

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF WISCONSIN DELLS
DELLS-DELTON AND DAVIS CORNERS
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WISCONSIN DELLS, WI 53965**

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The Unity Corners Herald

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:


Tuesday 12am—4pm
(except 1st Tuesday)
Wednesday 9am—1pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Worship Services 9:00am Sunday - Davis Corners
10:45am Sunday - Dells/Delton
Bible Studies 6:30pm Monday at Davis Corners
2:00pm Wednesday at Dells/Delton

*Additions, Corrections or Submissions to the newsletter: news@wisconsindellsumc.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Office Hours @ DD 9:00am to 1:00pm DD UMW @ 1:00pm DD Bible Study @ 2:00pm	3 DD Outreach @ 6:30pm	4 Bernie Berry	5 Iva Marshall
6 Communion Sunday 	7 Bob Spargo DC UMW Potluck @ 6:00pm-Church Invited	8 Bill Witt Office Hours @ DD 12:00pm to 4:00pm	9 Office Hours @ DD 9:00am to 1:00pm DD Bible Study @ 2:00pm	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13 DD Church Council @ 12:00pm	14 DC Church Council @ 6:30pm	15 Office Hours @ DD 12:00pm to 4:00pm	16 Office Hours @ DD 9:00am to 1:00pm DD Bible Study @ 2:00pm	17 SPRC @ DC 6:30pm	18 Boogs	19 Ken
20 DC & DD 3rd Sunday Mission Offering Charge Conference 1:00pm @ Baraboo Emanuel UMC	21 DC Bible Study @ 6:30pm	22 Office Hours @ DD 12:00pm to 4:00pm	23 Pam Holton Office Hours @ DD 9:00am to 1:00pm DD Bible Study @ 2:00pm	24 THANKSGIVING	25	26
27	28 DC Bible Study @ 6:30pm	29 Office Hours @ DD 12:00pm to 4:00pm	30 Office Hours @ DD 9:00am to 1:00pm DD Bible Study @ 2:00pm			

There will be an ecumenical church service the week of Thanksgiving. Please check the website, facebook page, bulletin board or the church bulletin for more information. We will let you know as soon as the churches are able to coordinate schedules.

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday this month. We hope we have all of the November birthdays on the calendar.

Let us know if we have missed anyone.



CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



The church bulletin board is full of information and events for you to look at when you come to church. A number of area churches have events to participate in, including bingo, dinners and educational events.

If you have an event or information you would like posted, please pass it on to Pastor Lee and he will make certain it is posted and passed on for inclusion in the church newsletter.

CHURCH WEBSITE

We are adding to the church website, so take a look if you haven't in a while. You can hear past sermons, make contributions, and find out what is scheduled at the church. Please let us know if you'd like any special information to be available or if we have missed something useful. Please visit: wisconsinindellsumc.org



NEWSLETTER

We are going to start publishing a monthly newsletter, but we will need your help. If you are on a committee or if you have a piece of news for the church, we want to hear about what is happening. All you need to do is drop a note on the pastor's desk or in the offering plate and we'll get the information into the newsletter. If you have email, we would appreciate you sending the information to us because it makes things easier. Information for the newsletter can be sent to: news@wisconsinindellsumc.org



The world will never starve for wonders, but only for want of wonder. - G.K. Chesterton

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the October business meeting so we would be prepared for charge conference. Our charge conference meeting will be held at Emanuel UMC in Baraboo on November 20th at 1pm. Everyone is invited and the format will be different this year. Our DS, Scott Carlson, provided this information:



I know that the new format I am going to be using for Church Conferences is different and has caused a few questions. Thank you to all who have embraced this new idea and have been encouraging in trying something new. Once again, we are trying something new, mostly because of a concern that I have over how many of our churches have received so few new members over the past couple of years. It has caused me to do a lot of praying over this concern. I have come to the realization (after visiting in so many of our churches on the district) that too many of our churches haven't made hospitality a priority. Too many of our churches are not helping their members invite others to worship with us. Too many of our churches may not have a system to help folks move from being a guest to a disciple.

As a way to help deal with these concerns, we are going to have a time of training in each of our circuit church conferences on these topics. This training will not be intended to give you all the answers. It will be intended to give you and your leadership something to think about and begin working off of as you think about ministry in your own setting.

I will bring the agenda to each Church Conference.



DAVIS CORNERS SOUP AND CHILI SUPPER

A great big thank you to all who helped with this year's soup/chili supper at Davis Corners. We want to thank everyone who worked in the kitchen, prepared pies, greeted guests and cleaned up at this year's event. We hope you saw the signs that were made for the dinner, and we hope to see even more of you next time!

DELLS-DELTON GARAGE SALE

The Outreach garage sale was a great success due to the many contributions to the sale by members of the congregation and friends.

Also, thanks and appreciation to all who helped organize the items for all their hard work and good fellowship which will benefit the Kids' Ranch with a check for \$1000.00 from the Dells-Delton United Methodist Church.



