

THE DELLS-DELTON HERALD



**Dells Delton
Methodist Church**

320 Unity Dr.
Wisconsin Dells,
WI 53965

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.

October 2026 Newsletter

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GIVING:



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October



Readers: 10/4 Lisa H. 10/11 Gail O. 10/18 Barb J.
10/25 Bonnie S. Ushers: Shirley N. & Barb. S.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Annual Rummage SALE October 2nd & 3rd TH—Set Up; FR 8am—5pm SAT 8am—2pm				1 Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	2 Pastor's Day Off	3 Worship 5:30pm Deacon Brad <i>Kathleen Engelman</i>
4 10:45am Worship  Outreach Mtg after worship	5 NO Bible Study	6	7 2pm Riverwood DeColores Grp 5:15pm	8 Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm	9 Pastor's Day Off	10
11 10:45am Worship Admin. Council after worship	12 BS 5—7pm	13 <i>Helen Neofotistos</i>	14 2pm Riverwood DeColores Grp 5:15pm <i>Dave Kaiser</i>	15 Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm Free Community Meal 5-7pm	16 BoM— Regional Interviews 8am-3pm	17
18 10:45am Worship 3rd Sunday Mission Kairos Outside	19 BS 5—7pm <i>Wendy Lombard</i>	20	21 2pm Riverwood DeColores Grp 5:15pm BOW 7:30pm <i>Butch Miotke</i>	22 Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm 5:30pm Corp Board	23 Pastor's Day Off	24 Kairos Outside Weekend (Waupaca) FR—SUN
25 10:45am Worship Fellowship Sunday Courtyard Cafe	26 BS 5—7pm	27	28 2pm Riverwood DeColores Grp 5:15pm <i>Ronda Decker</i> PANCAKE SUPPER 4pm	29 Bible Study 10am Men's B.S 6pm 	30 Pastor's Day Off	31 <i>Stella Cottine</i>

Mission Updates



YouTube: **Nhia Wahn and Mao Her**

Facebook: **Mao Her**

Thailand NOW Missionaries (They are back in Thailand)

Gratitude for God's Faithfulness—"I'm Back!"

UGANDA

Goshen

Blessings

Primary

School

Presentation

Nov. 29, 1pm



Completed Fencing Project—thank you for your support

Annual—Fall

RUMMAGE
SALE

October 2nd & 3rd. All proceeds go to the Dells-Delton Community Food Pantry. Anything not sold is received by St. Vincent's of Wisconsin Dells. We are grateful to help support both of these Community, mission programs that help out those in need!

October 28th....Annual Pancake Supper. 4pm—8pm

This Mission/Community Outreach project supports mission work throughout the year. We are committed to serving God by doing what we can to connect and serve others.



Outreach

Lisa Helm—Chair

**** Community Suppers—Third Thursdays of Month 5-7pm (Next One: October 15th!)**

We served 75+ in September. October will be Spaghetti. We will need salads/desserts. A big **thank you** to all the volunteers who bring food, help prepare, serve, and clean up. Many helping hands, makes this a great Community Outreach Program.

**** Food Panty Collection for October: KLEENEX**

**** Third Sunday Mission Bucket — *Kairos Outside*—Spencer Christian Camp, Waupaca, WI**

**** Fellowship Dinner Out— *Courtyard—Wisconsin Dells* (Fourth Sunday after Worship)**

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

Pastor Anita Genrich—Goshen Blessings, Uganda

Mission/Outreach Committee meets on First Sunday after Worship. An open committee that depends upon many volunteers to make the events happen. Please come. The Annual Rum-mage Sale will be October 2nd & 3rd. Our Annual Pancake Supper will be October 28th (WED).

¹⁴ What use is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith also, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself." James 2: 14-17 (NABS)

Dells Delton Methodists are living out their faith in service. May the LORD be Glorified!



