OCTOBER 2026

Dwight United Methodist Church

Our Mission

"Connecting people with Jesus Christ."

Our Vision

"To grow and send followers who love and serve like Jesus and give hope to our community."

We strive to...

Show people Jesus in our daily lives

Tell people about Jesus' love for them

Provide easy ways for people to learn about Jesus

Help people apply what they learn to daily life

OCTOBER 2026 — CELEBRATING THE LAITY

Called to Serve. Gifted to Lead. Sent to Love.
"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10

October is a special opportunity to celebrate the **laity—the people of God whose faith, gifts, service, and commitment help carry the mission of the Church every day.**

In The United Methodist Church, ministry belongs not only to pastors and clergy. **All Christians are called to ministry.** Whether teaching children, leading worship, preparing meals, caring for someone in need, serving behind the scenes, reaching out to the community, or simply offering a listening ear, every act of faithful service becomes part of our shared mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and transform the world.

A United Methodist Tradition

Laity Sunday is a churchwide observance traditionally celebrated on the **third Sunday of October**—October 18 this year. It honors the ministry and witness of lay Christians and reminds us that the Holy Spirit empowers laypeople to serve Christ in both the church and everyday life.

This tradition also reaches back to the early Methodist movement, when laypeople played an essential role in sustaining congregations between visits from circuit-riding preachers. Today, that ministry continues wherever United Methodists live out their faith—in our churches, homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

This year, instead of celebrating the laity on only one Sunday, we are extending the celebration throughout October!

Every Sunday, Every Generation, Serving Together

Each Sunday, one of our lay groups will have a special opportunity to participate in worship and share how God is working through different generations and ministries of our church.



October 4 — World Communion Sunday - Children & Youth

Speaker: Rev. Gilbert A. Cedillo (8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.)

We begin the month by celebrating our Children and Young People and reminding them that they are not simply the future of the Church—they are an important part of the Church today. As we also celebrate **World Communion Sunday,** we gather with Christians around the world at Christ's table, reminding every generation that although we come from different places and backgrounds, **we are one in Christ.**



October 11 — Young Adults

Speakers: Sis. Jennifer Christenson (8:00 A.M.) | Sis. Kaylyn Mausehund (10:30 A.M.)

We celebrate our **Young Adults**—their gifts, questions, energy, ideas, leadership, and growing commitment to Christ.



As they navigate family, work, relationships, community, and faith, we pray that the Church will continue to be a place where they are encouraged to discover their gifts and use them in God's service.

October 18 — United Methodist Men

Laity Sunday



Speaker: Bro. Keith Miller (8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.)

On the official **Laity Sunday**, we recognize the ministry of our **United Methodist Men** and, through them, celebrate all laypeople who faithfully offer their time, talents, leadership, and service.

This Sunday reminds us that ministry happens not only from the pulpit. It happens wherever God's people faithfully answer His call:

"Here I am, Lord. Use me."

October 25 — United Women in Faith



Speaker: Sis. Sharon Bossert (8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.)

We conclude our month by celebrating the faithful witness and service of our **United Women in Faith.**

Through prayer, fellowship, leadership, mission, generosity, and compassionate service, women have long helped nurture the life and mission of the Church. Their witness reminds us that faith becomes visible when love moves us to serve.

The Church Needs Every Gift

One beautiful thing about the Church is that **we do not all serve in the same way.**

Some teach.
Some lead.
Some organize.
Some cook.
Some sing.
Some visit.
Some repair and maintain.
Some pray faithfully behind the scenes.
Some welcome strangers.
Some serve our children and youth.
Some quietly notice when someone needs help.

But every gift matters.
Laity Month is therefore more than a time to say **"thank you."** It is also an invitation to ask:
"What has God placed in my hands, and how can I use it to serve?"

You do not need a title to have a ministry. You do not need to stand behind a pulpit to share Christ. Wherever God has placed you, there is an opportunity to love, serve, encourage, lead, and make a difference.

