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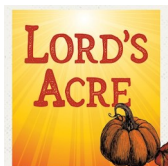
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CHRISTMAS EVE
CHOIR

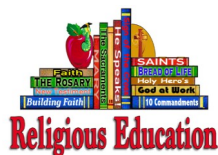
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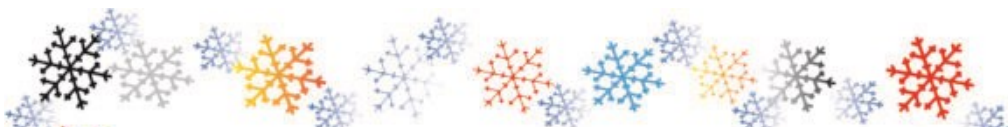


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Advent Greetings



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph. (Luke 1:26-27a)

Imagine yourself a young woman, a good girl, from a good family, suddenly discovering that you are pregnant. How do you explain it to your boyfriend, who is not the father?

Imagine yourself a young man, starting out in the world, being told by the woman you want to marry that she is pregnant and you are not the father! What would you do? Leave her in a very public way, letting everyone know that you are not father!



This story repeats itself year after year. Throughout the centuries young girls have become pregnant, boyfriends/husbands have turned their back.

Once in history, however, the story took a different turn. The boyfriend was going to walk away, but didn't. His name was Joseph. The young girl gave birth to a son. Her name is Mary.

As we make our homes ready for celebration and homecoming this Christmas season, let us also take time this Christmas to make room for a young girl who is pregnant, a reluctant boyfriend, and a child who will change the course of History.

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Let us prepare our hearts by renewing our commitment to Jesus our Christ. Let us renew our vows of membership: to pray for others and ourselves, by coming home to worship and events in the life of the church, by sharing our gifts (both financial gifts and skills, talents for the good of the church and people), and our service, following in the steps of Jesus to make a positive difference in the life of others.

May this Christmas be holy and blessed for you all!

Pastor InSun



♥
Love to visit



Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of November

- In Memory of Sally Gorgas given by Roger Gorgas.
- In Honor of Donna Havens given by Gina Crist.
- In Memory of Shorty & Gert Pratt given by Mary Ann & Sue Kowalski.



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 October

Income		\$ 20,207.30
Expenses	-	<u>21,436.14</u>
Difference		(\$ 1,228.84)

2023 Apportionment Total - \$26, 669

Paid YTD - \$34,305

Balance Left for 2023— 22,287

Percentage paid - 16.19%

Special Christmas Offering

A special Christmas Offering envelope is part of your box of giving envelopes.

Special Christmas offering will be placed in our general fund to be sure that we meet our financial obligations for the year. Any size gift is appreciated and will be added to your giving statement. For those who do not have a box of giving envelopes, we also invite you to send an extra Christmas offering to the church office.



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.



SCRIP for Christmas?

Small denomination gift cards, extra bonuses for church, and ship to home options are part of our Scrip Christmas sales.

Scrip gift cards are like all other gift cards: **you purchase at face value and spend them at face value**. The church receives a percentage from the sale.

For more information or to order contact:

Sheila Kelly 608-482-1141 kellysheila87@gmail.com OR

Becky Cohen 608-482-2250 becky@brewcrewfan.com



HOLIDAY EVENTS

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.

December 15 & 16 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 First National Bank and return them on Monday.

Choir & Christmas Eve Service

We want to keep this tradition alive. We will sing a song out of the Cantata we are working on. Here are the practice times we know of right now. There may be more as the weeks unfold, if warranted. Please make every effort to be at as many practices as your schedule will allow. IMPORTANT: All are welcome, no matter how many practices one can attend. If all you can do is practice at home and make it to a couple practices at church,

WE STILL WANT YOU!

Dec. 3; 9 a.m. Dec. 6; 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 10; 9 am Dec. 13; 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 17; 9 a.m. Dec 20; 6:00 p.m.

Thank you so much, everyone. It will be beautiful as always!!

