



Darlington and Fayette United Methodist Churches November 2025



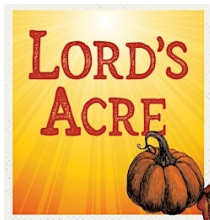
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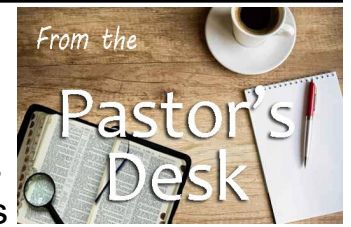
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Gratitude That Stands Firm

As November arrives, our thoughts often turn to gratitude—Thanksgiving tables, family gatherings, and the many blessings that fill our lives. But true gratitude is much deeper than a seasonal feeling or a list of things we enjoy. Gratitude, in its truest form, is not about *what we have* or even *how we feel*. It's about *who we are* and *who God is*. When our thankfulness depends on things that change—our health, finances, or circumstances—it will rise and fall like the weather. But when gratitude is rooted in the unchanging nature of God, it becomes steady and enduring. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, “*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus*” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).



That kind of gratitude doesn't ignore life's hardships; it acknowledges that even in uncertainty, God remains faithful. Think of **Daniel**, who continued to give thanks to God even when a royal decree forbade prayer (Daniel 6:10). Or **Jesus**, who gave thanks over bread and wine on the night He was betrayed. Gratitude, in both cases, flowed not from comfort but from trust in God's character.

I once heard a story about a man who ended each day with the same prayer: “Lord, thank You that things are as well as they are.” When asked if he still prayed that way during difficult seasons, he smiled and said, “Especially then—because if things could be worse and they're not, I'll thank Him twice.” His words remind us that gratitude is not about denying hardship, but about recognizing God's goodness even in the midst of it.

Here's a simple practice you might try this month: before you go to sleep each night, think of three things you are grateful for—

1. **One about who God is** (His mercy, love, or faithfulness),
2. **One about what God has given you** (a blessing, a person, or a moment of joy), and
3. **One “nevertheless”** (something to thank God for *despite* the difficulty).

This kind of gratitude draws us closer to God and steadies our hearts in every season. As Psalm 18:2 reminds us, “*The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.*” When our gratitude is grounded in Him, no storm can shake our foundation.

May this Thanksgiving be more than a holiday—it may be a renewal of the thankful heart that rests in the unchanging grace of God.

With love in Christ and many blessings, **Pastor Han**



Are You Interested in Hosting a Cottage Visit!

Everyone is invited to host and/or participate in a cottage visit with Pastor Han and his family. We are looking for willing individuals to invite Pastor Han and 8-12 people to their home or to the church for a visit, Wednesday or Thursdays, at your home or at the church...sign up today to host a cottage visit.

Becky Upmann will help us organize dates, times, and people. If you are willing to host, please contact Becky at, darlingtonumc@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office 776-4114.



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. Thank you Sheila for your hard work directing this important fund raising program!

UMW Poinsettia Sale to Decorate the Church

We all love the tradition of decorating the church with Poinsettias during the Christmas season. Let's fill the altar with Poinsettias this year! You can help by purchasing one or more poinsettias:

- Complete the order form below
- Submit this form with \$15 (per plant) in an envelope in the collection plate or to the church office
- Checks payable to UWF
- Last day to order: November 12, 2024

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Choice of color: _____ RED _____ WHITE

Please make checks payable to UWF.

Questions? Please contact the church office.



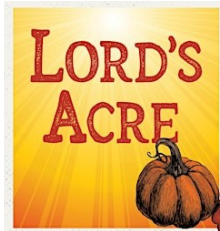


Fayette Lord's Acre Sale

The "Lord's Acre Auction" will take place at Fayette UMC on Saturday, November 1. A variety of handmade crafts, household items, baked goods, certificates from area businesses, and more will be available for bidding.

