



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for health concerns:
Elliot Noble

For those who are
remembering loved ones...

The family of Marty Franko

Giving thanks & praying for:

Care Center Residents...

Our nation and leaders...

Our school teachers,
administrators, students...

Service women & men and
their families...

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

Those fighting addictions
and mental illness...

Law enforcement &
emergency 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.com212

Drivers are needed for
Meals on Wheels for
the weeks of September
14-18, and September
21-25. Thank you in
advance for your
willingness to serve in
the important mission.

This Week

SUN	September 13
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
TUES	September 15
10:00 am	Pastor Daren in Office
5:30 pm	Church Council
WED	September 16
5:00 pm	Community Dinner
SUN	September 20
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship



Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	41
IN PERSON	20
TOTAL	61



Sunday, September 13, 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 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Worship Leader:
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

Organist:
Janet Bugarin

⤴ Please stand as you are able

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal ** TFWS: The Faith We Sing

CENTERING WORDS ¹

Forgiveness is a complex notion.

*Forgiving ourselves and forgiving others can be equally challenging,
but even more so when oppression and injustice are part of the story.*

*May God guide our forgiving and our living,
to embrace the deeper truth of Christ's teachings.*

PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2164 - "Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

*We gather here where God teaches us
to be compassionate and loving.*

**We come to learn the wisdom
of choosing grace over a grudge.**

*When Peter asked how often he should forgive,
Jesus answered with a love that has no end -
not seven times, but seventy times seven.*

**We have received a mercy
greater than we can ever repay.**

Let us open our hearts to worship the God who cancels our debt.

**May we share that same
boundless forgiveness with one another.**

Live Streaming...

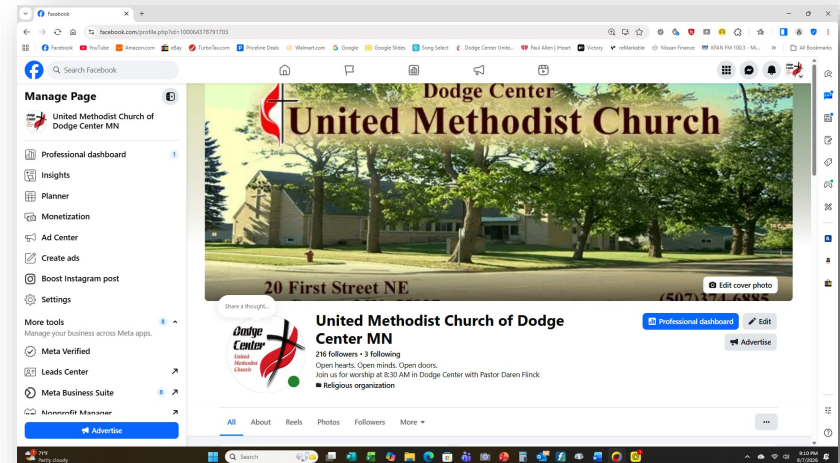
You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone,
iPad, Smart TV or computer at these online locations or apps:

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 Lisa O'Neil.

Our Facebook Page

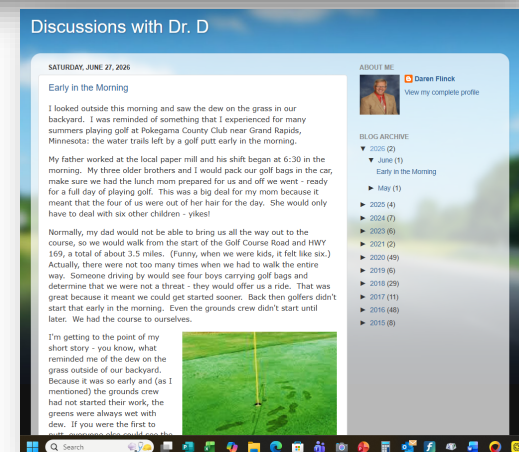
We have an active Facebook page that seeks to promote the
ministry of our church. Announcements, events, and sharing
stories takes place on our Facebook page. We also make special
announcements via our page to keep you up to date on schedule
changes. Go to Facebook and search for Dodge Center United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

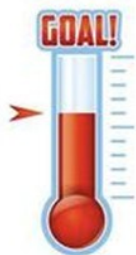
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You're Invited!!!