**CHRISTMAS EVE
CHOIR**

Children's Program: Dec 17 at Darlington

During our 10:00 worship, the Religious Education students will put on the Christmas Program under the direction of Jamie Smith. This is one of the highlights of the year for our students and all who experience the program.



**"THE MAILMAN Adapted
from:
Jeffrey the Mailman By Terri
Lee"**

What happens when a mailman gets a Christmas miracle he never knew he needed? Come join us on December 17 at 10:00 a.m. to find out why the true meaning of Christmas is so important to share with everyone you meet!

Christmas Eve Worship Service

5:00 pm Our tradition of the choir sharing a Christmas Cantata during worship continues. The service will include lighting the advent wreath, children's time, and end with candle lit "Silent Night".

Loose offering will go to support the choir. You may write a check to UMC Choir, if you prefer.



Offering in regular envelopes or with designations will be distributed as indicated.



Lord's Acre Auction



They will be meeting on the following days:

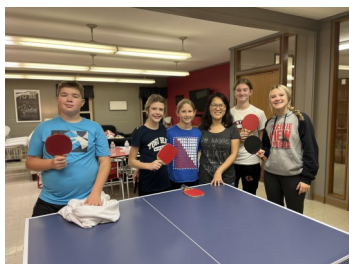
-The next UWF Meeting - To Be Determined. Watch your emails or listen for a phone call if you don't have email.



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REMINDERS – The *SCRIPT Program* is a great fund raiser for our Church. 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!

Youth Class



3rd Grade
Bible
Presentation



Darlington UMC Church Council Table of Organization 2024

Ad Council

Fritz Hanewall– Chair
 Open– Vice Chair
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)
 Kyle Thompson– Treasurer
 Becky Upmann– Secretary
 Dick Allendorf– Trustee Chair
 Judy Whalen—SPRC Chair
 Vickie Pratt– Finance Chair
 Sheila Kelly– Outreach Chair
 Jamie Smith– Ed Coordinator
 Rick Loken– UMM Rep
 Nancy Fisker– UWF Rep
 Dan Hemming– Member to AC
 Nancy Fisker– Member to AC
 Cheryl Chiaverotti– At Large
 Mary Ann Kowalski– At Large
 Joan Thompson– At Large
 Pastor InSun Lee

Lay Leadership Committee

Pastor InSun– Chair
 Sheila Kelly
 Dan Hemming
 Doug Kelly
 Cheryl Chiaverotti
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)

Records & History Committee

Marion Howard– Chair
 Donna Havens
 Don Osterday
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)
 Pastor InSun Lee

Education Committee

Jamie Smith– Rel Ed Coordinator
 Denise Lancaster
 Heather Fitzsimons
 Mandi Nyffenegger
 Carly Winslow
 Kent Miehle
 Pastor InSun Lee

Trustee Committee

Dick Allendorf– Chair
 Mary Paisley– Vice Chair
 Tim Pratt
 Steph Hanewall
 Wayne Thompson
 Marla Ostby
 Mandi Nyffenegger
 Heather Fitzsimons
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)
 Pastor InSun Lee

SPRC Committee

Judy Whalen– Chair
 Dennis Wirth– Vice Chair
 Jill Pratt
 Cheryl Chiaverotti
 Danielle Hardyman
 Ron Ingwell—Fayette Rep
 Lance Lansing– LL Fayette
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)
 Pastor InSun Lee

Audit Committee

Ruth Thompson
 Lori Douglas
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)

Membership Committee

Becky Upmann
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)
 Pastor InSun Lee

Now Committee

Sheila Kelly– Chair
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)
 Pastor InSun Lee

Altar Guards

Cathy Paulson
 Gina Crist

Script Team

Sheila Kelly
 Becky Kohen

Finance Committee

Vickie Pratt– Chair
 Kim Havens – Vice Chair
 Kyle Thompson– Treasurer
 Becky Upmann– Secretary
 David Edwards
 Linda Bawden
 Todd Chiaverotti
 Joan Thompson
 Fritz Hanewall– Council Chair
 Dick Allendorf– Trustee Chair
 Judy Whalen—SPRC Chair
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)
 Pastor InSun Lee

