

DeBows Crows

The Monthly Newsletter of DeBows UMC



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Fall



Harvest

Sunday Worship Schedule

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

Prayer List



We Lift Up the Following People in Prayer

Medhavi Badey
Chris Bitondo
Tina Clark
Jennifer Donohue
Karen Hornak

Rudy Iannacone
Debra Quinn
Cindy Raymond
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.

Bible Study Classes

Sunday Morning from 9:45 – 10:45 AM

Women's Bible Study Group - The women are studying 1 Peter.

Men's Bible Study Group - The men have been studying the Prophets. They have been through the Minor Prophets and are now studying the Major Prophets, starting with Isaiah.

Fall Bible Study Group – This group meets on Wednesday's at 11:30 AM. The group is studying the Epistles of John.

New class members are always welcome and can join at any time. Please join us as we study the Word of God.

Bible Verse for Reflection

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

~ Matthew 7:7-8 ~

A Word From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I wonder if you have been as enchanted as I have been with watching “the people’s Pope” as he has made his way through our region. The images have been bright and colorful. The Pope has found interesting ways to give expression to his persona – even the almost quaint insistence on driving in a Fiat while being crowded by dozens of oversized SUV’s. This wildly popular Pope has clearly caught the imaginations of the faithful, but has enjoyed the scrutiny and curiosity of many who are far from the pontiff’s usual oversight. The crowds have been spectacular, even as the choice to eat among the homeless, and the visit to prisoners speak to his concern for the underside of this nation which ranks among the wealthiest in the world.

His words were usually brief and carefully chosen. He reminded us that the sanctity of life includes not only concern for the unborn, but also those on death row, and he might well have added, those who die as a consequence of war. Ultimately it is only in renewing our deep concern for the sanctity of life that we will properly direct our attention to the raging gun violence in this nation which makes us unique in the western world!

Thanks to those who responded to the “Invitation to Serve” document posted in last month’s newsletter, as well as during worship. The response was gratifying. We need to continue working toward expanding the leadership and decision-making core at DeBows. October will be a busy month for our church, as you will see in this newsletter. We do hope that you will help to make these various planned events successful. I especially look forward to the Reunion Sunday (October 18th) which will afford me the opportunity to meet some of those I have not yet been able to meet.

Considerable amount of time and energy has been invested in preparing for our Annual Church Conference (Saturday October 10th). This has included a membership audit, and an effort to be in touch with many members who have been inactive for a season. The response has been helpful, but not overwhelming. But this will help us to establish a more realistic base line for our church, which will in turn better inform us concerning who we really are, what resources we have, and how best to employ these for the future ministry and outreach of DeBows.

The Pope has clearly struck a nerve among Roman Catholics and many others. That event will help many to reconnect with their church as well as with their Lord. Let us pray that some of our own members will find some inspiration, either from that event or from our own programs and ministries, to rejoin our fellowship here at DeBows.

Shalom!



Reunion Sunday – October 18

Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 11:00 AM

New Day ~ New Pastor ~ New Beginnings

Please join us as we celebrate Reunion Sunday. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with your church family and meet our new Pastor, Ernie Williams and his wife Erica. A luncheon will be served after the worship service. Please RSVP by contacting:

Sue Hayward at 732-928-0352 /
jerseysue@outlook.com

or

Christine Raymond at (609) 847-6421 /
craymond22@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Church Conference & CWS
11	12 Food Pantry	13	14	15	16	17
18 Reunion Sunday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Trunk or Treat	26 Food Pantry	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween DST Ends! Turn clocks back 1 hour tonight

Saturday, October 3 (Weather Permitting)

Flea Market 8:00 AM
 Car Wash 8:00 AM
 Pet Blessing 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 4

Bible Study 9:45 AM
World Communion Sunday 11:00 AM
 Worship Service & Sunday School

Wednesday, October 7

Bible Study 11:30 AM
 Choir Practice 6:30 PM
 Admin Council Meeting 7:30 PM

Saturday, October 10

Church Conference at Marlton UMC 2-4 PM
 Contemporary Worship Service 6:30 PM

Sunday, October 11

Bible Study 9:45 AM
 Worship Service & Sunday School 11:00 AM
 Youth Group Meeting 12:30 PM

Monday, October 12

Food Pantry Open 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 14

Bible Study 11:30 AM
 Choir Practice 6:30 PM
 Trustee Meeting 7:30 PM

Sunday, October 18

Bible Study 9:45 AM
REUNION SUNDAY 11:00 AM
 Worship Service & Sunday School

Wednesday, October 21

Bible Study 11:30 AM
 Choir Practice 6:30 PM

Thursday, October 22

Wesley Club 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 25

Bible Study 9:45 AM
 Worship Service & Sunday School 11:00 AM
 Youth Group Meeting 12:30 PM
 Trunk or Treat 6:00 PM



Monday, October 26

Food Pantry Open 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 28

Bible Study 11:30 AM
 Choir Practice 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 31

Halloween

NOTE: Please visit www.debowsumc.org for the most up-to-date information.

DST Ends November 1st at 2AM

Turn your clocks back
1 hour before going
to bed on
Halloween
night.



