

THE DELLS-DELTON HERALD



Dells-Delton
Methodist Church
320 Unity Dr.
Wisconsin Dells,
WI 53965

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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2024 Newsletter

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		Corporation Board 6:30p Special mtg.	1pm Outreach Committee	Office Closed GMC Clergy @ Champaign, IL		
7 Communion Sunday 	8	9	10	11 Office Hours 9-2 Bible Study 10am	12	13
14 12pm Admin Council	15	16	17	18 Office Hours 9-2 Bible Study 10am Community Supper 5pm	19	20
21 3rd Sunday Offerings Smile Train	22	23	24	25 Office Hours 9-2 Bible Study 10am	26	27 9am Church Cleanup
28 Fellowship @ Pizza Pub	29	30				May 4 Church Cleanup rain date

Our Stewardship

We Depend on Your Faithful Stewardship

The church year is moving along quickly, it seems. Easter on the last day of March seems so early! Once again we want to thank our faithful givers. It's amazing what our little congregation is doing. For those members who only give on the days that they attend, we want to remind you that bills need to be paid whether you are physically in attendance or not. So, please pray about making a yearly pledge. We need everyone's help.

We received almost \$500 from the Bowman Fund this year which will be put toward the missionary that we are supporting. We have little control over the Fund as it was set up to share with the Presbyterian Church, but these yearly dividends are accepted gratefully and help in our outreach to others.

We're proud of our Outreach Committee as they have organized many events in the past and have helped a variety of groups. Again, our little church is doing mighty things! Praise God!

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) 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 **April 21st**. The congregation will be collecting for the **Crohn's Disease research** 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 Methodist combined pantry donations. This month we are collecting **laundry soap** 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 and youtube.com/@DellsDelton



"God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile" - **Max Lucado**

Our Stewardship



Generous Words — April 2024

Our world is becoming increasingly visual. That means it is important for our newsletters to adapt to help share the message of generosity effectively. Several times a year, rather than sharing a written story about generosity, I will share a video like this: <https://vimeo.com/798817132>

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Celebrate Generosity — April 2024

It's not uncommon for me to visit a church and hear a financial update from the pulpit stating the dire circumstances of the church's finances and then urging people to give more. While financial transparency is important, doom and gloom stewardship appeals do more harm than good. Even if there is a short-term financial boost from a few people, such messages usually lead people to stop giving.

For your next financial update, take some time to celebrate the ways people have been generous, both to the church and in their lives. **{a little side note from your pastor: Hopefully you've already read the note from the finance committee and know that we celebrate all the gifts you give because our ministry continues to serve and grow. That said, we hope to never be in that "dire" situation because we all remember to support the ministries we do. We do have monthly bills because we invite many to this facility for ministry and fellowship, and because we have always had clergy serving here. Hopefully both our ministries and giving grow as a reflection of what God entrusts us to do, and the opportunities to be ministers are provided by Him.}**

Consider, for instance, the points from this article from Forbes, 'Wired to Give – How to Make the Most of Your Innate Generosity':

We're wired to give. Neurologically, psychologically, socially, spiritually – everywhere we look, the evidence suggests that generosity is one of the hallmarks of humanity.

You're already a giver. You are likely more charitable than you even knew. Do you have any life insurance, for instance? It won't do you any good personally, but it sure is helpful to anyone who depends on you financially.

Praising behavior that you'd like to see more of goes a lot further than bemoaning what you don't see happening. It's a big part of having a mindset focused on abundance rather than scarcity.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Congregational News

Outreach Committee

Hello every one! It's so wonderful that spring is here at least on the calender! The free supper was well attended and the soup was good! The Methodist women are working on the salad luncheon which is on May 2nd.

I pray that God blesses our church with wonderful fellowship and love ! Outreach is working on the cookout at WalMart in May. Thank you all for your prayers and all the work everyone does!

Community Dinner is going well with about 50 guests each month. We are looking forward to even more guests in the summertime. It is important to have enough help and desserts. Thank You to all who are getting involved.

May God bless you all! —Outreach & Community Supper Team



Fellowship Sunday

Fellowship Sunday will be on April 28th at Pizza Pub this month.

Women of Faith

Greetings!

Our March meeting was busy getting ready for the Salad Luncheon on Thursday May 2nd. If you have not signed up to bring a salad check out the sign-up list located by the ushers.

Want to thank Anita Copper and Pat Holton for Fellowship and a beautiful program read by Anita!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 21st, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., Anita Genrich and Joann Phillips will be providing Fellowship treats and Barb Steinweg a program.

Blessings,
Bonnie Stratton

Prayer Points for April

~~ Believing, in the biblical sense, goes beyond knowing and professing. Genuine belief necessarily results in accompanying action.

