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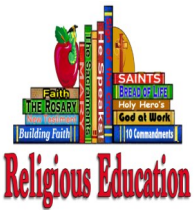

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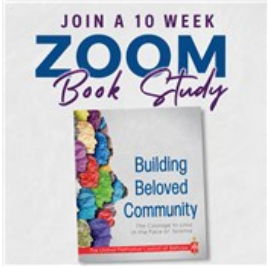

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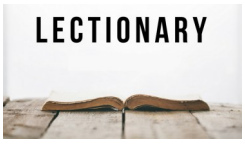

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"We Want the Connection Back!"

As we begin a new season of the year, with our children preparing for a new school year and many of us settling into new routines, we also have an opportunity to begin a new season in the life of our churches.

When we look five or ten years into the future, what kind of church do we hope to be? We want to be stronger and healthier faith communities where every generation feels welcomed, valued, and connected. We want our faith to make a difference in our lives, our families, our workplaces, and our communities. At the heart of everything we do as a church is our connection with God. Through Jesus Christ, we are invited into a living relationship with God. Our worship, prayer, Scripture, and service all flow from that relationship. Our connection with God must always be our first priority.

But our connection with God also calls us into deeper connection with one another. Jesus calls us to love one another, care for one another, and walk together in faith. A healthy church is not simply a group of people who gather in the same building. It is a community where people know one another, share life with one another, encourage one another, and grow together.

Think about a fishing net. A net is made of many points connected by strands, and its strength depends on those connections. If a strand becomes loose or a hole becomes too large, something can slip through. In the same way, the life and vitality of our churches depend on the connections between us. When relationships become loose or distant, something precious can slip through our communities.

As we rebuild and strengthen our connections, we want to make sure that no one is forgotten. We have church family members who are homebound, friends who are away, and people who participate in worship primarily through livestreaming. They are still part of our church family and part of our net. We may not know exactly how to connect everyone more deeply yet, but we can commit ourselves to finding better ways. We want our net to become stronger and wider so that everyone has a place within our community.

We also want to listen to our younger generations and learn from their voices. If we hope to be a thriving church in five or ten years, we need to build relationships across generations today. Every generation has something to give, something to receive, and something to teach.

Let us make every Sunday and every gathering an opportunity to connect. It does not have to be a special event. A conversation, a shared meal, a cup of coffee, an invitation to sit together, a phone call, or simply asking someone how they are doing can strengthen a relationship.

The seasons change, and fall reminds us that change is part of life. But one thing should never change: our desire to remain deeply connected to God and to one another as the body of Christ.

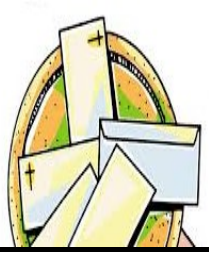
Let us strengthen our connection with God, strengthen our connections with one another, welcome every generation, and make our net stronger and wider so that no one slips through. Let our churches thrive together. We want the connection back!

Grace and peace,
Rev. Han Lee

Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of July & August

- In Honor of Jerry Davis's Heavenly birthday given by Dixie Davis.

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 July.

Income	$ 11,749.12
Expenses	- 10,626.58
Difference	$ 1,122.54
YTD 2026	
YTD Income	$97,061.31
YTD Expenses	- 90,182.25
YTD	$ 6,879.06

2026 Apportionment Total - $26,484
Paid YTD - $5,053
Balance Left for 2026- $ 21,431
Percentage paid - 19.08%

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.

Religious Education Starts

The 2026 Religious Education year will kick off on **Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.** with classes for 1st-8th grade. Jamie Smith will be leading 1st—6th again this year. She has an exciting year planned for all and can't wait to see your children! Teachers and helpers needed. Please say "yes" to teaching our children.

Pastor Han will be leading the 7-8th grade this year for confirmation class.

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.**

Third Grade Bibles

September 13 during worship, third graders will receive a special gift of a Bible from the church.

Bring Your Bible to Church

September 13 please bring your Bible to worship. In celebration of the 3rd graders getting theirs, we want to look at yours! In preparation, please find a verse that you love and be ready to share it.

Confirmation

There will be a **parents and students meeting on Sept. 16, Wednesday, at 6:00 pm.** You will get all the information for the upcoming confirmation class. And then all of **the confirmands will meet on Sept. 23** for a first class at 6:00, The confirmands will be looking for Mentors, so if you feel called to mentor and know a child that will be in confirmation class this year, please reach out to them. Pease contact Pastor with any questions or concerns. He is looking forward to this year.

Our annual Darlington Harvest Auction is coming up Wednesday, October 14. We are in need of donations from members to make this fundraiser a success. We are looking for baked goods, canned goods, craft items, gift certificates and anything your creative mind can imagine.
Please put some thought into it and help out by donating **AND** attending.

