

# DeBows Crows

The Monthly Newsletter of DeBows UMC

## September 2015



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# Welcome

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## Return to 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.

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

Fellowship Time after the Worship Service.

Please visit the Event Calendar on the church website for the most up-to-date information about events, activities and meetings.

## DeBows UMC Online

You can visit DeBows UMC online at:

[www.debowsunc.org](http://www.debowsunc.org)

[www.facebook.com/debowsunc](https://www.facebook.com/debowsunc)

Visit the church website often for the latest information and calendar updates. Upcoming events and the full activity calendar can be accessed on the left sidebar. The church website Contact page can be used to send email to various people in the church.



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

## Bible Study Classes

Bible Study classes will resume on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 9:45 AM. There are two classes at this time:

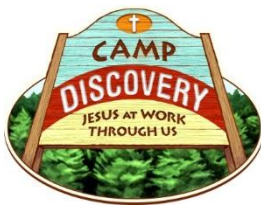
**Women's Bible Study Group** - The women are studying 1 Peter. This class meets in Fellowship Hall.

**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. This class meets downstairs.

New class members are always welcome. You may join either class at any time.



## Vacation Bible School Report



DeBows United Methodist Church held their annual Vacation Bible School from August 3-7, 2015. This year's VBS was "Camp Discovery, Jesus at Work Through Us"

The children met special people from the Bible each evening and learned their stories, did crafts and played recreational games coordinated to the stories and Bible verses of the evening. Friday evening was a special family evening that began with a skit of the evening's Bible story given by our youth group helpers. Parents and guests helped create the evening's crafts with the children and we ended the evening with DeBows traditional campfire and s'mores!

We were thrilled to have 20 children this year, along with 5 youth group helpers, and a staff of 12 who helped at various times throughout the week! Our congregation also supported us through donations of supplies needed to make this year's VBS an amazing success.

Below are some photos from the VBS.



## Prayer List

### We Lift Up the Following People in Prayer

Ricky Aegron	Betty & Bobby Lott
Mike Beck	Debra Quinn
Chris Bitondo	Cindy Raymond
Deidre Carroll	Lauren Rikard
Scott Carver	Family of Mike Sajor
Cliff Evans	Theresa Slover
Haskoor Family	Dean Sparling
Karen Hornak	Marion Stillwell
Rudy Iannacone	

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.

## September Calendar

2015 SEPTEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Autumn Begins	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

### Sunday, September 6

(Freehold Car Wash Coupon Sale 9/6 - 10/4)  
Worship Service 9:30 AM

### Wednesday, September 9

Choir Practice 6:30 PM  
  
Lay Leadership Meeting 7:30 PM

### Thursday, September 10

Wesley Club 6:00 PM

### Sunday, September 13

Bible Study 9:45 AM  
  
Worship & Sunday School 11:00 AM  
  
Youth Group Meeting 12:30 PM  
  
Planning meeting with volunteers for events scheduled on 10/3/15 12:30 PM

### Monday, September 14

Food Pantry Open 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, September 16

Choir Practice 6:30 PM

### Sunday, September 20

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

### Wednesday, September 23

Choir Practice 6:30 PM  
  
Transition Team Meeting 7:30 PM

### Thursday, September 24

Wesley Club 6:00 PM

### Saturday, September 26

Coffee House 7:00 PM

### Sunday, September 27

(Yankee Candle Brochure Sale 9/27 - 10/18)  
Bible Study 9:45 AM  
  
Worship & Sunday School 11:00 AM  
  
Youth Group Meeting 12:30 PM

### Monday, September 28

Food Pantry Open 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, September 30

Choir Practice 6:30 PM

## Coming in October

October will be a very busy month for special events. See church website for the latest details.

### Saturday, October 3

Flea Market 8AM – 2PM  
Carwash 8AM – 2PM  
Pet Blessing 10AM – 2PM

\*Table space at the Flea Market is \$10. Bring your own table. Please contact Sue Hayward to reserve a spot.

