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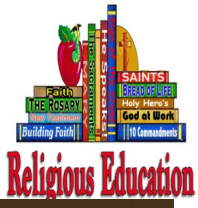

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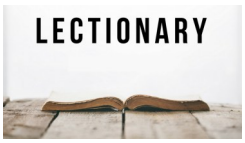

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"What Are We Harvesting?"

October is a beautiful time of year. The fields around us begin to show the results of months of planting, growing, and waiting. Harvest reminds us that what is planted and carefully tended eventually produces something that can be gathered.

The Bible often uses the language of harvest to help us understand our life with God. Jesus spoke about a farmer scattering seed and explained that the seed represents the Word of God. In Galatians, Paul reminds us that we will reap what we sow. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples to look at the fields because they are ready for harvest. These stories remind us that harvest is not only about crops. There is also a spiritual harvest in our lives.

As we enter October, we have only three months left in this year. This gives us a meaningful opportunity to pause and look back. What has God been growing in us this year? What are we beginning to harvest?

Perhaps we are harvesting deeper relationships. Maybe we have become more connected with God through prayer, worship, Scripture, or serving others. Perhaps we have experienced growth in patience, kindness, forgiveness, generosity, or faith. Maybe we have reconnected with someone we had not seen for a long time, or found a renewed sense of connection within our church family.

Not every harvest is immediately visible. Sometimes the most important things God grows in us take time. A small act of kindness, a conversation, a prayer, an invitation, or simply being present for someone can become part of a much greater spiritual harvest.

Harvest also reminds us that there is still time to plant. The year is not finished. There are still three months to nurture our relationship with God, strengthen our connections with one another, serve our neighbors, and grow in faith.

So, this October, let us take time to reflect. What have we planted? What has God been growing? And what are we harvesting?

May we give thanks for the harvest already gathered, and may we faithfully continue planting seeds of love, faith, hope, and connection for the harvest still to come.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Han Lee

2026 Charge Conference of
Darlington & Fayette Churches
Sat, November 14 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Anyone is Welcome to Attend.
Presider: Rev. D.S. Amanda Stein

Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of September

- In Honor of Marion Howard's 95th Birthday given by Gina & Kalee Crist.
- In Honor of Averlyn Abraham given by Allen & Carolyn Abraham.
- In Memory of Shirley Erickson given by Mary Paisley.

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 August.

Income	$14,951.56
Expenses	- 13,764.37
Difference	$ 1,187.19

YTD 2026

YTD Income	$112,012.87
YTD Expenses	- 103,946.62
YTD	$ 8,066.25

2026 Apportionment Total - $26,484
Paid YTD - $5,876
Balance Left for 2026- $ 20,608
Percentage paid - 22.19%

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.

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Rosie's Bags

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.

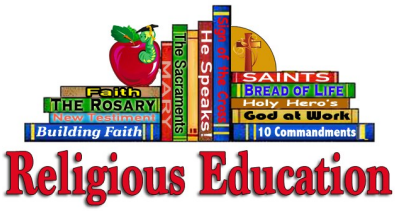
With our Sympathy

We mourn with our community the passing of
Mary Jane Rideout
Her Daughter
Jean VanMatre
19008 Cty Rd D
Darlington, WI 53530

Religious Education

The 2026 Religious Education year has kicked off with Jamie Smith leading classes for 1st-8th grade. Teachers and helpers needed. Please say "yes" to teaching our children.

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 or Jamie Smith. **The children meet every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m.**



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.

7th Graders

Wheelar Douglas	Cruz Fink
Kynrk Johnson	Hendrix Lund
Piper Ritchie	Frankie Smith

8th Graders

Jake Fox	Brynn Gossens

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.

All Saint's Day: November 1

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.**

WE NEED THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES.

If you have lost someone in the **last year** and would like their name shared during worship, please get the name to the office by phone or email by Monday, October 26.

We will remember with you all of the saints that have gone before us into eternal life.

Drop off donations today!

Darlington Harvest Auction

Our annual Darlington Harvest Auction will be held on Wednesday, October 14. Please donate items to sell, come and eat, and purchase from the auction. **This is our big fundraiser of the year!**

Donate items like: baked goods, canned goods, craft items, gift certificates and anything your creative mind can imagine.

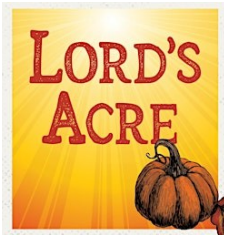
The United Methodist Men will be serving a sandwich supper starting at 4:30pm. The auction will get under way at 6:30pm.

