



Adel UMC October Newsletter 2024

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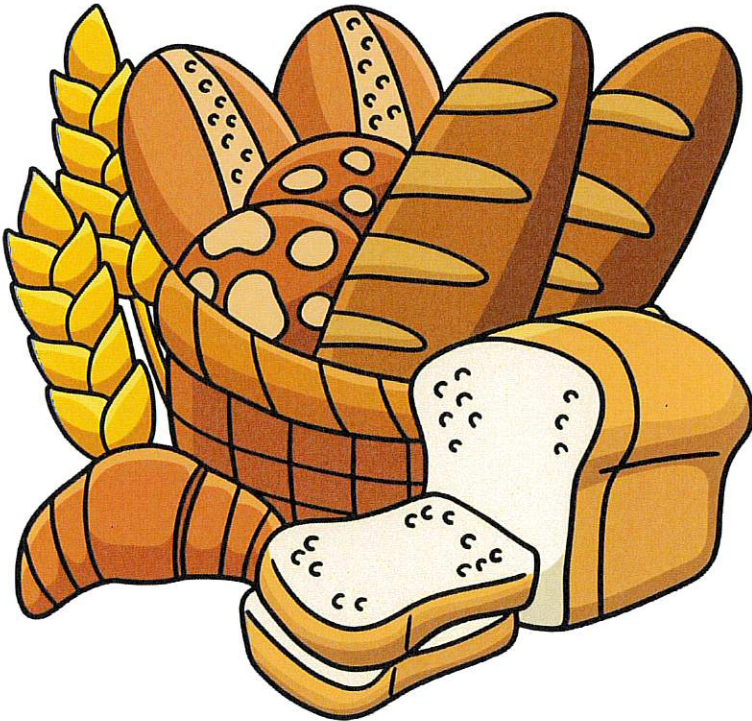
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UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2024



BREAD FOR BREAD

The Mission Team will have bread available in the Narthex for free will offering on Sunday, October 6, to benefit World Communion Sunday.

Thoughts on the Journey...

As we continue in our sermon series exploring discipleship by using our membership vows I am drawn to consider my own spiritual journey. I see several times where I have had a "holier than thou" perfectionism attitude. This is certainly not a healthy discipleship. I also see place where my movement forward in my discipleship has been stalled, as well as being renewed, or to use computer language "rebooted".

There are trigger moments when I come to recognize that my life is out of balance – I'm not where God (and I) want to be. These are moments of awakening to realities: I am stuck or asleep. However, God's righteousness is what I want to be awake to, and God is working in my life to transform me.

"Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself even as he is pure." John 3:2-3

This passage expresses that yearning to become holy, to live our lives aligned with the righteous desire of the God who loves us and creates us in the Divine image. This yearning is both our greatest joy and our constant heartache as we see how far away we are from living God's grace, love, and beauty.

Yet, we are all led by hope. The desire to become like God is not meant to leave us wallowing in our own shame, but comes to awaken in us our deep goodness and grace planted there by our Creator and nurtured by the Holy Spirit.

"Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is – what is good and pleasing and mature." Romans 12:2

This is the path to maturity – or perfections as John Wesley would say – to fill our hearts and minds with the goodness and grace of God so we can learn. As we work our way through our membership vows we will find that they guide us into maturing, or into moving toward perfection.

I think I would be correct in saying that we all want one thing – growth in our church. If being a Christian is to be more like Christ, (and it is) we need to pray about just that. The life of the church can sometimes become out of balance. Just as our own lives become out of balance and need to be rebooted, so does the life of the church.

Our first membership vow is to pray. Pray that God direct you personally in becoming more balanced and see how the church may also become more balanced. Our second vow is to be present. Perhaps the balance of the church is that we are all intentionally present to God's presence.

If growth is to happen, we must move in God's direction. My door is always open – stop in and we can chat about where you are going and where you see the church going. Where will our renewed discipleship lead us? Wherever that may be...I know it will be wonderful!!!

Blessings, *Pastor Linda*



Greetings from Caring Ministry!

