

# DeBows Crows

The Monthly Newsletter of DeBows UMC

## August 2015



DeBows United Methodist Church  
509 Monmouth Road  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
732-928-4475

Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM

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## Letter from Pastor Ernie

Dear Friends,

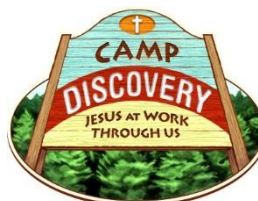
Erica joins me in offering our profound thanks for the welcome we have received. It has been a joy during these past weeks to get to know many of the congregation. We look forward to meeting many more in the weeks that lie ahead.

We are grateful for the assistance provided by an array of people in leadership here at DeBows. They are helping to make the transition as smooth as possible. Of course, there is a deep awareness on my part that, for those who are present in worship each week, there is a constant reminder that Pastor Betty has moved. Of course I cannot replace her, nor is that my goal. However, I want you to know that I understand the impact of this transition on all of you. It is evident that Pastor Betty was well loved and respected by this congregation, and the seeds of her long ministry here will continue to bear fruit. I will attempt to encourage that growth out of my own regard for her!

As we continue through the summer, I encourage you to be present among us as we worship together. That is also a good place and time for us to get to know each other. As we journey together let us keep reminding each other that we are partners in ministry, and in service to God's Kingdom.

Shalom!

## Vacation Bible School



DeBows UMC is hosting a Vacation Bible School from August 3 – August 7, 2015, 7:00 – 8:30 PM each day. The theme this year will be Camp Discovery: Jesus at work through us. Watch for a VBS report in the September newsletter.

## Prayer List

### We Lift Up the Following People in Prayer

Ricky Aegron  
Ben Allerton  
Laura Baker  
Mike Beck  
Chris Bitondo  
Deidre Carroll  
Scott Carver

Cliff Evans  
Karen Hornak  
Rudy Iannacone  
Betty & Bobby Lott  
Family of Mike Sajor  
Dean Sparling

NOTE: Please inform the Pastor when a name should be added or removed from the Prayer List. Also, contact the church office in the event of a pastoral care situation that might need Ernie's attention or response. Thank You.

## Upcoming Events

### Monday – Friday, August 3 - 7

Vacation Bible School 7:00 – 8:30 PM

### Saturday - August 8

Charlie Zalm Concert 7:00 PM

### Sunday - August 9

Adult Bible Study 8:30 – 9:15 AM

Worship Service 9:30 AM

Planning Meeting 11:00 AM  
for Reunion Sunday

### Monday - August 10

Food Pantry Open 6:30 PM

### Wednesday - August 12

Trustee Meeting 7:30 PM

### Thursday - August 13

Lay Leadership Meeting 7:30 PM

### Sunday - August 23

Adult Bible Study 8:30 – 9:15 AM

Worship Service 9:30 AM

### Monday - August 24

Food Pantry Open 6:30 PM

### Wednesday - August 26

Admin Council Meeting 9:30 AM

### Sunday - August 30

Worship Service 9:30 AM

### Sunday - September 6

Worship Service 9:30 AM

### Monday - September 7

Labor Day

NOTE: Please visit [www.debowsumc.org](http://www.debowsumc.org) for the latest information concerning schedules and events.

## Bible Verse for Reflection

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

~ Proverbs 3:5-6 ~

## Church Business News

DeBows is now using Cablevision to provide phone and Internet service. The church phone number is still 732-928-4475.

Inside the church you can connect to the WiFi service using the instructions found on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall.

## Church Humor



## Ministry Spotlight



Throughout the year members & friends of DeBows make prayer shawls, which are distributed during Advent. A group from DeBows, consisting of choir, youth and other church members, arrange to visit shut-ins and residents of the Care One Assisted Living facility in Jackson, NJ. They sing some Christmas carols and present the shawls.

This is a tangible gift that will remind the recipients of the prayer shawl of God's love long after they receive it.

We would like to be able to give a prayer shawl to as many people as possible. This is a good time of year to consider making one if you would like to donate a prayer shawl to this ministry. You can find patterns and other information at [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com). This website was listed as a resource in the current Interpreter magazine article named "Wrapping One Another in Jesus' Love".

