Prayer Corner

Giving thanks & praying for:

Prayers for health concerns:
- Rose Ella Subbert
- Doris Rochleau
- Elliot Noble
- The Beadel Family
- Steve Delzer

For those who are remembering loved ones...

Persons who are seeking a relationship with God...

Those fighting addictions and/or mental illness...

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...

Law enforcement & emergency workers...

Area congregations...

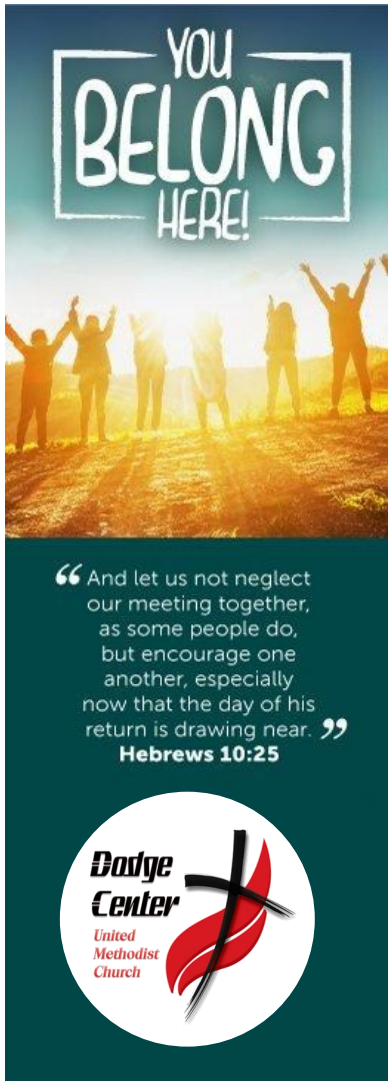
If you have a loved one you would like to have added to the Prayer Corner list, please contact the Church Office at:

507.374.6885 or
secdcumc@gmail.com212

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	77
IN PERSON	
TOTAL	

This Week

SUN	**November 29**
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
SUN	**December 6**
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship





Sunday, November 29, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.

Dodge Center United Methodist Church

Full HD 1080 livestream links

Dodge Center UMC on FaceBook
Dodge Center UMC on YouTube

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

ACCOMPANIST: Janet Bugarin

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November 29, 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]

May we listen deeply. May our ears perceive.
May our eyes see that God is here, acting on our behalf,
simply because we have arrived with waiting, expectant hearts.

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE UMH #204 - "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE [2]

Advent begins in the waiting - watching for signs of new life even when the world feels uncertain or dark. Jesus tells us to look at the fig tree: when its branch becomes tender and puts forth leaves, we know summer is near. Even in shadows and shifting seasons,

we watch for the promised nearness of God.

Jesus reminds us, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Today we light the first candle of Advent - the candle of Hope. We light this candle as a sign of hope.

We awaken from our slumber, staying alert to God's grace.

We do not know when the time will come.

We gather to worship with hopeful hearts, ready for Christ.

Live Streaming...

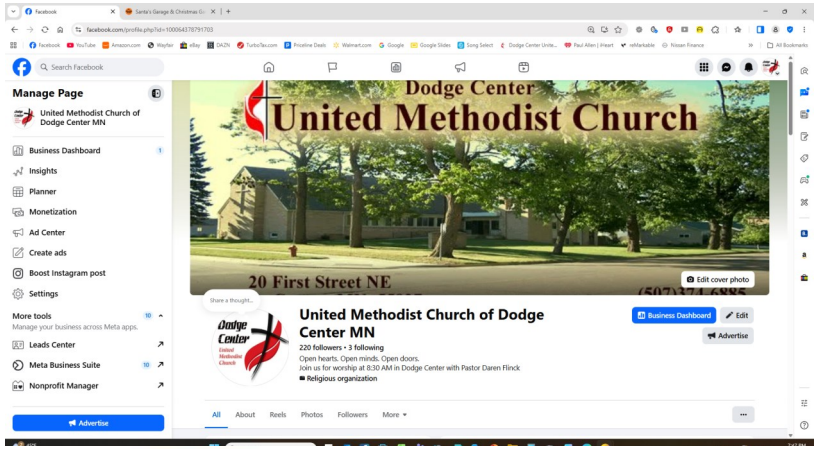
You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at this app channel:

Dodge Center UMC YouTube Channel
Dodge Center Facebook page

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.





Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Bob McGee's setting of "Emmanuel" is based on Matthew 1:23: "and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us)". The tender melody invites all to join in singing this chorus of expectation. It is appropriate for Advent worship as a response to the scripture or call to prayer.

