

# DeBows Crows

The Monthly Newsletter of DeBows UMC



## June 2016

## DeBows UMC

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*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Gal. 5:22*

### 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
Choir Practice	12:30 PM



**June 19**  
**Sunday Worship**  
**at 9:30 AM**

On Sunday, June 19 (Father’s Day), DeBows will begin its summer schedule with the worship service moving to 9:30 AM. Fellowship Time will be held after the worship service. We will return to the fall schedule on Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. All who attend are invited to receive this sacrament, whether members of a church or not.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the worship service is a little more informal with the inclusion of praise songs and multimedia.

### Prayer List



*Please keep the following people in Prayer*

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| Madhavi Badey         | Barbara Wesolovski |
| Chris Bitondo         | Joe Huber          |
| Edith Gutwein         | Dean Sparling      |
| Karen Hornak          | Tiffany Morgan     |
| Rudy & Jean Iannacone | Helen Kramer       |
| Paula Reilly          | Bert Pitcher       |
| Skylar & Renee Ridge  | Pat Duncan         |
| Scott Timberman       | Tyler              |
| Rose Teepe            | Sean               |
| Diane Hinze           | Allie Juliano      |
| Jen Shane             | Dave Pierceall     |
| Robbie Mclean         | Joe Sisti & Family |

#### All those that . . .

- . . . are homeless or hungry
- . . . are “un” or “under” employed
- . . . struggle with various addictions
- . . . are affected by natural disasters & terrorism
- . . . are in prison & those that work with them
- . . . serve and support the DeBows Food Pantry

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 Pastor Ernie’s attention or response. Thank You.

## A Word From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

How quickly things change. Not too long ago we complained about the cool weather and the protracted winter -- abruptly a new note is struck as we watch the mercury suddenly rise uncomfortably. Not too long ago we were waiting for the green shoots to sprout. Suddenly all of nature is dressed in green. It seems that we celebrated Easter so recently and now we are already edging into the new liturgical season of Pentecost.

As Easter yields to Pentecost, it is good to remind ourselves that Pentecost is both a "festival" and a "season." As festival, Pentecost is the high day that takes precedence over many others on the church's calendar. We mark the day for several reasons:

- Pentecost is often viewed as a kind of "birthday" of the church. So having balloons and birthday cakes are not inappropriate. The balloons in our sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday referenced that aspect of Pentecost.
- It is the anniversary of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples bringing them the power they needed for their ministry in fulfillment of God's promise to send upon the believers the Helper/Advocate to equip the disciples for their ministry.
- Pentecost marks the completion of Christ's earthly ministry, the work of redemption and reconciliation, and signals the beginning of the Holy Spirit's ministry through the church.

As "season," Pentecost is relatively new. For many years the season was known simply as "Sundays after Trinity Sunday" because of the focus of on the Trinity in Northern Europe. In 1570, the Roman Catholic Church adopted the name "Sundays after Pentecost" – but Protestants continued with their "Trinity" focus until a unified lectionary was established in 1970. This season Pentecost will last for 27 Sundays.

The name comes from the Greek referring to the "50 days after Easter." At one time Pentecost was called Whitsunday. That is an English contraction of "White Sunday" – so called because candidates for Baptism and Confirmation wore white robes on this day to symbolize the joy of the occasion, and to indicate that they were cleansed by the Spirit.

As "festival" and "season", we celebrate the coming of God's Spirit as the sustaining and energizing power of God. The Spirit is the extension of Jesus Christ in the world. This is the gift God promised, and is mediated to us through the Son. Without the Spirit, and the fruit and gifts of the Spirit, we are impoverished as individuals and as a church family. Let us pray that the 27 weeks of the Pentecost season this year will bring to us a new openness to this gift of God among us in our community of faith.

Shalom!



**Acts 2**  
**A Spirit-Empowered Church**

## Upcoming Events

JUNE 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Church Council	2	3	4
5 Fellowship Luncheon	6	7	8	9	10	11 Flea Market
12	13 Food Pantry	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Food Pantry	28	29	30		

### Wednesday, June 1

Prayer Time	11:15 AM
Bible Study	11:30 AM
Church Council Meeting	7:00 PM

### Sunday, June 5

Bible Study	9:45 AM
Worship Service & SS	11:00 AM
Fellowship Luncheon	12:15 PM
Choir Practice	12:30 PM

### Wednesday, June 8

Prayer Time	11:15 AM
Bible Study	11:30 AM

### Saturday, June 11

Flea Market & Bake Sale	8am-2pm
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### Sunday, June 12

Bible Study	9:45 AM
Worship Service & SS	11:00 AM

### Monday, June 13

Food Pantry Open	6:30 PM
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### Wednesday, June 15

Prayer Time	11:15 AM
Bible Study	11:30 AM

### Sunday, June 19

<b>Father's Day</b>	
Worship Service	9:30 AM

### Wednesday, June 22

Prayer Time	11:15 AM
Bible Study	11:30 AM

### Sunday, June 26

Worship Service	9:30 AM
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### Monday, June 27

Food Pantry Open	6:30 PM
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### Wednesday, June 29

Prayer Time	11:15 AM
Bible Study	11:30 AM



DeBows UMC will host its annual Flea Market & Bake Sale on Saturday, June 11 from 8AM – 2 PM. There will be a food concession with breakfast & lunch items. Interested vendors may call Sue Hayward at 732-928-0352 to reserve table space (\$10).

