

# THE DELLS-DELTON HERALD



Dells-Delton  
Methodist Church  
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WI 53965

## WEEKLY EVENTS

- Worship Services  
10:45 AM Sunday
- Bible Studies  
10:00 AM Thursday
- Office Hours: Thursdays 9am — 1pm

October

2023 Newsletter

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# OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <b>Rummage Sale Setup 10a</b> Office Hours 9-2 NO Bible Study	6 <b>Rummage Sale 8a-5p</b>	7 <b>Rummage Sale 8a-2p</b>
8 Communion Sunday 12pm Admin Council 	9	10	11	12 NO Office Hours Bible Study 10am	13 <i>Helen Neofotistos</i>	14 <i>Dave Kaiser</i>
15 3rd Sunday Offerings—Lou Gehrig's Disease 12pm Methodist Women of Faith	16	17	18	19 Office Hours 9-2 Bible Study 10am <i>Wendy Lombard</i>	20	21 <i>Butch Miotke</i>
22 Fellowship Sunday @ Uno's	23 <i>Bob Pendelton</i>	24	25	26 Great Lakes GMC Convening Conference NO Office Hours NO Bible Study	27	28 <i>Ronda Decker</i>
29 <b>Pot Luck Sunday</b>  <i>Don Marsich</i>	30	31 <i>Stella Cottine</i>	NOV 1st Free Pancake Supper			

# Our Stewardship

## We Depend on Your Faithful Stewardship

Recently we gratefully received a generous gift from Joann Phillips in memory of Don. Per Joann's wishes this will be used for general expenses and those that will incur because of our becoming Global Methodists. We need to change the wording on our signs and are talking about putting up a new sign in addition to the existing signs. The memorial money will be used for these expenses. Thank you, Joann!



Our church can be so thankful for its faithful members. We have many members who don't miss a Sunday or a function during the week when there is one. Others mail in their offerings when they know they will not be with us for a time. However, we know that there are Sundays that people are gone and cannot attend church. Remember that the bills still have to be paid, even if you aren't there. We count on your weekly support to meet our needs. If you cannot join us, or simply forget your offering, please remember there also are one time and automatic giving options available online at our website ([give.dellsdelton.org](http://give.dellsdelton.org)) or by using your phone to scan this little QR code →



## Thank You for Your Participation in Missions

This month, our 3rd Sunday mission offerings will be taken on **September 17th**. The congregation will be collecting for **Hospice House in Baraboo** this month. Please support these worthwhile partner ministries with your additional offering as we work together to bless and care for the communities around us and those much less fortunate.

Please continue to bring items for the Holy Cross and Dells/Delton United Methodist combined pantry donations. This month we are collecting **Kleenex (any brand of tissues)** for the pantry. Please be aware that the pantry is also looking for volunteers to help them in their current need.

Be sure to check out our Facebook and Youtube pages!

[facebook.com/ddmethodist](https://facebook.com/ddmethodist) and [youtube.com/@DellsDelton](https://youtube.com/@DellsDelton)



## GMC Ministry Giving

The congregation voted to join the Global Methodist Church last month, and we will join in connectional giving with them. They are asking us to contribute 2% of our operating income (1% to the global and 1% to the regional ministry) or about \$125 per month. Next year they are expecting to double that to 4% (1% global and 3% regional) to \$250 a month, so resources can be provided to local congregations. The maximum allowed is set at 5% and they are planning to stay below that amount.



# Our Stewardship

## God's Abundance — October 2023



Parker Palmer, a Quaker theologian, once told a story about abundance. Palmer was a passenger on a plane that pulled away from the gate, taxied to a remote corner of the field and stopped. You know the feeling: the plane stops and you look out the window and see that you're not on the runway, the engines wind down and your heart sinks. The pilot came on the intercom and said, "I have some bad news and some really bad news. The bad news is there's a storm front in the West, Denver is socked in and shut down. We've looked at the alternatives and there are none. So we'll be staying here for a few hours. That's the bad news. The really bad news is that we have no food and it's lunch time." Everybody groaned. Some passengers started to complain, some became angry. But then, Palmer said, one of the flight attendants did something amazing.