Completed prayer shawls can be mailed to or dropped off at the church. Many thanks to those who have participated in this ministry.

## Hymn Story

### "This Is My Father's World"

Maltbie D. Babcock - UMH # 144

Maltbie Babcock (1858-1901) was a noted Presbyterian pastor, who was also an accomplished athlete and amateur musician, playing the organ, piano and violin.

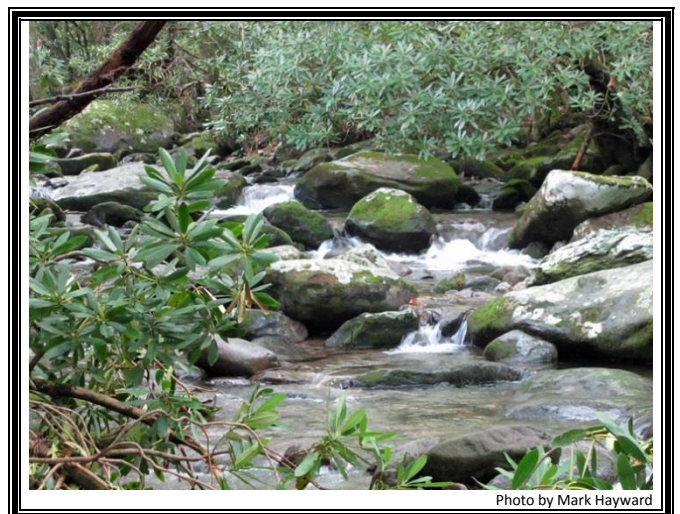
While a pastor in Lockport, N.Y., near Lake Ontario, Babcock would frequently take morning walks in the surrounding countryside. It is said he would often announce these walks with the expression, "I'm going out to see my Father's world."

Babcock died just a few months short of his 42nd birthday in a hospital in Naples, Italy, following a trip to the Holy Land. The hymn was published posthumously based on a poem found in his papers containing 16 four-line stanzas, each beginning with the phrase "This is my Father's world."

One of Babcock's friends, Franklin Shepherd (1852-1930) created the hymn we know today by adapting an English folk song and inserting portions of Babcock's text into three, eight-line stanzas.

The hymn reveals Babcock's deep appreciation for the sights and sounds of nature, while acknowledging God's sovereign control.

Below is a sample of God's nature seen while hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on 7/25/2015.



## Free Concert - Charlie Zalm



**Saturday  
August 8, 2015  
at 7:00 PM**

### **Old Yellow Meeting House**

70 Yellow Meeting House Road  
Upper Freehold, NJ 08514  
(Off Route 526 in Imlaystown, NJ)

Charlie Zalm is a very popular baritone balladeer, specializing in Celtic, Maritime, Early American, and Civil War music, as well as Traditional Hymns and Christmas theme music during Advent. Charlie has performed several times at the Old Yellow Meeting House and is always well received when he returns to share his musical gift. This is a free musical event featuring Celtic and Early American music and everyone is welcome to come enjoy an inspiring evening of music.

For more information:  
(609) 259-2534 or [wwilliam1931@comcast.net](mailto:wwilliam1931@comcast.net)

## DeBows UMC Online

You can visit DeBows UMC online at:

**[www.debowsumc.org](http://www.debowsumc.org)**  
**[www.facebook.com/debowsumc](https://www.facebook.com/debowsumc)**

Visit often for the latest information. Please note the church website menu structure has recently been updated to facilitate easier navigation of the content and features. The church website Contact page can be used to send email to various people in the church.

## Daily Devotional

You can pick up the current copy of the Upper Room Daily Devotion on the table outside of Fellowship Hall.

You can also access the Upper Room and other daily devotionals online by visiting [www.debowsumc.org](http://www.debowsumc.org) and selecting the "Daily Devotionals" page found under the Resources / Worship-Bible menu item.

## Six Little Stories

### **Six Little Stories . . . THAT SAY IT ALL**

[1] - Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

-- That's FAITH --

[2] - When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her.

-- That's TRUST --

[3] - Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up.

-- That's HOPE --

[4] - We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

-- That's CONFIDENCE --

[5] - We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.