Come out and share in the fun of this annual fund raising event (and bring your family & friends too).


Lunch begins at 11:00AM with the auction to follow at 12:30PM.



All Saint's Day: November 2
Join us on Sunday, Nov 2 during our worship, we will light a candle and read the names of our loved ones who have passed into eternal life **in the last year.**



2025 Charge Conference of Darlington & Fayette Churches
Tuesday, November 18 at 6 p.m.
in the Sanctuary at Darlington
Anyone is Welcome to Attend.
Presider: Rev. D.S. Amanda Stein



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith Meeting
November 4, 2025—6pm

We plan to participate in the Lafayette County Giving Tree at Darlington UMC. Please consider fulfilling a tag. More information to come, please watch your email, the December Newsletter or contact the church office if you are interested in taking a tag.



Thank you!

Bell Ringing

Please sign up to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Piggly Wiggly. Money raised in Lafayette County stays in Lafayette County. Our church is signed up to do the following days:

December 19 & 20 at the Piggly Wiggly		
Friday 3-4 pm	Sat 10-11am	
Friday 4-5 pm	Sat 11-12 pm	
Friday 5-6 pm	Sat 1-2 pm	
Friday 6-7 pm		

We need 1 person to pick up the kettles on Friday from The Bank of New Glarus and return them on Monday.



Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of October

- In Memory of Jerry Davis given by Michael Furgal.
- In Memory of Pete & Millie Parkinson given by Steve Parkinson.
- In Honor of Joan Teasdale's Birthday given by Beaver & Cathy Paulson.
- In Honor of Bob & Joan Teasdale's 76th Anniversary given by Beaver & Cathy Paulson

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 September

Income	\$ 11,622.54
Expenses	- <u>9,613.64</u>
Difference	\$2,458.90

YTD 2025

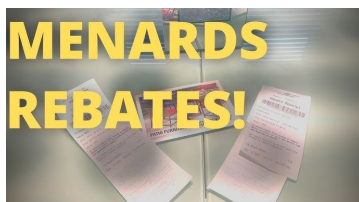
YTD Income	\$ 119,986.59
YTD Expenses	- <u>110,125.17</u>
YTD	\$9,681.42

2025 Apportionment Total - \$28,488

Paid YTD - \$9,441
 Balance Left for 2025- \$ 19,047
 Percentage paid - 33.14%

Helping the Church

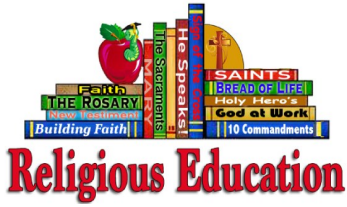
Feel called to help out the church but cant figure out a way to do it..... Do you shop at Menards??? If you do then consider keeping your rebates for the church. If you don't send them in and want to donate, either send them to the Church, attention Vickie Pratt, Treasurer, or drop them in the collection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



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.





Religious Education has started. 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. They meet every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.



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

Choir practice will be on Wednesday nights at 7pm the week prior to singing. 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.

Choir Practice for the month of November

Wednesday October 29 7pm

Sunday November 2 9am

Wednesday November 12 7pm

Sunday November 16 9am



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.



Darlington Community Food Pantry

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays,
10 am to 3 pm

The Local Food Pantry is taking donations. If you feel called to donate to them, please put your non perishable food items in the box located in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support.



Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry will be **November 7 at the First Baptist Church in Darlington.**

Please "pop" your trunk.

“Thanksgiving as a Spiritual Discipline”

Gratitude is often treated as an emotion - something we feel when life is good and blessings are obvious. But Scripture calls us to something deeper. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. That’s not a suggestion to ignore pain or pretend that everything is fine. It’s an invitation to practice thanksgiving as a spiritual discipline - a way of seeing and living that reorients our hearts toward God, even when circumstances are difficult.

