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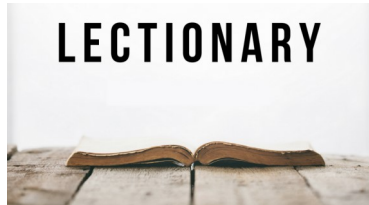


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### "The Purpose of Your Life"

"What is the purpose of your vacation?" This was the question I asked Jina. Last month, I had a delightful visitor, called Jina, who is a daughter of my co-missionaries when I had lived in Mozambique. She was a cute and curious four-year-old girl when I first met her in 2004. I haven't had a chance to meet her since I had left Mozambique in 2014. Meanwhile, she reached me out to visit us during winter break of the University of Florida. What a grateful opportunity to be reconnected with an old friend.

Generally, people look for relaxation, restoration, or great adventure on vacation. In this sense, a vacation may have many different purposes. So, when Jina arrived at my home, I asked her what the expectation of her vacation would be. She just wanted to spend time with us. Through the time with us, she was able to make joyous memories with new adventures; Snowshoeing, making snow angel, building a snowman, snow fighting, bell ringing, shoveling the snow from the walk, watching falling snow, dancing on iced lake, tasting home-made bologna, making new friends and was able to make a deeper relationship with us. This must have been a special vacation because it was her first real winter season experience.

I think there will be a purpose in our lives as well as a short vacation or trip. If so, is there a purpose in Jesus' life? In John 10:10, Jesus says, "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. But *my purpose is to give them an abundant life.*" The purpose of Jesus coming is to give us life, to give us abundant life. His life, his teaching, his healing, his dying, and his rising, everything he has done is pointing at giving us abundant life.

As a new year has been granted us once more, I would ask you what the purpose of your life is. I pray that you may taste and see an abundant life and joyous adventures in an intimate relationship in Christ.



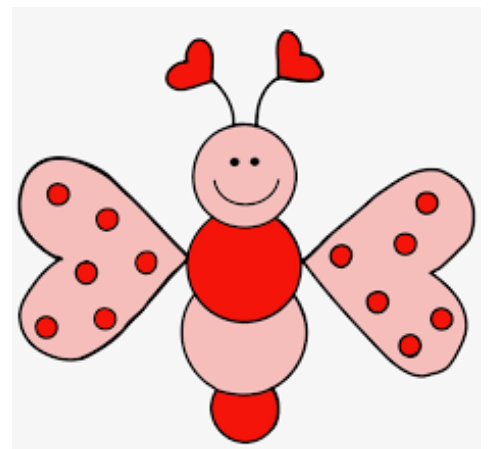
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Pastor InSun

## With our Sympathy

We mourn with our community the loss of  
Vivian Allendorf  
Her Son  
Dick Allendorf  
1390 Fayette Rd  
Darlington, WI 53530

*Gone  
but not  
Forgotten*







Baptized  
in the  
Name of Jesus  
in January

Levi Long  
Son of Gina Douglas &  
Colton Long



### Religious Ed

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

ON CHRISTMAS BREAK  
Return on January 25

*We Love*  
*by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung*

As we begin this new year, my prayer is that we focus on the love of God. This is a call from the Bible. Paul prays in 1 Thessalonians 12-13 that, “the Lord make you increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all people, even do toward you: to the end the God may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God...”

May we fill everything with God’s abundant, unconditional, all-embracing love; genuinely loving others as God loves us. Let us not forget that God’s heart includes all and extends the divine love to all. When we look around, there are neighbors who are suffering from illness, loneliness, poverty, mental illness, and/or marginalization. God calls us to love all – the least (by societal standards) and the lost (See Matthew 25). There are many who, in their racial, cultural, sexual/gender identity, economic status and/or circumstances, are not respected for their human rights. The Bible often invites us to bring all people into the hearts of our Christian community of care and of love.

We are called to “loving discipleship,” which is sometimes referred to as a transformative reversal of order. We are transformed when we love no matter our theoretical, theological, or economic stances. Foremost, Jesus taught that those who want to be honored must humble themselves and empty themselves. This is the essential points of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Greek word, Kenosis, “emptying” would be a beautiful expression of love in Christian community.

I ponder upon the words found in Philippians 2: 5-11:

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness and being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name above every other name so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God...”*

My hope for this new year is that we love each other, pray while loving, and love while praying. I hope that when we read the Word daily, we read it with love and believe that the only way to obey God’s Word is to love. Let us be courageous and love without any conditions. May we take courage from each other to create a world where everyone is treated equally and loved equally.

We love, YES! Only by love are we saved, reached, and loved.

Know that I am praying for you.

Hee-Soo Jung, Bishop  
Wisconsin Conference



## Sasha's Generosity

Scott tells a story about when a story about when his church group visited Russia and he met a ten-year-old Russian orphan named Sasha who, for some reason, latched on to him. Sasha took Scott by the arm and led him through the orphanage, showing off his room and the place he ate meals. All the while Sasha's eyes were filled with joy and laughter. In spite of the fact that Scott spoke little Russian, and Sasha spoke no English, they connected.

As the church group prepared to depart, Sasha sat beside Scott, pulled a silver ring from his finger, and held it out for Scott to take. His eyes filled with tears and Scott spoke the only Russian word I knew — "Nyet, nyet." (No, no.) This child, who had nothing in the world to call his own except this ring, desperately wanted to give this ring to him. When asked why Sasha wanted to give his only possession away, Sasha responded through an interpreter, "Because I am so thankful Scott came." For Sasha, abundant joy, extreme poverty, and a heart filled with gratitude overflowed in a wealth of generosity.

For many of us who have so much, we want more. We are not thankful for what we have and always look for the "something more." And truth be told, it's never enough. What would happen if, by God's grace, our desire to gain more and have more could be transformed by gratitude into a heartfelt desire to give more? What would happen if in a spirit of gratitude, we spent as much time figuring out ways to give as we spend figuring out how to earn, have, and keep?

Can you recall a time when you were truly thankful despite negative circumstances? Can you recall a time when someone who could least afford it gave you a generous gift? What was it like? How did you respond?

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

## Graduation Sunday

We have many students that will be Graduating this year. **We will hold Graduation Sunday on Sunday May 21.** Please join us. Thank you for supporting our students as they venture into the "real world"

## Scholarships

Seniors and College Students and their Parents, please watch your email at the beginning of February for the Scholarship information from the UMW & Foundation.



**Each month I will post the months list. If you would like the whole years, let me know and I will get it to you. Or you can get it on the website.**

### OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2023

(History of Israeli People – Wandering in the Desert 40 Years)

<u>End of Week (Saturday)</u>	<u>Chapter Completed</u>	<u>Check-off</u>
February 4 – (14 chapters)	Exodus 34	_____
February 11 – (21 chapters)	Leviticus 15	_____
February 18 – (14 chapters)	Numbers 2	_____
February 25 – (21 chapters)	Numbers 23	_____

(Progress Milestone: 140 chapters read –15.1% of the Old Testament)

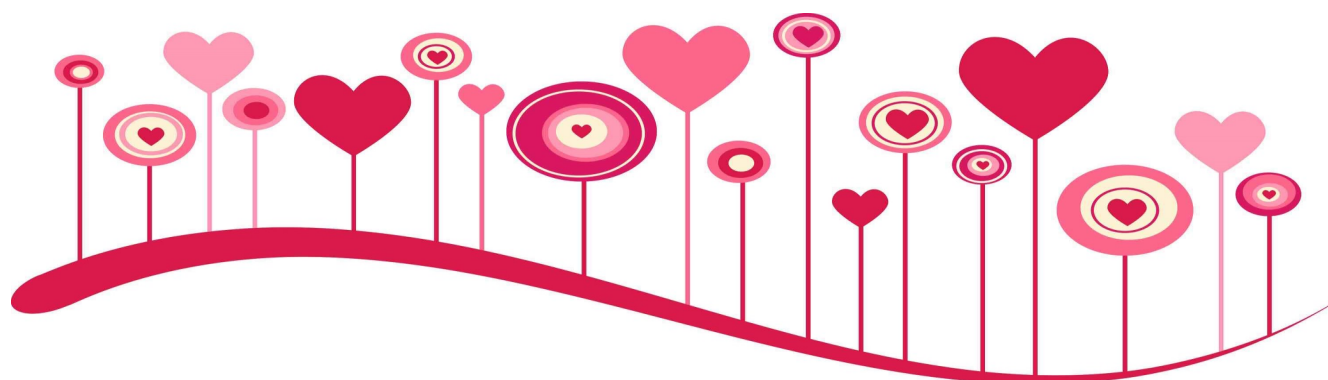
### NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2023

(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>
February 4	Matthew 25	_____
February 11	Mark 2	_____
February 18	Mark 7	_____
February 25	Mark 12	_____

(Progress Milestone: 40 chapters read – 15.4% of the New Testament)

Read the Bible every day. Pray every day. Don't make any decisions too harshly or too quickly, without first considering God about it. Ask Him, 'Shall I do this, Father?' Ask Him, 'Is it Your will for me to do this?' Then see what the Holy Spirit will speak to you. He might not give you a vision, but He will speak in some way to you, to let you know, if you'll be sincere and ask Him.



