



Prayers for health concerns:

Marty Franko

For those who are remembering loved ones...

Amy (Janet's friend)

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

Ministry Servants...

Thank You for our ministry servants
who are helping out in worship
today:

Reader Kathy Bartz
Counters Kathy Bartz and Shawn Lepp

Scheduled for next Sunday, July 19:

Reader Lisa O'Neil
Counters Lisa O'Neil and Doris Weber

This Week

SUN July 12
8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship

WED July 15
10:00 am Pastor Daren
Office Hours
(until 5:00 p.m.)

5:00 pm Community Meal

(See the sign up sheet at
the back of the sanctuary)

SAT July 18
9:00 am Bridal Shower for
Mckenna
Freerksen

Hosted by
Women with a
Purpose (WWAP)

SUN July 19
8:30 am Worship

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	62
IN PERSON	18
TOTAL	80



Sunday, July 12, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.



livestream links

Dodge Center UMC on FaceBook
Dodge Center UMC on YouTube

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Daren Flink

ACCOMPANIST:

Janet Bugarin

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The 7th Sunday
after
Pentecost

July 12th, 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

God's word is the lamp we need in the darkness,
the guidance we need on wayward paths,
and the hope we need when death and despair come calling.

PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #601 - "The Word Is a Lamp"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Come, whether weary or rejoicing.

All are welcome here.

Come, whether at peace or in the midst of a struggle.

All are welcome here.

Come, whether growing or wilting.

All are welcome here.

⋈ PRAISE

UMH #694 - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

⋈ OPENING PRAYER ³

God of new beginnings and ancient stories, help us see ourselves in
your stories, in your promises, and in your garden. Light our way
with your word today, and guide us with your Spirit of love. Amen.

PRAISE

UMH #600 - "Wonderful Words of Life"

Charting the Course

Sunday, July 12th, 2026

"Green Acres"

Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 19-23



I. Are We Listening?

- We try to stay current on what is happening in the world, good or bad, because it may have an _____ on our daily living.
- How can we survive through this most challenging, and perhaps this most complex, era in which we are living if we are not _____?

II. The Sower — Four Basic Skills...

- _____ : We draw strength from understanding and knowing where we have come from, for only then do we have an inkling of where we are headed.
- _____ : We need cultivation provided by our routines... gathering and learning, worship and praising, sacraments and celebrating the high moments of life.
- _____ : We need positive connections because we are by nature interconnected human beings.
- _____ : Each of us has a different experience with which we have to contend and wrestle.

III. Charting Our Course in Life This Week

Here are a few things I plan to do in order to provide growth in my faith journey:

Answers:

1a) impact

1b) paying attention

2a) Roots

2b) ritual

2c) Relationships

2d) Realities

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!

Bridal Shower

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.

Hosted by Women With A Purpose.

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.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON (Page 13 - Pew Bible) Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

MESSAGE

"Green Acres"

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

TFWS #2165 - *"Cry of My Heart"*



THE BENEDICTION -  POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Psalm 119 & Matthew 13.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Genesis 25 & Matthew 13.

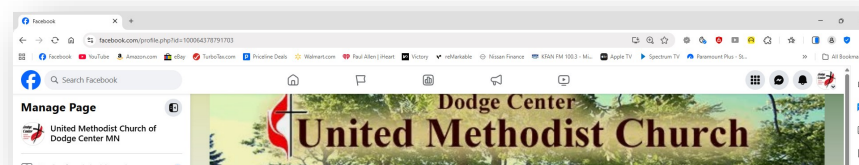
³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Genesis 25, Psalm 119, & Matthew 13.

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.

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.



Community Meal Volunteers Needed...

You're Invited!! Join us for a Community Dinner on Wednesday, July 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. We will be serving pulled pork, potato salad, cole slaw and bars. We will be serving dinner at the Dodge Center United Methodist Church, located at the corner of First Street and First Avenue NE in Dodge Center.

A free will offering will be donated to Ready, Set, Learn, a program for Dodge County School Supply.

We do need volunteers to bring donations and to serve for that night. Please contact Lisa if you can help in any way. Thanks!



Live Streaming!

Each Sunday we live stream our worship services from Dodge Center UMC. If you are going to be out of town, you can catch the live broadcast on our church app (download to your device) or any one of four different online locations:

Dodge Center UMC YouTube Channel

Go to YouTube: Dodge Center United Methodist Church

Dodge Center UMC FaceBook

Go to FaceBook: Dodge Center United Methodist Church