We will also be selling donated bake goods, such as pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, specialty breads etc. Cookies and brownies should be individually wrapped. There is a column on the sign-up sheet outside of Fellowship Hall to indicate what bake items you intend to bring. Baked items need to be at the church by 8:00 AM on Saturday, June 11.



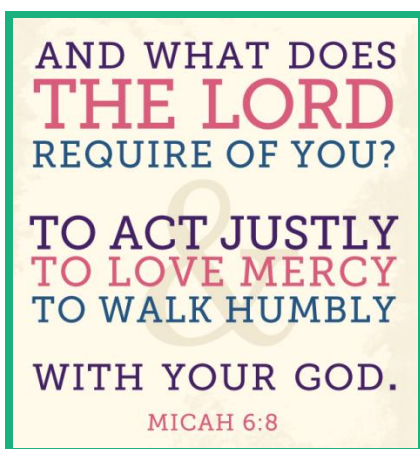
We will begin our 9:30 AM Sunday worship time on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. At this time the choir will begin a well-deserved break for the summer.

Our Music Director, Grayce Armstrong, will be looking for volunteers to help with the music ministry portion of the worship service during the summer. If you are interested in sharing your musical talent (vocal or instrumental), please contact Grayce. She can be reached at [music@debowsumc.org](mailto:music@debowsumc.org).

## Ministry Fundraising Event



We will again be taking orders for RADA knives. These knives are an excellent value and they make good shower or wedding gifts. Give your orders to Anita. The last day for orders will be **Sunday, June 12th**. You are welcome to take a catalog (which contains many other items other than knives), but we ask that you return it when you are finished so another person can use it. Thanks you for your support.



## Connect with DeBows Online

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

or

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

### Smart phone QR Codes

DeBows Website



DeBows Facebook



Visit the website to access the latest 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/Send Us Email" page. Also, alert notices and weather related cancellations will also be displayed on the website as needed. Visit often for the latest information.

Speaking of the church website; have you noticed it looks different than a few weeks ago? It has been updated for appearance and to accommodate new content and functionality in the future. Check it out and let us know what you think!



You can connect to the church WiFi service using the instructions found on the bulletin boards inside and outside Fellowship Hall.

## Bible Word Search



### Fruit of the Spirit

evidence that God is at work in your life

Last month we celebrated Pentecost, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. This month, find the 9 Fruits of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5:22-23.

Up, down, diagonally, forward or backwards.  
All words are in a straight line.

<b>Love</b>	<b>Patience</b>	<b>Faithfulness</b>
<b>Joy</b>	<b>Kindness</b>	<b>Gentleness</b>
<b>Peace</b>	<b>Goodness</b>	<b>Self-Control</b>

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## Spring in Bloom

It's looking like Spring at DeBows. The Iris is in bloom and newly planted flowers are making the church look inviting.



Thanks to the Santillo's for the plants in the flower bed by the ramp and the cross shaped flower bed by the driveway entrance sign.

Thanks to the Stillwell's for the large planters on the front porch and the flowers/vegetables in the garden boxes by Fellowship Hall.



## History of Father's Day

Having reviewed the history of Mother's Day last month, it is only fair we give fathers equal time this month. You would think that having an official celebration of Father's Day would flow naturally from the establishment of Mother's Day; well it did, but fathers had to wait a little longer than you might think.

Father's Day as we know it originated in United States when Sonora Louise Smart Dodd, being inspired by the efforts of Anna Jarvis to establish Mother's Day (see the May newsletter), sought a similar holiday celebrating fathers.

Sonora felt strongly for fathers because of the affection she received from her own father William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran. Sonora's mother died while giving birth when she was just 16. Mr. Smart raised the newborn and five other children with love and care.

After hearing a Mother's Day sermon in 1909 Ms. Dodd began a rigorous campaign to celebrate Father's Day in the US. Supported by the Spokane, WA Ministerial Association and the local YMCA, Spokane celebrated its first Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

After several years President Woodrow Wilson, in response to apparent national support, expressed approval for the concept of Father's Day in 1916, but stopped short of issuing a formal proclamation as he had done for Mother's Day in 1914. President Calvin Coolidge also supported the idea of a national Father's Day in 1924 to, "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their

children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations". Finally, after more than four decades, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966, which was made permanent in 1972 by President Richard Nixon.