**Dells Delton
Methodist
Church**

**Continues to
Serve God
by
Serving Others**



Prayer & Ministry

Our Church Ministry



Prayer Point: OCTOBER

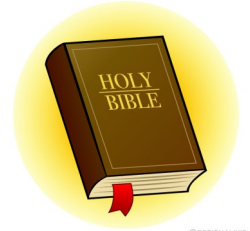
~~The words we use establish a foundation of respect or disrespect, for loving our neighbors or looking down on them.

~~Psalm 141: 3 ***“Set a guard, LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips. ”***

~~When we're angry, upset, or simply have a different opinion, may our first “word” be a breath. Pray earnestly for God to be the lord of our lips. Ask for His help to speak our words in truth, love, and kindness.

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 (We hope to start back to The Chosen Season Six, November 16th)
- ♦ **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**



KAIROS OUTSIDE

Weekend #10 October 23rd—25th. Spencer Lake Christian Camp

Please **pray for the 25 Women Guests**—those impacted by Incarceration of a loved one. Please **pray for the 24 Volunteer/Team** who will facilitate the Weekend Event to help the Guests experience God's Love and Forgiveness for self and others. **Pray for the incarcerated**, that they too will experience God's love, grace, and forgiveness to promote healing and wholeness. (Matthew 25: 35—40)

Living for Christ!

Congregational News

Administrative Council Highlights—September, 2026

Church Updates & Highlights

The Church Council recently met to discuss several ongoing projects, ministry opportunities, and facility improvements. Here are some of the key updates:

Plans continue for improvements to the Bible Trail. The council is exploring maintenance-free composite benches to be placed along the trail. Discussion is also underway about improving the trail surface to make it easier to walk. A wider, firmer path using limestone is being considered, and the grounds donation may help fund the project. Tim will find appropriate materials and gather pricing information for spring construction.

Several facility improvements are moving forward:

- o New toilets have been installed in the women's and men's restroom.
- o A new handrail for the front entrance is being built and will be installed soon.
- o Exterior security cameras are expected to be completed within the next few weeks.
- o Landscaping plans for the front entrance are being reviewed, with a focus on a simple, attractive, low-maintenance design.
- o Plans are underway to relocate and improve the garbage enclosure to create additional parking space.
- o Trees marked for removal are being evaluated and pricing is being obtained.

The council approved moving the Dells Methodist Fund into a 100% equity investment fund to improve long-term growth potential. The church remains in a strong financial position. Additionally, nearly \$900 was collected during Worship in the Park and will be donated to Community Action.

Preparations are progressing well for the upcoming Rummage Sale, Community Suppers, and Pancake Supper. Advertising for the Rummage Sale will be provided through Magnum Broadcasting stations, and members are encouraged to share information on social media and help display posters throughout the community.

The Worship Committee is planning an ecumenical Thanksgiving service for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, with local Presbyterian participation being considered. Discussions are also underway about adding a midweek worship service during Advent.

Pastor Lee expressed appreciation for the congregation's support during his vacation and is preparing for the upcoming Charge Conference. **The Charge Conference has been scheduled for November 8.** He is also reviewing General Conference legislation and its impact on the local church. Plans are being discussed to invite other area churches to participate in a community Thanksgiving meal.

The Finance Committee met September 22nd to complete the 2027 preliminary budget. **Thank you** to everyone who continues to support the ministry, outreach, and stewardship efforts of our church community!

Melody Hinkel, Administration Chair



Vicki Spang Estate Gift:

For maintenance, repairs and improvements
to the Bible Trail and our building grounds

Congregational News

Corporation Board Update—September, 2026

The Treasurer reported the Corporation remains more than \$1,000 ahead of budget. Several major property projects have been completed, including the siding punch list, parking lot light repair, and new shelving in the janitor's closet. Plans continue for a new powder-coated railing, a trash enclosure, and front landscaping improvements.

The Board is seeking additional bids for tree removal work and has postponed sound system upgrades until fall. Efforts are also moving forward on a joint letter to the city regarding needed repairs on Unity Drive.

