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Letters to home

Impact. An important measurement when we talk about ministry. What is our impact? How many lives are reached? And how can we measure the impact? Ephesians 4 is our guide: *until we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*



On April 28th we will celebrate the retirement of Nina German at Delphi Methodist Church. Her faithfulness and obedience to Jesus demonstrates what growing into the maturity of Jesus Christ means. We can measure the years of service and multiply it by the number of children who attended VBS, the father-daughter dance, or a fall carnival. But those numbers are merely outcomes of a faithful obedient life that followed the calling placed upon her by God. She used her gifts by listening to Jesus in creating an atmosphere where children could hear the good news. We celebrate Randy as well, along with her family who lived through the years of picking up another person's junk that was turned into VBS treasure.

Why? Because Jesus said to tell them the good news, and VBS was one of the vehicles. We will continue that vision for reaching children and helping the children and the church grow up into the full stature of Christ. It is our calling! So come on April 28th and commit to this growth so together we can impact the world for Jesus.

Peace,

Pastor Todd

Light and Dark. As I'm writing this, it is a beautiful sunny day. I get so content, sitting outside, with the sun shining down on my face, I can feel the warmth pour through me, bringing a peaceful, restful feeling. I'm happier and my smile shines freely for everyone to see.



On the flip side of the sunshine are the grey clouds and the gloomy, depressing days. My mood changes when it's a "Gloomy Gus" kind of day and my smile struggles to appear on my face. It's not that I'm not happy, it just takes more to let that be seen.

What is it about the sunshine that makes us feel warm and at peace? When there is sunshine, we feel on top of the world, knowing it is going to be a great day. All is right with the world. So why do the darker days make us sad and gloomy? For me, it takes more energy to get motivated and I just feel "blah." Instead of *wanting* to do something, I *have to*.

As I was contemplating this, it hit me. When it is a sunny day and all is right with the world, I have nothing stopping me and I'm happy. God is walking with me and we're on that marathon of joy. I'm praising Him every step of the way—WE have this, He and I. There is power in the light of the sunshine and in HIS light. It's easier to serve Him. It's easier to pray to Him. It's easier to praise and share Him. I am refreshed with His light shining on and through me.

But what happens on those gloomy days? My mood can be sullen or even depressing. It is harder to pray, harder to serve and harder to praise Him. I just want to be home by myself and quiet.

It's the light of our Father that sustains us and we feel it more with the sunshine. The darkness belongs to His enemy. THAT is when we need His Holy Spirit, covering us with His love, helping to hear our words and feel our pains and struggles, helping us find moments of joy and peace in a dark moment. That gift of the Holy Spirit hears our cries when we can't say the words.

The light of God is what we need and cherish every day. Realize though, that the Holy Spirit walks with us each day, sunshine or clouds, carrying us in every situation. Keep that sunshine, that light, in front of you. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide and carry you. **You are never alone.** This, our Father, our Savior, promised us. "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine..." the children's song has it right.

Ruth Miller



Grief Care Class Offered

This 6-week class starts **Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 PM** and runs through **Tuesday, June 4th** here at the church. There will be a one-week break in the middle due to travel plans.

Hope Beyond Today is a program designed by Grief Care Fellowship and has helped countless men and women who have gone through their grief care programs. There is **no cost** for this class and all are invited.

It doesn't matter whether your loss is recent or a while back, sometimes walking through the grief journey needs a little help. Everything shared in the group stays confidential.



So that we can arrange for materials, please contact the church office (765-564-3791) or parish nurse Deb Mears (765-490-6817) to sign up for this beneficial class.

Mowing and Landscape help is needed!

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Trustee Jason Pearson at 765/654-3932 or by email at delphipearsons@gmail.com

Mowing equipment is provided.
As soon as a team is built, a schedule will be sent to you.

I can't say thank you enough for all of the people that helped in some way to make the Father/Daughter Dance a special night to remember. There were many people who helped in so many different ways for this event. A huge thank you goes out to those assisting the night of the dance and then also helped with the clean-up. It is so wonderful to have these amazing people willing to help and serve by using their talents in so many different ways. Thank all of you so very much for your servant hearts—I really appreciate all of you!

—Nina German



Spring Grow Groups April 7—May 5 (5 weeks)

*Last Grow Group session before we break for summer!
All groups meet on Sunday morning here at church.
See the board in the Rotunda for room locations.*

9:00am

Understanding Spiritual Gifts — Chad Sherman

Spiritual gifts can seem complicated. Here you will uncover what spiritual gifts are, where they come from, who has them, how they're received, and how they work within the church. As you study, you will have a new vision for how you can use your God-given gifts to bring hope to your home, your church, and a hurting world.

