster
 - Mar 31 Rya Fitzsimons
Cheyenne Elzen



- Sneak peak at April 7**
- Liturgist: D- Joan Thompson
F- Lance Lansing
- Ushers: Beaver Paulson
Cathy Paulson
Brooke Douglas
Gracie Douglas
- Acolytes: Maicy Norgard
Ryley Burbach



COME WITH US

Worship March 2024



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1 Second Harvest Food Pantry

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World Day of Prayer

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8 Pastor In Sun's Day Off

7 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

6 6:00 Religious Ed

5 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

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3rd Sunday in Lent
Communion

8:30 Worship in Fayette

9:00 Choir Practice

10:00 Worship in Darlington w/ Choir

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15 Pastor In Sun's Day Off

14 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

13 6:00 Religious Ed

12 10:00 Pastor @ Lafayette Co Manor
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

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10 4th Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings time begins

8:30 Worship in Fayette

10:00 Worship in Darlington



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22 Pastor In Sun's Day Off

21 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

20 6:00 Religious Ed

19 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

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17 5th Sunday in Lent

8:30 Worship in Fayette

10:00 Worship in Darlington w/ Choir & Infant Baptism of Averlyn Abraham



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29 Good Friday

28 6:00 Maundy Thursday Worship

27 No Religious Ed

26 10-3 Darlington Food Pantry
6:00 UWF mtg.

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24 Palm Sunday

8:30 Worship in Fayette

10:00 Worship in Darlington

31 Easter Sunday

8:30 Worship in Fayette

10:00 Worship in Darlington

