

THE UNITY CORNERS HERALD

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Worship Services
 - 9:00 AM Sunday — Davis Corners
 - 10:45 AM Sunday — Dells/Delton

- Bible Studies
 - 2:00 PM Wednesday—Dells/Delton
 - 6:30 PM Thursday—Davis Corners

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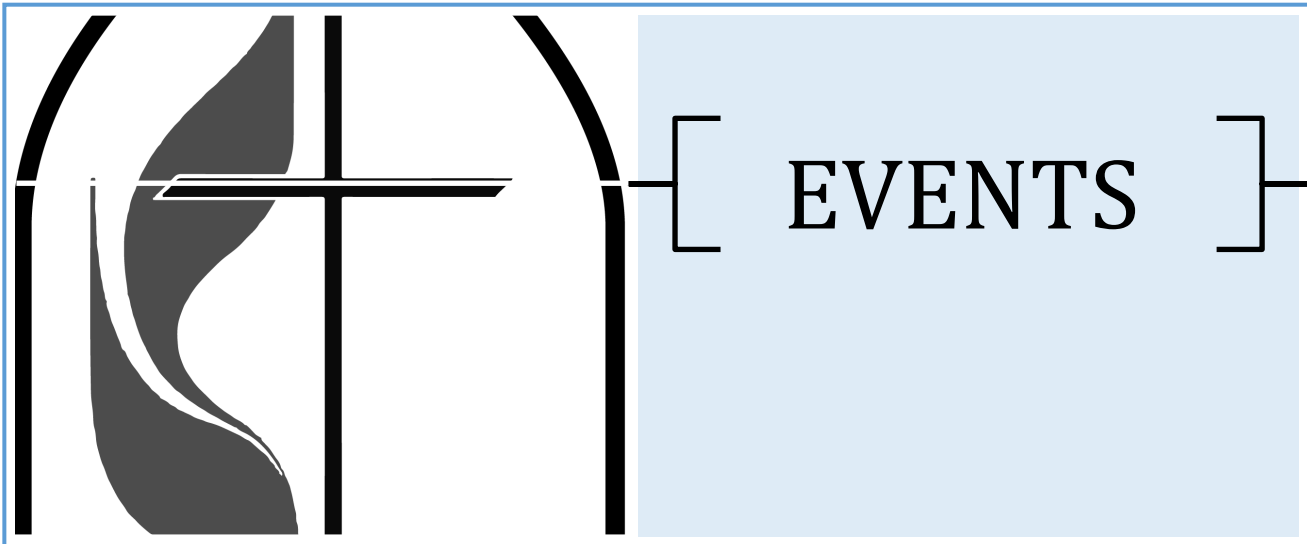
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Kelby Freel Communion Sunday Margaret McMille	3 DC UMW (6:30PM)	4 NO Office Hours	5 NO Office Hours NO DD Bible Study	6 DC Bible Study (6:30PM)	7 Cindy Jones	8 Mike Freel
9	10	11 Office Hours (12-4 PM) Dan DeFosse	12 Office Hours (9AM-1 PM) DD Bible Study (2PM)	13 DC Bible Study (6:30PM)	14	15
16 3rd Sunday Offering	17	18 NO Office Hours	19 NO Office Hours NO DD Bible Study	20 NO DC Bible Study	21	22
Pastor Lee at Garrett Seminary						
23 Fellowship Sunday	24	25 Office Hours (12-4 PM) Don Phillips	26 Office Hours (9AM-1 PM) DD Bible Study (2PM)	27 DC Bible Study (6:30PM)	28	29
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Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Annual Gathering

Where : People's UMC 103 North Alpine Parkway, Oregon, WI 53575

When: Sat 7/15
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m

Details: Coordinated by the South West District Committee of Lay Servant Ministries. Come and take part in this event of worship, fellowship and learning! Lunch will be provided. Please register for this event with Sherry Malone, District Office Manager

Phone: [608.837.0056](tel:608.837.0056)

Email: smalone@wisconsinumc.org

9:30-10:00 Registration

10:00-10:45 Opening Worship

11:00-noon Passionate Worship
Presentation by Rev. Dr. Schultz

12:15-12:45 Lunch (provided!)

1:00-1:20 Recognition Service
to recognize Lay Speakers who have recently become certified

1:30-2:30 Facilitated Discussion
on Lay Servant Ministries. What classes would you like to see offered? What other resources would help you better serve through your ministry?

2:30-3:00 Closing Worship

If you have questions, please contact Steve Mayeshiba

Phone: [608.228.8356](tel:608.228.8356)

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Dells-Delton Minutes

Administrative Council (5/7/17)

Present: Dave, Sue, Iva, Bob, Pat, Anita, Pastor Lee

Old Business: None.

