



Adel UMC July/ August Newsletter 2024

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From the Pastor's Pen...

Thoughts on the Journey...

I am excited as I write this letter of introduction to you. I am Linda Morris, your new pastor. My husband David and I are both pastors. David will be serving at Guthrie Center and Bowman Chapel.

I am honored to be called to serve here at Adel and Dallas Center and eager to begin working alongside you in ministry to these communities and beyond. I am a licensed local pastor and have been serving in this capacity for 13 years with 2 years prior to that as a supervised certified lay speaker .

I grew up in Akron which is about 30 miles north of Sioux City along the Sioux River. I am a retired registered nurse. In my nursing career I worked intensive care, post intensive care, case management and for a cardiology group as their hospital based nurse. My last job in nursing was as a home hospice nurse.

One of my passions in ministry is mission. I believe we are all called to share the love of God with others in tangible ways. The churches I served in Davenport had a growing ministry to the homeless which opened my eyes to the needs of the homeless and those who struggle each day to barely make ends meet. I look forward to hearing about your missional work as a congregation.

Another love is facilitating Bible studies. In one of the churches I served, we worked our way through the Disciple Bible Study Fast Track of both the Old and New Testaments. This is a commitment, but I feel without a commitment to study God's word I would not be the person I am today.

I felt called to begin the process of becoming a licensed local pastor when we lived in Emmetsburg. I had known for some time that nursing was no longer for me and that God was calling me to work in ministry of some kind. I was asked to serve at Dolliver UMC as a certified lay speaker and I was instantly drawn to preaching and nurturing a congregation.

I feel my years as a nurse serve as a good background for my ministry of caring for people, visitation, and counseling those who grieve as well as being a non-judgmental listening ear. To help foster this, I have taken the Stephen Ministry Leadership training and Grief Share leadership training.

My schedule for being in the office is not definite yet, but I will be spending one day a week at Dallas Center. Friday will be my day off. If you wish to contact me please send an email to: Linda.morris@iaumc.net .

I am excited to begin a new journey with you as we work together in ministry for God as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Blessings on the Journey,
Pastor Linda

**ADEL UMC IS BLESSED TO HAVE
10 KIDS GOING TO CAMP**



KIDS
SUMMER
Camp

WESLEY WOODS

Get to know Pastor Linda Morris

Where were you born? I was born in Akron, which is about 30 miles North of Sioux City along the Big Sioux River

Where did you go to grade school? College? I went to grade and high school in Akron, nursing school in Sioux City , and classes at St.. Paul Theological Seminary.

Do you have kids? Grandkids? I have 3 children. 2 daughters live in Waukee and our son lives in Minnesota. I have 5 grandchildren. 2 live in Waukee the other 3 live in Minnesota.

Do you have pets? We have 2 cats. Snickers is 17, who we got from a former parishioner out of their barn! The other is Hershey, 6, who is rescue from a family that ignored her and didn't know what to do with a cat.

Do you have any favorite foods? My favorite treat is a butterfingers blizzard, which I can't eat anymore, but still crave! There is also an amazing Chinese restaurant in Emmetsburg, which we will greatly miss.

What do you like to do for fun? I knit, crochet, (play piano, flute, wooden flute, oboe, but those are only for me, not to have anyone else listen!) I love to cook and bake. I'm not much for outdoor activities, but I love my house plants. My passion is singing. I could sing any song, anywhere, at any time and be happy!



Get to know Pastor Linda Morris.....Part 2

What led you to ministry? When I remarried we moved and I found it difficult to find a nursing job. I was driving 60 miles one way while we lived in Emmetsburg because the hospital there would not employ United Methodist pastor's wives! It was then that the District Superintendent approached me about preaching ¼ time at the little church in Dolliver, Iowa. I fell in love with it! It was what I have been looking for but was not listening to God calling me, or perhaps I was ignoring the call.

Do you have a favorite topic to preach on? I focus on discipleship. How we are called to live, what we are called to do, and how are some ways we can live into what God is calling us to do.

Do you have a favorite verse or book in the Bible? Jeremiah 29:11

What do you consider to be your strengths as a Pastor? I am a people person, visiting with people is easy. As a former hospice nurse I find myself caring for those going through stress and grief, a natural part of pastoral care. I have been told my sermons are uplifting and personal. I have been in many different size churches both as a pastor and a lay person, so I come with many ideas for ministry and mission. Mission is one of my passions where ministry is concerned.