Practicing thanksgiving means intentionally naming God’s gifts, even the small ones. It means pausing long enough to recognize that every breath, every meal, every relationship, every new morning is evidence of grace. When we make gratitude a habit rather than a reaction, it transforms our perspective. We begin to notice abundance where we once saw scarcity. We start to trust God’s provision more deeply. And that trust becomes the fertile soil where generosity grows.

As you enter this season of thanksgiving, I encourage you to make space for a daily practice of gratitude - perhaps writing down three things each day for which you’re thankful or saying a prayer of thanks before bed. Over time, you may find that thanksgiving doesn’t just change your mood; it changes your heart.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 2025		
(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>
November 1	James 1	_____
November 8	I Peter 1	_____
November 15	II Peter 1	_____
November 22	I John 3	_____
November 29	Jude 1	_____
<i>(Progress Milestone: 238 chapters read – 91.5% of the New Testament)</i>		

OLD TESTAMENT SELECTED BIBLE READINGS SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 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>
November 1	Micah 4	_____
November 8	Nahum 2	_____
November 15	Zephaniah 1	_____
November 22	Zechariah 1	_____
November 29	Zechariah 6	_____
<i>(Progress Milestone: 238 chapters read –95.2% of the Books of the Prophets)</i>		

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR NOVEMBER 2025

___ 11/01/25 II Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12	The Name of Jesus Christ Be Glorified
___ 11/02/25 Luke 19:1-10	Salvation of the Tax Collector Zacchaeus
(All Saints Sunday – November 2)	
___ 11/03/25 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21	The Lord Is Near and Loving
___ 11/04/25 Isaiah 40:5-10	The Glory of the Lord
___ 11/05/25 Haggai 1:13-2:9	The Promised Glory of the New House
___ 11/06/25 II Chronicles 7:1-6	The Dedication of the Temple
___ 11/07/25 II Thessalonians 2:1-12	The Man of Lawlessness
___ 11/08/25 II Thessalonians 2:13-17	Stand Firm
___ 11/09/25 Luke 20:27-38	The Resurrection and Marriage
___ 11/10/25 Psalm 118	A Hymn of Thanksgiving
___ 11/11/25 Isaiah 12:1-6	A Hymn of Praise
___ 11/12/25 Proverbs 10:4-7	Laziness Contrasted With Ambition
___ 11/13/25 II Thessalonians 3:6-13	Warning Against Idleness
___ 11/14/25 Isaiah 65:17-25	New Heavens and a New Earth
___ 11/15/25 Luke 21:5-19	Signs of the End of the Age
___ 11/16/25 Luke 21:20-36	Signs of the End of the Age
___ 11/17/25 Luke 1:67-79	Zechariah's Song - Prophecy
___ 11/18/25 Jeremiah 23:1-6	The Righteous Branch
___ 11/19/25 I John 2:1-6	Jesus Christ – the Righteous One
___ 11/20/25 Colossians 1:9-14	Kingdom of the Son (Jesus)
___ 11/21/25 Colossians 1:15-20	The Supremacy of Jesus Christ
___ 11/22/25 Matthew 26:1-5	Jesus – Prophecy of His Death
___ 11/23/25 Luke 23:33-43	The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ
(Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday – November 23)	
___ 11/24/25 Philippians 1:9-11	Blameless Until the Day of Christ
___ 11/25/25 Acts 4:8-12	Jesus Christ – the Capstone
___ 11/26/25 Psalm 122	A Hymn of Joy Over Jerusalem
___ 11/27/25 Colossians 3:12-17	Be Thankful
(Thanksgiving Day – November 27)	
___ 11/28/25 Isaiah 2:1-5	The Mountain of the Lord
___ 11/29/25 Romans 13:8-14	Love for the Day Is Near
___ 11/30/25 Matthew 24:36-44	The Day and Hour Unknown
(First Sunday of Advent – November 30)	



November Lectionary

November 2
21st Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 9
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 16
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 23
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 30
1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Thank you to all who donated, served, set up, purchased items and help run the Fall Harvest Auction. Without you we would not have had such a successful night. Thank you to the Men's Group for putting this on.