We are in need of men to help work the auction, if you are able to, please contact Rick Loken or Fritz Hanwell.

Fall Relaxation Retreat
September 10-13, 2026

Living Water: Are you thirsty?

Drink deep and be refreshed at our Fall Relaxation Retreat, the perfect long weekend at beautiful Pine Lake UMC Camp with over 400 acres to explore. This retreat is designed as a peaceful oasis, a sacred space to pause, breathe, and receive the living water Jesus offers through His word and the Holy Spirit. We will learn the importance of water for our bodies, taste a varieties of waters, learn about Pine Lake, and discover the lessons God provides for us about living water so we can quench our thirst and be renewed.

Thursday night beach party! Wear your favorite cabana clothes as we celebrate the new boardwalk and waterfront deck! Along with yoga, meditation, hikes, tea time, Christian music, and the prayer labyrinth we will have a naturalist to lead some hikes and sessions and an art teacher to help us capture the beauty we see in watercolor! Enjoy evening vespers at the campfire, plenty of free time, a gorgeous retreat center to stay in, meals cooked for you, and a connection to God's gift of relaxation given to us all, because he loves us.

What to bring: Journal or Notebook and Pen, Yoga Mat, and or blanket. Favorite Christian song to share. A favorite tea if you'd like to share (a variety will be provided). Rain activity or craft. Christian Video if you have one you'd love to share on a rainy day. IF you want to fish, you'll need to purchase a license prior to camp. We will have experienced anglers on hand to help you, and provide gear and bait, and even help you clean the fish so you can bring a meal home!

To register, click here: **https://wiumcamps.campbrainregistration.com/**

Building Beloved Community Zoom Book Study

You are invited to participate in a **10-week Zoom book study** exploring *Building Beloved Community: The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny*. Written by the **United Methodist Council of Bishops**, this timely resource encourages United Methodists to "test the spirits" and faithfully live out our baptismal and membership vows in today's world.

To make participation as accessible as possible, the study will be offered on **Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, as well as Tuesday mornings** each week. Sessions will begin **the week after Labor Day** and conclude **the week before Thanksgiving**.

Participants are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book before the study begins.

For More information or to register: Contact Josie at josiegobel@charter.net or call 920-988-0705.

To order the book https://www.cokesbury.com/Building-Beloved-Community-2

Darlington United Methodist Church
ROAST BEEF SUPPER – September 23, 2026

Fall is fast approaching and so is the Darlington UMC annual **"All-Church Roast Beef Supper"**. We need your help!

This year's Roast Beef Supper will be on Wednesday, September 23, with serving from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in the church dining room. Carry-outs, along with in-town delivery will be available.

We will be serving our traditional roast beef, with (real) mashed potatoes and gravy along with cut green beans, rolls, coleslaw, and coffee or milk. And don't forget the best part – **HOMEMADE PIE** for dessert.

Ticket prices are $15 for adults, $7 for kids ages 6-12 and children ages 5 and under are free. We are asking all households for donations; either **2 - 9" pies OR $20.00 cash** to help defray costs.

All Other Household Members Not Bringing Pies are asked to donate $20.00
Cash donations or checks made payable to "United Methodist Women" can be placed in the offering plate , paid that night or mailed to the church office at *550 Main St, Darlington, WI 53530*

It would be great if you could have your Pies to the church by Noon on Wednesday, the 23th. (Tuesday evening works too!)

As always, we need to work together to make this event run smoothly. Please sign up through the Sign up Genius website, or sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary, contact the church office or Missy Paisley . Thank you in advance for your generosity, cooperation & hard work to make this all-church event a success!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA8A722A0F5C34-65415692-roast

Darlington United Methodist Church

Roast Beef Supper

Wednesday, September 23
Serving 4:30–7:00pm
UMC Dining Room

PRICES:
$15.00 Adults & Teens
$7.00 Kids 6–12 yrs
Age 6 & under FREE
Dine –In, Carry Out & Delivery Available!!
Please call 776–4114

Nervous-cited

One of my favorite words ever coined wasn't found in a dictionary – it came from my daughter Macy when she was little.

As summer ended and school was about to begin, we'd ask how she was feeling. Her answer was often, "I'm nervous-cited."

She couldn't decide whether she was nervous or excited because, truthfully, she was both.

A new teacher. New classmates. Maybe reconnecting with old friends. Wondering where she'd sit at lunch. Wondering if she'd like her classes. Looking forward to seeing familiar faces while also stepping into the unknown.

I suspect we've all experienced that feeling.

Whether it's starting a new job, moving to a new community, welcoming a new pastor, or beginning a new ministry, anticipation often carries both excitement and uncertainty. We wonder what lies ahead while hoping it will be something good.

As Christians, I wonder if we've lost a little of that "nervous-cited" feeling when it comes to the church.

What if we came into worship each week wondering, What is God going to do today?

