

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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Did You Know

One of the most popular hymns of Easter, “Christ the Lord is Risen Today,” was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Charles was a prolific hymn writer and the brother of John Wesley.

Christmas is always on December 25th, but the date for Easter changes based on the lunar calendar. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. This means that Easter can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25 each year.

Easter isn't just one Sunday, it's an entire season! There are 7 Sundays of Easter, starting with Easter Sunday and ending with Pentecost Sunday. The period of time between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday is referred to as Eastertide or the Great Fifty Days.

<https://beckiewrites.com/2023/04/15/five-fun-facts-about-easter-and-united-methodism/>

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday, Mar. 31

- 8:30 am– Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 10am Worship– Communion
- Greeters: Sam Long Family
- Lead Usher: Mark Light

Monday, April 1

- Counters: C & D Stroud

Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 3

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

Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 7

- 8:30am Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 9:30 & 11am– BP Checks
- 10am Worship
- Greeters: Dan Paulson Family
- Liturgist: Carolyn Kern
- Lead Usher: B. Kern/ M. Light

Monday, April 8

- B Brock & M Renner



**March 31st, 2024
Easter Sunday
Adel United Methodist Church
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Rev. Elizabeth Bell

Liturgist: Charis Paulson

Pianist: Brenda Brock

Praise Band

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greetings and Announcements

*Call to Worship

The tomb is dark, but empty

The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

The stone has been rolled away

The one you are looking for has overcome death

The burial clothes are put aside

The one you are looking for is alive!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Let us worship our Risen Savior!

*Opening Prayer

Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. In silence, we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. AMEN.

Hymn *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* UMH 702

Epistle Reading **Acts 10: 34-43** **NT. 129**

Psalm Reading **Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24** **UMH 839**

Children's Choir *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*
Up From the Grave He Arose

Anthem *Holy Water* Praise Band

Pastoral Prayer Joys & Concerns

Gospel Reading **Mark 16: 1-8** **NT. 54**

Sermon Pastor Elizabeth

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

God of the victory of life over death; on this glorious Easter Sunday, we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Just as the women encountered the empty tomb and the angelic message of new life, we too encounter the living Christ in our hearts and lives. As we come to present our tithes and offerings, may they be an affirmation of our search for the risen Christ, the one who challenges us to see beyond our own expectations. Bless our giving and help us discover the transformative power of the living Jesus in our lives. In the holy name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion UMH 7

Praise Band *Come As You Are*

*Benediction

Because the tomb is empty, your life can be full, so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God. Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed. Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you. Alleluia and Amen!

***Go Now In Peace** (remain standing as we carry out the light of Christ)

(* Please stand as you are able.)