~~James 1:22

~~Pray that our church family will honor God by being a witness to the world of what it means to live out our faith in our Savior Jesus Christ.



Congregational News

Dells Delton Council Update

It has been a very busy past month not only for our Pastor but for all of the committees and their chairpersons. This includes our Thursday dinners which continue to grow and our fellowship snacks after service which build our relationships.



The month of April will have us busy again with the Spring Clean-up on Saturday April 27th. Our signs should be back in place. They were taken down to reflect our new name and new affiliation with the Global Church. Some of you may not have even noticed they were gone!!!

We have posted the list of Readers for each service on the bulletin board. As we go into the future we will be guided by our mission statement:

“Being prayerful servants of God, we joyfully serve others!”

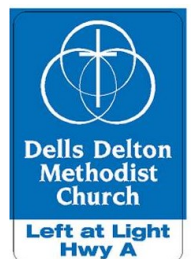
Bob

Signs of the Times



Our updated signs are being completed. The directional (roadside) signs have already been replaced (including the one that disappeared from the Ducks lot)

The main sign on the corner has been cleaned and was installed on the corner prior to Good Friday services. All of these signs look quite striking and we encourage you to inspect them sometime.



Finally, the electronic message center (EMC) has been permitted and steps to install this sign are taking place and should be completed this month. Please contact Tim Hinkel with any questions.

Congregational Meeting

We had our Congregational Meeting on March 10th to affirm our initial business practices as a “new” congregation. We have a working budget and bylaws that have been approved, and we will revisit them in the fall as we settle into regular Annual Meetings.



We will invite our Presiding Elder (currently Harold Zimmick) to join us and our church council will prepare all of the necessary documents so we can be ready for ministry in 2025. For now, we have a plan for this year and we look forward to serving God with the ministries we have in the Dells.

Congregational News

Dells Delton Corporation Board Meeting

Summary for March, 2024

Members present: Reverend Lee, Sue White, Michelle Bushweiler, Diane Jones-absent, Deacon Brad, Tom Reeder, Bud Seufzer, Fr. Michael and Tim Hinkel

The meeting opened with a prayer by Father Michael.

Minutes presented and approved for February meeting.

Treasurers Report Treasurer report presented and approved.

Old Business:

Church siding discussion continues. A special meeting is being held on April 2nd for the final decision on the siding.

A subcommittee has been created to discuss the remodeling of the sanctuary. Members are: Diane Jones, Tim Hinkel, Deacon Brad, and Michelle Bushweiler. The tentative 1st meeting to start discussion is April 2nd at 4:30 pm.

The Dells-Delton Methodist Sign changes are still in the finishing stage.

Bathroom signs are still in the works.

Corporation Board By-laws are in the process of being changed.

Tim is contacting Pete's Glass for an estimate on a handicap door opener for the outer door of the Main Entrance.

New Business:

Corperation Boards members will be selected and officers were elected. New officers: Sue White, Chair; Diane Jones, Vice Chair; Tom Reeder, Financial Secretary; Reverend Lee, Recording Secretary.

Spring Clean-up will take place on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Rain date will be May 4th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. For this cleanup everyone is encouraged to help. Bring your entire family and extended family, all helping hands will be appreciated. If you cannot make it and want to help, please contact Sue White or Tim Hinkel for further instructions.

Next meeting: TBD after Special Meeting on April 2nd.

Please let Reverend Lee, Tim Michelle or Sue know if you have anything you would like brought forward to the Corporation Board. Thank you. planning can run smoothly.

Congregational News

Dells-Delton Methodist Church - Administrative Council Meeting 11 February 2024, 12:00 pm

Attending: Reverend Lee, Pat Holton, Bob Pendleton-Chair, Anita Copper, Sue White, Tim Hinkel, Bonnie Stratton, Michelle Bushweiler, Shirley Nelson, and Melody Hinkel-Recorder; (Bonnie Morton sat as a guest).

Absent: Wendy Lombard

Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm

Opening Prayer: Reverend Lee

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Bob made a motion to approve minutes, Michelle seconded; all approved.

Treasurers Report:

Donations are about ½ of what we need to pay the outstanding bills.

Wendy provided the Treasurer's Report for the council to review.

Anita moved to approve the report, Sue seconded-all approved.

Old Business:

Static signs have been paid for and we will be able to them put up soon, within the next two months.

Tim got the digital signed approved by the City of the Dells. We will need to make the static sign above 8'x8'.

It will be \$125.00 per side, equaling \$250.00 for the sign permit.

It will be \$500.00 to put in a transformer and supply power to the poll.

We need a master electrician to wire the sign which Tim has contacted. It will be approximately \$3,000.00 for the electrical permit, supplies and labor.

