

DeBows Crows

The Monthly Newsletter of DeBows UMC

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Worship ~ Grow ~ Serve



Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 11th. Don't be late to church! Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night. Also, this is a good time to check/replace the batteries in your home smoke alarms.



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Palm Sunday (3/25) w/Easter Cantata	10:00 AM
Good Friday (3/30)	7:00 PM
Easter Sunday (4/1)	10:00 AM

March 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
Jim West	Joan Macrina
Jackie Zimmerman	The Hornak Family
Dottie Weeks	Harold
Kara	Dawn
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 Pathfinders



The DeBows Pathfinders took a trip to Double Trouble State Park in Bayville, NJ on Saturday, February 10th. It was a cloudy, but warm February day, with temperatures in the 50's. You can see other pictures from the hike on the church blog. The next Pathfinders hike is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th, (weather permitting). They will meet at the church at 10:00am and then go to Allaire State Park.

DeBows UMC Online

www.debowsumc.org

www.facebook.com/debowsumc

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

DeBows Website



DeBows Facebook



DeBows Music Ministry

~ Music Practice Times ~
Choir on Wednesday's at 5:00pm
Band on Friday's at 6:00pm

Along with the weekly practice sessions for choir and band, our Music Director, Grayce Armstrong is 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.



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>

Upcoming Events

MARCH 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10 Hiking Event
11 DST Begins	12 Food Pantry	13	14	15	16	17 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26 Food Pantry	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31

Every Sunday

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

Friday, March 2

Band Practice 6:00pm

Sunday, March 4

Communion 10:00am
 Old Monmouth Candy Orders Due

Wednesday, March 7

Bible Study 11:30am
 Choir Practice 5:00pm

Friday, March 9

Band Practice 6:00pm

Saturday, March 10

Hike – Allaire State Park 10:00am
 Carpool from church

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Saving Time Begins 2:00am
 Set Clocks Ahead 1 hour
 Scrip Gift Card Orders Due

Monday, March 12

Food Pantry Open 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 14

Bible Study 11:30am
 Choir Practice 5:00pm

Friday, March 16

Band Practice 6:00pm

Saturday, March 17

 Saint Patrick's Day 

Wednesday, March 21

Bible Study 11:30am
 Choir Practice 5:00pm

Friday, March 23

Band Practice 6:00pm

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday Service 10:00am
 w/Easter Cantata

Monday, March 26

Food Pantry Open 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 28

Bible Study 11:30am
 Choir Practice 5:00pm

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Service 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

Resurrection Service 10:00am
 w/Communion

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

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



*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."
~ Matthew 25:35 ~*

The Food Pantry is DeBows UMC flagship outreach ministry. It is open the 2nd & 4th Monday each month from 6:00-8:00pm. You can also help with inventory stocking on the 2nd Monday each month at 11am.

Along with the continued, faithful support of the congregation, we would like to acknowledge two external financial sources of support to the food pantry ministry. We received a grant of \$1600 from ShopRite, which will be administered monthly to obtain additional food items from Fulfill (formerly the Ocean and Monmouth County Food Bank). Also, once again, we have received a very generous, anonymous, donation of \$1200 in Stop & Shop cards.

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.



UMCOR SUNDAY

(Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

Sunday, March 11, 2018

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church. Since 1940 UMCOR's mission — providing relief in disaster areas, aiding refugees and confronting the challenge of world hunger and poverty — has helped to heal the hurts of humanity in nearly 100 countries.

United Methodists assist UMCOR through gifts collected on UMCOR Sunday, which is observed on the fourth Sunday in Lent. This church wide Special Sunday calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Monies collected underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." This helps UMCOR keep its promise that every gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not for administrative costs.

DeBows UMC will participate in UMCOR Sunday on March 11, 2018. Special offering envelopes will be available in the pews to support this UMC ministry.

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.

Greeting Cards for St. Jude's

This mission, based on recycling old greeting cards, 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>.

Hats for Chemo Patients

A frequent side effect of chemotherapy is significant hair loss. 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.

Small Group Activities

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.

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.

DeBows Pathfinders

On the second Saturday of each month this group enjoys nature and good fellowship by going on a hike. See church activity calendar for more details and a related article in this newsletter.

Fundraising Programs

Easter Candy Fundraiser



The church is conducting an Old Monmouth Candies fundraiser. All orders are due by Sunday, March 4th. This will ensure delivery before Easter. Order forms are available on the table outside of Fellowship Hall. 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 more information, you may contact Dena at 732-833-9363 or theluckyone@verizon.net.

Upcoming Scrip order dates:

Sunday, March 11th

*delivered by March 15th - before Easter

Sunday, April 22nd more information

*delivered by May 6th - before Mother's Day

Sunday, May 20th

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

Online Giving

Easy
Secure
Appreciated



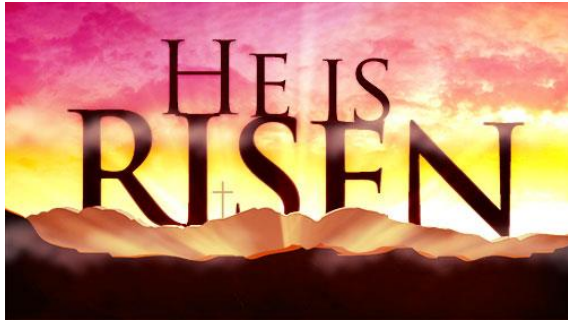
You may support the ministries of DeBows UMC by using our online giving option found on the church website at www.debowsumc.org. Clicking on the "Online Giving" button found in the church website footer will permit you to donate online using the church's secure PayPal account and your credit card. You 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.

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Pending Newsletter Changes

Work continues to transition from an PDF/hardcopy newsletter to a digital email newsletter. The new format will leverage the calendar/blog content of the church website. This change will better utilize current technology, provide more timely information, and reduce postage & printing costs. We plan to go to the new format in the next couple of months. At least one month prior to the cutover, a sign-up/subscribe box will be available on the church website. All you will have to do to receive the new newsletter is to enter your name and email address and click on submit. Watch for more details.

Easter Word Search



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

Resurrection	Jesus	Cross
Sacrifice	Christ	Savior
Calvary	Lamb	Risen
Crucified	Empty	Tomb

R J E F C R U R M
 S E C Q R I S E N
 A S H V U S E S T
 C U R I C S M U B
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Did You Know?

- ❖ Church leadership has created a high level, one-page calendar showing dates of key committee meetings, special worship events, holidays, and planned activities through the end of 2018. This calendar will be maintained as needed going forward. You can view the latest version of this calendar from the church website menu bar: CALENDARS\Calendar-Year View.
- ❖ You can subscribe, using the links below, to the digital newsletters of the Greater New Jersey Conference and/or the Capital District. 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/>

- ❖ Online versions of several daily devotionals can be accessed from the church website menu bar: GROW/ Daily Devotionals.
- ❖ Using the "CONTACT US/Send Us Email" menu item from the main menu on the church website, you will be able to send email to the Pastor, Music Director, Website Admin, Newsletter Editor, or submit a Prayer Request (goes to the Pastor).