New Business: Pastor Lee introduced the recently approved digital donations. The conference will pay the \$10/mo fee for the 1st year and will give us \$120 for setting it up.

The corporation board will be meeting with Dave Gavinski to talk about selling the piece of land where they store their Ducks.

Outreach held their annual cookout at Walmart on May 20th and will not be meeting in June. Proceeds from the cookout will go to Kids Ranch.

The UMW May Salad Luncheon grossed \$876

SPRC (was) held on May 24th.

Pastor Lee want(ed) an audit to be done before annual conference.

-Minutes notes provided by Sue White, Secretary Pro Tem

Dells-Delton Minutes

Church Building Corp Board (5/17/17)

Present: Diane Joans, Deacon Ken Foster, Sue White, Aaron Scott, Bud Seufzer, Pastor Lee

Old Business: Hispanic Ministry is taking place on Monday nights, 2-3 families currently attending.

New AED was received. Diane will be contacting Jeff Culbertson to discuss an AED training class. Aaron and Jeff will be meeting to put together a checklist. Information for the new AED will be kept in the Corp. Board file cabinet.

Bud will be putting out a live trap for under the building.

Aaron is working to find a contractor to repair the damage to the gutter.

Dan Gavinski will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the sale of the Duck Shed property.

New Business: The Lawn Barbers will continue to mow the lawn at the same rate as in 2016 (\$60/mow). Aaron informed the Board that Doug Scott offered to hire the contractor to clean up the trees/brush around the property.

It was decided to have a survey performed to locate/stake out prospective church property before any property would/could be sold. Bud will contact surveyor to do the job.

Consensus was that Wednesday nights will work best for these meetings.

-Minutes notes provided by Bud Seufzer, Secretary/Treasurer

Davis Corners Minutes

Church Council Meeting (3/20/17)

Present: Tim and Bonnie Stratton, Helen Miotke, Jolene and Bob Schuster, Diane Elderkin, Jan Thompson, Donna DeFosse, Liz Phillips, Pastor Lee

Treasurer's Report: Jan reports \$9934.04 as balance at last meeting. Current balance is \$10341.88. All bills are paid and receipts deposited.

Finance: Diane reports we are doing well.

Memorial Secretary Report: Helen reports \$3128.91 as balance at last meeting. Current balance is \$3129.03 due to interest.

Pastor: The worship committee and SPRC committee have met.

Membership/Worship/Education: Worship committee met; bible study is ongoing.

SPRC: Jolene reports having a meeting March 8th. Next meeting was May 10th.

Trustees: The hall screen has been repaired by Ernie. The metal work face of Jesus was taken over to the church to see where it will be placed. Yardwork to come!

UMW: Bonnie discussed Lenten breakfast at Mauston on April 2nd.

Hall: Jolene says the hall is open. Miotke anniversary party will be held there 4/30.

Communion: No communion on Maundy Thursday.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Next meeting will be May 8th at 6:30pm.

Minutes notes provided by Liz Phillips

Our Stewardship

Digital Donations Were Approved

In order to keep up with the cultural shift to a more digital world, The Conference Finance Office and the Wisconsin UM Foundation are encouraging churches to learn about eGiving and its benefits. This does not mean you have to change how you tithe, it will simply allow you to the option of using a variety of convenient electronic options — online and mobile, as well as credit/debit and ACH processing. The idea is to empower generosity for the times you cannot attend service and offer more options for our visitors and guests. Please let us know if you have any questions and feel free to check out <http://give.wisconsinindellsumc.org> to learn a little more.

Thank You for Your Participation in Missions

This month, the 3rd Sunday mission offerings will be taken on July 18th The Davis Corners church is collecting for community action. The Dells/Delton church is collecting for xxx. Please support these additional ministries with your additional offering as we work together to bless and care for the communities around us.

Please continue to bring items for the Holy Cross and Dells/Delton United Methodist combined pantry donations. This month we are collecting toilet paper for the families in need and the pantry is also looking for volunteers.

Be sure to check out the Dells-Delton Facebook page! Our annual Outreach Brat Sale plus some donations allowed us to contribute \$400 to the Kids' Ranch in Rock Springs. The day we went, the Ranch was hosting children from the Dells so we got to meet some of our neighbors who we serve! Horses, gardening, and making bird houses.

