

DeBows Crows

The Monthly Newsletter of DeBows UMC

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* New Newsletter Schedule *

Starting with this issue, the DeBows UMC newsletter will be published monthly. Publishing monthly will allow us more time to gather content and add new features. Hopefully this will lead to a more informative and interesting reading experience.

Any weekly based or other time sensitive information will be available on the church website at www.debosumc.org. Any important "Breaking News" type information will also be sent out via email as needed.

You may provide your feedback and suggestions for possible future newsletter content by replying to the newsletter email (please do not use Reply All). 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 Verse for Reflection

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

~ Romans 8:28 ~

New Pastor Appointment

Bishop, John Schol of the Greater New Jersey Conference, has appointed Rev. Ernie Williams to be the new Pastor of DeBows UMC. Pastor Ernie will begin his ministry at DeBows on Sunday, July 12, 2015. There will be a 9:30 AM Worship Service. There will be a celebration of Pastor Ernie's appointment and the Lord's Supper. There will also be a special fellowship time after the service to welcome Pastor Ernie and his wife Erica.

Happy 4th of July!



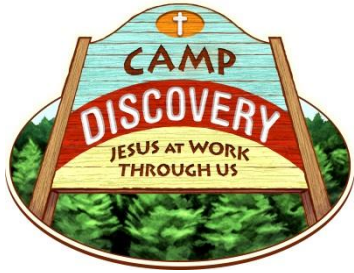
**Celebrate Our Country's
Independence and Our
Freedom in Christ**



... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

~ 2 Chronicles 7:14 ~

Vacation Bible School



DeBows UMC will host a Vacation Bible School from August 3 – August 7, 2015. Each day will run from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. The

theme this year will be Camp Discovery: Jesus at work through us.

Make your reservations early by emailing Mary Ann Smith at mbachone@gmail.com or by calling or texting her at 609-850-9673. Include your name and phone number with the names of your children and she will get back with you to confirm your reservation.

Prayer List

We Lift Up The Following People In Prayer

Ricky Aegron (cancer); Laura Baker; Mike Beck; Deidre Carroll; Scott Carver; Anita Chichester; Tina Clark; Jane Cox; Cliff Evans; Rudy Iannacone; Betty & Bobby Lott; Mike (cancer); Bishop Schol; family of Mike Sajor; Dean Sparling; DS Varlyna Wright; DeBows Food Pantry; those with financial, health or legal issues; those killed and affected by the mass shooting at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC; the family of Donna Jordon.

NOTE: Please inform the Pastor when a name should be added or removed from the Prayer List.

Upcoming Events

Saturday - July 4

Independence Day

Sunday - July 5

Worship Service 9:30 AM
Lay Speaker: Mary Ann Smith

Sunday - July 12

Adult Bible Study 8:30 – 9:15 AM
Worship Service 9:30 AM
1st Sunday for Pastor Ernie
Communion will be celebrated

Monday - July 13

Food Pantry Open 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday - July 15

Finance Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Worship Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 PM

Sunday - July 19

Worship Service 9:30 AM

Sunday - July 26

Adult Bible Study 8:30 – 9:15 AM
Worship Service 9:30 AM

Monday - July 27

Food Pantry Open 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Sunday - August 2

Worship Service 9:30 AM

Monday – Friday, August 3 - 7

Vacation Bible School 7:00 – 8:30 PM

NOTE: Please visit www.debowsumc.org for the latest information concerning schedules and events.

Church Business News

DeBows UMC is in the process of changing its phone provider from Verizon to Cablevision, while adding Internet/Wi-Fi capability. This change will enhance our communication capabilities in the following ways:

1. Fixed cost for Phone & Internet service
2. Access to voicemail messages online
3. Ability to modify welcome messages online
4. Secure Wi-Fi available within the church

The new service should be in place by early August. The church phone number will not change and a notification will be sent out when the Wi-Fi service is active.

Bible Fun - WordFind

Find all 8 New Testament names.
Up, down, diagonally, forward or backwards.
All words are in a straight line.