Fayette Lord's Acre Sale

The "Lord's Acre Auction" will take place at Fayette UMC on Saturday, November 7. 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.



Giving Envelopes

Its that time of year again where the office orders giving envelopes. It has come to my attention that some people do not want to get envelopes. So, I'm asking that if you would still like to receive your yearly giving envelopes to let the office know before October 31 and I would be happy to order them for you.

Thank you for your continued support of the church.

Becky Upmann, Financial Secretary

3rd Quarter Giving Statements will be sent out in the next few weeks. Please review your statement for accuracy and let Becky in the office know if you have any discrepancies.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!

What Are We Growing?

This spring, I planted seeds in a raised garden bed in our backyard. That may not sound particularly noteworthy, but for me it was a bit of an adventure. I grew up in the Milwaukee suburbs and am pretty “citi-fied.” Gardening has never really been part of my life, and I certainly wouldn’t describe myself as someone who knows what he’s doing.

Still, I decided to start somewhere.

I planted tomatoes, squash, zucchini, and a few other things. I watered. I pulled weeds. I tried to pay attention to what seemed to be working and what wasn’t. And then I waited.

That last part may have been the hardest.

You don’t plant a seed one afternoon and come back the next morning to find a tomato waiting for you. Growth takes time. For a while, there isn’t much to see at all. Then a small plant appears. It gets a little bigger. Eventually there are flowers, then tiny vegetables, and finally something ready to harvest.

By late summer, I was bringing tomatoes, squash, and zucchini into the house. And what surprised me most was the abundance. There was more than enough for my family and me. There was enough to share with others.

All of that came from deciding to plant a few seeds even though I wasn’t entirely sure what I was doing.

There is something in that experience that reminds me of stewardship and the ministry of the church.

Much of what God accomplishes through us begins with someone simply being willing to start. Someone gives for the first time. Someone volunteers even though they have never done that ministry before. Someone invites a neighbor. Someone agrees to teach a class, serve a meal, visit someone who is lonely, sing in the choir, help with children or youth, or make a financial commitment to the church.

Often, we don’t immediately see what grows from those seeds.

Ministry requires patience. The impact of a gift, an invitation, or an act of service may not be visible tomorrow – or even next month. But over time, something begins to grow. A child discovers that church is a place where they are loved. Someone going through a difficult season finds a community willing to walk alongside them. A person begins to understand God’s grace in a new way. A family finds a place to belong. Someone who was helped years ago becomes the person helping someone else.

And very often, what grows becomes larger than we imagined.

Paul writes, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:6). That is a pretty good description of stewardship. We plant. We tend. We share what

God has entrusted to us. And we trust God with what grows from it.

You don't have to be an expert to plant a seed.

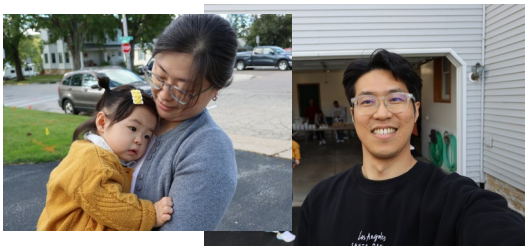
You simply have to start.

And when we faithfully plant and tend what God has placed in our hands, we may discover that there is not merely enough for us, but an abundance – blessing that can be shared with others in ways we never anticipated.

So perhaps this stewardship season is a good time to ask: What are we planting today? **What is God growing among us? And who might be blessed by the harvest?**

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Thank you to the wonderful people who have signed up to help get ready, serve and deliver our Annual Roast Beef Supper. We wouldn't be able to do it with out you. Also, thank you to our wonderful bakers for making the desserts. You are all so appreciated.



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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR OCTOBER 2026