She stood up and took the intercom mike and said, "We're sorry, folks. We didn't plan it this way and we really can't do much about it. And I know for some of you this is a big deal. Some of you are hungry and were looking forward to a nice lunch. Some of you may have a medical condition and really need lunch. Some of you may not care one way or the other and some of you need to skip lunch. So, I'll tell you what we're going to do. I have a couple of bread baskets up here and we're going to pass them around and I'm asking everybody to put something in the basket. Some of you brought a little snack along – something to tide you over – just in case something like this happened, some peanut butter crackers, candy bars. And some of you have a few LifeSavers or chewing gum or Roloids. And if you don't have anything edible, you have a picture of your children or spouse or girlfriend/boyfriend or a bookmark or a business card. Everybody put something in and then we'll reverse the process. We'll pass the baskets around again and everybody can take out what he/she needs.

"Well," Palmer said, "what happened next was amazing. The griping stopped. People started to root around in pockets and handbags, some got up and opened their suitcases stored in the overhead luggage racks and got out boxes of candy, salami, a bottle of wine. People were laughing and talking. She had transformed a group of people who were focused on need and deprivation into a community of sharing and celebration. She had transformed scarcity into a kind of abundance."

After the flight, which eventually did proceed, Parker Palmer stopped on his way off the plane – (deplaning), and said to her, "Do you know there's a story in the Bible about what you did back there? It's about Jesus feeding a lot of people with very little food."

"Yes," she said. "I know that story. That's why I did what I did."

Even amid what we think is scarcity, many times God has already given us what we need.

*Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation*

# Denomination News

## Global Methodist Church

Dells-Delton Methodist Church has applied to become a member congregation of the Global Methodist Church. This means that we will be connected to a number of area churches that have already joined, as well as churches across Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois.



The Great Lakes area convening conference is happening near the end of October, and the leadership is asking you to pray for all those involved, and for the future of our denomination as we seek and hope to build vital communities of faith. Your prayers are requested that:

- those on the Conference Planning Team, and volunteers who are working hard to set up the facility and organize the behind-the-scenes things so the conference will go smoothly.
- the Presence of the Lord be palpable and with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- prayer in the Spirit will be at the forefront of all that happens during the conference as each person is alert for the Lord, and to care and pray for each other.
- those who are speaking will be edifying to attendees.
- new relationships form and grow.
- meals shared will nourish mind, body, spirit, and soul.
- salvations are a result of the work done.

## Convening Annual Conference



**GLOBAL**  
METHODIST CHURCH  
Great Lakes

The Dells-Delton Methodist congregation is invited to the convening conference of the Great Lakes Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. We are entitled to one voting delegate at this conference and Michelle has agreed to do this since she will be present with Pastor Lee.

We will be voting on the basic initial structure, leadership, budget and operation of the Conference for the coming year. Please pray that all of the work goes smoothly, and the congregations are blessed by our new affiliation with each other across these four states (Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana). This convening conference will be held October 27-28 in Washington, IL. In addition to the conference business, Pastor Lee will be ordained as an elder along with a number of colleagues. The first regular meeting of the Great Lakes Annual Conference will be held in June of 2024.

# Congregational News

## Dells-Delton Outreach

Hello, time is going so fast it is hard to keep up with it! Rummage sale is October 6 and 7th! Setting up on October 5 at 11 AM, hours on Friday Oct 6th 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM and Saturday Oct 7th 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

We need help to set up on Thursday and tear down on Saturday, all are welcome to help, please bring your items on Thursday. The proceeds from the rummage sale are going to the food pantry in the Dells. Thanks for all your items and your time and prayers, the next fund raiser is our free pancake supper November 1st. Thank God for all of you!

Outreach Committee



## Dells-Delton Women of Faith

Greetings!

We had a very successful September meeting. Our name was changed to Dells-Delton Methodist Women of Faith, if I have this wrong ladies please let me know. We have a new mission statement and new officers. Here's our mission statement:

The purpose of Methodist Women of Faith is to know God and to share that experience with the local and global community. And to nurture creative and supportive fellowships that build and expand God's ministry within and outside of the church.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 15th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

Dual hostesses will be Anita Copper and Joann Phillips. Hope to see you there

Blessings, Bonnie.

## Fellowship Sunday

Dells-Delton will meet at "Uno's" Sunday, October 22nd following worship.

## Bible Trail

We are wrapping up the season and the work on the Bible Trail for the year. We had some guests from the Lodi congregation visit us, as well as people visiting the Dells area over the summer. We will need to winterize the trail at the end of the month, so let Dave Kaiser know if you're willing to help with the task.