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, August 10th!!! Be a Part of Adel UMC's Hospitality for the 2024 Sweet Corn Festival!!!



As in 2023, Adel UMC will again be in the thick of the Sweet Corn Festival for 2024!! We will offer our best hospitality as "Good News People" with places to sit under our giant tent in the courtyard, free root beer (made from water), free ice water, entertainment from our Praise Band, and lots of friendly smiles. But we can't make this happen without you!!! Stay tuned for more details! Contact Ben Kern at 515-250-6329 with any questions. Get ready for FUN!





Greetings from Caring Ministry!

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Linda Morris to our church in July! We are excited to share together with her in caring for our congregation as needs arise!

Prayer Chain: If you have a **prayer request** for our e-mail prayer chain, please contact Tawnia Olson at 515-229-1733 or tawnbear@yahoo.com. We are grateful for Tawnia's ongoing dedication to our prayer chain ministry.

E-mail Address for Congregational Care Needs: A friendly reminder that we have added a new e-mail address at Adel UMC specific to our Caring Ministry to be used to alert us of any congregational care needs!!

umcadelconcare@hotmail.com

Both Carolyn Kern and Chari Paulson will monitor any e-mails received at this new address. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us!! You may also reach Carolyn at 515-250-6328 or ckernmsnpcs@hotmail.com or Chari at 515-865-5656 or chpaulson94@gmail.com.

CareNotes: We have a total of 280 different titles in our Adel UMC CareNote inventory! We have five displays (narthex, youth room, and three in our coffee area). CareNotes are

uplifting and meant to offer hope and encouragement for a variety of life situations. We have shared a total of 2,548 since beginning their use in May 2017! If you have a topic you need, either for yourself or someone you know, please let either Carolyn or Chari know.



Outreach to College/Trade School Students: We will be sending notes of encouragement and small caring

gifts from the congregation to our college/trade school students four times

this coming academic year. If you know of a student connected to our congregation either in college or trade school this fall, please contact either Carolyn, Chari, or the church office (UMCADEL@msn.com). We need the following information: Name of Student, College or Trade School, Year of Study, Major/Field of Interest, and Address at School. Please keep this outreach in your prayers.



Monthly Blood Pressure Checks: We are grateful for Susan Stogdill who continues to coordinate our monthly blood pressure checks in the narthex before and after worship (typically on the first Sunday of each month). Nurses from our congregation rotate in offering this service.

Carolyn Kern, Commissioned Lay Minister of Congregational Care
Caring Ministry Team Lead





Ecumenical Vacation Bible School Adel UM Church

with Mobile United Methodist Missionaries, Dallas Center UMC, Minburn UMC, Grace Lutheran, & Adel Christian Present!

5:30 – 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Aug. 5-8

Kids 4 & up --join us for a creative, fun time!

(Includes meal.)

Please register with this

QR code!!





Church Calendar

July

- 1 Pastor Linda's First Day
- 3 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
- 4 **4th of July**– Offices Closed
- 7 BP Checks 9:30 & 11am
Worship 10am
- 8 **Trustee Meeting 5pm**
Finance Meeting 7pm
- 9 Dress A Girl Workshop 2pm
Missions Meeting 5:30pm
AD Council Meeting 6:30pm
Emmaus– Chapel– 7pm
- 10 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
- 14 Worship 10am
- 17 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
- 21 Worship 10am
- 23 Dress A Girl Workshop 2pm
- 24 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
- 28 Worship– Noisy Offering 10am
- 31 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm



Church Calendar

August

- 4 BP Checks 9:30 & 11am
Worship with Communion 10am
- 5 VBS 5:30pm-8pm
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- 7 VBS 5:30pm-8pm
- 8 VBS 5:30pm-8pm
- 10 Sweetcorn Festival 9am
- 11 Worship 10am
- 12 **Trustee Meeting 5pm**
Finance Meeting 7pm
- 13 Dress-a- Girl Workshop 2pm
Missions Meeting 5:30pm
AD Council Meeting 6:30pm
Emmaus– Chapel 7pm
- 14 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
- 18 Worship 10am
- 21 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
- 25 Worship 10am- Noisy Offering
- 27 Dress-a- Girl Workshop 2pm
- 28 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm

