

# DeBows Crows

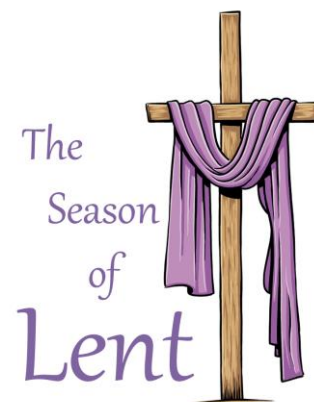
The Monthly Newsletter of DeBows UMC

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Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. DeBows UMC will have a Worship Service, with imposition of ashes at 10:00am on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

## DeBows UMC Online

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

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

Visit often for the latest information concerning church schedules, events, activities, and general information.

**DeBows Website**



**DeBows Facebook**



## February Prayer List



Anthony Giarratano	Jamie Gray
Chris Bitondo	Chase McKinney
Edith Gutwein	Dean Sparling
Rudy Iannacone	Jon Brysceynski
Jane Mills	Janet Kittstein
Ruth Hammond	Barry Odell
Susan Turner	Jim Armstrong
Ron Calub	Betty Barrentine
Paul Bartek	Faith Tyler
Patrick Poyda	Joan Macrina
Jackie Zimmerman	The Hornak Family
Pastor Wren's Family	
The Ministries of DeBows UMC	

NOTE: Please help keep the prayer list current by informing Pastor Wren when a name should be added or removed from the Prayer List.

Thank You



## DeBows Music Ministry

Music Practice on Wednesday's

Choir at 5:00pm

Band at 6:00pm

Along with the weekly practice sessions for choir and band, our Music Director, Grayce Armstrong as started preparing for the Easter Cantata.

The Easter Cantata will be presented during the Palm Sunday Worship Service. If you would like to participate, please contact Grayce at [music@debowsumc.org](mailto:music@debowsumc.org).



## DeBows Pathfinders

The DeBows Pathfinders have tentatively scheduled a hiking event on the second Saturday of each month. Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled hiking event. They will meet at the church at 10:00am and then carpool to Double Trouble State Park in Lacey Township for the hike.

Please monitor the church activity calendar for individual event details or any last-minute updates due to schedule conflicts and/or weather conditions.



We have an opportunity to support Habitat for Humanity by supporting Noah Carmichael, who is a former member of Group Work Camps with our youth group and a member of Allentown UMC. Noah recently moved to North Carolina to work with Habitat for Humanity and now he has an opportunity to go on a mission trip with Habitat to El Salvador, but needs some assistance funding the trip. If you would like to support Noah in this mission work, you may click on the following link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/rd8gu2-el-salvador-trip>

## Mid-Week Bible Study

A Bible Study meets every Wednesday from 11:30am – 1:00pm. They are currently studying Proverbs. Some class members meet prior to class at 11:15am in the sanctuary for Prayer Time. Everyone is welcome to join us in this time of study and fellowship.

## Sewing Classes

Classes take place from 10:00am - noon every Saturday. This is for beginner sewers who wish to learn to master their sewing machines. If you have any questions, please call Barbara (732-446-5639) or Anita (848-373-9304). A sign-up sheet is on the table outside of Fellowship Hall.

# Upcoming Events

## FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10 Hiking Event
11 Scout Sunday	12 Food Pantry	13	14 Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Food Pantry	27	28			

## Every Sunday

Women's Sunday School	9:00am
Worship Service	10:00am
Fellowship Time	11:00am

Sunday, February 4	
Communion	10:00am
Trustee Meeting	11:30am
SPRC Meeting	11:30am
Wednesday, February 7	
Bible Study	11:30am
Choir Practice	5:00pm
Band Practice	6:00pm
Saturday, February 10	
Pathfinders Hiking Event – meet at church	10:00am
Sunday, February 11	
Scout Sunday Boy Scout Troop # 2 will participate in our Worship Service	10:00am
Finance Meeting	11:30am
Outreach Meeting	11:30am

Monday, February 12	
Food Pantry Open	6:00pm

Wednesday, February 14	
Lent Begins Ash Wednesday Worship Service	10:00am
Bible Study	11:30am
Choir Practice	5:00pm
Band Practice	6:00pm

## ♥ Valentine's Day ♥

Wednesday, February 21	
Bible Study	11:30am
Choir Practice	5:00pm
Band Practice	6:00pm

Sunday, February 25	
Church Council Meeting	11:30am

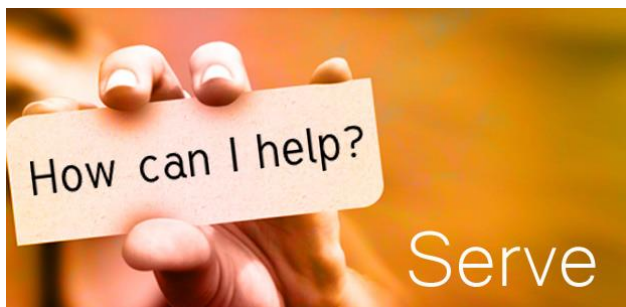
Monday, February 26	
Food Pantry Open	6:00pm

Wednesday, February 28	
Bible Study	11:30am
Choir Practice	5:00pm
Band Practice	6:00pm

## Looking ahead . . .

DST Begins – Set clocks +1 hr Sunday, March 11	2:00am
Palm Sunday, March 25	10:00am
Good Friday, March 30	7:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 1	10:00am

Always check the online  
church activity calendar  
for the most up-to date information.



There are many ways people can participate in the life of the church. These are a few of them:

**Community Food Pantry** – this is DeBows UMC flagship outreach program. It is open the 2nd & 4th Monday each month from 6-8pm. You can also help with inventory stocking on the 2nd Monday each month at 11am. If you would like to volunteer time to support this ministry, please see the sign-up sheet outside of Fellowship Hall. You may contact Deb Cregle for more information.

**Lay Reader or Usher** – if you are interested in participating in the worship service as either a Lay Reader or Usher, please speak with Pastor Wren or Guy Raymond.

**Fellowship Time** – this is our weekly time of informal gathering to greet each other and visitors, and to share some light refreshments. It is conducted after the 10:00am worship service. If you would like to host Fellowship Time on any given week, please see the sign-up sheet, with guidelines, outside of Fellowship Hall.

## Altar Guild Formation



We are looking for some volunteers to form an Altar Guild. This group would be responsible for the weekly preparation of our altar and worship space. It is not a difficult or time-consuming job. It just involves about 15 minutes per week, some attention to detail, and following a well-defined check list. The list includes such items as changing the paraments to the correct color (the cloth pieces on the lectern and pulpit), checking to see if the altar candles need replacing, caring for altar plants as needed, etc. If enough people volunteer for this easy but very important function, we could set up a rotating system to share the work. Recently all these items have been handled in an ad hoc fashion and we would like to formalize the process to help ensure we are well prepared to present an inspiring worship experience. If you are interested and able to serve our church this way, please contact Anita at:

848-373-9304  
 anitachichester@gmail.com

## DeBows Mission Activity

### DeBows UMC



The Food Pantry is DeBows UMC flagship outreach ministry. It is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month from 6:00-8:00pm. The DeBows Food Pantry is a tangible and meaningful way we share God's love with our community. If you would like to volunteer time to support this ministry, please see the sign-up sheet outside of Fellowship Hall. You may contact Deb Cregle for more information.

Also, the church celebrated Souper Bowl Sunday on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Not only did we enjoy some delicious soups, we realized donations of \$389 in support of the Food Pantry ministry. --- Thank You



### Box Tops for Education

We continue to collect Box Tops for Education to support The *Red Bird Missionary Conference*. They will be able to use these box tops to purchase needed items for the school they run (pre-school to high school). A collection jar and a list of products that carry these box tops are available on the table outside of Fellowship Hall.

## Recyclable Greeting Cards for St. Jude's

This mission supports St. Jude's entrepreneurial teen-run job training program. What are you doing with the greeting cards you received for Christmas? *Only the front of the card is used*, so any donated cards must not have writing on the back of the front picture. Please note: they do not accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting Cards. There is a collection box outside of Fellowship Hall.

### UMCOR Hygiene Kits

There continues to be a great need for Hygiene Kits. A box for completed kits and instructions on how to make them is outside of Fellowship Hall. If you cannot make a kit, but wish to donate, make your check payable to the church with UMCOR/kits in the memo spot. More detailed information about the UMCOR hygiene kits can be found online at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/hygiene>.

### Chemo Hats

Frequently, patients undergoing chemotherapy lose their hair. In an effort to make these patients more comfortable, we will be making chemo hats. Anyone who has a serger or zigzag sewing machine can easily make these hats. For more information and instructions, you can talk to Anita at 848-373-9304. Finished hats can be placed in the box outside of Fellowship Hall.



# Spring 2018 Lay Servant Classes



Registration is now open for the Basic Lay Servant class and Advanced Lay Servant class. Please click on the below links for complete information and to access the registration forms. Note --- the below information is for the Capital district classes, but you may attend classes in another district if that fits your schedule better. If you have any questions about the LSM program you may call Terri Pagani, Capital District Director for Lay Servant Ministries at 609-877-7788 or speak with Pastor Wren or Guy Raymond.

