

Adel UMC September Newsletter

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Thoughts on the Journey:

I can't believe I have been here 2 months already! It seems I fit well here. As usual, the time has gone by quickly, yet I feel I have gotten to know many of you, and I hope to continue to get to know more of you all the time.

Summer is giving itself up to Fall, and with that comes school, fresh notebooks, pencils, and all that is needed to learn. However, just because we are not all in grade school, high school, or college does not mean we stop learning or renewing and reinforcing what we have already learned. The longer I am in ministry the more I realize that we are always in need of reminding why we are here, why we are Christians, and particularly why we are United Methodist. We each took vows when we became members of the United Methodist Church and promised to do certain things, which I imagine most of us have forgotten. My upcoming sermon series will hopefully help us remember, reinforce, and nurture those vows. God is calling this church into a bright new future. God has a plan that is for our good, and our task is to pray, discern, and be open to the changes that God has already begun here at Adel UMC. *"If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory; all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other."*

1 Corinthians 12:26-27.

We are all part of this community of Faith we call Adel United Methodist Church. If we all have the same goal of being good disciples of Jesus Christ we all benefit, but if just a few are not sure what that means, we all suffer. Ask yourself a few questions... What is God doing here already? What might God be wanting us to do? What do we need to accomplish God's plan in this place at this time?

Join me in September and renew your vows as a member of God's church as we learn together how to deepen our discipleship and grow this church for God.

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Linda

Our “Good News” from the 2024 Adel Sweet Corn Festival



The Sweet Corn Festival for Adel UMC was more than just a weekend event—it was almost a week of preparation! Our giant tent went up in our courtyard on Sunday in preparation for VBS. **Thanks to all who helped!!** The weekend kicked off with a free dinner on Friday night to say “thank you” to the corn shuckers. On the



menu: pork tenderloin, green beans with bacon bits, potato salad, and Costco cake. The potato salad making began Wednesday morning, peeling and

cooking potatoes. Thursday morning, the crew gathered again in our church kitchen to cut up potatoes, hard-cooked eggs, radishes, green onions, and mayonnaise to fit in 3 large roaster pans. On Friday afternoon the pork tenderloin was roasted. We made meal tickets to give out to the shuckers in the parking lot across from our church late Friday afternoon.



We served

125 people in our courtyard (including 3 Adel firefighters)! The shuckers were SO grateful and surprised.



“Thank you!!! I thought I was coming for just a sandwich!”

“This was delicious!!”

“Our daughter had five helpings of that potato salad!”

“WHERE did you get that cake???”

It is such a JOY to be “Good News People” sharing kindness with others!

On Saturday morning, Adel UMC was represented in the parade by a float crewed by 13 kids and 7 adults.

Adel United Methodist is “Dyno-mite!”

(this year’s VBS theme). In addition to tossing candy, they tossed necklaces and handed out bananas. Thank you to those who organized, provided transportation of the float, and gave much needed support to pull off representing our church as “Good News People!”



After the parade, our courtyard became a destination for our community as they enjoyed their sweet corn, shade under our tent, 35 gallons of free homemade root beer, and entertainment by our Praise Band. In addition, we gave out ice cold water. This is the second year we turned water into wine root beer! A definite HIT with our guests! Some came looking for our root beer which they remembered from last year. Thank you to everyone who helped!! **All weekend, our**

“Good News People” in their bright blue T-shirts, provided warm hospitality to all our guests, who were very grateful!!



Thank you also, for Endowment funds which financed our sharing “Good News!”



Back to Church Fall Festival

Say Goodbye to that new diet - at least for one day! We are going to celebrate the ministries of our church on Sunday, September 29th. This is a 5th Sunday and it just sounds like a good time to celebrate us! You are invited to stay after worship for a potluck meal, a lot of fun, and information.

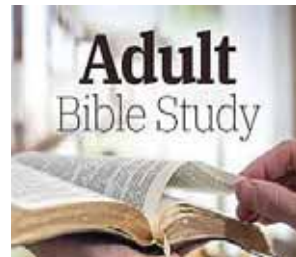
What can you expect at this Fall Festival?