Mark Paul Peter Matthew
Jesus Mary John Luke

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C	M	A	R	K	L	H	J	Y

Featured Ministry



The DeBows Food Pantry is open on the second and fourth Monday of each month, 6:30-7:30 PM. An average of 38 families are helped each month through this outreach program. They have time to fellowship with each other in Fellowship Hall while they wait their turn to visit the food pantry. The food pantry is staffed by members of the congregation and food is donated from several sources, including the church, Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, Boy Scouts, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, local food banks and other individuals. The food pantry is stocked mainly with non-perishable food, but in season fresh eggs and produce are sometimes available.

DeBows UMC Online

You can visit DeBows UMC online at:

www.debowsumc.org

www.facebook.com/debowsumc

Visit often for the latest information.

Hymn Stories

In the Garden #314

C. Austin Miles (1868-1946) was a pharmacist turned hymn writer and church music director. He was also an amateur photographer. One day in March, 1912, while in his dark room waiting for film to develop, Miles had a profound spiritual experience in which he saw an incredible vision of Mary Magdalene visiting the empty tomb. He saw her leave the tomb and walk into a garden where she met the Master and heard Him speak her name.

When Miles came to himself his nerves were vibrating and his muscles tense; the words to a new song were filling his mind and heart. He quickly wrote out the lyrics to *In the Garden* and later that evening composed the musical score. The song was published that same year and became a theme song of the Billy Sunday evangelistic crusades.

Church Humor

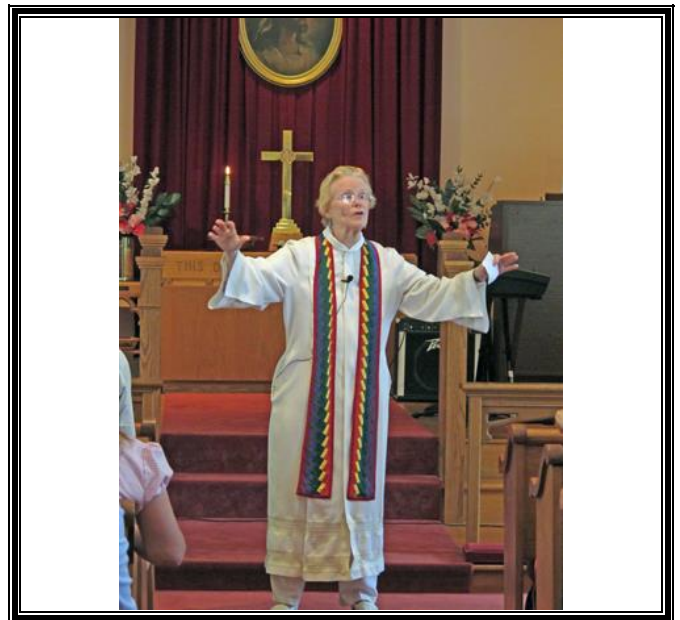


Pastor Betty – A Fond Farewell

At the end of June, Pastor Betty concluded 11 years of faithful service to DeBows UMC. Those were fruitful years indeed. We offer a heartfelt “Thank You” for the time she spent with our church.

On June 14, 2015 Pastor Betty celebrated her final Worship Service with us. 86 people were in attendance and it was a very moving service. The annual church picnic was held after the service and the theme this year was honoring Pastor Betty’s ministry and sharing memories.

Below are a couple of pictures from this memorable day:



Summer Fair

Summer Fair at Francis Asbury Manor

The fair is sponsored by the Service Auxiliary of the United Methodist Homes. The dates are Thursday, August 6, 9:00 AM to 3 PM and Friday, August 7, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. The fair will include Attic Treasures, Jewelry, Clothing, Bake Goods and Lunch, Linens, Fresh Produce and Christmas items. Francis Asbury Manor is located at 70 Stockton Ave in Ocean Grove.

In Memorium

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Donna Jordan on June 24, 2015. Donna was a member of DeBows UMC and the family has requested that any donations in memory of Donna be given to DeBows United Methodist Church.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

DeBows UMC participated in the Interfaith Hospitality Network ministry on June 30 and e July 1. Thanks to Christina Collins and her children for preparing the dessert and enjoying the fellowship time with the two families. Jean Icabone supplied the salad. Betty Gibbons brought the chicken and spent the night.

NOTE: If you are able to help with this important ministry, please let Pastor Ernie know. DeBows UMC participates once every three months.

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 and selecting "Daily Devotionals" under the Resources menu item.

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 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