*Darlington & Fayette United Methodist Churches*  
**DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR FEBRUARY 2023**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
___ 2/01/23	Isaiah 58:1-12	True Fasting
___ 2/02/23	Esther 4:12-16	Esther's Fast for Deliverance
___ 2/03/23	I Corinthians 2:1-16	Wisdom From the Spirit
___ 2/04/23	Matthew 5:13-16	Salt and Light
___ 2/05/23	Matthew 5:17-20	The Fulfillment of the Law
___ 2/06/23	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	The Offer of Life or Death
___ 2/07/23	Psalms 119:1-8	Laws – Statutes - Commandments
___ 2/08/23	I Corinthians 3:1-9	On Divisions in the Church
___ 2/09/23	Matthew 5:21-26	Sermon on the Mount - Murder
___ 2/10/23	Matthew 5:27-30	Sermon on the Mount - Adultery
___ 2/11/23	Matthew 5:31-32	Sermon on the Mount - Divorce
___ 2/12/23	Matthew 5:33-37	Sermon on the Mount - Oaths
___ 2/13/23	Ephesians 2:19-22	Citizens of God's Household
___ 2/14/23	Psalms 78:1-8	Keep God's Commands
___ 2/15/23	Proverbs 2:1-8	The Knowledge of God
___ 2/16/23	Exodus 24:12-18	God's Law and Commandments
___ 2/17/23	Psalms 99	Exalt the Lord Our God
___ 2/18/23	II Peter 1:16-21	Jesus – Prophecy of Scripture
___ 2/19/23	Matthew 17:1-9	The Transfiguration
___ <b>(Transfiguration Sunday)</b>		
___ 2/20/23	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Rend Your Heart
___ 2/21/23	Deuteronomy 4:29-31	Seek the Lord With All Your Heart
___ 2/22/23	II Corinthians 5:20-6:10	Be Reconciled to God
___ <b>(Ash Wednesday)</b>		
___ 2/23/23	Psalms 32	Confession and Joy of Forgiveness
___ 2/24/23	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	The Fall of Man
___ 2/25/23	Romans 5:12-19	Death Through Adam – Life Through Christ
___ 2/26/23	Matthew 4:1-11	The Temptation of Jesus
___ 2/27/23	Psalms 121	God – Our Guardian
___ 2/28/23	I Peter 1:17-20	Redeemed by the Blood of Jesus



### Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of December

- In Memory of Sally Gorgas given by Roger Gorgas.
- In Memory of Gertie & Clifford Pratt given by Jill Pratt.
- In Memory of Mike Curry given by Karen Curry.
- In Memory of Beverly Peacock given by Owen & Ruth Thompson.
- In Memory of Carol McDaniel given by John McDaniel.
- In Honor of Pastor InSun Lee's Birthday given by Jean Peters.

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!



### LECTIONARY



#### February Lectionary

February 5

#### 5th Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Psalms 112:1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

February 12

#### 6th Sunday After Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19

#### Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

February 22

#### Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26

#### 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Matthew 4:1-11

—END OF YEAR—  
**GIVING**  
STATEMENTS

End of year monetary giving statements have been mailed. If you did not receive one for your financial gifts or if you find an error on your statement, please leave a message for Becky at the church 776-4114.

### Darlington Community Food Pantry

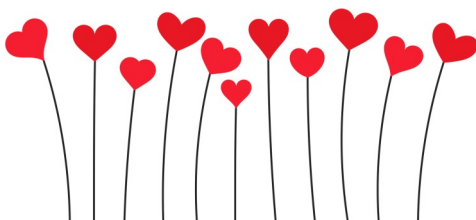
Open Tuesdays and Thursdays,

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. **The Food Pantry is in need of toilet paper this month.**



Second Harvest  
Mobile Food Pantry **will be Friday**  
**February 3 at the**  
**First Baptist Church in Darlington.**  
Please "pop" your trunk.