- * Delicious food
- * Children's Sunday school information table with what they will be doing this year.
- * Adult bible studies.
- * Choir, bell choir, and Praise Band
- * Dress – A - Girl and other mission projects information.
- * Circle of Friends.
- * Men's Ministry
- * Caring Ministries will have information on how you can participate
- * Wednesday night meal's
- * Picture table – Stop by and look at the pictures taken in the last few months
- * Sign-up table. There will be a table for you to sign up to read scripture, usher, etc.
- * Volunteer opportunities that are related to worship.

I love what you are doing as a congregation with all the possibilities that are available, but I also wonder if we are aware of what these groups do, or how we can participate. Take this opportunity to refresh your memory on what we do as a congregation and rejoice that we have such a wonderful facility and are able to reach out to each other, help our children grow, and serve the community.

I am asking that each of you bring something to share for the potluck and invite someone to church that day: Especially those who are members but have not been here in some time. Let's make this a big event filled with the love of this church, each other, and Christ.

See you then! *Pastor Linda*





“C” *Coffee*

“C” *Cookies*

“C” *Conversation*

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation...doesn't get much better than this! Each Tuesday in September I will be available in the chapel area with a pot of coffee and homemade cookies. I invite you to stop by around 10:00 am and we will have a conversation about a bible verse I choose for the day.

This is a time to relax with a cup of coffee, a cookie or two (I'll do the baking) and talk about God, what God may be telling us in the passage of the day, and what God is doing here at Adel UMC and in your personal life. Plus...it is a good way for you to get to know me, and for me to get to know you!

Please join me as we explore where God is leading!

Pastor Linda



It is that time of year when I offer confirmation classes to our youth. These classes will help our youth learn about what it means to be a Disciples of Jesus Christ and what United Methodists believe.

As a class we will explore faith and how what we read in the Bible can help enlighten our minds to the nature of God and what God desires for us. The youth will also learn about United Methodist doctrines and traditions.

Do we have youth that are in the 8th or 9th grade or anyone who have not yet been a part of a confirmation class?

I wish to get started in early October and go through to the first part of June.

Please call, text, email, or stop by the office and let me know the names of the youth that are in this age group.

Pastor Linda

Vocal Choir Begins **Wednesday, September 4th at 6:45pm.** Practice is every Wednesday night at the same time in the choir room (211). All are welcome!!

-*Jeanette Pfrimmer*



Do you work with wood?

There is a vision of having a prayer box either attached to or next to our Blessing Box outside. Having a prayer request box would add another layer of caring to the food that is already there. Do we have any carpenters or wood workers that would be willing to discuss this? Please let Pastor Linda know.

HELP NEEDED!

September is a busy month with our children heading back to school, teachers making lessons plans, and parents adjusting back into "school is in session" life. I am proposing we have a prayer walk around our church neighborhood and then at each parking lot around the schools. I need help!! I need a few volunteers to help organize a prayer walk and gathering after the walk to discuss the experience.

Pastor Linda

Mission Team Update:

Roadblock for Dorothy's House - On Saturday, July 13th, members of the Mission Team and Circle of Friends raised \$1,603.96 during this Mission. Outreach and added \$100 in donations for a grand total of **\$1,703.96** sent to Dorothy's House.

ADM School Lunch Deficit - For the 2nd quarter of 2024 the recipient of our donations was Adel-DeSoto-Minburn School District's School Lunch. The Mission Team challenged the congregation to make donations to match our \$500 so we could make a total donation of \$1,000. Together we were able to donate **\$1,080.92** to the ADM Nutrition Department for the school lunch deficit.

Currently the Mission Team is collecting clothing items for Adel Elementary School. Please bring your donations and put them in the collection bins as you walk into the church. We will deliver these items to the Adel Elementary School in early September. Below are the items needed:

- Shoes (new or gently used) - Kids sizes 12-2
- Shorts, pants, socks, and underwear for boys and girls - Youth sizes 3T - 10
- Winter Gloves (new or gently used) - Youth sizes

In October, the Mission Team will partner with the Adel UMC Youth Group to make T-shirt bags. If you have any unwanted adult t-shirts, submit them to the church during September to help with this project.