### Saturday, October 10

Church Conference 2:00-4:00 PM  
at Marlton UMC located at:

2 MARLBOROUGH AVE MARLTON, NJ 08053

### Sunday, October 18

Reunion Sunday 11:00 AM

### Saturday, October 24

Coffee House 7:00 PM

### Sunday, October 25

Trunk or Treat Party 6:00-7:30PM

## 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!

There will be a sign-up sheet available outside Fellowship Hall detailing items needed to support this special event.

## Church Humor



## Hymn Story

### *Southern Gospel*

#### **"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"**

James M. Black (1856-1938)

James M. Black was an active Methodist layman, music teacher, and a composer and publisher of numerous gospel songs. As president of a Young People's Society, he met a girl of fourteen, poorly dressed and a drunkard's daughter, whom he invited to join the Society and to attend Sunday School. She did this, and attended for a time, but one evening at a dedication meeting, when the Society's roll of members was called, and each member responded with a reading, there was no response from this girl.

Remarking on her absence, Mr. Black spoke of the sadness of anyone being absent when the names were called of those written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and then added the prayer, "O God, when my own name is called up yonder, may I be there to respond!"

Wanting something suitable to sing on this occasion, Mr. Black searched the hymn book, but could not find an appropriate hymn. On his way home from the meeting he still kept wishing for such a hymn.

By the time he reached home the words of the first stanza of a new hymn came to his mind in full.

Within fifteen minutes the two following verses were also written down, and then Mr. Black turned to the piano. "I played the music," he said, "just as it is found today in the hymn books, note for note, and I have never dared to change a single word or note of the song."



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that summer is nearing its end! Just as strange is the fact that Erica and I have been among you at DeBows for almost 2 months! It has been good to get to know those who worship, as well as persons who represent you in various forms of leadership and service.

Those who have worshipped have noticed some changes. The bulletin is a little different in format. But it has also represented a change in the structure of worship. The bulletin tries to make that clear – but essentially the sermon comes a little earlier in the service, providing for the congregation an opportunity to “respond to the Word” before we end our worship.

Look for two other changes. One is that the pastor will actually be involved in leading a larger portion of the worship, while the Lay Reader will basically read the scripture. The other change is that we will need to add some other music to our worship. Some have wondered whether we will be using the thin “Faith We Sing” hymnal. I guess that means some people have missed that. The answer is yes! But we also need to broaden our music selections. Maybe we need to incorporate more of a stylistic change. Perhaps in the form of adding more praise music to our worship. I look forward to your participation, but also to your feedback as we make these changes.

May God continue to bless us on our shared journey.

Shalom!



## Bible Fun - WordSearch

Find the 12 words found in the Lord's Prayer.  
Up, down, diagonally, forward or backwards.  
All words are in a straight line.

Father	Heaven	Hallowed	Kingdom
Earth	Daily	Bread	Forgive
Deliver	Power	Glory	Forever

F	F	O	R	E	V	E	R	S
I	P	D	N	B	R	E	A	D
G	E	R	Z	D	B	D	F	E
E	L	F	A	T	H	E	R	L
C	A	O	D	S	E	W	F	I
K	W	R	R	U	A	O	O	V
V	I	A	T	Y	V	L	R	E
O	K	N	N	H	E	L	G	R
H	M	Y	G	O	N	A	I	H
Y	L	I	A	D	E	H	V	T
J	G	Q	T	P	O	W	E	R
P	F	B	L	T	L	M	I	S

## Youth Ministries

**Sunday School** - 11:00 AM

Christina Collins, Superintendent

Curriculum: “Deep Blue” from Cokesbury

**Wesley Club** - First Grade through Fifth Grade

Donna Ridge & Elizabeth Hughes (Cornerstone)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays each month, 6:00-7:30 PM

**Youth Group** - Sixth grade and older

Lee & Meghanne Stevinson, Leaders

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month, 12:30 - 2:00 PM

**Visit the church website for more details.**

## Do You Know?

- ✓ You can 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.
- ✓ You may support the ministries of DeBows UMC online by using the “Make A Difference” button found on the left sidebar on the church webpage. All donations are tax deductible and will be reflected in your year-end giving statement.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ You may submit your suggestions, feedback or updates to your email address by visiting the Contact page on the church website. Select “Newsletter Content” from the recipient pull down list and compose/send the email. You may also request removal from the newsletter distribution list in the same manner.
- ✓ DeBows has been recognized by the United Methodist Church as a Certified Welcoming Congregation.