-- That's LOVE --

[6] - On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old .... I am sweet 16 with 64 years' experience'.

-- That's ATTITUDE --

Be happy, and live your life like the six stories!

## Online Giving

DeBows UMC shares God's love in many ways. The church offers many ministries that enable us to be the Body of Christ in our community.

As our outreach and witness grows, so does our need to financially support the work being accomplished. While the local congregation has been very supportive, we are now able to offer a way for our extended congregation to support the ministries of DeBows UMC.

You may visit the church website at [www.debowsumc.org](http://www.debowsumc.org) and look for this button on the left sidebar.



Clicking on this button will open a new browser window and allow you to make a donation using the churches secure PayPal account. All donations are tax deductible and will be reflected in your year-end giving statement.

Thank You

## Newsletter Feedback

You may provide your feedback and/or submit suggestions for possible future newsletter content by visiting the Contact page on the church website. Select "Newsletter Content" from the recipient pull down list and compose/send the email. Also, if you now receive the newsletter via postal mail and now have a valid email address, please let us know. This will help us control our postage cost.

## Bible Fun - WordSearch

Find the 10 words found in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.  
Up, down, diagonally, forward or backwards.  
All words are in a straight line.

Lord Shepherd Pasture Valley Staff  
Rod Goodness Mercy Waters Comfort

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## Upcoming Fall Schedule

Labor Day is Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Starting on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> DeBows UMC will return to the following Sunday Fall schedule.

9:45 – 10:45 AM	Bible Study
11:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship Service



## A Moment Concerning Stewardship

### *Money is Everything!*

Money plays a major role in our personalities....

"The way money exerts these enormous influences in our lives is determined less by how much of it we *have* than by the *philosophy* we have adopted regarding money.

"That personal philosophy determines how we think and behave regarding money, and tends to fall into one of four general patterns:

1. Some people insist that money is not important. 'Money does not buy happiness,' they often say.
2. Other people insist that money is the most important thing in life. 'Money is not the key to happiness,' they say, 'but if you have enough of it, you can have a key made!'
3. Still other people say that life is like two lanes of traffic. 'Money is important in the material lane but not in the spiritual lane,' they seem to say. 'To connect with God, you move to the spiritual lane – you pray. To be in touch with the real world, you move to the material lane –you run in the rat race, trying to make a buck.'
4. Jesus held a fourth view. Jesus said that money is *everything* - not in the usual sense of that term but in the spiritual sense. Jesus did not divide reality into two parts - the material and the spiritual. He said that the way we think and behave with regard to money impacts us both physically and spiritually. Its use and misuse affect our relationship with God and the quality of our life. 'For Where your treasure is, there your Heart will be also,' Jesus said (Luke 12:34), illustrating his point with a story about a rich man who tried to achieve a quality life by building more barns to hold his wealth. The punch line says, 'So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God') Luke 12:21).

{*Money Is/Isn't Everything*, Herb Miller}

Which of these four views describes your philosophy of money?

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## Summer Fair at Francis Asbury Manor

**Thursday August 6 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Friday August 7 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

The fair is sponsored by the Service Auxiliary of the United Methodist Homes and the proceeds support the Fellowship Fund. The fair will include Attic Treasures, Jewelry, Clothing, Baked Goods & Lunch, Linens, Fresh Produce and Christmas items. Francis Asbury Manor is located at 70 Stockton Ave in Ocean Grove.

### Do You Know?

- DeBows UMC GPS Coordinates  
509 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ 08527  
Latitude: 40.1657445 | Longitude: -74.4159201
- There is a Fellowship Time after every Sunday Worship Service. You will be able to enjoy friendly conversation and light refreshments. If you are willing and able to host a fellowship time, please sign up for a specific week at the sign-up table.
- Children's Worship Bulletins are now available each week. They can be found on the communion rail in front of the sanctuary, next to the regular bulletins.
- Starting with the July 2015 issue, past issues of the DeBows UMC monthly newsletter can be downloaded and viewed from the church website under the News & Media menu item.
- The Lectionary Scripture references for each Sunday can be seen in the Upcoming Events calendar, located on the left hand sidebar of the church website.