

THE DELLS-DELTON HERALD



**Dells Delton
Methodist Church**

320 Unity Dr.
Wisconsin Dells,
WI 53965

August

WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Worship Services**

10:45 AM Sunday

- **Weekly Bible Studies**

5:00—7pm Mondays—Pastor Anita

10:00 AM Thursday—Pastor Lee

6:00 PM Thursday—Men's/Don G.

2026 Newsletter

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**FINANCIAL
ELETRONIC
GIVING:**



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August



Worship in the Park Month!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Readers: 8/2 Wendy L 8/16 Don G 9/6 Bonnie M 8/9 Lisa H 8/23 Shirley N 9/13 Bob Crary						1 Emmaus Gathering - Mauston GMC Noon—2:30PM
2 10:45am Worship  Outreach Mtg	3 BS 5—7pm	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 2pm Riverwood DeColores Grp 5:15pm BOW 7:30pm	6 Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	7	8
9 10:45am Worship Admin. Council	10 BS 5—7pm	11 Pastor's Day Off <i>Todd Hartman</i>	12 2pm Riverwood DeColores Grp 5:15pm BOW 7:30pm	13 Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	14 <i>Mary Norwood</i>	15
16 10:00am Worship In the Park Potluck Meal Mission Sunday Vet Care Trust	17 BS 5—7pm	18 5pm Corp Board meets <i>Tim Hinkel</i>	19 2pm Riverwood DeColores Grp 5:15pm BOW 7:30pm	20 Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm Free Community Meal 5-7pm	21	22
23 10:45am Worship Monk's fellowship	24 BS 5—7pm	25 Pastor's Day Off	26 2pm Riverwood DeColores Grp 5:15pm BOW 7:30pm <i>Nancy Edwards</i>	27 Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	28	29  Deacon Brad & Bonnie's Wedding
30 10am Joint Worship Cookout/ Reception Bring dish to pass	31 No BS	 GMC General Conference South Africa August 30—September 5 Lay Delegate: Kathleen Engelman				

Mission Updates



YouTube: **Nhia Wahn and Mao Her**

Facebook: **Mao Her**

Thailand NOW Missionaries (Returning September 2026)

UGANDA—Goshen Blessings Fence Mission Project

Pastor Anita and the Goshen Blessings Primary School children, families, & teachers all want to express their great gratitude for all those who helped make a fence around the Primary School possible. It is finished! The children and buildings are a safe place from rural traffic/trucks! They have met the Government's requirements. The Buildings are a secure place for the desks/chairs and other furnishings that have slowly disappeared throughout the past 8 years. Over 300 students ages 4-14 are receiving a Christian education at



Goshen Blessings. They are passing their 8th grade proficiency exams to move on to higher education. **THANK YOU** for walking alongside Pastor Anita and Don Genrich in this 15 year mission ministry to the re-settlement, Refugee community surrounding Goshen Blessings. Pastor Anita will be visiting the school, clinic, and students during her fourth mission trip to Uganda September 2-12, 2026. Please hold her in your prayers.

He will wipe every tear
from their eyes. There
will be no more death or
mourning or crying or
pain, for the old order of
things has passed away.

-Revelation 21:4

Our Sympathies to family

Larry Murphy

Went to be with the LORD

May, 2026

Outreach

Lisa Helm—Chair

**** Community Suppers—Third Thursdays of Month 5-7pm (Next One: August 20, 2026)**

**** Food Panty Collection for June: *School Supplies***

**** Third Sunday Mission Bucket — *Veteran's Care Trust Fund*—Baraboo, WI**

**** Fellowship Dinner Out— *Monk's—Lake Delton* (Fourth Sunday following Worship)**

**** Missionaries: Pastors Nhia Wahn & Mao Her—Thailand Now (monthly support);**

Pastor Anita Genrich—Goshen Blessings, Uganda...Fence is being built! Funds Raised! **Thank**



Ice Cream Social—Outreach Event

Telling our story and sharing the LOVE of
Jesus with our community

1 Peter 3:15—Giving Witness

Thank you to all the volunteers who came
and shared: Food, crafts, and words of
encouragement to those who came on Ju-
ly 18, Saturday—Park on Hill.