## Basic Lay Servant Class

April 21 & 28 at 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

First UMC of Delran

32 Conrow Rd, Delran, NJ 08075

[2018 Basic Lay Servant Class Information & Registration](#)

## Advanced Lay Servant Class

Feb 17 & 24 and March 3 at 1:30 – 4:50 pm

St. Paul UMC, 201 Levitt Pkwy

Willingboro, NJ 08046

[2018 Advanced Lay Servant Class Information & Registration](#)

# Fundraising Programs

## Easter Candy Fundraiser



The church will conduct an Old Monmouth Candies fundraiser starting on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. All orders are due by Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure delivery before Easter. Please contact Sue Hayward for more information.

## Grocery Shopping Cards



Every week during Fellowship Time, you have the opportunity to purchase grocery store shopping cards for either Shoprite or Stop & Shop. This is a convenient way to pay for the food you buy at the grocery store and support the ministries of DeBows UMC at the same time. The church makes 5% of all shopping cards sold. You may see Sue Hayward or Marilyn Allerton to purchase the shopping cards on any Sunday.

## Scrip Gift Card Program



**What is Scrip Fundraising?** You purchase gift cards at face value to do your everyday shopping or to give as gifts and the church will realize a percentage of the total amount. The complete list of retailers can be seen on the order forms located on the church sign-up table. Please note that Shoprite and Stop & Shop grocery cards should continue to be bought directly from Sue Hayward. For these grocery cards, we realize a higher percentage rebate than with Scrip and turn around time is much less.

**All order forms and checks must be given to Dena Kaiser by the order dates posted below.** All checks should be made out to "DeBows UMC". For any questions, Dena can be reached at 732-833-9363 or theluckyone@verizon.net.

### Upcoming Scrip order dates:

#### **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

\*delivered by March 15<sup>th</sup> - before Easter

#### **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

\*delivered by May 6<sup>th</sup> - before Mother's Day

#### **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

\*delivered by June 3<sup>rd</sup> – before Father's Day and/or Graduations

## Online Giving

You may support the ministries and programs of DeBows UMC by using our online giving option found on the church website at [www.debowsumc.org](http://www.debowsumc.org). Clicking on the "Online Giving" button found in the church website footer will permit you to donate online using the church's secure PayPal account and your credit card. You do not need to have a personal PayPal account to participate. As always, donations to the church are tax deductible and will be reflected in your year-end giving statement from DeBows UMC.



### <<< NOTICE >>>

#### **Pending Newsletter Changes**

Currently the church newsletter is published monthly as a PDF file distributed via email and hardcopy. We are preparing to produce a digital email newsletter, based on a subscription email distribution list and leveraging the calendar/blog content of the church website. Benefits of making this change include utilizing current technology, providing more timely information, and reducing postage & printing costs. Watch for more detailed information concerning the launching of the new newsletter.

## Lenten Word Search



Find the 12 words below associated with the season of Lent. Words can be up, down, diagonally, forward or backwards. All words are in a straight line.

<b>Jesus</b>	<b>Ashes</b>	<b>Prayer</b>
<b>Forty</b>	<b>Lent</b>	<b>Sacrifice</b>
<b>Fasting</b>	<b>Prepare</b>	<b>Repentance</b>
<b>Passion</b>	<b>Cross</b>	<b>Confession</b>

P	R	T	F	A	S	C	R	A
R	I	E	G	C	R	O	S	S
L	F	Q	R	L	E	N	T	H
V	O	M	E	S	P	F	G	E
P	R	E	P	A	R	E	N	S
A	T	F	E	C	A	S	I	K
S	Y	J	N	R	Y	S	T	H
S	F	E	T	I	E	I	S	X
I	L	S	A	F	R	O	A	B
O	E	U	N	I	D	N	F	S
N	I	S	C	C	R	O	E	A
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## Did You Know?

- ❖ If you are not already receiving the email newsletters from the Greater New Jersey Conference and/or the Capital District, you may use the links below to subscribe. These newsletters are the easiest way to stay informed about conference and/or district news, announcements, upcoming events, and messages from Bishop Schol or our DS, Frank Davis.

<https://www.gnjumc.org/the-gnj-digest/newsletter-signup/>

<https://www.gnjumc.org/district/capital/district-newsletter/>

- ❖ To connect to the church WiFi, just follow the instructions found on the bulletin boards in the hallway or in Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ Online versions of several daily devotionals can be found on the church website by clicking on GROW/ "Daily Devotionals" from the main menu.
- ❖ You can contact DeBows UMC by clicking on CONTACT US/" Send Us Email" from the main menu on the church website. There you can fill-in a form to send email to the Pastor, Music Director, Website Admin, Newsletter Editor, or submit a Prayer Request (goes to the Pastor).
- ❖ Feedback concerning the church website and/or newsletter is always welcome.