Memorial Committee

Lori Neumann
 Marion Howard
 Diane Osterday
 Kori Hemming
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)
 Pastor InSun Lee

Worship Committee

Carly Winslow– Accompanist
 Doug Kelly– Choir Director
 Kent Mc Connell
 Cathy Paulson
 Gina Crist
 Joan Thompson
 Jamie Smith
 Kaylee Crist– Young Adult Rep
 Dan Hemming– AV Director
 Open—LL (Lay Leader)
 Pastor InSun Lee

Media Ministry

Dan Hemming– AV Director
 Pastor InSun Lee



Fayette UMC Church Council Table of Organization 2024

Ad Council

Ron Ingwell– Chair
 Dennis Wirth– Vice Chair
 Jean North– Recording Secretary
 Lance Lansing—LL (Lay Leader)
 Dixie Davis– Treasurer
 Fanny Ingwell– Financial Secretary
 Bob Boatman– Trustee Chair
 Dennis Wirth—SPRC Rep
 Jerry Davis– Finance Chair
 Margaret Ruppert– UWF Rep
 Fanny Ingwell– Membership Secretary
 Pastor InSun Lee

Trustee Committee

Bob Boatman– Chair
 Peter Parkinson
 Pat Steiner
 Dennis Wirth
 Lance Lansing—LL
 Pastor InSun Lee

Lay Leadership Committee

Lance Lansing– Chair
 Fanny Ingwell
 Ellen Boatman
 Pastor InSun Lee

Wills & Memorial Committee

Pat Steiner
 Margaret Ruppert
 Gloria Boatman
 Lance Lansing—LL
 Pastor InSun Lee

Finance Committee

Jerry Davis– Chair
 Dixie Davis– Treasurer
 Fanny Ingwell– Financial Secretary
 Jean North
 Dennis Wirth
 Ron Ingwell– Council Chair
 Bob Boatman– Trustee Chair
 Dennis Wirth—SPRC Rep
 Lance Lansing—LL
 Pastor InSun Lee

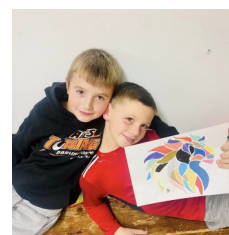
Communion Stewards & Worship Committee

Dennis Wirth
 Gloria Boatman
 Pat Steiner
 Lance Lansing—LL
 Pastor InSun Lee

Record & History Committee

Pam Gould
 Pat Steiner
 Lance Lansing—LL
 Pastor InSun Lee

Religious Ed Fun



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.

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



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.



NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 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>
December 2	Revelation 2	_____
December 9	Revelation 7	_____
December 16	Revelation 12	_____
December 23	Revelation 17	_____
December 30	Revelation 22	_____

CONGRATULATIONS

(Progress Milestone: 260 chapters read – 100% of the New Testament)

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- DECEMBER 2023
(Books of the Prophets continued)

<u>End of Week (Saturday)</u>	<u>Chapter Completed</u>	<u>Check-off</u>
December 2 – (21 chapters)	Ezekiel 38	_____
December 9 – (21 chapters)	Daniel 11	_____
December 16 – (21 chapters)	Amos 3	_____
December 23 – (21 chapters)	Nahum 3	_____
December 30 – (21 chapters)	Zechariah 13	_____
December 31 – (5 chapters)	Malachi 4	_____

CONGRATULATIONS

(Progress Milestone: 929 chapters read – 100% of the Old Testament)