Nov 1 Cruz Fink
 Nov 1 Mark Gossens
 Nov 2 Lorraine Zee
 Nov 5 Megan Whitford
 Nov 5 Mikayla Riley
 Nov 6 Tyson Miehe
 Nov 6 Maddox Goebel
 Nov 10 Donna Havens
 Nov 10 Ted Thomas
 Nov 10 Greg Zuberbuhler
 Nov 11 Boyer Watters
 Nov 14 Allen Abraham

Nov 17 Emily Flesher
 Nov 17 Jason Tyson
 Nov 18 Laurie Mathias
 Nov 20 Cassie Havens
 Nov 21 Cathy McConnell
 Nov 25 Harold Morrison
 Nov 25 Justin Harris-Davis
 Nov 26 Kari Blosch
 Nov 26 Kay Schulte
 Nov 27 Lisa Sauer
 Nov 27 Todd Pettijohn
 Nov 28 Ethan Gossens
 Nov 29 Jared Brown
 Nov 30 Rebecca Garrison
 Nov 30 Chris Wesenberg
 Nov 30 Janie Wagner



Nov 1 Bryan & Lora Brown
 Nov 11 Scott & Monica Wiegel
 Nov 17 Jeff & Missy Watters
 Nov 20 Gary & Linda Bawden



November Ushers

Nov 2 Cathy Paulson
 Beaver Paulson
 Nov 9 Dick Allendorf
 Tim Osterday
 Nov 16 Nick Zuberbuhler
 Zeke Zuberbuhler
 Nov 23 Brooke Douglas
 Gracie Douglas
 Nov 30 Dick Allendorf
 Evan Komprood

November Liturgists

Nov 2 D- Judy Whalen
 F- Lance Lansing
 Nov 9 D- Lori Allendorf
 F- Pam Gould
 Nov 16 D- Kent McConnell
 F- Ron Ingwell
 Nov 23 D- Kent Miehe
 F- Dennis Wirth
 Nov 30 D- Joan Thompson
 F- Ron Ingwell

November Acolytes

Nov 2 Chesne Fink
 Cruz Fink
 Nov 9 Coby Lancaster
 Hendrix Lund
 Nov 16 Rya Fitzsimons
 Kynrk Johnson
 Nov 23 Jake Fox
 Frankie Smith
 Nov 30 Wheeler Douglas
 Kynrk Johnson

Sneak peak at December 7

Liturgist: D- Judy Whalen
 F- Lance Lansing
 Ushers: Beaver Paulson
 Cathy Paulson
 Acolytes: Cheyenne Elzen
 Ryley Burbach



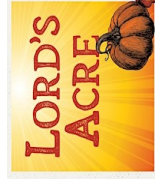
COME Worship WITH US

November 2025



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1 11:00 Fayette Auction



2 **21st Sunday after Pentecost** 3 4 5 6 7 8

Communion Sunday

All Saints Sunday

8:30 Worship in Fayette

9:00 Choir Practice

10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir



10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

6:00 Religious Ed

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6:30 SPRC mtg.

9 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** 10 11 12 13 14 15

8:30 Worship in Fayette

9:00 Choir Practice

10:00 Worship in Darlington

10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

6:00 Religious Ed

7:00 Choir Practice

10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

16 **23rd Sunday after Pentecost** 17 18 19 20 21 22

8:30 Worship in Fayette

9:00 Choir Practice

10:00 Worship in Darlington w/ Choir

10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

6:00 Religious Ed

10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

23 **Thanksgiving Sunday** 24 25 26 27 28 29

8:30 Worship in Fayette

10:00 Worship in Darlington

10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

6:00 Religious Ed



30 **1st Sunday of Advent**

8:30 Worship in Fayette

10:00 Worship in Darlington

