

# 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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# OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 DC UMW @ Fellowship Hall (6:30PM)	3	4	5 <b>Elaine Zarcone</b>	6	7
8 Communion & UMW Sunday DD Admin Council (12pm)	9 DC Admin Council (6:30PM)	10 Office Hours (noon-4 PM)	11 Office Hours (9AM-1 PM) DD Bible Study (2PM)	12 DC Bible Study (6:30PM)	13 DD Yard Sale (8AM - 5PM)	14 DD Yard Sale (8AM - 2PM) <b>Dave Kaiser</b>
15 3rd Sunday Offering	16 Charge Meeting Reedsburg UMC at 6:30PM	17 Office Hours (noon-4 PM)	18 Office Hours (9AM-1 PM) DD Bible Study (2PM)	19 DC Bible Study (6:30PM)	20	21 DC Soup Supper (4:30 - 7:00PM) <b>Butch Miotke</b>
22	23	24 Office Hours (noon-4 PM) <b>Lorraine Stroede</b>	25 Office Hours (9AM-1 PM) DD Bible Study (2PM)	26 DC Bible Study (6:30PM)	27	28
29 12PM Charge Conference and Potluck @ DD <b>Don Marsich</b>	30	31 Office Hours (noon-4 PM)				

# Our Stewardship

## From Your Finance Committee

The Dells-Delton finance committee met in September to prepare the budget for next year. As we studied the figures we discovered a couple of disturbing things. 1) Our present giving is down and we are not meeting our expenses, and 2) Next year's projected giving and our proposed expenditures find us thousands of dollars short. We are trying to be good stewards of the money that is contributed by our members and friends, but there are certain items that are given to us by the conference that we don't have any "wiggle-room" to change.

Of equal concern is our loss of membership. We need to do a couple of things to remedy these problems. Each of us needs to be an advocate for our church. We need to invite our neighbors and friends to attend church and to find a church home if they don't have one already. And each of us needs to consider thoughtfully and positively how we can contribute more to the offering plate each month. We still have three more months to go in this year to close the gap that finds us in the red.

Remember that the church needs your support all year long. We need your contributions even on the Sundays that you are unable to attend. Just put that amount aside weekly or monthly.... whatever works best for you. Together we can make our church strong again..

## Thank You for Your Participation in Missions

This month, the 3rd Sunday mission offerings will be taken on October 15th. The Davis Corners church is collecting for Community Action and the Dells/Delton church is collecting for Lou Gehrig's disease research. Please support these worthwhile 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 Kleenex and the pantry is also looking for volunteers.

Be sure to check out the Dells-Delton and Davis Corners Facebook pages!

*Generosity always wins favor, particularly when accompanied by modesty.*

- Johann Wolfgang Goethe

# Denomination News

## **New Room: Banding together for great awakening (from UMNS)**

Great periods of Christian revival in the U.S. need not be consigned to the church's circuit-rider past. Even without the saddle sores and sawdust trail of yesteryear, a new generation of Christians can be just as fired up with the Holy Spirit.

That's the basic idea behind the New Room Conference, an annual event that draws together United Methodists and other Christians in the Wesleyan family to "sow for a Great Awakening."

The phrase "is so much more than a tagline to us," said the Rev. David Thomas, a United Methodist elder and one of the event's organizers. "We really believe that's the only honest expression of our need."

Throughout the conference on Sept. 20-22, some 1,500 Christians worshipped and heard presentations about the ways they could help wake up the world to God's saving work.

Speakers expounded on the importance of praying, relying on the Holy Spirit, engaging in Wesleyan-style small groups and multiplying churches. Conference participants also could choose to delve deeper at a breakout session on one of these topics or a session on the Bible called "One Book to Rule Them All."

## **New Version of The United Methodist Hymnal**

Work on a groundbreaking revision of The United Methodist Hymnal, designed to be a print/digital contextually adaptable resource for primary use in the United States, begins this fall following the selection of the full Hymnal Revision Committee.

The process for Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Publishing House (UMPH), the Council of Bishops, and the Association of United Methodist Theological Schools to select the 15 committee members began in late 2016 and continued through the spring of 2017.

"Revising our church hymnal, especially by adding the songs and prayers that define worship for United Methodists of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, will help our congregations expand relationship-building and discipleship-making into their communities," said the Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary (CEO) of Discipleship Ministries, which shares responsibility for the denomination's hymnal with The United Methodist Publishing House (UMPH)..

*"Serve God by doing common actions in a heavenly spirit, and then, if your daily calling only leaves you cracks and crevices of time, fill them up with holy service." - Charles H. Spurgeon*

# Conference News

## BASIC LAY SERVANT CLASS



There will be a Basic Lay Servant class offered at Concordia UMC— 585 5th St., Prairie du Sac, WI 53578. Classes will be held on Sundays, October 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2017 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Pastor Doris Simpson will facilitate this introduction to the lay servant ministries of speaking, caring and leading. This course is open to anyone interested in becoming a Local Lay Servant.

To register or if you have questions, send an email to: [pastor@concordiaumc.org](mailto:pastor@concordiaumc.org) or call 608.643.8822. Materials will be sent to you two weeks prior to the first class along with homework to prepare for the first session. The registration fee is \$25.00 and can be paid on the first day of class. Checks can be made out to Concordia UMC.

## Joint Charge Learning Meeting

Due to the overwhelming positive response to how our Circuit Church Conferences went last year, we will be doing it again that way this year. This year, our topic of learning will be on Stewardship and ways to fund ministry. This topic has been the number one question that comes to the district office over the last month. I know that many of our churches are struggling over concerns about finances. I also know that many of our pastor's have felt uncomfortable talking about money. My hope is that during this time of teaching, I might be able to offer some insight that can help our churches and our leadership see and talk about stewardship in a healthy way for the sake of growing disciples for God's Kingdom.