551 "Awake O Sleeper"

This hymn was written by Episcopal priest and hymn writer Rev. Francis Bland Tucker (commissioned in February 1980 as a choral anthem text for David N. Johnson and published by Augsburg Fortress Press). It draws on themes from Ephesians chapters 3–5. Tucker takes those words as his source and uses them to create themes of God's redemption and "a charge to all people to follow the way of Christ." This text is usually placed in the category of Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage, but Tucker felt it was also appropriate for Baptism.

202 "People Look East"

French carols are popular because of their rousing rhythms and beguiling melodies. Eleanor Farjeon, an English poet, provided this text for the Oxford Book of Carols. The carol expresses the hope and excited expectation of Christ's coming. An Advent hymn focusing on joyful preparation for Christ's birth, using natural elements (earth, stars, birds) to mirror human readiness. The "looking East" reflects the tradition of facing the sunrise and the East for worship, symbolizing Christ's coming (Matthew 24:27).

70 "Glory Be to the Father"

The Gloria Patri (Latin for "Glory Be to the Father) from the third and fourth centuries, also known as the Lesser Doxology, is derived from several verses in the psalms and New Testament epistles. When we sing it, we join with centuries of Christians in praise of God. The Gloria Patri may be sung after the psalms or canticles to provide a trinitarian ending or as an act of praise following the opening prayer and on other occasions as an alternative to the Greater Doxology (Gloria in Excelsis). The vibrant nineteenth century tunes GREATOREX and MEINKE are both widely used in United Methodist congregations.

95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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 version known as "FAIRHILL" comes from 1972 as part of a modern effort to make traditional liturgy accessible. The composer was Jimmy Owens (born 1930), a contemporary Christian songwriter and musician. The song still uses the classic 17th-century text by Bishop Thomas Ken. It was designed for ease of congregational singing, and it is often used in contemporary, Anglican, and evangelical settings. As always, it is usually used as the offering song.

717 "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

When Julia Ward Howe visited a Union Army Camp in December 1861, she heard the soldiers singing the song "John Brown's Body." She was impressed with the camp meeting tune to which they sang it and determined to write her own words to that tune. She did so, and the resulting "Battle Hymn of the Republic" became one of America's greatest national hymns. While the hymn was written in response to the slavery issue of the time, it is sung today not only in the U.S.A. but in churches elsewhere in the world as a hymn of confidence in Christ's final victory over all evil. The final stanza, added later to the hymn, makes this wider meaning clearer. When a vote of the Hymnal Revision Committee recommended omitting this hymn and "Onward, Christian Soldiers" from the proposed hymnal, 11,000 letters protesting that action poured in and quickly persuaded the committee to include both hymns.

These descriptions are found in the book
"The Hymns of the United Methodist Hymnal" by Diana Sanchez

PRAISE — UMH # 551- "Awake O Sleeper"
(Sung to the melody of
UMH #236 "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks")

OPENING PRAYER [3]

Creator God, create us anew this Advent season. Mold us to more firmly into your image. Wake us to recognize your voice and listen deeply for your guidance. Show us the signs that lead us closer to you, and help us bring your love to everyone we meet. In Advent hope, we pray. Amen.

PRAISE — UMH #202 - "People Look East"

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 GOSPEL LESSON (Page 50 - Pew Bible) — Mark 13:24-37
Reader: Tyler Amunrud

GLORIA PATRI — UMH #70 - "Glory Be to the Father"

MESSAGE — "The Beginning of the End"

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 #717 - "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"
(Verses 1,4,5 only)

THE BENEDICTION - POSTLUDE

1 The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Isaiah 64.
2 Lighting the First Advent Candle is based on or inspired by Mark 13.
3 The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Isaiah 64 and Mark 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

Christmas Poinsettias

Anyone who wishes to purchase a poinsettia this year for the Advent/Christmas season may fill out the form on the back table (or clip out the one below and return it to the church office) by Sunday, December 6th. You may also email the church with your order by Dec. 11th and we can get your order in for you. The church email address is: secdcumc@gmail.com

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Please select the size plant and color you would like.

- ◯ 4 1/2" plants - $5.00 each
- ◯ 6 1/2" plants - $13.00 each
- ◯ 7 1/2" plants - $27.00 each

- ◯ Red
- ◯ White
- ◯ Pink
- ◯ Jingle Bells (Red/White)

(Colors cannot be guaranteed)

I wish this to be in memory of: _____

I wish this to be in honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday school will be held every first and third Sunday of the month during our worship time. Children are invited to join us for a time of learning about Jesus and his love for us, as well as other important lessons from the Bible. Ages 3 years old though 6th grade are welcome!



Worship servers today:

Reader: Janet Bugarin
Counters: Lisa O'Neil and Shawn Lepp

Worship servers next week, December 6:
Reader: Tyler Kispert
Counters: Tyler Kispert and Doris Weber

