



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for health concerns:

Todd Kispert
Marty Franko

For those who are remembering loved ones:

The family of Ron Olness
The family of Doug Hamilton

Care Center Residents...

Giving thanks & praying for:
Our nation and leaders...

Our school teachers,
administrators, students...

Service women & men and
their families...

Local health care
professionals, group home, &
care center workers...

Law enforcement &
emergency service workers...

Area congregations...

If you have a loved one you
would like to have added to
the Prayer Corner list, please
contact the Church Office at

507.374.6885 or
secdcumc@gmail.com

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	189
IN PERSON	27
TOTAL	216

This Week

SUN	June 21
	Father's Day
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
2:00 pm	Dodgers Parade
MON	June 22
10:00 am	Pastor Daren Office Hours (until 5:00 p.m.)
WED	June 24
	Newsletter deadline
THUR	June 25
6:00 pm	Caregiver's meeting
SUN	June 28
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship

Bible Study...

One of the most effective ways to grow as a disciple of Jesus is to engage in Bible Study. Pastor Daren would enjoy leading a Bible study here at Dodge Center UMC... but choosing the right time and the right topic is always a challenge. He would like your feedback.

If you are interested in hearing more about a Bible study group, or if you have an idea regarding the beginning of one, please contact Pastor Daren at his email address:

dflinck@gmail.com

or text/call his cell phone:

651.283.5754.



Sunday, June 21, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.



livestream links

Dodge Center UMC on FaceBook
Dodge Center UMC on YouTube

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Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

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The *7th* Sunday
after
Pentecost

June 21, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Worship Leader:
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

Accompanist:
Janet Bugarin

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

✠ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

As we gather, we come together
as people of the cross and resurrection.
We come as children of the Father
reconciled by grace through the Son
and filled with God's love through the Spirit

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #405 - "Seek Ye First"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Come to God who gathers us in.

We come to God who nurtures us like a father.

Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.

We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.

Come to God who journeys with us.

**We come to God who sees us as we really are
and loves us anyway.**

Come, praise our loving nurturing God!

✠ PRAISE

UMH #144 - "This Is My Father's World"

✠ OPENING PRAYER ³

**Great and loving God, we ask that your Holy Spirit bless our time
together and to refresh us with your presence. In the midst of a**

Live Streaming...

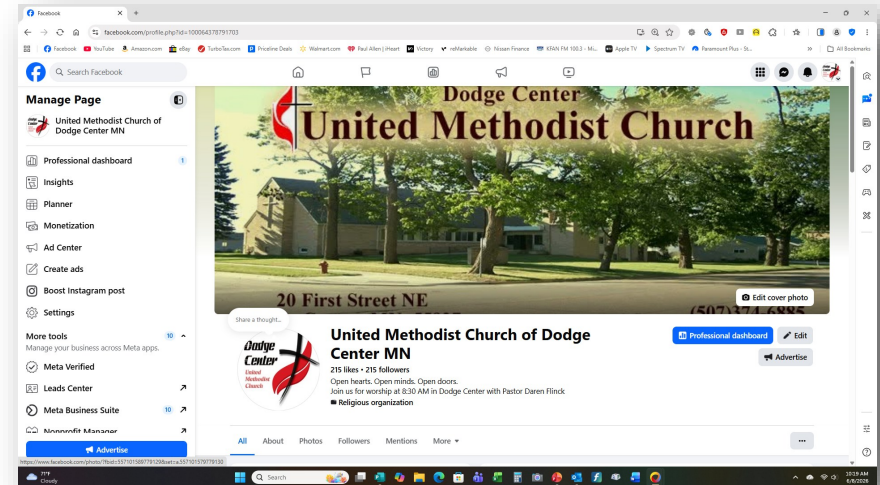
You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at this app channel:

Dodge Center UMC FaceBook page
Dodge Center UMC YouTube Channel

Please note that all of our services can be viewed at the above location even after the service is over. For questions, please contact Pastor Daren.

Our Facebook Page

We have an active Facebook page that seeks to promote the ministry of our church. Announcements, events, and sharing stories takes place on our Facebook page. We also make special announcements via our page to keep you up to date on schedule changes. Go to Facebook and search for Dodge Center United Methodist Church.