## October Festival of Stewardship - WI UM Foundation

On Saturday, October 28, 2017, the WUM Foundation will hold a workshop at Wesley UMC, 721 King St, LaCrosse, WI from 9:00am-3:00pm. Registration is available online and additional information on this event can be obtained from Jim Wells at 608-837-9582. Cost for the event is \$10 and includes lunch. Check in will begin at 8:30am. Workshops include: Digital Tools for Stewardship, Using Stewardship Data, Which Annual Campaign?, Intro to Freed-Up from Debt Program, Year-Round Stewardship, and Effective Financial Operations.



2017 Festival of Stewardship

*"Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself." - Francis de Sales*

# Congregational News

## Dells-Delton Annual Yard Sale

The annual Dells-Delton outreach yard sale will take place on October 13th and 14th. Please bring your pre-priced items to the church on Thursday morning or arrange another time with the church office. Please price your items as this saves tremendous time for setup.

If you would like to help, the setup will begin at noon on Thursday and the sale runs 8AM to 5PM on Friday and 8AM to 2PM on Saturday. We will begin to take down the sale at noon on Saturday, and will bargain remaining items at that time.

All proceeds will be donated to the Kids' Ranch and to Hurricane Relief efforts.



## Davis Corners Annual Soup Supper

Davis Corners will have their annual Soup Supper on Saturday, October 21st, 2017 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. The cost will be \$6.00 and will include soups, dessert, bread and beverages. We will also have whole pies on sale for \$8.00 and slices of pie for \$1.50. Come and join us for an evening of soup and fellowship.

## Charge Conference Meeting

We will be having our annual church Charge Conference and potluck on Sunday, October 29th following service at the Dells-Delton campus. Mark your calendars and prepare to spend a noon meal with the members from both our congregations as we plan for next year.

The meal begins about noon and the business will follow the potluck.

Please plan to join us for this gathering of both churches.



*The angels glorify; men scrutinize: angels raise their voices in praise; men in disputation: they conceal their faces with their wings; but man with a presumptuous gaze would look into Thine unspeakable Glory . — John Chrysostom*

# Congregational News

## Davis corners united Methodist Church council Meeting

August 14 2017

Members present; Donna DeFosse, Jan Thompson ,Jolene and Bob Schuster, Bonnie Stratton, Helen Miotke, Pastor Lee, and Liz Phillips.

Pastor Lee led in prayer. The minutes of the May meeting were handed out and looked over.

Treasurer's report: All the bills are paid and all deposits made.

Financial sec: Diane is not here, there will be a finance meeting soon.

Memorial sec. report: Helen reports interest was added.

Pastor's report: Pastor has been busy. Was away at school and now starting to plan for fall conferences.

Bob made a motion and Jolene second to accept reports. Approved.

Nomination committee: there will be a meeting Thursday.

Membership: We will be accepting two new members.

Worship: nothing to report

SPRC: Jolene reports a meeting scheduled for September 12.

Trustees: Bob questions the repair of the parking lot. There are cracks to be cleaned out and filled.

UMW: Bonnie reported the last meeting at Betty Conrads home.

Hall: Jolene reports. Betty will need two tables for her sale on Aug 25- 26. The Gore reunion will be in September at the hall.

Communion; Everything going well.

New business; pastor reports the Charge conference will be October 16 at Reedsburg at 6:30. We will have ours on October 29 at Dells Delton at 12:00 noon. We will have our own Church service at the regular time.

Third Sunday for Sept. Is Ronald McDonald house, for Oct. Community Action, Nov. Salvation Army, and Dec. Mary house.

The repairing of the hall screens can be done in the winter.

Our next meeting will be September 11 at 6:30 p.m. Jolene made a motion and Jan second to adjourn. Approved.

Respectfully submitted

Liz Phillips



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# NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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It's the time of the year where we talk about all of the topics congregations and pastors love to hear about: business planning, membership and money. Ministry would be a lot easier if we didn't need to coordinate and spend money, but we do. Even the early churches did. Paul had to rally supporters to make his missionary trips, and he was even bivocational for a time so the Corinthians didn't have to pay him.... but they were among the wealthiest in the region. Paul collected a great deal from the churches for the poor in Jerusalem, and got all the churches of Greece planning together.

So, planning is key. In a few weeks we will have our business meeting and make our plans for 2018. We have a lot of work to do and lately we have been not meeting our budgeted expenses with our donations. We are fortunate to have some money in reserve, but this is not a pattern we want to follow. Many of the churches are struggling to meet their budgets, but that should not be an excuse. So, like all good ministries, we will have to make certain that our expenses do not meet what we are willing to support in the coming year.

Like Paul, I'm hoping we can learn to abound in our giving as we are abounding in our fellowship and compassion to those that walk in the door. We need to begin to minister to individuals in our community as well as we have been ministering to the community through the ministry partnerships we have made. We also need to be invitational because we can use some help to be more effective in our communities as we try to share the Gospel with those that need to hear. Remember also, the church is a family that supports its members because the world is difficult. We have friends out there that need our love and support so they can get through the day.

Jesus wanted the church to thrive and be a blessing, but we can do that if we are not all committed to making this work. That takes hard work, and it takes honesty. We have to know what each of us is prepared to do, has time to do and is willing to do. That way we can make sure that we have all of our bases covered so that ministry at Dells-Delton and Davis Corners is as successful as possible.

So I ask you to do a little homework before our meeting this month: think back on the year and take note of the ministries you think were important. Think also about what you believe we failed to do, and what we need to do better this year. Bring those thoughts, a dish to pass, and some determination to make this a year we all build these ministries together for the glory of Jesus Christ.

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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