What if we looked around the sanctuary asking, Who might be here for the first time? Who could use a conversation? Who might become a lifelong friend?

What if we approached a new ministry opportunity with curiosity instead of caution?

The early church lived with that kind of expectation. They never knew where the Holy Spirit might lead next, whose life might be transformed, or what new opportunity for ministry might appear around the corner. They expected God to be at work.

It would be great if you could have your Pies to the church by Noon on Wednesday, the 23th. (Tuesday evening works too!)

Stewardship grows out of that same anticipation.

When we believe God is still writing new stories, we naturally want to be part of them. We volunteer because we want to see what God will do next. We invite others because we believe their lives can be changed. We give generously because we're investing in something bigger than ourselves.

Perhaps this fall, as backpacks are filled and classrooms come alive again, we can reclaim a little of that childlike anticipation.

Maybe it's okay – even healthy – to become a little "nervous-cited" about what God has in store for our churches.

Darlington & Fayette United Methodist Churches

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	SCRIPTURE	TOPIC
__9/01/26	Psalm 149	Praise to the Lord Our King
__9/02/26	Exodus 12:1-14	The Passover
__9/03/26	Deuteronomy 16:1-8	Celebrate the Passover
__9/04/26	Matthew 5:43-48	Love for Enemies
__9/05/26	Romans 13:8-14	Love for the Day Is Near
__9/06/26	Matthew 18:15-20	A Brother Who Sins Against You
__9/07/26	II Corinthians 2:5-11	Forgiveness for the Sinner
__9/08/26	Exodus 14:19-31	The Lord Parts the Red Sea
__9/09/26	Exodus 15:1-21	The Songs of Moses and Miriam
__9/10/26	Job 19:25-29	Our Redeemer Lives
__9/11/26	Romans 14:1-13	The Weak and the Strong
__9/12/26	James 2:8-13	Mercy Triumphs Over Judgment
__9/13/26	Matthew 18:21-35	Parable of the Unmerciful Servant
__9/14/26	Psalm 119:17-24	A Good Servant Obeys God's Word
__9/15/26	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Israel Set Free From Egypt
__9/16/26	Exodus 16:1-15	The Lord Provides Manna and Quail
__9/17/26	Acts 5:17-42	The Apostles Persecuted
__9/18/26	Philippians 1:21-30	Suffering as a Christian
__9/19/26	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	Generosity to the Poor
__9/20/26	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
__9/21/26	Isaiah 45:18-25	Every Knee Will Bow to the Lord
__9/22/26	I Corinthians 6:9-11	Forgiveness Is Available to All
__9/23/26	Psalm 78	Lessons From the History of Israel
__9/24/26	Colossians 3:1-14	Living in the Love of Jesus Christ
__9/25/26	Philippians 2:1-13	Imitating Christ's Humility
__9/26/26	Matthew 21:23-27	The Authority of Jesus Questioned
__9/27/26	Matthew 21:28-32	The Parable of the Two Sons
__9/28/26	Psalm 19	God's Glorious Creation – Perfect Law
__9/29/26	Exodus 20:1-20	The Ten Commandments
__9/30/26	Jeremiah 9:23-24	Most Important – Know the Lord

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WOMEN OF THE BIBLE WEEKDAY READING PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

DATE	SCRIPTURE	TOPIC
__9/1/26	Luke 7:11-17	Jesus raises a widow's dead son to life.
__9/2/26	Luke 7:36-50	Jesus forgives a sinful woman who anoints Him.
__9/3/26	Luke 8:1-3	Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna and other women ministered to Jesus.
__9/4/26	Luke 8:40-56	Jesus heals a woman with a hemorrhage and also heals the daughter of an official of a synagogue.
__9/7/26	Luke 10:38-42	Mary's wise choice to listen to Jesus' teaching.
__9/8/26	Luke 11:27-28	An unnamed woman calls for a blessing on Jesus' mother.
__9/9/26	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath.
__9/10/26	Luke 14:25-33	Jesus teaches that devotion to Him must come before that to father, mother, wife, children, brothers and sisters.
__9/11/26	Luke 15:8-10	Jesus tells a parable of a woman and a lost coin to explain the rejoicing in the presence of the angels when even one sinner repents.
__9/14/26	Luke 18:1-8	Jesus teaches on prayer using a parable of a widow.
__9/15/26	Luke 24:1-12	Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and other women report Jesus' resurrection.
__9/16/26	John 2:1-11	Mary makes a request of Jesus which results in His first recorded miracle in the Bible.
__9/17/26	John 4:1-26	Jesus reveals to a Samaritan woman that He is the Messiah (the "Christ.")
__9/18/26	John 8:1-12	Jesus forgives an adulterous woman.
__9/21/26	John 11:1-16	Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus dies.
__9/22/26	John 11:17-37	Jesus comforts Mary and Martha.
__9/23/26	John 11:38-44	Martha warns Jesus the body may have an odor.
__9/24/26	John 12:1-8	Mary (of Bethany) anoints Jesus.
__9/25/26	John 19:25-27	During His crucifixion, Jesus directs John to care for His mother Mary.
__9/28/26	John 20:1-10	Mary Magdalene discovers Jesus' tomb is empty.
__9/29/26	John 20:11-18	Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene after He is resurrected.
__9/30/26	Acts 1:1-14	Jesus' mother Mary joined the disciples in prayer.