Believe it or Not — Jen Hylton (for tweens & teens)

This study highlights wild, but true, Bible stories that pack powerful points. With attention-grabbing true Bible stories, outrageous, memorable activities and intense scriptural truths, you will learn the Bible like you never have before...and love every minute of it!

10:30am

How Happiness Happens — Sharon Brothers and Glenda LePage (Women's group)

This study, by Max Lucado, reveals what the Bible says about the happiest people. They aren't those who have most but those who are willing to give the most away.

Created To Dream — Jed Morehouse

God created us to dream. Join pastor, author, and teacher Rick Warren in finding out how to compare our dream to align with God's dream for us.



Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, April 14th 10:00—10:30AM

Come to the Church office and get your blood pressure taken and tracked by one of our nurses. Have questions? We're here to help! Let us support not only your spiritual health, but your physical health, too!

Congregational Care Ministry:
Caring for mind, body and spirit of all
Deb Mears, Parish Nurse

“April Showers” - Good or Bad?

Skin integrity refers to the overall health of the skin. Functions of the skin include thermoregulation, sensation, Vitamin D synthesis, water retention, and electrolyte balance. When skin is healthy, it protects the body in a number of ways.

- It protects the body from microbes and toxins. It is the first barrier against infection.
- It can guard against environmental factors: cold, sun, and moisture.
- It provides sensation through nerve receptors to detect injury/harm.

How do we take care of our skin?

- ⇒ **Drink water and eat well:** Healthy skin relies on drinking enough fluids. Mayo Clinic recommends 11.5 cups for women, which equals 92 ounces, and 15.5 cups for men, which equals 124 ounces. Eat a diet rich in vitamins A, C, D and E, zinc, selenium, and omega-3 fatty acids. Eat vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and lean meats.
- ⇒ **Showering:** Although it is not necessary for people to shower every day, it is an important step in maintaining our skin hygiene and to protect against infection. With spring arriving, many of us will be outside working and around a variety of plants. We can reduce the risk of rashes and other skin problems by showering when coming indoors, limiting the exposure to plant sap, pollens, and other potential allergens. However, **showering can dry out the skin** if it is done too often. It is best to take warm showers, instead of hot. Limit your time in the shower and use gentle cleansers. It is also important for women and men to moisturize after taking a shower.
- ⇒ **Moisturize and Protect from the Sun:** Moisturizing your skin will boost your skin's natural moisture levels, sealing it from the outside. Use moisturizers without sulfates, alcohol, artificial fragrances, and dyes. Use sunscreen of at least 15 SPF and reapply every two hours.
- ⇒ **Wear protective clothing:** Long sleeves and pants can prevent scratches, as well as gloves if you are working with your hands.

I hope the April Showers are warm and bring many May flowers!

3 John 2 (NIV): Dear Friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.



In April, we'll learn that there is enough when we share what we have; and if there isn't enough, God provides. We'll also learn that our actions can speak when words aren't enough and that God's love is always enough.

Meets Sunday nights April 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th!

Youth Summer Camp!

Monday, June 17th (2:30pm)

through Friday, June 21st (Noon)

For current 5th through 12th grade students!

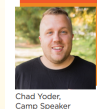
Cost is \$300 if registered by May 5th!

Camp Scholarship applications available now
to provide half (or more) of the cost of camp.

Camp is at Shiloh Park in Marion, IN.



This is the same campground we have used the past 2 years, but we're doing camp with 4 other Global Methodist churches!
Here is the QR Code to register your student for camp!



Chad Yoder,
Camp Speaker

Escape Room

Sunday, April 14th 5pm to 7pm at Teen Center (we may meet at main church)