Worship in the Park (Bowman Park—Wisconsin Dells)

August 16th, 2026 10:am Worship

Potluck Fellowship after Worship (meat provided, please bring a side dish)

Fifth Annual Worship in the Park & Church Picnic. The Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton Faith Communities are planning to Worship together in the park. God is smiling!!! Bethany Lutheran; Bridgepoint Evangelical; Dells Delton Methodist; Holy Cross Episcopal; & United Presbyterian churches are planning to share the love of Christ in an Ecumenical Ministry—Community Outreach Event of **Sunday Worship**. Come Worship! Bring lawn chairs and dish to pass. Plan to stay, eat, and visit in a Park like setting. Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount: ***“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*** (Matthew 5:16) **Fun, Food, & Fellowship**; three ways to share the Good News...God's love for ALL!

EVERYONE IS INVITED



Prayer & Ministry

Our Church Ministry



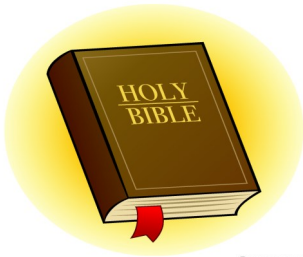
Prayer Point: AUGUST

~~Genuine peace can only be found by trusting in the Lord of wisdom and grace and keeping our focus on him.

~~Isaiah 26:3&4 ***"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal."***

~~Pray that both individually and corporately we experience God's true peace, steadfastly trusting in the LORD our Eternal Rock.

Bible Studies—Small Groups—Opportunities to grow in Faith



The Wesleyan way, our Methodist roots, are grounded in believers coming together weekly outside of Sunday Worship! We are to spur each other on to living a life of "Holiness & Heart," John Wesley penned. At the Dells Delton Methodist Church—our Bible Studies are open to ALL people who desire to grow in the faith. They are ecumenical! Please know you are welcomed to come, participate, and grow in your love for God and for others!

- ♦ **Mondays: 5pm—7pm** Women/Men/all ages—**Gospel of John** (The Bible is our Book) Pastor Anita leading the study.—ECUMENICAL
- ♦ **Wednesdays: 5:15pm—6:30pm** **Women's Dells Delton De Colores Reunion Group.** (this is for women who want to be in Covenant with one another—Ecumenical). Most have been on the Walk to Emmaus or a similar Spiritual Journey ... or anticipating going in next year. Talk to Melody Hinkel or Pastor Anita if you are interested in this Covenant Group
- ♦ **Thursdays:**
 - ♦ **10am—11:30am** Bible Study with Pastor Lee leading. **Gospel of Matthew**
 - ♦ **6pm—7:30pm**—Men's Bible Study—Don Genrich leading. **Letter to Philippians**

Ronda & Jerry Decker - members

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We wish them the best in their new home. Be sure to reach out and connect.

They are not that far away. Phone and emails are the same and in your Directory.

Congregational News

Administrative Council Highlights—July 12, 2026

The Church Council continues to make progress on several ministry and facility projects.

Work on the **Bible Trail** is moving forward. The council approved purchasing tractor seats for Dave Nelson in appreciation of Mike Nelson allowing us to use the tractor. Memorial funds will be used to purchase two new composite benches, and efforts continue to laminate trail cards and install brochure display boxes at both ends of the trail.

The **Finance Committee** reported that church investments have performed well and recommended moving money market funds into the Methodist Foundation of Mississippi Fund for improved returns while maintaining accessibility. The recommendation was approved.

Outreach ministries remain active. The recent Community Supper welcomed nearly 50 attendees, and the Pie Social raised about \$800 after expenses. Upcoming events include the Ice Cream Social, Community Supper, Rummage Sale, and Pancake Supper.

