



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for health concerns:

Marty Franko

For those who are remembering loved ones...

Margaret "Marge" Mary Ryg, Karen Franko's mother passed away on June 29. Keep Karen's family in your prayers.

Janet's friend Amy passed on Tuesday, June 30th. Prayers for the Dietz and Pederson families.

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...

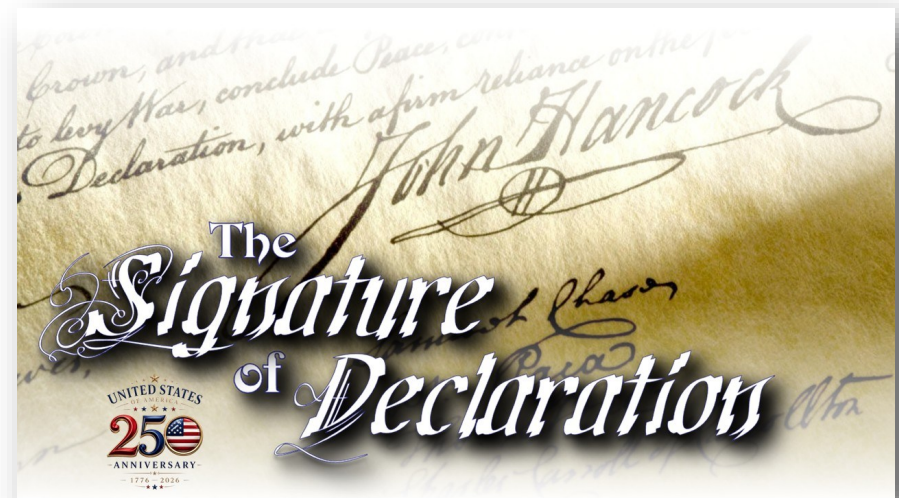
Join us for a Bridal Shower to celebrate the Bride-to-be, McKenna Freerksen, Saturday July 18th at 9:00 am at the church. Bring 1 or 2 of your favorite recipes on a 3"x 5" recipe card to share with McKenna.

This Week

SUN	July 5
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
WED	July 8
10:00 am	Pastor Daren Office Hours (until 5:00 p.m.)
SUN	July 12
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship



Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	48
IN PERSON	18
TOTAL	66



Sunday, July 5, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.



livestream links

Dodge Center UMC on FaceBook
Dodge Center UMC on YouTube

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The 6th Sunday
after
Pentecost

July 5th, 2026
8:30 a.m.

Worship Leader:
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

Accompanist:
Janet Bugarin

TFWS - The Faith We Sing
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

⋆ Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

Fulfilling the call to be a "light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6)
by extending love, compassion, and reconciliation to all neighbors..

PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2188 - "The Family Prayer Song"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Leader: As we gather to celebrate two hundred and fifty years
of freedom and the land we call home, we lift our eyes
to the true foundation of all nations.

People: **Our delight is in the law of God, and our hope is in the
grace of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We give thanks for the blessings of liberty, for the cour
age of those who came before us, and for the diverse
tapestry of the communities we share.

People: **Yet, our highest citizenship is in the kingdom of God.
We pledge our ultimate allegiance to the One who
breaks down dividing walls and calls us to love our
neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: Today, let us confess our shortcomings, reflect on
our nation's ideals, and commit ourselves to the work of
justice, peace, and grace.

People: **Come, let us worship God with grateful hearts and
renewed spirits, seeking to be a light to the world.**

⋆ PRAISE

UMH #698 - "God of the Ages"

Charting the Course

Sunday, July 5th, 2026

"The Signature of Declaration"



Based on Galatians 6:1-16

I. The Declaration of Independence...

- This document, along with the United States Constitution, has protected American citizens from _____ and _____.
- With his larger than life signature, John Hancock declared his support for _____ from England.

II. Paul's Declaration...

- Paul's letter contained this principle: people _____ what they _____.
- Paul contrasts our _____ to help with allowing ourselves to be helped.
- It is easy to be _____ when we compare ourselves to others.
- We need to take responsibility for _____.

III. What actions can we take?

- We begin by considering our _____ of the pie. We need to own our own _____.
- We do the things we should have been doing all this time.
- We start _____!
- Keep your life in _____.