Darlington & Fayette United Methodist Churches

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR DECEMBER 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
___ 12/01/23	I Corinthians 1:3-9	Thank God for His Faithful Believers
___ 12/02/23	Luke 21:8-9, 25-28	Jesus Will Return in Power and Glory
___ 12/03/23	Mark 13:24-37	Jesus Will Return in Power and Glory
(First Sunday of Advent)		
___ 12/04/23	Proverbs 3:1-6	Trust in God's Commands
___ 12/05/23	Psalms 85	Salvation – Love – Peace of the Lord
___ 12/06/23	Hebrews 12:22-29	God Is a Consuming Fire
___ 12/07/23	II Peter 3:8-15	A New Heaven and a New Earth
___ 12/08/23	I Peter 1:22-25	The Word of the Lord Stands Forever
___ 12/09/23	Isaiah 40:1-11	Prophecy of John the Baptist (See verse 3)
___ 12/10/23	Mark 1:1-8	John the Baptist Prepares the Way
___ 12/11/23	Psalms 126	Sow in Tears – Reap in Joy
___ 12/12/23	I John 1:5-7	Walking in the Light
___ 12/13/23	I Thessalonians 5:16-24	Avoid Every Kind of Evil
___ 12/14/23	Isaiah 61:1-11	The Year of the Lord's Favor
___ 12/15/23	John 1:6-8	John – A Witness to the Light
___ 12/16/23	John 1:15-18	John Testifies About Jesus Christ
___ 12/17/23	John 1:19-28	John Denies Being the Christ
___ 12/18/23	Hebrews 1:1-12	Superiority of Jesus the Son
___ 12/19/23	Titus 2:11-14	The Blessed Hope – Jesus Christ
___ 12/20/23	Isaiah 9:2-7	Wonderful Counselor – Prince of Peace
___ 12/21/23	II Samuel 7:1-17	God's Promise to David
___ 12/22/23	Luke 1:46-55	Mary's Song ("The Magnificat")
___ 12/23/23	Romans 16:20-27	Prophecy Revealed – Salvation for Gentiles
___ 12/24/23	Luke 1:26-38	The Birth of Jesus Foretold
___ 12/25/23	Luke 2:1-20	The Birth of Jesus
(Christmas Day)		
___ 12/26/23	Psalms 96	Sing to the Lord
___ 12/27/23	Isaiah 52:7-10	All the Earth Shall See God's Salvation
___ 12/28/23	Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3	Zion Will Have a New Name
___ 12/29/23	Psalms 148	Praise the Lord
___ 12/30/23	Galatians 4:4-7	God Sent His Son
___ 12/31/23	Luke 2:21-40	Jesus Presented in the Temple



Why December 25?

Did you ever wonder why we celebrate

Christmas on December 25th? Jesus didn't have a birth certificate, so how do we know when Jesus was really born? Because the Bible offers no date for Jesus' birth, the placement of the nativity is up for debate. But there are three explanations that land us on December 25th. First, the Christian historian Sextus Julius Africanus had identified the 25th as Christ's nativity in the 3rd century. Chronographers reckoned that the world was created on the spring equinox and four days later, on March 25th, light was created. Since the existence of Jesus signaled a beginning of a new era, or new creation, the Biblical chronographers assumed Jesus' conception would have also fallen on March 25th, placing his birth in December, nine months later.

The second theory proposes that early Christians were convinced that Jesus must have lived upon earth for an exact number of years. Therefore, the date on which he died would also have been the same as the date of his conception. Because they believed that he was crucified on March 25 (and therefore conceived on March 25), his birth would have been placed nine months later, on December 25th.

The final theory concludes that December 25th was chosen at Rome because it was also the date of the winter solstice in the Julian calendar and a popular pagan feast celebrating the birthday of the invincible Sun. The pagan feast was established by Emperor Aurelian in 274 A.D. After Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity, he wanted to draw people away from these pagan festivities and point to Christ as the true Sun of Righteousness, and so instituted at Rome the feast of the Nativity on the same date.

So, you can take your pick as to which theory you believe has us celebrating Christmas on December 25th. No matter what option you choose—or even if you believe we have the date all wrong — Christmas is a reminder that God has come near and that the world and our lives will never be the same.