Pastor Daren's Blog

Pastor Daren has a blog that provides insights and behind the scenes reflections on our busy lives today. Here is the link to Pastor Daren's blog - subscribe to it today (no cost):

revdaren.blogspot.com



Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

405 "Seek Ye First"

This text was born out of Karen Lafferty's own struggle to seek God's will for her life. In 1971, after attending a Bible study on Mt. 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (KJV); she returned home and picked out the simple melody to accompany the stanzas on her guitar. The song quickly became a favorite with youth and young adults and remains popular today. Lafferty describes it as "a song in which people can put God's desire for their lives above their own."

144 "This Is My Father's World"

Maltbie D. Babcock's frequent walks through the hills near his home inspired this hymn. Written in 1915, Babcock saw God in elements of nature, such as rocks, trees, skies, seas, birds, light, flowers, and rustling grass. The text proclaims God as "the music of the spheres", the order and harmony of the universe. The hymn has enough depth for believers of all ages.

141 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, often called the Swedish Fannie Crosby, began writing hymns after her father's drowning in 1858. This text is an affirmation of God's safekeeping in times of distress. The Swedish folk tune TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA (meaning "no one can be safer") has a long association with this text. The hymn is appropriate for children as they learn of God's love, and it also provides comfort at funerals and memorial services.

95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

This short hymn, commonly known as the Doxology, was written by English Bishop Thomas Ken around 1674. It originally served as the final stanza for three longer hymns (morning, evening, and midnight) intended for students at Winchester College. The melody is even older than the lyrics. Before the Protestant Reformation, only professional musicians were allowed to sing in church. In Germany, Martin Luther began writing new hymns (including "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God") and taught that everyone should sing praises to God. This melody is often called "OLD 100TH" and is usually used as the offering song.

557 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Written in 1782 by English Baptist pastor John Fawcett, this song originated from his emotional decision to turn down a prestigious church position in London to remain with his small, impoverished congregation in Yorkshire. His congregation consisted mostly of poor farmers and shepherds, resulting in a very meager salary that barely supported his growing family. As Fawcett and his wife prepared to depart, the devoted villagers wept and pleaded with them to stay. Overcome by their mutual love, Fawcett and his wife decided they could not abandon their congregation. They immediately unpacked the wagons and sent the London church their regrets, going on to serve the Wainsgate community for 54 years. Fawcett wrote the hymn, originally titled "Brotherly Love," to commemorate the bond between him and his loyal parishioners.

These descriptions are found in the book "The Hymns of the United Methodist Hymnal" by Diana Sanchez and other sources from the internet.

world full of trouble and strife, we thank you for watching over us, guiding us, and especially forgiving us. Enable us to enter your presence joyfully and reverently, and let us depart today with the assurance that our sins are forgiven. Fill us, O God, with the peace which passes understanding. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The Surprise Box brought by Janet Bugarin

PRAISE UMH #141 - "Children of the Heavenly Father"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION ⁴

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Today's Scripture Reader: Kelly Amunrud

THE GOSPEL LESSON (Page 10 - Pew Bible) Matthew 10:24-39

MESSAGE "Father Knows Best"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

⚠ DOXOLOGY UMH #95 - "Praise God From Whom..."

⚠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

⚠ PRAISE UMH #557 - "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

⚠ THE BENEDICTION - ⚠ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Genesis 21 and Matthew 10.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Genesis 21 and Matthew 10.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Genesis 21 and Matthew 10.

⁴ The Prayer for Illumination is a traditional prayer used in United Methodist worship.

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HAPPY
Father's Day

Charting the Course

Sunday, June 21st, 2026

"Father Knows Best"

Based on Matthew 10:24-39



I. God Revealed as The Father...

- a. A Father who is infinite in _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.
- b. We all aspire to the _____ of God.

II. Loving or Losing Our Life...

- a. We are given a _____.
- b. Loving our own lives means we _____ it all in our own _____. Doing this means you will lose your life to _____.
- c. Losing one's life requires complete and total _____ to the _____ in following God.

III. How do we do this?

- a. This advice is for _____: it's all about _____ to God.

IV. Charting Our Course in Life This Week

Here is my plan to serve God as best as I am able:

Answers:

- 1a) power, wisdom, justice, goodness, love 1b) character
2a) choice 2b) invest, design, eternity 2c) attention, priorities
3a) everyone, service

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Finding Your Life

Matthew 10:24-39 - NRSV

²⁴ A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...

PROVERBS 3:5

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