IV. Charting Our Course in Life This Week

Here are some things I can responsibly commit to this week:

Answers:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1a) tyranny, oppression | 1b) freedom | | |
| 2a) reap, sow | 2b) responsibility | 2c) deceived | 2d) ourselves |
| 3a) slice, stuff | 3c) right now | 3c) balance | |

Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

2188 "The Family Prayer Song"

This song was written in 1994 by Morris Chapman, popularized by Maranatha! Music, based on Joshua 24:15: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". It's a song emphasizing family unity, faith, and serving God together. While there are other songs with similar themes, this specific song is widely recognized for its focus on this biblical declaration. The song's core message comes from the Book of Joshua, where Joshua declares his family's commitment to serving God. The lyrics reinforce the idea of family unity and service to God, often including lines like "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord".

809 "God of Our Fathers"

The famous Christian and patriotic hymn "God of Our Fathers" (often called "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand" or "God of the Ages") was written in 1876 by Daniel Crane Roberts. Rev. Roberts, an Episcopal priest and former Union Army soldier, wrote the lyrics for a small patriotic celebration in Brandon, Vermont, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The lyrics ask God to continue to guide and protect us as He has done in the past.

807 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Samuel Smith, a theology student at Andover Seminary in 1831, was inspired to write a patriotic hymn that could be sung to the English tune "God Save the King". The resulting hymn about freedom and liberty is also a declaration of love for the natural beauty of the United States of America. This national hymn is appropriate for national celebrations such as Independence Day (Sunday).

2269 "Come, Share the Lord"

This Communion hymn was written and composed by Bryan Jeffery Leech in 1982. The song focuses on the themes of Holy Communion, fellowship, and unity among believers. Leech was visiting his family in England during the Christmas season of 1982 when he composed the music. He called it an "orphan tune" because he had a melody but no words to go with it. The following summer, Leech played the melody for a friend to ask if it had any practical use. His friend immediately told him, "It's obvious: Holy Communion". Inspired by his friend's realization, Leech wrote the lyrics that very same hour. He based the words on the biblical concept of fellowship, specifically focusing on the idea that "no one is a stranger" at the Lord's table.

799 "America the Beautiful"

A view from Pike's Peak with plains spread below was the inspiration for the opening of this 1893 poetic national hymn. Katharine Lee Bates in the second stanza expands the poem to pay tribute to the heroes who fought for the United States' liberty. "Alabaster cities" in the third stanza refers to the buildings of the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, which Bates had seen on her way west. The strength of this text lies in its vision of a better nation. It is appropriate for national celebrations such as Independence Day (Sunday).

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

⚠ OPENING PRAYER ³

As United Methodists, we pray that You will pour out Your Holy Spirit on our congregation and across our land. Make us instruments of Your peace, agents of healing, and beacons of Your transforming love. As we begin this time of worship, open our ears to hear Your voice, our eyes to see the needs of the world, and our hearts to serve You. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE UMH #697 - "America"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION ⁵

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 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (Page 191 - Pew Bible) Galatians 6:1-16

MESSAGE "The Signature of Declaration"

We Respond to God's Word

COMMUNION HYMN TFWS #2269 - "Come, Share the Lord"

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup.
(Communion steward-Deb Papenfus)

We Go Forth to Serve God

⚠ PRAISE UMH #696 - "America the Beautiful"

⚠ THE BENEDICTION - ⚠ POSTLUDE

- 1 The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Galatians 6.
- 2 The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Galatians 6.
- 3 The Prayer of Confession is based on or inspired by Galatians 6.
- 4 The Prayer for Illumination is a traditional prayer used in United Methodist worship.
All are based on [or taken from]
"The Abingdon Worship Annual 2026",
edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu
Or other resources from the internet.20210120012

Bible Study - Let's Learn Together!

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 fill out the form located at the back of the sanctuary. Or contact Pastor Daren at this email address:

dflinck@gmail.com

or text/call his cell phone:

651.283.5754

There are a number of different options available... in person at the church, using Zoom or Microsoft Teams as a way to connect when time and travel are considerations, studies on any book of the Bible, topical Bible studies (usually a short series on using one's time or dealing with challenging situations, as examples.), or enhancing relationships (with spouses, children, parents, etc.)

Study the Bible
with us

Please contact Pastor Daren if you are interested in hearing more!



Community Dinner

Pulled pork, coleslaw,
potato salad, bars

Donations this month will given to
Ready, Set, Learn

WEDNESDAY
15
JULY

Ready, Set, Learn
Dodge County School Supply Program

@ Dodge Center UMC - 5:00 p.m.
Corner of 1st Street and 1st Avenue NE

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Final Admonitions from Paul

Galatians 6:1-16 - NRSV

¹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. ² Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ³ Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ⁴ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁵ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁶ For all must carry their own loads.

⁷ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁸ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁹ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ¹⁰ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹¹ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹² See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹³ It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹⁴ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.

¹⁵ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁶ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁷ As for those who will follow this rule - peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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