Our scripture in worship a few weeks ago was 1 Corinthians 12:4-14; 26-27. In this passage (verses 26-27) we read that as the body of Christ, *“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”*

At Adel UMC, we are striving to be GOOD NEWS PEOPLE. Here are some ideas of how we can be GOOD NEWS PEOPLE in caring for one another as the body of Christ:

- ♥ Say an extra prayer for someone who is sad, sick, or lonely.
- ♥ Stop by our church on Wednesday nights from 5-6:30 pm and get a “To-Go” meal for a friend or neighbor. Better yet, get two meals and eat them together!
- ♥ Reach out to someone who is sad, sick, or lonely. Send a note, call, text, or e-mail.
- ♥ Stop by our CareNote displays in the Narthex and by the Coffee Area. Take one (or more!) either for yourself or someone you know. If you need a topic that isn’t out, contact either Carolyn Kern or Chari Paulson. We have a total of 281 different titles for adults, kids, and teens. They are meant to be shared! (You may reach Carolyn at 515-250-6328 or ckernmsnpcs@hotmail.com or Chari at 515-865-5656 or chpaulson94@gmail.com.)
- ♥ If you know someone who is suffering and would be blessed by receiving a fleece prayer blanket, contact either Carolyn Kern, Chari Paulson, or Pastor Linda.
- ♥ E-mail any congregational care needs to Carolyn Kern and Chari Paulson at umcadelconcare@hotmail.com.
- ♥ If you have a prayer request for our e-mail prayer chain, contact Tawnia Olson at 515-229-1733 or tawnbear@yahoo.com.

What a blessing it is to be GOOD NEWS PEOPLE together as we care for one another!

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

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class will begin soon. There will be a meeting of parents and youth on **Sunday Oct. 13th** in Adel at 2:00. This is an informational meeting with all those interested in participating in Confirmation. At this point I have 3 here in Dallas Center and 4 in Adel – a great size for a class! If you are a parent please put this on your calendar, if you know of any youth ages 13 and up who would be interested please pass on this information. Pastor Linda - Contact me at 712-480-0634

“How can I get a blue Adel UMC ‘Good News People’ T-shirt?”



You may have seen photos of our Adel UMC Family wearing blue “Good News People” T-shirts at the Sweet Corn Festival in August.

News Flash: We intend to be GOOD NEWS PEOPLE all year long—not just in August!!

If you don’t have a “Good News People” T-shirt and you want one, we ordered extras!! Either add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, or contact Ben or Carolyn Kern. (Carolyn’s cell #: 515-250-6328; Ben’s cell #: 515-250-6329). Let’s be GOOD NEWS PEOPLE together!

A huge **thank you** to all who participated in our “**Back To Church Fall Festival**”. It was a fun way to learn more about the different ministries of the church, spend time together, kick off children’s Sunday school, youth group, and many other ministers that begin again in the Fall. There was also a yummy potluck- so thank you to all who brought food, made the main dish, helped serve and clean up.



Church Calendar for **October**

1. "CCC" 10am Chapel
2. Wed Night Meal 5-6:30pm
Bell Choir Practice 5:45-6:20pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm
Youth Group- Time TBD
6. Bible Conversations 9am
BP Checks 9:30 & 11am
Worship 10am- Communion
Bread for Bread Sunday
Sunday School Begins
7. **Trustee Meeting 5pm**
Worship Meeting 6pm
Finance Meeting 7pm
8. "CCC" 10am Chapel
Dress-A- Girl Workshop 2pm
Missions Meeting 5:30pm
AD Council Meeting 6:30pm
Emmaus 7pm
9. Wed Night Meal 5-6:30pm
Bell Choir Practice 5:45-6:20pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm
Youth Group- Time TBD
13. Bible Conversations 9am
Worship 10am
Sunday School
15. "CCC" 10am Chapel
16. Circle of Friends 1:30pm
Wed Night Meal 5-6:30pm
Bell Choir Practice 5:45-6:20pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm
Youth Group- Time TBD
20. Bible Conversations 9am
Worship 10am
Sunday School
22. "CCC" 10am Chapel
Dress-A- Girl Workshop 2pm
23. Wed Night Meal 5-6:30pm
Bell Choir Practice 5:45-6:20pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm
Youth Group- Time TBD
27. Bible Conversations 9am
Worship 10am- Noisy Offering
(Going towards Resident Meals at Adel Acres)
Sunday School
29. "CCC" 10am Chapel
Newsletter Deadline
30. Wed Night Meal 5-6:30pm
Bell Choir Practice 5:45-6:20pm
Praise Band Practice 6:30pm
Choir Practice 6:45pm
Youth Group- Time TBD