# Congregational News

## Disaffiliation Updates

We are completing a final statistical report and developing new signage for the building, property and directional street signs. We are hoping to have completed the necessary changes by the end of October so we can invite Conference representatives to do a “final walk through” that will complete this process.



Please pray that this all goes smoothly as we complete the final steps required.

## Changes are Coming

Your Administrative Council has approved some funding to help redesign and build our new online presence. Over the next month, we will be designing and building this website so that members and guests can **easily** get all the necessary information about our activities and facilities.



We plan to update our website so that our ministries and events are highlighted, and so visitors can know what to expect when they walk through our front door. We also want to invite the Dells community to join us in everything we do. Please do take a moment to look at our existing website, and then let us know what changes would be useful. The current website can be accessed at [dellsdelton.org](http://dellsdelton.org)

## Content



You should be noticing that your congregational leaders are submitting updates for the newsletter. If you have a little time to collect content and publish it, we can use your help too. We are hoping to put useful information on our Facebook page and website each week to improve our communication with each other and the Wisconsin Dells community.

Let us know if you are willing to help. We will show you how easy it is to do, and how only five minutes of your time helps connect us to our neighbors.

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18** ~ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

# Congregational News

## **Dells Delton Corporation Board Meeting - Summary from last two meetings**

Members: Pastor Lee, Sue White, Dave Kaiser, Holly Pennington, Tom Reeder, Bud Seufzer, Fr. Michael and Tim Hinkel

Each meeting opens with a prayer.

**Minutes** presented and approved for July's meeting.

**Treasurers Report** SBA Cell Tower Income Statements during our 2024 Budget Planning discussion at the 9/20/23 meeting to discern if the monthly cell tower income budget of \$1,132 would be valid for all of 2024. SBA increased their rent to its customers in November 2022 and the DDCBC share was increased from \$835 to \$925 and again to 942 in February. In July, after adding another tower tier, the rent and subsequently DDCBC share increased to \$1,132. SBA will probably raise their customer's rent again in November, but to be safe the 2024 DDCBC monthly cell tower budgeted income should be held at \$1,132.

### **Old Business:**

Corp Board was working on finding a vendor to paint the exterior of the church. We do have issues with lead paint that will have to be remediated if the outside must be scrapped. We will investigate residing the building, instead, to encapsulate the lead problem.

The Board reviewed adding automatic openers to the two front doors. They are going to go back and find out the cost for just adding an automatic opener to just the outside door.

The cushions in the altar area have been recovered.

DDM signs have not been changed yet, we are still working on it.

It was decided to put the renovation of the Sanctuary on hold.

The group will review the current By Laws and bring suggestions back to the Board to work on revisions, if needed.

The display cabinet was relocated to the outer corner of the building along the walkway.

### **New Business:**

We are going to purchase two new vacuum cleaners.

An electric leaf blower and extension cord were donated to the church.

The door between the kitchen and the multipurpose room will be changed to swing outward into the dining area so it does not have to be removed and replaced between functions.

A thermostat will be installed in the narthex for better climate control.

Restroom signs will be placed for better wayfinding for visitors.

**Please let Tim, Sue, or Dave know if you have anything you would like brought forward to the Corporation Board.**

**Thank you.**



# Congregational News

## Dells-Delton Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting 13 August 2023, 12:00 pm

**Attending:** Pastor Lee, Pat Holton, Bob Pendleton-Chair, Anita Copper, Wendy Lombard, Sue White, Shirley Nelson, Tim Hinkel, Pat Holton, Bonnie Stratton, and Melody Hinkel-Recorder; (Michelle Bushweiler, Helen and Butch M, Joann P, Barb Steinwig, and Bonnie Morton sat in as guests)

Meeting called to order at 12:25 pm

Opening Prayer: Pastor Lee

### **Prior Meeting Minutes:**

Moved to accept-Shirley approved, Anita-second; all approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Wendy provided the Treasurer's Report:

Sue made a motion to accept; Tim seconded it; All accepted the treasurer's report.

### **Old Business:**

Paster Lee reports that Bylaws for the new corporation are about 2/3's done.

Pastor will reach out to his contact, Tom Reeder, for and update of the signs around town to meet compliance of the disaffiliation requirement. Wendy recommends we include the Global Methodist Church logo on the new signs.

### **New Business:**

The new grill was purchased with the new credit card and new taxed exempt number

### **Mission Statement Worksheet review (continued):**

### **Outreach:**

Tim will bring to the next Outreach meeting regarding moving the next Brat/Bake sale to the other entrance; also, he is recommending some kids from the kids ranch participate in the sale to help draw people in.