Coming in November

Below are special days/events scheduled in November. Visit the church website for the latest details.

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Day

Saturday, November 7
Pasta Fundraising Dinner 5-7 PM

Saturday, November 14
Contemporary Worship Service 6:30 PM

Sunday, November 22
Community Thanksgiving Service at
Hope Cathedral 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Eve Service at
Old Yellow Meeting House 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday in Advent

DeBows UMC Online

You can visit DeBows UMC online at:

www.debowsumc.org

www.facebook.com/debowsumc

On the website you can access the most up-to-date information concerning schedules, events and activities, as well as current blog posts and general information about the church. Emails can be sent to church staff via the "Contact Us" page. Alert notices, such as cancellations due to bad weather, will also be posted on the website as needed. Visit often for the latest information.

You may support the ministries of DeBows UMC online by using the "Make A Difference" button found on the left hand sidebar on the church webpage. All donations are tax deductible and will be reflected in your year-end giving statement.

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



Hymn Story & Saint Francis



"All Creatures of Our God and King" St. Francis of Assisi (1225) - UMH #62

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) is one of Christendom's most beloved historical figures. Born Giovanni Bernardone, he became an Italian monk at the age of 25, leaving behind the life of a well-to-do soldier and began to live a humble life dedicated to imitating the selfless life of Christ. He is best remembered as a gentle and compassionate man who was a lover of nature and someone who saw the hand of God in all creation, and he urged people to respond with expressions of praise and alleluia.

St. Francis would often be found praying wherever there were trees, fields, open sky, and his friends the animals. He also loved music and encouraged singing in his monastery, writing more than 60 hymns for just that purpose. One of his most enduring hymns is "All Creatures of Our God and King", echoing his deep reverence for all of God's creation.

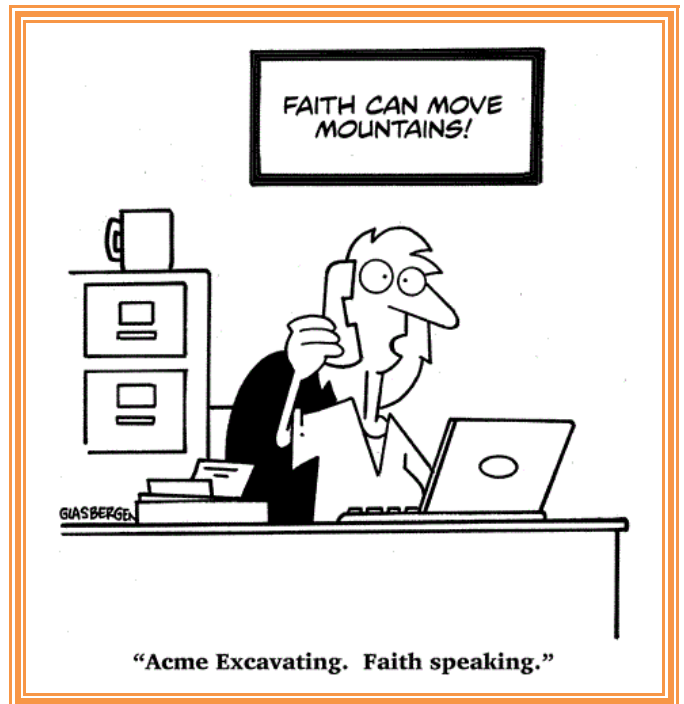
In the Catholic Church there is an official Feast Day for Saint Francis on October 4th. This is why churches quite often conduct Pet Blessings early in October; to honor St. Francis' love of animals.

Also, below is the famous prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, the first part being quoted at the Interfaith Service in New York City attended by Pope Francis.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen*

Church Humor



A Moment Concerning Stewardship

Considering the following, the goal I've set for me and my family is to be as far below average as fiscally possible:

- Average credit card debt per U.S. household is \$9,300.
- Young adults ages 25-34 carry an average of \$5,200 in credit card debt.
- College seniors have an average of four credit cards and \$3,000 in credit card debt.
- Young people 18 and under will spend and influence the spending of more than \$1 trillion.

(The above statistics are taken from Financial Sanity: Share, Save, Spend)

If it's your goal to also be below average, here are some healthy financial habits that will help you reach your goal:

- **Give to God first** – *“God knows all your needs, and God will give you all you need from day to day if you live for God and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.”* Matthew 6:32b-33
- **Save second** – *“In the house of the wise are stores of food and oil, but the fool devours all they have.”* Proverbs 21:20
- **Live on what is left** – *“Be on your guard against all kind of greed, for life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”* Luke 12:15

Let's all strive to be below average!

Excerpted Stewardship Tips by Rich Hendrickson (UMC Relay) and UMC “Center for Christian Stewardship”

Do You Know . . .

- ✓ Sunday School is in session. This year the weekly lessons are based on the “Deep Blue” series from Cokesbury . This exciting new program for 2015 includes a unifying seasonal theme, verse, and music for each unit as well as corresponding lessons and activities. Meghanne Stevison leads our Sunday School program this year.
- ✓ Bulletins for the Sunday service are now available on a stand in the hallway leading to the side door of the sanctuary.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ You may provide 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.