Thank You, Church!

To everyone who gives time, shares talents, accepts responsibilities, shows up when help is needed, prays faithfully, supports our ministries, cares for our church family, and serves our community—

Thank you for saying YES to God's call.

May this Laity Month remind us that the Church is strongest when clergy and laity serve side by side, every generation finds a place to participate, and every gift is offered for God's glory.

Let us continue pressing on in faith and always give thanks as we answer Christ's call to serve together.

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Serving and growing with you in Christ,
Rev. Gilbert A. Cedillo
Directing Pastor



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dwight United Methodist Church



Kids Klub and R.E.A.L Kids

Kids Klub and R.E.A. L Kids resumed on September 16, 2026. Our team of leaders and helpers is Phine Cedilo, Lisa Lambert, Kaylyn Mausehund, Jan McClean, Erica Vigna, Stephanie DeMarse, and Carol Fink. We started our theme of Beatitudes which will be our year long focus during our large group opening and closings. The children will have age group small lessons between opening and closing. Registration remains open for other children to join us. We are now welcoming pre-K children when they turn 4. Our new shirts will be arriving soon.



R.E.A.L and Ignite



R.E.A.L and Ignite resumed on September 9th at 7:30 with their Beatitude Back to School Bash. Registration remains open for all 7th-12th graders as well. Our first lesson focused on the Beatitudes. We also discussed power of Pharoh vs the women in Moses' life and Jesus's power, what makes a good leader, how Jesus demonstrates those qualities, and how Jesus chooses unqualified people who are willing to serve to be his called.

Snacks

We need individually wrapped snacks for our children and youth programs.
Also small bottles of water are greatly appreciated. Things like fruit snacks, crackers, cookies, etc. are great ideas for the snacks.



Leaders

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4th at 11:30. We will be going over the first two chapters of our Max Lucado book.

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Kids Jam

Kids Jam is looking for more children ages 3 through 6th grade who love to sing to join us in praising Jesus. Practices are Wednesdays from 5:15-5:45

In Christ,
Stacey Stefanski
Director of Ministries with Children and Youth





WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU!

PASTOR ABET

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." — Hebrews 13:7

Our Prayer for You

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God grant you renewed strength when you are weary, deep joy in your labor, and peace in your home. May you and your family be surrounded by the same abundance of grace, love, and support that you so generously give to us every day.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

- **Sundays 9:15am Dave Bossert's Sunday School Class**
- **Wednesdays, 8:30am Hens**
- **Saturdays, 8:00am Men's Group Gardner Restaurant**

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday Mornings, 10:00am in the Library --- ALL are welcome

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WALK WITH JESUS, 8:00am Every 2ND AND 4TH Saturday mornings at Lions Lake --- bring your ear phones and a friend.

Thank you for your ongoing donations to our **FOOD PANTRY** as we serve those in need in our region. Please bring your donations to the Welcome Center baskets in the Entrance by the Library or, if you prefer, make a financial donation by marking your envelope "Dwight Food Pantry."

ARC SERVICES

Please join us the first Sunday of each month to worship with the ARC residents at 2:30pm.

BALANCE CLASS

Join us each Tuesday and Thursday morning, 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact is Carolyn Curtis at 815-584-3639

STAYING CONNECTED

FAITHFUL FRIENDS A get away time for adults full of Food, Fun and Fellowship. Saturday, October 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm Contact is Lisa Lambert at 815-674-1321

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Monday, October 5th Ham Loaf Making
Rosie Miller is the contact at 815-228-9241

YAGOs - DINNER OUT

Saturday, October 17, 6:00pm at Pontiac Family Kitchen RSVP The Bosserts by Wednesday, October 14. Dave at 815-848-8138 or Ellie at 815-848-2932.