Sonora Louise Smart Dodd was honored for her efforts at the World's Fair in Spokane, WA in 1974. Ms. Dodd died in 1978 at age 96.

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 19

## Church Humor



## Hymn Story

"The Church's One Foundation"

**Samuel John Stone – UMH #545**

The Rev. Samuel John Stone was well aware of the power of singing when in 1866 he wrote and published *Lyra Fidelium* (Lyre of the Faithful), a series of twelve hymns, one for each article of the Apostles' Creed. As a curate in the town of Windsor, England, he was aware of his parishioners' use of the Apostles' Creed in their private prayers. But he was concerned that many of them did not fully grasp the meaning of what they said. He believed the mechanical reading of the Creed was too academic and disconnected from the average worshipper, and lacked a devotional spirit.

"The Church's One Foundation" has become the most popular of the twelve hymns and addresses the ninth article of the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the Holy Catholic (Universal) church" and "the communion of the saints."

Stone wrote the hymn as much to explain the faith as he did to defend it. The former is readily apparent in the doctrine referenced from the Apostles' Creed and Scripture verses such as Colossians 1:18, I Corinthians 3:11, and Ephesians 2:20. They remind us that Christ Himself is the center and foundation, and those who build on that foundation are all united in the one holy church.

The concept of defending the faith is a little less obvious and needs some historical context to understand. Observe the text in stanza 3; "Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by

heresies distressed..." Did you ever wonder what that verse refers to? Today we most likely read those words as a generic caution against those who bear false witness about the Scriptures or otherwise promote heresy. But in 1866 those words were written in reference to a particular person and situation.

In 1863 John William Colenso (1814 -1883), the Anglican bishop of Natal, South Africa, published "*The Pentateuch and the Book of Joshua Critically Examined*". This book denied that Moses wrote the Pentateuch, called Joshua a myth, called the books of Chronicles fictitious, and disputed the accuracy of Christ's statements about Moses. The bishop of Cape Town, South Africa, Bishop Gray, supported by 40 other bishops deposed Colenso for his heresy. But Colenso appealed to a secular court and was reinstated, creating a schism in the South African Anglican church that lasted until Colenso's death.

While controversial at the time, it had no significant lasting impact on the church. It is only presented here to help explain why Stone, a supporter of Bishop Gray, included the text in his hymn. It should be noted that Bishop Colenso was considered a social activist and is credited with performing a significant amount of missionary and advocacy work on behalf of native Africans, particularly those in Natal and Zululand, including translating the New Testament and other parts of Scripture into the Zulu language.

Today "The Church's One Foundation" is one of our most sung and treasured hymns. It can also be noted that it is normally sung to the tune AURELIA written by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, grandson of Charles Wesley.

## Did You Know?

- ❖ The Jackson Memorial Day parade will take place on Monday, May 30th beginning at 10:00 AM. It will start at the Jackson Memorial High School on Don Connor Boulevard. From there it will head north to West Veterans Highway (Route 528), turn left and proceed to the Jackson Justice Complex (Across from the Jackson Library). The parade will end with a memorial service from 11:00 AM to noon at the War Memorial in front of the Jackson Police Department.
- ❖ The June 5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Time after the worship service will be expanded to include a luncheon. Please plan on staying a little longer and enjoy the company of our church family.
- ❖ Large print hymnals are available for those that need them. Just ask an usher.
- ❖ You are encouraged to check out the “updated “ church website and submit any questions, feedback or suggestions you may have using the “Contact Us/Send Us Email” page from the main menu.
- ❖ Bulletins for the Sunday service are available on a stand in the hallway leading to the side door of the sanctuary. Bulletins for children can also be found there along with busy bags for kids.
- ❖ **Summer Schedule & Events** – The regular Wednesday Prayer Time at 11:15 and Bible Study at 11:30 will take a hiatus during July and August. They will resume in September with a new bible study topic. Everyone is welcome to attend the Prayer Time and/or

Bible Study, so ask your relatives, friends, and neighbors if they would like to join us when we resume in the fall. Also note that special summer events may be scheduled at any time. Visit the church website often for announcements and the latest information.

- ❖ In last week’s sermon Pastor Ernie mentioned how bells have historically been used to communicate information. For instance, the ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia symbolizes Freedom. And how, back in the day, church bells would be rung to let people know the time, when a worship service was about to begin, or maybe to denote a special event in the life of a community.

Do you know the story of the large red bell that sits in front of our church?



Well, this is the bell from the original bell tower of DeBows, which was removed when our church steeple was installed. It is functional and we still ring it once in a while for special occasions. You can see pictures of the bell being removed along with other historical pictures on the History page on the church website.