DATE	SCRIPTURE	TOPIC
__10/01/26	II Corinthians 10:12-18	One Whom the Lord Commends
__10/02/26	Philippians 3:3-14	No Confidence in the Flesh
__10/03/26	Acts 4:1-12	Salvation Only Through Jesus Christ
__10/04/26	Matthew 21:33-46	The Parable of the Tenants
	(**World Communion Sunday)**	
__10/05/26	Psalm 106:1-23	The Disobedience of Israel
__10/06/26	Habakkuk 3:17-19	Rejoice in the Lord Always
__10/07/26	Philippians 4:1-9	Rejoice in the Lord Always
__10/08/26	I Kings 12:25-33	Golden Calves at Bethel and Dan
__10/09/26	Exodus 32:1-14	The Golden Calf
__10/10/26	Luke 13:22-30	The Narrow Door
__10/11/26	Matthew 22:1-14	The Parable of the Wedding Banquet
__10/12/26	Psalm 99	Exalt the Lord Our God
__10/13/26	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses and the Glory of the Lord
__10/14/26	I Thessalonians 1:1-10	Thanksgiving for the Thessalonian's Faith
__10/15/26	Exodus 1:8-21	Shiphrah and Puah – Obedient to God
__10/16/26	Acts 5:22-29	Obey God – Not Men
__10/17/26	Romans 13:1-7	Submission to the Authorities
__10/18/26	Matthew 22:15-22	Paying Taxes to Caesar
__10/19/26	Psalm 90	God's Power, Favor, Unfailing Love
__10/20/26	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	The Death of Moses
__10/21/26	I Thessalonians 2:1-8	Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica
__10/22/26	I Corinthians 8:1-6	One God – One Lord Jesus Christ
__10/23/26	Deuteronomy 6:1-7	Love the Lord Your God
__10/24/26	Matthew 22:34-40	The Greatest Commandment
__10/25/26	Matthew 22:41-46	Whose Son Is the Christ (Messiah)?
(Reformation Sunday)		
__10/26/26	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
__10/27/26	Hebrews 11:13-16	A Heavenly City and Country
__10/28/26	Revelation 7:9-17	The Great Multitude in White Robes
__10/29/26	I Thessalonians 2:9-13	Live Lives Worthy of God
__10/30/26	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Redemption and Blessings
__10/31/26	Joshua 3:7-17	Miracle of the Jordan River

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WOMEN OF THE BIBLE **WEEKDAY** READING PLAN FOR OCTOBER 2026

DATE	SCRIPTURE	TOPIC
__10/1/26	Acts 2:14-2	Peter tells of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on men, women, sons and daughters.
__10/2/26	Acts 5:1-11	Sapphira and her husband Ananias die.
__10/5/26	Acts 6:1-7	Complaint over the distribution of food to widows.
__10/6/26	Acts 8:1-3	Women and men persecuted and put in prison.
__10/7/26	Acts 8:9-13	Samarian women as well as men were baptized.
__10/8/26	Acts 8:26-40	Official of Candace – Queen of the Ethiopians.
__10/9/26	Acts 9:36-43	Dorcas (A.K.A. “Tabitha”) restored to life.
__10/12/26	Acts 12:1-17	Peter released from prison while Mary (Mother of John Mark) had a prayer meeting in her house.
__10/13/26	Acts 13:42-52	Prominent women and men of Antioch turned against Paul and Barnabas by unbelieving Jews.
__10/14/26	Acts 16:1-10	Timothy (who joined Paul on a missionary journey) had a Jewish mother (Eunice) who believed in Jesus.
__10/15/26	Acts 16:11-15	The Lord opened Lydia’s heart to believe in Jesus.
__10/16/26	Acts 16:16-34	A slave girl is freed of an evil spirit by Paul.
__10/19/26	Acts 17:1-4	Leading women of the city of Thessalonica believe Jesus is the Messiah.
__10/20/26	Acts 17:10-15	Prominent women in Berea believed in Jesus.
__10/21/26	Acts 17:22-34	Damaris (a woman of Athens) believed in Jesus.
__10/22/26	Acts 18:1-4	The Apostle Paul meets Aquila and his wife Priscilla in Corinth.
__10/23/26	Acts 18:18-23	Priscilla and Aquila accompany Paul to Ephesus.
__10/26/26	Acts 18:24-28	Priscilla and Aquila teach Apollos to know the scriptures more accurately.
__10/27/26	Acts 19:23-41	Ephesians believed in a goddess named Diana (Greek – “Artemis”) who is not a true god.
__10/28/26	Acts 21:1-6	Wives and children of the disciples in Tyre accompany Paul and them in prayer.
__10/29/26	Acts 21:7-14	Four virgin daughters of Philip the evangelist prophesied.
__10/30/26	Acts 23:11-22	A sister of the Apostle Paul had a son who informed a commander of a plot to kill Paul.

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – OCTOBER 2026

(Schedule-Read one chapter **each weekday** to complete the New Testament in one year.)