Tim and Reverend Lee met with Rich Mackowski regarding contract for the sign. Reverend Lee is going to redefine the parameters of the contract for the usage of the pole for the benefit of all parties.

Tim is asking what the limit on the digital/static pole sign is if we choose to add the static sign above the digital sign. Joann Phillip's requested her donation be used for the new signage on the pole. The council agreed that Joann's \$10,000.00 be the cap on this project.

Bob made a motion that the budget for the sign is at \$10,000.00. Anita seconded; all approved.

A Congregational Meeting to take place in place of the Administrative Council on March 10th after service.

We will need to review the Bi-Laws in this meeting.

We will have a short meeting on March 3rd after service to review the bylaws.

Ushers will start handing out bylaws to the congregation on Sunday, March 18th.

New Business:

No new business.

Outreach:

Anita really liked the Pancake Breakfast and would like to see us do it again. Tim reports there will be another one conducted, likely at BridgePoint this time.

Tim is planning on a Ice-cream social with other churches in the area. The council approved with Tim moving forward.

Next meeting TBD.

Congregational News

Dells-Delton Methodist Church - Administrative Council Meeting
11 February 2024, 12:00 pm

Finance:

Working on the Fund Balance to present in March.

Worship Committee:

Lent starts Wednesday, February 21st, Ash Wednesday-Father Michaels started a sign-up sheet for the soups. Sue reports there are only two dates that need to be filled as of today; there are plans for a joint service with the Episcopalians on Ash Wednesday; Easter on March 31

There are two new candle lighters that use oil and not the wicks.

When the ushers go up behind the Reverend to light candles, that is a time to stop talking and prepare our hearts to receive the word.

Sue asked if we could update the Friends and Members with people who consider themselves part of the church but are not members of the Global Methodist Church. A list of the old membership of the DD UMC will be provided at the Congregational Meeting March.

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Next meeting is in March.

Staff Parish Relations Council (SPRC):

No report

Reverend's Report:

Reverend has a meeting Global Methodist Pastors will be getting together right after Easter.
Congress meeting will be taking place June 5-7th in Marianne IN.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.

Next Meeting for Dells-Delton Methodist Church Administration Council within the Congregational Global meeting: March 10, 2024, after service.

Administrative Items

Our working budget is here: <https://bit.ly/DD2024budget>

Our working bylaws are here: <https://bit.ly/DDbylaws>

2024 Working Budget



Current DDMC ByLaws



NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Easter! This tends to be our great celebration and our great exodus from the church.

I've always wondered why the church year does not start with Easter. I get that it would be awkward with the transition from Good Friday to Easter, but Easter is really where we begin.

The story and the hope are all brought to completion with Christ's resurrection. Israel has been waiting a long time for their Redeemer and their Messiah, and Jesus comes and displays for them almost everything they had hoped for. But they are still worried about Rome.

And don't get me wrong, Rome was a force to be reckoned with because it was so powerful. That empire so far away had appointed a king and government to rule them, and an army continually terrorized them when anything happened. They lived in fear. They thought they were living under judgement and that Messiah would release them; and they were correct. They were living under judgement but they were far more concerned about the Romans than they were about God Himself.

But that was the judgement they were under. They did know it because they were trying so very hard to follow every part of the Law. They even created laws to help them follow the Law, or at least to clearly define when they were breaking the smallest part of it. They knew God judges and they likely assumed that Rome was still there because they had not submitted to God's Law completely. But then Jesus comes.

Jesus fulfills the Law, but not the way the Jews understand it. Jesus even explains why He fulfills things the way He does, but they are unwilling to hear it. Then Jesus rises. You would think that would be a revelation for all. It was what they knew could happen; they even sealed and guarded the tomb to prevent it from being faked. And it happened despite the guards and seal because He really did have the power. But it wasn't celebrated. Instead, the Jewish leaders went to great lengths to pretend it did not happen.

But it was everything they hoped for. It is also everything that we can hope for. Jesus' resurrection begins it all—the full disclosure of God's plan and assurance of our hope. Easter changes forever God's promise into our reality, which is why it is a beginning. But for us, it's also in the midst of our church year and many times we “fizzle” in our walk about this time. The school year is winding down, activities are beginning and summer is coming; we get distracted, by all of the things happening around us and from all of the things we should be doing in our hope.

We have been looking at the “I AM” statements of Jesus, and we should realize that all of them point us to being connected to Him, assured by Him, and living through Him. Jesus wants us to know the resurrection power is for us, so we have His life today and can live and do, bringing glory to God. Christ is risen indeed!

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 birthdays on the calendar. Please let us know if we've missed anyone.

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