Our Noisy Offering is held on the 4th Sunday of each month and is designated to the following areas:

- September - School Supplies.

Thank you for your support of the Adel UMC Mission Projects!!

Sandy Light & Chari Paulson





Greetings from Caring Ministry!

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

umcadelconggcare@hotmail.com

Both Carolyn Kern and Chari Paulson will monitor any e-mails received at this 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.

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. **First mailing in late September!** If you know of a student connected to our congregation either in college (graduate or undergraduate) or trade school this fall, please contact either Carolyn, Chari, or the church office (umcadel@msn.com). **We need the following information by September 11th:** 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.

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 her ongoing dedication to our prayer chain ministry.

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

Dress-A-Girl

Dress a Girl will be sending dresses to South Africa thru Blessman International in October.

We will be blessing the dresses on **Sept 15** during the service.

Dress a Girl has workshops the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 2pm every month. You do not need to be a seamstress to participate. You can cut elastic, bias tape, or make kits which, includes everything you need to make a dress, stuff panties in the dresses or select material for the pockets. And many of you have washed and ironed the donated material.

Thanks to everyone for making this mission a success.

Sue Ladd



AN ADVENTURE IN DISCIPLESHIP!

“Discipleship and our Membership Vows” Sermon Series

On **September 8th** we will begin a journey of exploring our discipleship path by looking at our membership vows as United Methodists and searching our hearts to find out how we can be better disciples of Jesus Christ. I have an 11 week sermon series which will follow our membership vows while we take a look at what the Bible has to say about discipleship.

Please find below a list of the 11 week scripture schedule. I encourage you to read ahead each week to help you become familiar with the passages I will be using on Sunday. Your bulletin will have the readings for the upcoming Sunday to help you remember to read. The date listed is the Sunday I will be preaching on those particular passages, so you will want to read the September 8th passages during the week of the 1st through the 7th. Happy reading!

Sept 8: Matthew 11:25-30; 1 Corinthians 12:4-14, 26-27 – “Sustainable Discipleship”
Sept 15: Mark 1:35-39; Philippians 4:4-9 (Psalm 121) – “Prayers Feeding the Soul”
Sept 22: Matthew 5:43-48; 1 Timothy 2:1-5 – “Prayer is Compassion”
Sept 29: Hebrews 10:19-26; John 15:1-8 (Psalm 122) – “Present to God’s Presence”
October 6: James 2:14-17; John 17:9-19 – “Our Presence in God’s World”
October 13: Philippians 4:15-20j; Matthew 7:7-12 – “Gifts Becoming Gratitude”
October 20: 2 Corinthians 9:10-15; Luke 21:1-4 – “Gifts Shared Generously”
October 27: John 13:1-5, 12-17; Acts 4:32-35 – “Serving Humbly”
November 3: James 2:18-26; Matthew 25:31-40 – “Serving Widely”
November 10: John 15:26-16:4; 3 John 1:3-8 – “Witnesses of Encouragement”
November 17: Acts 1:6-11; Matthew 5:13-16 – “The Light of Our Witness”

May God bless our journey together,
Pastor Linda

Church Calendar

September

- 1 BP Checks 9:30 & 11am
Worship with Communion 10am
- 2 Office Closed– Labor Day
- 3 Coffee, Cookies & Conversations (CCC)
10am– Chapel
- 4 Wednesday Night Meal 5– 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm
- 8 Worship 10am– Rally Sunday
- 9 **Trustee Meeting 5pm**
Finance Meeting 7pm
- 10 CCC– 10am– Chapel
Dress -a- Girl Workshop 2pm
Missions Meeting 5:30pm
AD Council Meeting 6:30pm
Emmaus– Chapel 7pm
- 11 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm
- 15 Worship 10am– Blessing of Dresses
- 17 **Office Closed**—Admin Conference
CCC– 10am– Chapel
- 18 Circle of Friends 1:30pm
Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm
- 22 Worship 10am- Noisy Offering
- 24 CCC– 10am– Chapel
Dress-a- Girl Workshop 2pm
- 25 Wednesday Night Meal 5- 6:30pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm
- 29 Worship 10am

