

Good morning and welcome! We are glad you are here today. For more information about the church, please contact Lisa in the office at UMCADEL@msn.com or call 515-993-3791. The office is open Monday-Friday, 10:00am-2:00pm. To contact Pastor Elizabeth: pastorelizabethbell@gmail.com or 641-919-4776.

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Do You Know?.....Abigail

Abigail was another esteemed prophetess, alongside Deborah and Esther. Both Christians and Jews revere her as a woman of unfailing faith and great looks. She was one of the four great beauties of the world, alongside Sarah, Rahab, and Esther. Abigail was also an incredibly wealthy woman, being first the wife of the wealthy Nabal and then the wife of the great King David.

Abigail’s story focuses on her first husband, Nabal’s, rude behavior towards David. Abigail attempts to mend her husband’s damage, offering the future king food and urging him to avoid killing Nabal. After Abigail tells Nabal how she soothed the future king, God struck Nabal dead. David then marries Abigail after seeing her true and calming nature. While Abigail’s story is mostly the beginning of King David’s dynasty, it still shows her character as a strong, calming presence who prevents unnecessary bloodshed.

<https://historycollection.com/16-women-of-the-bible-that-we-dont-talk-about-enough/>

This Week’s Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 18

- 8:30 am– Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 10am Worship
- Greeters: Dave Sutton Family
- Lead Usher: Ben Kern

Monday, Feb 19

- President’s Day Bank Closed
- Pastor Elizabeth Vacation 15th-26th

Tuesday, Feb. 20

- Counters: M Cox & B Kirk

Wednesday, Feb. 21

- 1:30pm Circle of Friends
- 5pm– 6:30pm Wednesday Meal
- 6:30pm Praise Band Practice
- 6:30pm Youth Group
- 6:45pm Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, Feb.22

Friday, Feb.23

Saturday, Feb. 24

Sunday, Feb. 25

- 8:30am Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 10am Worship
- Greeters: B Brock & B Kirk
- Liturgist: Jess Pfrimmer
- Lead Usher: Ben Kern

Monday, Feb 26

- Counters: C & D Stroud



February 18th, 2024
First Sunday in Lent
Adel United Methodist Church
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Special Guest: Samantha Long

Liturgist: Jess Pfrimmer

Pianist: Maggie Jambor

Praise Band

Lighting of the Christ Candle			Anthem	<i>God Thing</i>	Praise Band
Greetings and Announcements			Children’s Moments Sam Long		
*Praise Band	<i>I’ll Fly Away</i>		Pastoral Prayer	Joys & Concerns	The Lord’s Prayer
*Call to Worship Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God’s love, affirmation of God’s call, and covered in God’s grace... God comes near. When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand... God comes near. When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here... God comes near. In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us. We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us. Amen.			Gospel Reading	Mark 1: 9-15	NT. 34
			Sermon	Sam Long	
			Offering		
			Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that on the journey in Lent, we can’t avoid or detour around the wilderness. It is essential that we hear Jesus call us to repentance! Bless our gifts for your unfinished kingdom work. Remind us, as we worship here, that this redemption of our lives did not come without a price; without our own repentance, we can miss the enormity of the gift Jesus gave. Knowing we cannot earn this redemption and forgiveness, this wiping clean of our ledger, we can only hope to reflect such grace and compassion in our encounters with others. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen		
			*Praise Band	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
			*Benediction Beloved, God comes near and proclaims the good news all around us. Go, now, in the blessed company of the Triune God to discover the inbreaking of the good news wherever you may go! Amen.		
			*Go Now In Peace (remain standing as we carry out the light of Christ)		
			(* Please stand as you are able.)		
*Hymn	<i>There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy</i>		UMH 121		
OT Reading	Genesis 9:8-17		OT. 7		
Psalm Reading	Psalm 25:1-10		UMH 757		