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each our
fundraising

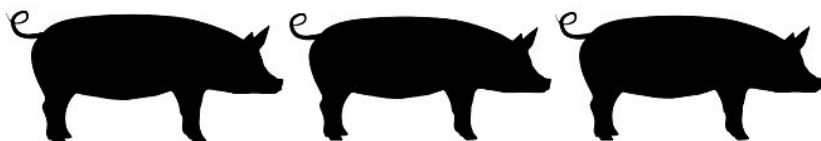


Join us for our
**Annual Fundraiser
Community Dinner**

Suggested \$15 donation
(Open to all in the community)

Pork Loin
Mashed Potatoes & gravy
Green beans & Dinner roll
Choice of dessert: Bars

DINE IN & takeout available (no pre-sales)



**United Methodist Church
20 1st Street NE
Dodge Center, MN
September 16, 2026**

5:00 - 6:00 pm (serving until gone)

⬆ PRAISE

UMH #368 - *"My Hope Is Built"*

⬆ OPENING PRAYER ³

Loving God, thank you for the great mercy and grace that draw us close to your holiness. Flow through our worship and through our lives with your holy presence and your forgiving grace, that we may be people of holy love and gracious forgiveness. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

MOMENTS with the YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The Surprise Box is brought by Scarlett

PRAISE

UMH #389 - *"Freely, Freely"*

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.**

THE LESSON

(Page 20 - Pew Bible)

Matthew 18:21-35

MESSAGE

"Forgiveness Unlimited"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

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

⬆ DOXOLOGY H #95 - *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

⬆ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

⬆ PRAISE

TFWS #2162 - *"Grace Alone"*

⬆ THE BENEDICTION - ⬆ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Exodus 14, Romans 14, & Matthew 18.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Matthew 18.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Romans 14 & Matthew 18.

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

Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

2164 "Sanctuary"

The song's text and tune were co-authored by John W. Thompson and guitarist/songwriter Randy Scruggs (son of legendary banjo player Earl Scruggs) in 1982. The lyrics ("Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true...") draw heavily on New Testament teachings that individual believers serve as the dwelling place of God. The song seeks to encourage us to be sanctified in our lives and service to the Lord.

368 "My Hope Is Built"

The faith in Jesus' blood and righteousness to sustain the believer is the focus of this hymn by the English Baptist pastor Edward Mote. Through all the trials of life, faith built on "the solid rock" gives the believer hope. This metaphor along with that of "sinking sand" are found in the parable of the wise man who built his house on the rock and the foolish man who built his house on the sand (Matthew 7:24-27). The tune entitled THE SOLID ROCK with its bold leaps was written by the gospel hymn composer William Bradbury.

389 "Freely, Freely"

Carol Owen's 1972 hymn of rebirth and response is best known by its refrain, "Freely, Freely," based on Jesus' words in Matthew 10:8 – "Freely ye have received, freely give" (KJV). The stanzas acknowledge the gift of being born anew "in Jesus' name" and the responsibility we have to share the love and power Jesus has freely bestowed (Matthew 28:18-20).

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.

2162 "Grace Alone"

"Grace Alone" is a beautiful Christian anthem that speaks to God's grace in our lives and our discipleship. Words and music by Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson, it was written in 1998. The lyrics center heavily on discipleship, submission, and mission. It emphasizes that human efforts – whether making promises, climbing mountains, teaching hearts, or sharing peace – are futile on their own and can only be achieved through the enabling power of God's grace.

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

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:21-35 NRSV

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made.

²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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