## Spiritual Gifts

*NOTE: The following discussion of Spiritual Gifts is a compilation of information found on UMC.org under the “What We Believe” section.*

Every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. No one is without gift or purpose.

Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to contribute to the greater good. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us.

All gifts are important, and each may be the most important gift in any given situation. All gifts are necessary; and in different combinations, all gifts have the power to transform lives and glorify God.

You can learn more about Spiritual Gifts and take a personal online Spiritual Gift Assessment by clicking on the below link. It is focused on the gifts lifted up within Scripture as the gifts of the Spirit. These gifts are mentioned in the Pauline epistles to Rome, Ephesus, and Corinth (Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Corinthians 12–13).

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts>

## An Invitation To Serve

As DeBows prepares for our Church Conference in October, we are actively forming our committees. If interested; please use the form below to indicate the areas in which you would like to become more involved. Note the 9/13/2015 submission date. – Thank You.

# I would like to serve in the following area(s)

From the Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee of the DeBows United Methodist Church

## NOMINATIONS PROCESS 2016

All Methodist Churches are required to have a Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee that meets annually to invite people to serve on various committees. **Most committees meet only about 5 times a year.** Serving on these committees is a good way to meet other people and get to know more about our church. Most importantly, it is a way in which we serve God's Kingdom. We list several of our committees on this sheet with a brief description of what they do. We invite you to let us know which of these committees interest you. Please mark the box of the committee(s) that interests you, and we will try to accommodate your interest.

***Please return this form during worship or to the church office by 9/13/2015.***

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

### ☐ CHURCH COUNCIL

- ❖ Oversees the administration and programs of the Church.
- ❖ Determines policy, authorizes action, and evaluates and reviews the church's vision, mission and ministry.

### ☐ FINANCE

- ❖ Oversees the finances of the church and is responsible for creating the annual budget.
- ❖ Responsible for developing and implementing plans to raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted.

### ☐ TRUSTEES

- ❖ Oversees and cares for the church properties and equipment, review adequacy of insurance needs.
- ❖ Develop an annual budget to support its work and responsibilities. Receives and administers all bequests and trusts.

### ☐ PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- ❖ Encourages, nurtures and supports pastor and staff with regard to relationships with the congregation.
- ❖ Provides an annual evaluation of staff, and ensure that all for non-clergy staff have job descriptions.
- ❖ Consult with pastor regarding continuing education and with Bishop and DS during an appointment change.

## PROGRAM (NOW) COMMITTEES

### ☐ NURTURE MINISTRIES

- ❖ Focus includes worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups, and stewardship.
- ❖ Oversees a ministry of nurture and care provided through visitation/contacts to homebound, hospitalized, etc.
- ❖ Plans additional special fellowship events, such as, luncheons, church picnic, Advent program/dinner, and holiday decorations.
- ❖ Task Force subcommittees can include Stewardship, Christian Education, and Youth.
- ❖ Oversees ushers, greeters, Lay Readers, etc.

### ☐ OUTREACH MINISTRIES

- ❖ Focuses attention on ministries and mission that are global, local, and community based.
- ❖ Emphasizes ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy including IHN (homeless), Habitat for Humanity, Food Pantry, Pet Blessing, etc.
- ❖ Promotes special mission projects and events.

### ☐ WITNESS MINISTRIES

- ❖ Focuses on developing and strengthening Evangelism and Church Growth through the sharing of personal Christian experience, faith and service.
- ❖ Responsibilities include monthly newsletter production, maintaining and updating the church website, promoting (advertising) the church's ministries and programs, and Lay Speaking ministries.
- ❖ Strives to make Evangelism a priority for our church.

Other Interests.....

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_