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2026

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

End of Week (Saturday)	Chapters Completed	Check-off
September 5	Philippians 3	_____
September 12	Colossians 4	_____
September 19	I Thessalonians 5	_____
September 26	I Timothy 2	_____

(Progress Milestone: 192 chapters read – 73.6% of the New Testament)

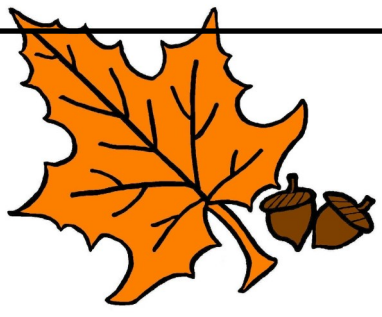
September Lectionary

September 6
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-25
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Acts 1:14-21, 33-35
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27
18th 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!

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United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith Meeting
September 15, 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.

Sept 2 Marion Howard
Sept 3 Colton Carpenter
Sept 3 Marian Seffrood
Sept 6 Dennis Wirth
Sept 6 Wheelar Douglas
Sept 6 Miller Gornik
Sept 7 Jason Johnson
Sept 9 Nick Zuberbuhler
Sept 9 Molly Andrews
Sept 11 Averlyn Abraham
Sept 12 Scott Parkinson
Sept 12 Brantley Edwards
Sept 13 Rev. Han Lee
Sept 13 Olivia Tyson
Sept 14 Tucker Douglas
Sept 15 Ashlynn Schultz
Sept 18 Alex Douglas
Sept 19 Josh Wirth
Sept 19 Ruby Garrison
Sept 20 Chloe Weber
Sept 21 Andrea Hackett
Sept 22 David Edwards
Sept 23 Tara Lindsay
Sept 24 Tamara Pettijohn
Sept 26 Rayna O'Brien
Sept 26 Lily Ritchie
Sept 27 Judy Lindsay
Sept 28 Cody Carpenter
Sept 29 Maicy Norgard
Sept 30 Sam Cohen

Sept 2 Don & Dianne Osterday
Sept 8 Owen & Ruth Thompson
Sept 8 David & Danielle Bailey
Sept 15 Greg & Tammy Halvorson
Sept 18 Andy & Becky Upmann
Sept 19 Matt & Jessica Elzen
Sept 20 Ryan & Kari Boatman

September Liturgists

Sept 6 D- Judy Whalen
F- Ron Ingwell

Sept 13 D- Cindy Miller
F- Pam Gould

Sept 20 D- Kent Miehe
F- Nicki Thorne

Sept 27 D- Cindy Miller
F- Dennis Wirth

September Ushers

Sept 6 Cathy Paulson
Beaver Paulson

Sept 13 Todd Chiaverotti
Cheryl Chiaverotti

Sept 20 Dick Allendorf
Tim Osterday

Sept 27 Tim Stover
Stephanie Stover

September Acolytes

Sept 6 Frankie Smith
Kynrk Johnson

Sept 13 Jake Fox
Wheeler Douglas

Sept 20 Rya Fitzsimons
Piper Ritchie

Sept 27 Chesne Fink
Cruz Fink

Sneak peak at Oct 6

Liturgist: D- Judy Whalen
F- Nicki Thorne

Ushers: Beaver Paulson
Cathy Paulson

Acolytes: Wheeler Douglas
Kynrk Johnson

COME Worship WITH US

September 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30 Pastor @ Manor	2 7:00 Choir Practice	3	4	*5*
6 **15th Sunday after Pentecost** **Communion Sunday** 8:30 Worship in Fayette 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/Choir	*7*	8 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	9	*10* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	*11*	*12*
13 **16th Sunday after Pentecost** 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington w/3rd Grade Bible Presentation	*14*	*15* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	16 6:00 Confirmation Orientation 7:00 Choir Practice	*17* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	*18*	*19*
20 **17th Sunday of Pentecost** 8:30 Worship in Fayette 9:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Worship in Darlington	21	228 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	23 4:30-7:00 Roast Beef Dinner 6:00 Religious Ed 6:00 Confirmation Class	24 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	25	**26**
27 **18th Sunday of Pentecost** 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington	28	29 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	30 6:00 Religious Ed NO Confirmation Class			

School of Leadership
Sept 29-Oct 1