The **Worship Committee** is preparing upcoming services, including a joint worship service with the Episcopal congregation on the fifth Sunday of August, followed by a luncheon honoring Deacon Brad and Bonnie.

Building improvements continue with the roof completed, siding progressing, and flooring fully paid for. The council also approved moving forward with plans for a front walkway railing, pending final costs and **Building Corporation Board** approval. Tree removal is being considered for several trees affected by weevil damage.

Pastor Lee reported that he has been spending time working on the remodeling project; there has been a couple additional cameras installed. He will be taking some time off in the coming weeks. Members are reminded to keep the handicap-accessible door activated for those who need it.

The next Administration Council meeting will be held on **August 9 following worship.** *Melody Hinkel,*

Dells Delton Building Corporation Board—Updates

The Corporation Board is pleased to share updates on several building and grounds improvements. The siding project is progressing well and is expected to be completed by the end of July. New dusk-to-dawn lights have been installed along the walkway, providing improved safety and visibility.

The Board is also working on several facility improvements, including adding shelving beneath the fellowship hall table for additional storage and installing a new faucet in the janitor's closet, which will also be cleaned and reorganized.

Discussions continue regarding the best option for a handrail along the front entrance sidewalk to improve accessibility. The trees in the island in front of the church will be removed, and landscaping options are being explored to enhance the appearance of the property.

The dumpster enclosure will be reconstructed through outside funding, resulting in no cost to the Board or the churches. If you have any questions about these projects, please contact Tim Hinkel, President of Board

God is great! Tim

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Covenant is a big deal to me. Covenant is based on promise and hope, not rules and regulations.

Last fall and this spring I worked with a team of people to alter the way the Global Methodist Church maintains relationships within our community. When we started this denomination, we took many things from our former tribe so that we could quickly have a functioning organization. We tested that out for a few years and got our global partners together to form an effective community of believers. Along the way we discovered some issues because we no longer live in the competitive and adversarial environment we came from.

Covenant is about expectation and trust. Covenants are usually short on rules and long on expectations. God has made a new covenant with us, different than the old, but still fulfilling it. The old covenant had a Law (rules) but it's basic premise is that the people would listen to Him and they would be His children. They refused and the Laws grew to mark out their disobedience, but they still refused to listen. The problem with covenant is that it expects a desire to live within the covenant, and it fails when one part walks away.

Covenant requires submission. God has always been generous with His people. He made promises to Adam, Abram, and Moses based on His goodness with an invitation to be with Him. But we walk away just as they did. Jesus took the Law upon Himself so that we could have another covenant, yet the hope of the Gospel is still rejected because we want autonomy. We do not like to submit, so our covenants with each other and God start to breakdown and eventually fail. The problem is not covenant, but lack of submission.

And that brings us to where we are now. In our former tribe, there were many who wanted their own rules and their own ways. They argued with each other, with Scripture and with the denominational authorities which caused the rules to grow quickly, change with disagreements, and even conflict with each other. Our former rule book was so large we could not even agree what was in it, much less how to follow the rules that were there. So, borrowing parts of it to start our new tribe was useful because it was quick and familiar. But we now have run into problems with the incomplete and conflicting rules. Rules that can be bent or misunderstood.

So our little group proposed something radical; a covenant. Rather than worrying about where all the boundaries are, we suggested that we state where fellowship is. Jesus reminded us that all the law and prophets are summed up in one idea, one command: love the Lord your God. He even gave a second so we could understand: love your neighbor as yourself. That love is agape love, the love that worries about the other. We forget how to do that when we are afraid, hurt or frustrated. We like to look inward because we have desires, but love looks for the best regardless of desire. Love is fellowship before self—and that is covenant.

So I ask you to pray for covenant, both for our denomination and our community. We have two congregations in our building, many churches in the Dells, and a global denomination. We are very many parts, but in Christ we are to be one church. We can only do that if we all work to maintain covenant.. it begins with each of us.

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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