## Happy Birthday

Feb 1 Ashley Gossens  
Feb 2 Rev. InSun Lee  
Feb 3 Kari Gornik  
Feb 4 Kameron Blosch  
Feb 4 Georgina Meyers  
Feb 5 Pat Hardyman  
Feb 7 Julie Davis  
Feb 9 Sheila Kelly  
Feb 9 Chloe Havens  
Feb 12 Chad Stephenson  
Feb 12 Margaret Ruppert

Feb 12 Gloria Boatman  
Feb 14 Roger Gorgas  
Feb 16 Lana Flesher Bryson  
Feb 16 Hannah McCarthy  
Feb 16 Ryan Boatman  
Feb 17 Gina Douglas  
Feb 17 Gabrielle Steiner  
Feb 18 Katie Hanewall  
Feb 18 Bryan Brown  
Feb 18 Carol Weinbrenner  
Feb 18 Cindy Dunham  
Feb 19 Connie Ostby  
Feb 19 Carly Miehle Winslow  
Feb 19 Jon King  
Feb 20 Steve Smith  
Feb 21 Steve Parkinson  
Feb 21 Craig Curry  
Feb 23 Marie Wamsley  
Feb 23 Carter Lancaster  
Feb 23 Xzander Bennett  
Feb 24 Jeremy Calvert  
Feb 24 Peter Parkinson  
Feb 24 Trisha Douglas  
Feb 24 Elizabeth Wiegel  
Feb 25 Michelle Eaton  
Feb 26 Tyler Schwoob  
Feb 26 Matthew King  
Feb 26 Steve Howard  
Feb 26 Lillian Ward  
Feb 28 Jackson Boatman



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Feb 14 Vicki & Bill Whitford  
Feb 15 Rebecca & Garth Garrison  
Feb 24 Dan & Kori Hemming  
Feb 25 Harold & Sandy Morrison  
Feb 27 Christine & Howard Hill



### February Acolytes

Feb 5 Ryder Fitzsimons  
Zeke Zuberbuhler  
Feb 12 Pierce Thompson  
Evan Komprood  
Feb 19 Anyka Johnson  
Paige Douglas  
Feb 26 Raynie Norgard  
Maicy Norgard

### February Ushers

Feb 5 Cathy Paulson  
Beaver Paulson  
Landon Blaser  
James Ackley  
Feb 12 Cheryl Chiaverotti  
Todd Chiaverotti  
Riggs Black  
Dawson Douglas  
Feb 19 Nick Zuberbuhler  
Jason Hendrickson  
Feb 26 Ken Norgard  
Rebecca Norgard  
Ashlynn Norgard  
Lylah Norgard

### February Liturgists

Feb 5 D- Kent Miehle  
F- Ron Ingwell  
Feb 12 D- Nancy Fisker  
F- Pam Gould  
Feb 19 D- Joan Thompson  
F- Dennis Wirth  
Feb 26 D- Judy Whalen  
F- Lance Lansing

**Thank you for serving! If you can not make it on your day, please find someone to replace you. If no one is able, please notify another member on the team. Thank you!**

### Sneak peak at Mar 5

Liturgist: D- Kent Miehle  
F- Ron Ingwell  
Ushers: Beaver Paulson  
Cathy Paulson  
Landon Blaser  
James Ackley  
Acolytes: Remie Nyffenegger  
Lilly Ritchie



## 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.





# February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		1	2	3	4
		6:00 Religious Ed		Pastor Insun's Day Off	
5 Communion		8	9	10	11
9:00 Worship in Fayette		12:00 Ecumenical Clergy mtg.	6:30 Trustee mtg.	Pastor Insun's Day Off	
10:30 Worship in Darlington		6:00 Religious Ed			
12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 Worship in Fayette	 Pastor InSun, Racial Ethnic Leadership Summit 13-14 @ Green Lake		6:00 Religious Ed	6:00 Finance mtg.	Pastor Insun's Day Off
10:30 Worship in Darlington			7:00 Choir Practice	7:00 Admin mtg.	
19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 Choir Practice			6:00 Religious Ed		Pastor Insun's Day Off
9:00 Worship in Fayette			6:00 Ash Wed Service @ Darlington		
10:30 Worship in Darlington					

Pastor InSun, BOOM mtg.  
February 26 (pm)- March 3 @ Pine Lake