End of Week (Saturday)	Chapters Completed	Check-off
October 3	II Timothy 1	_____
October 10	Titus 2	_____
October 17	Hebrews 3	_____
October 24	Hebrews 8	_____
October 31	Hebrews 13	_____

(Progress Milestone: 217 chapters read – 83.1% of the New Testament)

October Lectionary

October 4
19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Exodus 20:1-4, 12-20
Psalm 19
Acts 4:5-12
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Acts 8:14-25
Matthew 22:1-4

October 18
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday
Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25
Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Acts 3:1-19
Matthew 21:23-32

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
November 5, 2026—6:00 pm

Remember the UWF has scholarship availability, The scholarship is for $200 and due April 1, 2027 to the church office.
Contact the church office for details or watch your emails starting in February.

Searching for Ushers/Liturgists

We are in need of ushers and liturgists. (We especially need liturgists!) If you would be willing to serve in this capacity a few Sunday's a year, please let Becky in the office know.

Oct 2 Boone Havens
Oct 2 Jerry Lindsay
Oct 3 Scott Douglas
Oct 4 Karri McCarthy
Oct 5 Linda Bawden
Oct 5 Cathy Calvert
Oct 5 J. Michael Gould
Oct 7 Breylin Goebel
Oct 7 Cheyanne Elzen
Oct 10 Courtney Tyson
Oct 10 Jamie Smith
Oct 11 Tammy Reichling
Oct 12 Samantha Mathias
Oct 12 Marion Stanton
Oct 14 Angela Davis
Oct 14 Victoria Elzen
Oct 14 Lynnette Boatman
Oct 15 Nick Chiaverotti
Oct 16 Dick Allendorf
Oct 17 Cheryl Riley
Oct 18 Tommy Davis
Oct 20 Hannah Kelly
Oct 21 Tanner Boatman
Oct 22 Chad Allendorf
Oct 23 Barb Nemec
Oct 24 Paige Douglas
Oct 27 Beaver Paulson
Oct 27 Shane Havens
Oct 27 Reagan Boatman
Oct 28 Franklin Smith
Oct 29 Doug Kelly
Oct 31 Teresa Wamsley

Oct 2 Steve & Gina Crist
Oct 6 Nick & Stacy Chiaverotti
Oct 11 Andy & Heather Fitzsimons
Oct 12 Jason & Kara Tyson
Oct 12 Tim & Kory Douglas
Oct 13 Doug & Sheila Kelly
Oct 15 Bob & Joan Teasdale
Oct 16 Jeremy & Audrey Gould
Oct 20 Kari & Matt Gornik
Oct 23 Gil & Georgina Meyers
Oct 26 Alex & Athena Abraham

October Ushers

Oct 4 Cathy Paulson
Beaver Paulson
Mandi Nyffenegger
Remie Nyffenegger

Oct 11 Tim Pratt
Vickie Pratt
Chesne Fink
Ryley Burbach

Oct 18 Todd Chiaverotti
Cheryl Chiaverotti

Oct 25 Dick Allendorf
Tim Osterday
Evan Komprood
Coby Lancaster

October Liturgists

Oct 4 D- Joan Thompson
F- Ron Ingwell

Oct 11 D- Judy Whalen
F- Pam Gould

Oct 18 D- Cindy Miller
F- Nicki Thorne

Oct 25 D- Kent Miehe
F- Dennis Wirth

Sneak peak at Nov 1

Liturgist: D- Judy Whalen
F- Nicki Thorne

Ushers: Beaver Paulson
Cathy Paulson
Mandi Nyffenegger
Remie Nyffenegger

Acolytes: Wheeler Douglas
Kynrk Johnson

October Acolytes

Oct 4 Wheelar Douglas
Kynrk Johnson

Oct 11 Cruz Fink
Hendrix Lund

Oct 18 Rella Reilly
Piper Ritchie

Oct 25 Jake Fox
Frankie Smith

COME Worship WITH US

October 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 **19th Sunday after Pentecost** **World Communion Sunday** 8:30 Worship in Fayette 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir	*5*	6 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry* *10:30 Pastor @ Manor* 6:00 SPRC mtg.	7 6:00 Religious Ed 6:15 Confirmation Class	*8* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	*9*	*10*
11 **20th Sunday after Pentecost** 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington	*12*	*13* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	14 4:30 Harvest Auction 6:00 Religious Ed 6:15 Confirmation Class	*15* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry* *6:00 Finance mtg.* *6:30 Admin mtg.*	*16*	*17*
18 **21st Sunday of Pentecost** **Laity Sunday** 8:30 Worship in Fayette 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir	19	20 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	21 6:00 Religious Ed 6:00 Confirmation Class	22 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	23	**24**
25 **22nd Sunday of Pentecost** **Reformation Sunday** 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington	26	27 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	28 6:00 Religious Ed 6:00 Confirmation Class	*29*	30	**31**