Denomination News

Bishops Call Special Session of General Conference

The Council of Bishops announced the morning of April 25th the call to a special General Conference on Feb. 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri. The special meeting of The United Methodist Church's top lawmaking assembly will be limited to acting on a report by Council of Bishops, based on the proposals from the Commission on the Way Forward. The 32-member commission, appointed by the bishops, has the charge of finding ways for the denomination to stay together despite differences.

Methodists, Anglicans propose new relationship

BIRMINGHAM, England — The Methodist Church in Britain and the Church of England have published a joint report, "Mission and Ministry in Covenant," which proposes that presbyters from each denomination be eligible to serve in the other and that the Methodist Church recognize the office of a president-bishop.

Judicial Council Meets—excerpted from UMNS

The Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops filed a motion asking the United Methodist Judicial Council to reconsider its ruling in the case of a gay bishop.

Part of the court's ruling in Decision 1341 was that a same-sex marriage license, together with the clergy person's status in a same-sex relationship, was a public declaration that the person is a self-avowed practicing homosexual. The Judicial Council decision found that an openly homosexual and partnered bishop may be charged with disobedience to church law. "Self-avowal does not nullify the consecration and cause removal from episcopal office but is a sufficient declaration to subject the bishop's ministerial office to review," the decision said. The council said it had no jurisdiction over the nomination, election and assignment of a bishop.

Conference News

2017 Interfaith Bus Tour with Bishop Jung

Bishop Jung will once again lead a weekend bus tour and retreat this summer, August 18-20. Opportunities include participating in a Shabbat service at Congregation Shalom in Milwaukee; visiting Sikh, Islamic, and Hindu worship centers in and around Milwaukee; and worshipping at a Coptic Orthodox Church in Oak Creek. Participants will also have the opportunity to speak with a Buddhist priest, a Muslim professor, and Bishop Jung. Registration information will be available in the coming months; in the meantime, contact Mel Vance with any questions at (608) 630-9485



Register for 2017 Spiritual Formation Academy



Do you long to be with others who share a desire to deepen one's relationship with God through teaching, prayer, daily Communion, and covenantal fellowship? The Wisconsin Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation is a place where Christian faith is challenged, all in the context of a shared experience led by faculty presenters,

who invite participants to reflect on your own spiritual journey, and how God is at work in your life. The Academy is for clergy and laity. It is designed for both "head" and "heart," communicating knowledge about Christian spiritual formation and a context for experiencing it. Registration is now open for this year's retreat, which will be held October 29 to November 3 at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine.

Annual Conference 2017

The Wisconsin Annual Conference was June 16-19. Ask your lay delegates about the details following the briefings. The Conference budget was held steady for 2018 and no major legislation was passed. The conference changed the registration process for display tables and decided to continue the feasibility study for a capital campaign.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

It has been a busy month—preparations for a week at Garrett including many hours of homework, a weekend at Annual Conference, graduation parties, and the normal business of summer. Things continue to grow and change around the churches and we're slowly catching all of the administrative squirrels. Maybe I'm just learning where to put the traps!

We are just about ready to put some finishing touches on the website and we now have online giving available for our members and guests! Both churches are in a position to serve the community. We been doing some little things recently, including a very cold and wet brat sale that still was able to provide support for the Kids' Ranch. We are planning to keep doing these ministries in partnership with other local organizations, but it is also time for us to do some of our own ministry.

I have been working with Pr. Procopio at Reedsburg as he tries to get a Hispanic ministry started here in the Dells. Both churches continue to welcome our guests and we are trying to make it easier for them to find us; it apparently works because I get a call at least every other week to confirm times and directions that people have read online. One thing is still missing; some of our neighbors.

The hardest thing to do is reach out to our neighbors. Possibly because they know us, likely because we think they have some ideas about us. Jesus even had trouble in His hometown because the people there did not have faith in Him. They heard about the miracles He was doing, they heard Him teach in their own churches, but they couldn't believe He was anything other than Joseph's son. The son of a carpenter who was from Galilee, but likely nothing more special than that.

But Jesus was more than that. His neighbors knew it but needed to believe it. They wanted to see miracles before they believed, and sometimes that is how it works with us as well. We want to see something that proves our neighbors are different; and they want to see it in us. But that is harder when they haven't been invited to walk with us. So we need to reach out, even if no one is willing to take our hand and walk along. I will be sharing with a number of people at Garrett, messages and convictions they don't want to hear, but some will. We need to do the same in any community... especially this community. Let your neighbors see and hear what we have to offer at these churches. Invite them to join us, to be blessed by the company of our family, and to meet our Savior.

Peace and Blessings!

Pastor Lee

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday this month. We hope we have all of the May birthdays on the calendar. Please let us know if we've missed anyone.

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