DELLS-DELTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Administrative Council

Sunday, August 14, 2016

ATTENDING:

Iva Marshall
Anita Copper
Sue White
Pastor Lee Bushweiler

Kathy Radcliff
Kathy Spargo
Bob Spargo
Julie Freel
Pat Holton

Marcella Siocum
Michelle Bushweiler
Doris Christenson

Pastor Lee opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the May and July meetings were read and approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy R. moved to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anita reported that a check for \$80 had been contributed to the Imagine No Malaria campaign before annual conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Corporation Board: Kathy Spargo shared that there hadn't been a meeting since our last Council meeting but one is scheduled for this week. Bob said that a small group got together recently to talk about the prayer garden. Some of the suggestions that came out of that meeting were that we need to get more mulch spread over the garden, some replanting needs to be done but everything should be low maintenance, a fence should be put up over the winter to discourage deer and other wildlife from using the garden, and then repellent spray should be used after the fence comes down. He also said that the Ginko tree is showing signs of life again and he has propped up some shoots around the original tree trunk.

Finance Committee: Since our last Council meeting this committee met to draw up guidelines for the use of the credit card. Now arrangements need to be made to have the audit done. The next committee meeting will be held the third week in September to work on next year's budget, so every committee should have their figures turned in to Sue before then.

SPRC: No report today. Their next meeting will be this week.

Outreach: Will be holding their Fall Rummage Sale on October 7 and 8. Set up will be Thursday, October 6 in the evening. Profits will again go to Kids Ranch.

Worship: This year we will have two confirmands and Kathy R. was interested in what the committee should be doing for that. Sue suggested that our church and Holy Cross have students in the Middle School age bracket that could possibly join together for a youth fellowship. Pastor asked about adult Bible study and interest was expressed in that. A Worship Committee meeting was set for Wednesday, August 24 at 4:00 p.m.

UMW: There have been no meetings during the summer, but the first meeting scheduled for the Fall will be Wednesday, Sept 7 at 1:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS;

-Bob said that a computer program we have been using will no longer be available after the end of this month. Pastor said that changes can be made and didn't think it would be necessary to get a new computer.

-A request was read from Tom Reeder of Holy Cross asking for the use of the kitchen and multi-purpose room until noon for a Sunday in September and again in December. Kathy R. said that she has no problem closing the curtain and using the nursery on those Sundays. This information will be taken to the Corporation Board meeting this week.

-Pastor Lee had several points to share with us including: 1) a question about the use of mailboxes in the church offices, 2) that his schooling this summer is done, 3) interest in going through the church membership list, 4) establishing office hours, and 5) which Senior members he needs to be aware of needing personal visits. He also said that he has had conversations with some members who needed various levels of counsel.

Anita moved that our next meeting will be September 11. It was seconded and carried.

Anita moved to adjourn. It was seconded and carried.

Sue White, Secretary Pro Tem

LAY SPEAKING CLASSES

Two classes are being offered this fall:

"BIBLICAL PREACHING"

Dates: Sunday, November 6, 13, 20, and 27

Time: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

"UNITED METHODIST POLITY"

Dates: Sunday, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2017

Time: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

All classes will be held at Elroy United Methodist Church, 125 Royall Ave, Elroy, WI 53929

BUILDING BRIDGES WORKSHOP

Mt Horeb UMC will be hosting a workshop with Cathy Townley in "Building Worship Bridges". A workshop on worship which is designed to help connect our churches to the communities

in which we live. Registration is now available at tinyurl.com/BuildingBridges2017. Scott Carlson, our District Superintendent, is very excited about this workshop and hopes you will be willing to send a team for this great day.

"Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors."

Author Unknown

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The last few weeks have brought some interesting conversations to the forefront of my thinking. The difficult discussions in the United Methodist church have resulted in the formation of a group called the Wesleyan Covenant Association, the coming Halloween celebrations have brought up some very old discussions about pagan rituals, and most of you know that I will be attending the confirmation celebration for Michelle's and my godson. All of these events have again raised the issue of what we hold on to as central in our faith.

This is not a new discussion. In fact, the church has been having it since the beginning of the church. The discussion is heated at times, while sometimes it is just a conversation around a table. But the conversation does not ever seem to end. The issues have changed some from the first century problems of circumcision and eating meat, but we are still left to work out being the church. As I reflected on the coming Confirmation Sunday, I was left wondering exactly what we will hear these young confirmands claim as essential to the faith.

We have used two of the Church creeds in worship over the last few months, and I will probably introduce at least one more this year. At times we forget that those creeds were developed over many years in order to confront different heresies that have faced the church. Each of the lines were carefully chosen to confront false doctrines as completely and concisely as possible. I often wonder if we have as clear of an understanding of God as these old time church leaders did.

We know we serve a God of love - in fact 1 John 4:8 reads: Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. But we also serve a God of truth and justice - Isaiah 61:8 reads For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. We have a God that is difficult to describe because He seems to embody contradictory positions. But there is no confusion and no change in Him. He is perfect and we simply do not have a clear understanding of who He is and how He thinks, because our judgment is clouded by our thoughts and desires.

So, I am stuck thinking about something I learned a long time ago - it matters how we know what we know, as much as it matters what we know. The Advent season will be upon us soon and I will be preparing my heart this year by focusing on that. We have the creeds and many discussions to aid us, as we each discern what it means to be a Christian and to lead a life that honors God.

Peace and Blessings!

Pastor Lee