Rev. Jason Mahnke,

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

December Lectionary

December 3

1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24

Xmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

December 25

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

John 1:1-14

December 31

26th Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40





Dec 1	Edith Vickers	Dec 12	Harley Douglas
Dec 1	William Eaton	Dec 12	Ron Ingwell
Dec 3	Brooks Bailey	Dec 13	Anne Craig
Dec 3	Kevin Quinn	Dec 13	Chris Parkinson
Dec 5	Steve Carpenter	Dec 14	Danielle Hardyman
Dec 5	Edwin Stanton	Dec 17	Andrew Kelly
Dec 5	Gerald Sauer	Dec 17	John Wamsley
Dec 6	Mindy Swanson	Dec 18	Owen Thompson
Dec 6	Shelly Stelsel	Dec 19	Bonnie McDaniel
Dec 7	Emma Hill	Dec 20	Brad Whitford
Dec 8	Mary Ann Kowalski	Dec 21	Katie Carlson
Dec 8	Cole Pettijohn	Dec 22	Donna (Gordon) Coleman
Dec 9	Christine Hill	Dec 22	Athena Abraham
Dec 9	TJ Nyffenegger	Dec 25	Christa Wamsley
Dec 11	Kyler Johnson	Dec 25	Rita Flesher
		Dec 27	Karen Bredeson-Mack
		Dec 30	Jeff Watters
		Dec 31	Jessica Elzen



Dec 27 Pat & Danielle Hardyman
Dec 27 J. Michael & Pam Gould



December Liturgists

Dec 3	D- Kent Mieke F- Ron Ingwell
Dec 10	D- Judy Whalen F- Pam Gould
Dec 17	D- Joan Thompson F- Ron Ingwell
Dec 24	D- Judy Whalen F- Lance Lancing
Dec 31	D- Kent Mieke F- Ron Ingwell

December Ushers

Dec 3	Cathy Paulson Beaver Paulson Remie Nyffenegger Aubrey McCarthy
Dec 10	Tim Osterday Nick Zuberbuhler Zeke Zuberbuhler Lily Ritchie
Dec 17	Kent McConnell Holly Johnson Anyka Johnson Alyza Johnson
Dec 24	Ken Norgard Rebecca Norgard Lylah Norgard Lily Ritchie
Dec 31	Cheryl Chiaverotti Todd Chiaverotti Pierce Thompson Paige Douglas

December Acolytes

Dec 3	Maicy Norgard Ryley Burbach
Dec 10	Coby Lancaster Evan Komprood
Dec 17	Rya Fitzsimons Chesne Fink
Dec 24	Maicy Norgard Ryley Burbach
Dec 31	Coby Lancaster Evan Komprood



Sneak peak at Jan 7

Liturgist:	D- Joan Thompson F- Dennis Wirth
Ushers:	Beaver Paulson Cathy Paulson Ryder Fitzsimons Dawson Douglas
Acolytes:	Rya Fitzsimons



Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3
Second Harvest
Food Pantry

4
10:30 Asian Christmas
Celebration at Bashford
UMC

3 **Communion**
1st Sunday of Advent
8:30 Worship in Fayette
9:00 Choir Practice
10:00 Worship in Darlington w/ Choir

4

5
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

6
6:00 Religious Ed
6:00 Choir Practice

7
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

8
Pastor In Sun's
Day Off

9

10
2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington w/ Choir

11

12
10:30 Worship @ Lafayette
Co Manor
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry
6:00 Finance mtg.
6:30 Admin mtg.

13
6:00 Religious Ed
6:00 Choir Practice

14
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry
6:00 SPRC mtg.
6:30 Trustee mtg.

15
Pastor In Sun's
Day Off
3-7 Bell Ringing

16
10-12 Bell Ringing

17
3rd Sunday of Advent
8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington
w/ Children' Christmas Program

18

19
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

20
NO Religious Ed
on Christmas Break
6:00 Choir Practice

21
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

22
Pastor In Sun's
Day Off

23
Bell Ringing

24
4th Sunday of Advent
8:30 Worship in Fayette ONLY
5:00 Cantata in Darlington ONLY

25

26
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

27
NO Religious Ed
on Christmas Break

28
10-3 Darlington Food Pantry

29

30

Pastor has Korean Clergy Family Retreat December 25-27

31
8:30 Worship in Fayette
10:00 Worship in Darlington
w/ Baptism of
Owen Gornik

