

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pastorelizabethbell@gmail.com) or 641-919-4776.

**Do you know we have online giving?** You can access this through your Realm account ([onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org)) or on the website on the bottom right of the page—[adelumc.org](http://adelumc.org). You may also use the QR code at the right to give, using your phone. You can direct your offering to specific funds, should you choose.



## Did You Know? Grapes and Grape Vines

- Did you know there are about **60 to 80** species of grape vines, native to the north temperate zone, including varieties that may be eaten as table fruit, dried to produce raisins, or crushed to make grape juice or wine?<https://www.britannica.com>
- More than 40 different types of grapes are grown in Iowa that are specifically able to withstand our cold winters
- Some of the more popular grapes/ vines found in Iowa include Brianna, La Crescent, Frontenac Gris, La Crosse, Edelweiss, Vigrioles, Catawba, Marquette, Marechal Foch, St. Croix, Frontenac, and Petite Pearl.

<https://iowawinegrowers.org/grapes>

**Newsletter Deadline is Tomorrow!!**

### This Week's Schedule:

#### Sunday, April 28

- 8:30 am– Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 10am Worship– Baptisms– Noisy Offering
- Greeters: Dennis Olson Family
- Lead Usher: B. Ladd

#### Monday, April 29

- Counters: C & D Stroud
- May/ June Newsletter Deadline

#### Tuesday, April 30

#### Wednesday, May 1

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

#### Thursday, May 2

#### Friday, May 3

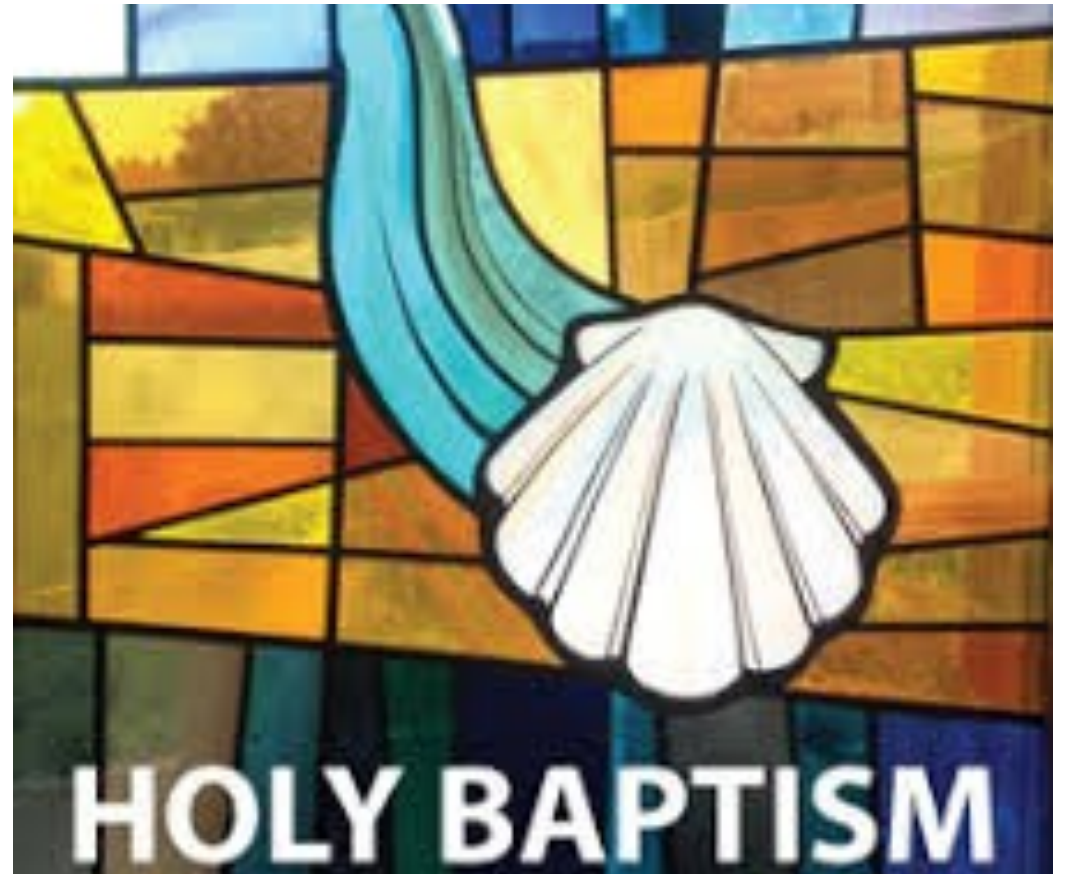
#### Saturday, May 4

#### Sunday, May 5

- 8:30am Worship at DC UMC
- 9am Bible Conversation- Room 210
- 10am Worship– Noisy Offering
- Greeters: Matt Bonus Family
- Liturgist: Molly Longman
- Lead Usher: Terry Otis

#### Monday, May 6

- Counters: B Brock & T Hanson



**April 28th, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Adel United Methodist Church**  
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**Rev. Elizabeth Bell**

Liturgist: Tammy or Trevor Trueblood

Pianist: Maggie Jambor

Choir Director: Jeanette Pfrimmer

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Greetings and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

**We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.**

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

**We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.**

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.**

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

**We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

### \*Opening Prayer

**Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love. Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us. Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name and it will be granted. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven! In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!**

Baptisms	Unique Ann Marie Williams	UMH 33
	Alana Beverly Denise Williams	
	Lizae Isaiah Williams	
	London Prince Williams	
	Brazil DeJean Williams	

Hymn	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	UMH 472
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Historical Reading	Acts 8: 26-40	NT. 127
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Psalm Reading	Psalm 22: 25-31	UMH 753
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Anthem	<i>Redeemer</i>	Chancel Choir
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Children's Moments		Pastor Elizabeth
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Joys & Concerns	Pastoral Prayer	The Lord's Prayer
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Gospel Reading	John 15: 1-8	NT. 109
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Sermon		Pastor Elizabeth
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### Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

**Gracious God, as we offer our gifts today, we reflect on the wisdom in the words from John's gospel. In this imagery, we recognize our role as branches, connected to you, the source of our strength and vitality. Help us stay rooted in your love, producing fruit that brings glory to your name. May these gifts signify our commitment to abide in your teachings and work joyfully in response to your love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Hymn	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	UMH 397
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### \*Benediction

Branches of the Vine, go from this place blessed by Love to work in love with your family, your friends, your neighbors, and strangers who will become friends, bearing the fruit of the life-giving Vine as you cultivate abundant life wherever you go. Amen.

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

(\* Please stand as you are able.)