Anita gave list to Bob of the different organizations our church supports through the Outreach Committee.

Bob recommends we post this list to be displayed so visitors can see who we raise money for and support.

Michelle Bushweiler recommends we support the Christian Radio station in Reedsburg who plays classical Christian Worship music.

Bob Pendleton would like to use some funds to help someone in need in the community.

Wendy states that we can budget these funds.

### **Finance:**

Sue recommends the housing and parsonage fund be combined to one account/fund. Sue will make a request to the foundation that the two funds be put together, and the current restriction be removed.

Tim made a motion to combine the funds, remove the restrictions and to make the fund 50/50. Bonnie Stratton seconded. All approved.

# Congregational News

Dells-Delton Methodist Church  
Administrative Council Meeting  
13 August 2023, 12:00 pm

## **Building Corporation Board:**

New walkway lights were put in.

Pastor Lee is working on having the parking lot lights adjusted to have a wider light cone to improve safety.

Dishwasher racks are ordered.

The council is having discussions of remodeling the sanctuary and residing the church.

Sue, Tim, Bob, and Pastor Lee need to look for a location for a sign to present to the Building Corp. Board.

## **Worship Committee:**

Outdoor service will be Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Episcopal Church will have service prior and will have chairs in place.

There will be another outdoor service on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **UWF**

Next meeting will be this fall some time. Bonnie Stratton is going to send out a survey to change the time and day of week to meet. When they meet, they will plan on determining the new name of the group,

## **Staff Parish Relations Council (SPRC):**

No report

## **Pastor's Report:**

Global Methodist Charge conference will be at the end of October. It will be the convening conference and Pastor Lee will be ordained.

## **Open Discussion:**

Wendy attended Jamieson Memorial Methodist church while on vacation. She brought back a visitor's card, bulletin, and the observation they had a choir who sang behind the podium with recorded music. She also reports that the church takes the \$1 bills in the offering each month and donates it to someone or toward a need in the community. The attached document is an example of the Visitor's Card this church gives all visitors to welcome them and help them with wayfinding.

End of meeting prayer: Pastor

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Next Meeting as the new Executive Committee for Dells-Delton Methodist Church: September 10, 2023, after service.

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# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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We are moving into fall, but it feels nothing like fall. I've noticed the colors changing, the leaves dropping, darkness in the mornings and evenings, hunters entering the woods, and the sounds of wood being prepared for winter. But it still is also amazingly warm, and smelling like summer. And now I'm in central Georgia and immersed back in the deep green of summer.

Sometimes we don't realize what season we are in, nor what is coming. C. S. Lewis writes in the first book of the Narnia chronicles about the land being in winter, but never Christmas. We can appear to be, and feel just like we are stuck in a season. And sometimes we are. But also, change always comes whether we are ready for it, or not. And change has come for us as we move into the family of Global Methodist churches and chart a new path for our congregation.

Even though change comes, not everything changes at once, and some things will not change. And we are in that season of looking at all the things we do, to see what we do and what we want to be doing when everything settles again. We are embracing this change. The Global Methodist family is committed to moving back to old Wesleyan roots; the church being the church in both word and practice. It's going to be uncomfortable for a bit because we are going to move and stretch in places and directions that we are not used to moving. It's also going to be wonderful because we are going to experience and enjoy things that we have been missing. And we're also going to change some things because we know that we need to choose to do some things differently, stop doing some old things and start doing new things. And our leadership is thinking this through carefully.

This is going to be serious work. I was invited to a leadership training event here in Georgia, with the hope that we build leaders in this new denomination and in our congregations. We are spending four and a half days of ten hours to work through some of this. The group is tired, but also excited because there is hope that something will change. The hope is that the church will get back (can get back) to its primary mission of sharing the gospel and making disciples who make disciples. God uses people to bring others to know a God who has shared Himself, so that those people will experience a relationship with Him and then share what they have with others. That's the Gospel!

So, please pray for the leaders of our church, the other churches in the GMC and the leaders beginning the foundation of the Great Lakes GMC this month. If we all do our part well, God can and will use us to breathe His life into the world around us. Who knows, perhaps the Dells-Delton Methodist church will be one of His jewels that shines the hope and glory of Christ to their community? May it be!

Peace and Blessings!

*Pastor Lee*

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

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