STAYING INFORMED

UPCOMING 2026 UWF EVENTS

- November 11, Unit Meeting
- December 8, Christmas Gala
- December 9, Staff Breakfast

REMINDER: If you participate during the Live Stream service, please fill out the Attendance Form on the church website You may find the form under the WORSHIP WITH US tab, scroll down to the blue button LIVE STREAM ATTENDANCE. This form allows all our live stream viewers to notify the church of their participation. Once the online form is submitted through the website, we receive real time information including prayer requests & contact info.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

- **KIDS JAM** Wednesdays, 5:15-5:45pm *(children 3 to 6th grade)*
- **R.E.A.L. & Ignite** Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm *(Youth 7-12th grades)*
- **KidsKlub & R.E.A.L Kids**, Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00pm *(K-6th grades)*

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND
(Pastor Appreciation Month!)

- **10/5: Ham loaf pickup**
- **10/6: 10-12:30pm Drive Thru Covid/Flu Shots**
- **10/7: Mission/Outreach Mtg**
- **10/11: 5:00pm Charge Conference**
- **10/17: 6:00pm YAGOs Pontiac Family Kitchen**
- **10/22: 7:00pm Ad Council**
- **10/24: 8:00am Walk with Jesus Lions Lake**
- **10/24: 1:00pm Faithful Friends**
- **10/31: 4:30pm Treats & Treasures**



JOYFUL GIVING:
"CHANGE FOR CHRIST"

Please pick up your box in the Narthex to collect spare change in the coming months. Every contribution, regardless of size, expresses gratitude for God's blessings and reminds us that faithful stewardship begins with a willing heart.

Stewardship is a way of life, shown not only in our giving, but also in our prayers, service, care for creation, love of others, and daily commitment to Christ. As we grow in faith, may we become faithful stewards who joyfully dedicate every part of our lives to God's glory.

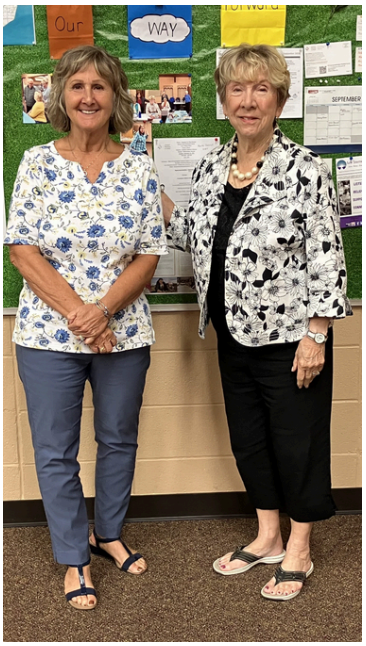
During the celebration in December, we will bring our collected offerings to church as our Birthday Gift to Jesus.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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United Women in Faith

Mary Pokarney received the UWF 2026 Woman of the Year Award



Bring Your Bible Sunday

8:00 Service - Oldest Bible- Pat Rieke
10:30 Service - Oldest Bible- Jan McClean





The United Women of Faith would like to thank everyone who provided baked goods or purchased baked goods for Our Harvest Days bake sale.

People were very generous in their donations. Our profits all go to local missions.











CONNECTION

Dwight United Methodist Church

Faithful Friends

An Adult Fellowship of
Dwight United Methodist Church

Faithful Friends
Food, Fun and Fellowship

Next Connection is
Saturday
October 24
1:00 - 4:00 pm







JOIN US AT
LIONS LAKE
8:00AM
OCTOBER 10 AND 24

SEPTEMBER LET'S CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CLAUDE WILSON	10/1	FRAN HANK	10/21
JEREMY & CHARISSE SANCKEN	10/8	CRYSTAL HAACKE	10/21
RANDY IRVIN	10/10	RODNEY KODAT	10/21
RANDY & DEB PROVENCE	10/10	MATTHEW & KAYLYN MAUSEHUND	10/22
PRESTON SANCKEN	10/12	BRITTANY BRADY	10/25
JOYCE NELSON	10/13	JOEL FUNK	10/25
HARLAN & LINDA OLSON	10/13	BRYNN CONNOR	10/27
THEO WATTERS	10/15	JANICE MCCLEAN	10/27
LEO PATTEN	10/16	TAMMY SIPES	10/28
RJ CHRISTENSON	10/18	MARIANNE HALL	10/29
STACEY STEFANSKI	10/18	SANNA LAYNE	10/30
		AMELIAH SANCKEN	10/31














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2026 Flu Shots

Stay Healthy!

