

## Pecatonica Valley Charge

Working with the people of  
Argyle, Blanchardville, Lamont,  
South Wayne and Circuit 55  
of the Wisconsin United  
Methodist Church



### Worship Times:

#### Saturday Evening

Blanchardville 7:00 p.m.

#### Sunday Morning

South Wayne 8:00 a.m.

Argyle 9:30 a.m.

Lamont 10:45 a.m.

### Our churches & addresses:

**Argyle UMC**  
106 South Street  
Argyle, WI 53504  
(608) 543-3759

**Blanchardville UMC**  
101 North Main Street  
Blanchardville, WI 53516  
(608) 523-1300

**Lamont UMC**  
Hwy 81  
Darlington, WI 53530

**South Wayne UMC**  
108 South Warren Street  
South Wayne, WI 53587



*While enjoying Yellowstone Lake State Park  
and the Pecatonica Valley Area ~  
Come and enjoy the hospitality of our rural  
fellowship & ministry.  
Come as you are!*

## Looking for a church service?

The United Methodists of the  
Pecatonica Valley Charge

Invite *you* to come & worship  
with us this weekend!



*Argyle UMC*



*Blanchardville UMC*



*Lamont UMC*



*South Wayne UMC*

*Our hearts, Our minds,  
Our doors are always open ...*

*We are the people of the  
Methodist Church.*

**Community Narratives** Lafayette County's communities, incorporated and unincorporated alike, have distinct and colorful identities that reflect the individuality of their own past and the optimism of the future. While they share numerous common qualities and histories, these communities have characteristics as unique as the hearty pioneers who settled them almost two centuries ago and the contemporary residents who now call these places home.



**Argyle UMC**

**ARGYLE:** The Gateway to Yellowstone Lake, the village of Argyle is nestled in the rolling hills along the eastern edge of Lafayette County. Argyle is the boyhood home of Robert "Fightin' Bob" La Follette, who was elected Governor of Wisconsin in 1900 and served as a U.S. Senator from 1904 until his death in 1925. The village is also home to the historic village hall, strikingly remodeled Partridge Hall, an F-86H Saberjet in Argyle Legion Park, and the meandering East Branch of the Pecatonica River.



**Blanchardville UMC**

*The church on the hill – look up while on Main Street and you will see our church. ☺*

**BLANCHARDVILLE:** Nestled in a scenic valley in the northeast corner of Lafayette County, Blanchardville traces its origins to an unusual source: the Mormons, who under Samuel Horner, established Zarahelma on the banks of the Pecatonica River in 1844. Horner dammed the river and built a water-powered flour gristmill. Alvin Blanchard bought the mill in 1855, the Mormon colony disappeared soon after, and the community took the name of Blanchardville in 1857.



**Lamont UMC**

**LAMONT:** The unincorporated community of Lamont is part of the same-named surrounding township that was formed in 1889 from portions of Fayette and Wiota townships. It was the last Lafayette County township created. The Lamont store, located at the crossing of two well-traveled trails, dates back to 1839 and operated until the early 1970s. The present town hall was built in 1938 as a Works Progress Administration project, and the post office was established in 1886 but discontinued in 1907 when rural delivery from Darlington and Argyle took over. In 1876, the new Methodist Church, aptly named Centennial Church, was built at the community crossroads. The church, the town hall and the former Osterday garage are all that remain of Lamont's "commercial district."

## Lafayette County Communities



**South Wayne UMC**

**SOUTH WAYNE:** The village of South Wayne, located in the southeast corner of the county, was originally named Collins, after the local railroad superintendent, in the 1880s. Since there was another Collins in the state, the village's name was changed to South Wayne, in honor of the Revolutionary War hero and minister "Mad" Anthony Wayne, with the "south" added to distinguish it from the community of Wayne in northeast Wisconsin. The township around the village was called "Lost Township" because the official government survey was lost on its way from the U.S. Land Office. The railroad that was vital to the creation of South Wayne has now been replaced with a recreational trail that brings thousands of visitors to the village year round. A mile or so west of the village is the memorial marker that commemorates the Spafford Creek Massacre, where Sauk Indians killed four men in the 1832 Black Hawk War. The town's sleepy look belies the hustle and bustle of commerce and recreation.

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