Under new business, the Board discussed painting the Fellowship Hall serving area, upgrading security cameras, and approved an amended budget while maintaining current parochial assessments. Church leaders will explore investment options to improve returns on reserve funds. The next council meeting is scheduled for October 22 at 5:30 p.m.

God is great! Thank you, Tim



October Ushers: **Barb Steinweg & Shirley Nelson**

Readers: **Lisa Helm** (10/4); **Gail Otte** (10/11);
Barbara Jantz (10/18); **Bonnie Stratton** (10/25)

Thank You to all the volunteers to help in WORSHIP

Mark your Calendars:

11/24/2026: **Thanksgiving Worship** (Ecumenical) - **Tuesday, 6:30pm**

11/29/2026: Joint **Worship**—Potluck **Brunch**—**Uganda Mission Presentation** (Fellowship Hall)

12/24/2026: **Christmas Eve Worship**—3pm

Holy Cross—Dawn Caldwell Leader, is bringing LEGO Club to our Church. Fellowship Hall will hear the voices of young ones again, as they use their creative juices to build things...from LEGOS! Date/Time to be determined; weekday afternoon slot anticipated. Volunteers needed to chaperone and play with the children. LEGO Donations are greatly appreciated. We welcome snack makers! Call or Text **Dawn Caldwell: (817)694-4292**.



¹³ Then some children were brought to Him so that He would lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, "Leave the children alone, and do not forbid them to come to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Jesus

Matthew 19: 13-14 (NASB)

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Everyone has their favorite time of the year, and mine is fall. I'm not sure if I like it most for the changing of the leaves or the hunting seasons or cutting wood or cooling weather or the salmon run, but it is the season I anticipate the most. Fall is wrapped up in my memories with so many events and people, and I recall them clearly each year though many I have not seen for a very long time. Some of those people are still living and some are not. Some of those places and adventures I will do again, some I will never be able to repeat. But, fall will come each year and I will remember the journey.

Unfortunately, we don't always remember our journey. We forget the milestones, the people, the feelings and the lessons we have learned along the way. We forget what makes the good times good and why we made the memories that we have. We lose our direction and purpose, and we miss out on the joy God intends for us.

I have one of those older and dumber vacuuming robots. It wanders aimlessly around the house, sometimes completely missing what needs to be cleaned, but generally getting around to most of the job. However, it has no memory. I have some coffee trays that are "C" shaped. They have a flat base that slips under the chair or couch so you can have your food and drink by your side. We tend to move them out from under furniture when we get up, so the base is on the open floor. Enter the dumb little robot vacuum. Wherever that tray is, the robot will find it and climb up on the base and get stuck. You send it off in another direction, it returns to get stuck again....and again....and again. When it's stuck, it just mindlessly grinds its wheels, as if it would help.

I wonder why our memories are so short sometimes. We find things that work and decide there must be an easier or different way. We find things that don't work and we try them again, or at least with much more effort. God called the Israelites a stiff-necked people, and I'm not sure we are much different. We forget our rescue from Egypt and our wanderings through the desert. For some reason we don't remember how bad things were without a Savior, whether we started a relationship with Him as a child or adult. We forget the hope that filled us and the change we anticipated; and we stopped reaching out to Him in desperation. We knew then that Jesus was our only hope, but we lost sight of it and started spinning our wheels mindlessly.

But, the memories are still there. And the seasons still change. We've been working through Deuteronomy on Sundays and we should be reminded that Jesus often returned to the words of that book. Moses writes that as the Israelites prepare to finally enter their promised land. It is written both as a recollection and as a warning.

The central message of that book is God's call on our lives—to remember where we have been, where we are going, and that He has been with us the entire time. There is a poem about footprints in the sand, reminding us that we are never alone once God is with us. But we only notice that when we take a good look at those footprints. We have to look carefully and remember, or we will miss the point. As the seasons quickly change from fall to Thanksgiving to Advent, remember the things that make our journey special... and repeat them.

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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