Protect yourself. Protect your family. Protect our community.

LIVE HEALTHY ~ LIVE WELL

Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Livingston County Health Department

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Flu Shot Schedule

1. **Tuesday, October 6**
   Dwight Methodist Church
   DRIVE-THRU
   10:30AM–12:30PM

2. **Thursday, October 8**
   Livingston County Health Department
   DRIVE-THRU
   6:30AM–8:00AM & 4:00PM–5:30PM

3. **Thursday, October 15**
   Odell Bank-Bank of Pontiac
   8:30AM–9:30AM

Walk-Ins

Starting Monday, October 5th

Monday–Wednesday
7:00AM–5:00PM

Thursday
7:00AM–4:30PM

Closed Friday

Please contact LCHD if you have any questions!
815-844-7174

Visit our website for more information:
www.lchd.us

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00am Balance 6:00pm Boy Scouts	2	3 8:00am Men's Bible Study Gardner Restaurant
WORLD SUNDAY 4 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Praise Band Practice 10:30am Worship 11:30am Leader Meeting 2:30 ARC Services	5 8:00am UWF Ham Loaves	6 9:30am Staff Meeting 10:00am Balance 10:30am Flu Shot DRIVE THRU 6:30pm Praise Team	7 11:00am Mission/Outreach Mtg 3:00pm KidsKlub & R.E.A.L Kids Begin 5:15pm Kids Jam 7:30pm R.E.A.L. & Ignite	8 10:00am Balance 6:00pm Boy Scouts	9	10 8:00am Walk with Jesus Lions Lake 8:00am Men's Bible Study Gardner Restaurant
LAITY SUNDAY 11 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Praise Band Practice 10:30 Kids Jam 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Girl Scouts 5:00pm Charge Conference	12	13 9:30am Staff Meeting 10:00am Balance 6:30pm Praise Team	14 8:30am Hens 10:00am Prayer Time 3:00pm KidsKlub & R.E.A.L Kids 5:15pm Kids Jam 7:30pm R.E.A.L. & Ignite	15 10:00am Balance 6:00pm Boy Scouts	16	17 8:00am Men's Bible Study Gardner Restaurant 6:00pm YAGOs Pontiac Family Kitchen
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STAYING CONNECTED

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Worship with us Sundays Traditional at 8 a.m. & Contemporary Praise at 10:30 a.m.

Please keep in touch!
We are always updating contact information so if you know of address changes for anyone connected to our church, PLEASE let us know at info@dwightumc.org or (815)584-3420.

Join our Facebook Group Dwight United Methodist Church
https://www.facebook.com/dwightumc/

https://www.youtube.com/user/DwightUMC

To find the service on YouTube go to www.Dwightumc.org and click on Worship With Us tab (which is at the top of the page). Scroll down to Worship Online After Service, click on this blue box and it will take you to our YouTube. You will then see the services click on the date. The Live Stream link is right above that link and will have the services streaming at 8 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

If you have trouble during live stream please contact Matt Mausehund, matt@dwightumc.org or text (779) 237-0877. Matt would also like to hear from you if you are watching live stream to help him know how many are watching live.

Opt in to receive texts from the church instead of phone calls on your cell phone. **Text ALERT to 22300**. If you need assistance, contact the Church Office.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!
We receive donations on Sunday mornings in the offering plates or containers in the back of the church, through our E-Giving at dwightumc.org, by dropping it off in the office or by mail (checks only please) at Dwight UMC, 701 S. Columbia St., Dwight, IL. 60420

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