Elite Air Trampoline trip

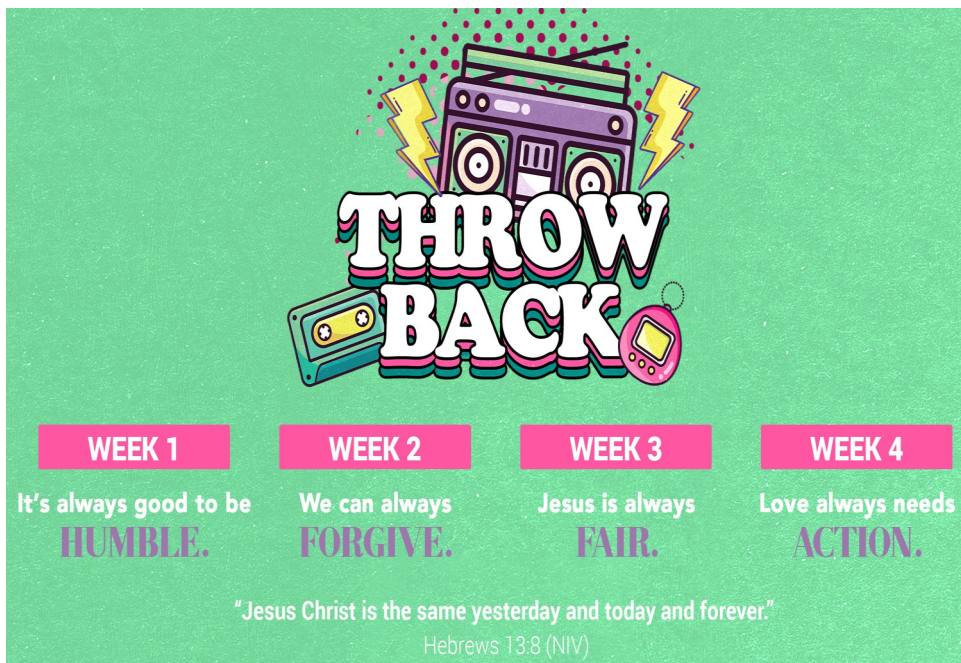
Sunday, April 28th 3:30pm to 6:30pm (Meet at Teen Center)
Cost is \$10 per student and waiver needs to be filled out online.

Youth Volunteer Sunday
& High School Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 19th at both morning services

Students will be asked to volunteer around the church as Greeters, Bible Reading, ushers, prayers, nursery helper, children's helper, media/tech, coffee help, etc. And, 2024 HS grads will be recognized in both services!

What's Happening in Children's Ministry?



From retro toys to fashion trends, we all love a good throwback. (Especially for grown-ups because it reminds us of being young again.) There are things that remind us of a moment in time, but other things feel timeless and like they're always in style. In this four-week series, kids will travel through the decades and see that the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels are always trending. As we hear from Jesus, we'll see **it's always good to be humble, we can always forgive, Jesus is always fair, and love always needs action.**

**To find out more,
scan this code!**



Prayer Ministry
Debbie Hyman,
Director of Prayer Ministry



Doubt – Is There a Purpose?

I must admit, in the last six months, my faith took a direct hit that came in waves. Sometimes my faith was as tiny as a mustard seed, and at other times, it was slightly bigger. I was filled with doubt because of hurt, misunderstanding, miscommunication and more. I questioned what I believed. God, are you there? Do You care? Do you see?

My struggles do not upset my God. He has been my closest friend all through it. He knows me and my thoughts and loves me the same. John chapter 20 verses 24-29 talks about Thomas, an apostle of Jesus. He doubted. Jesus was patient, loving and understood. He loved.

I believe my doubts had divine purpose. I will not think less of myself and my relationship with Jesus. I am normal and growing in Christ and I will be patient with myself. I have talked with Jesus and He knows my feelings and my great love for Him.

“Don’t Stop Praying,” a song by Matthew West, that has helped me so much:

*What’s your impossible? Your “I need a miracle.”
What’s got you barely hanging by a single thread?*

*What looks so helpless now? What weighs down your heart with doubt?
You beg for a breakthrough, but no sign of breakthrough yet.*

When you’ve cried and cried, and you’ve cried, ‘til your tears run dry.

The answer won’t come, and you don’t know why.

And you wonder if you can bow your head even one more time.

Don’t stop praying.

Don’t stop calling on Jesus’ name.

Keep on pounding on Heaven’s door.

And let your knees wear out the floor.

Don’t stop believing.

*Cause mountains move with just a little faith and your Father’s
heard every word you’re saying.*

So don’t stop praying.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Update

- We are seeking applicants for a full-time staff position: **Youth Pastor & Adult Discipleship & Member Care Ministries Director**. We are advertising this position on Indeed, at several Christian colleges, and with the Global Methodist Church. Pastor Micah Hudson will continue to lead our Youth program through the upcoming Summer Camp season.
- With the retirement of Nina German, Sarah Price has accepted the position of **VBS Coordinator** for this coming summer. This is a newly created part-time lay position which will lead our Vacation Bible School program.

Update



Thank you, Nina

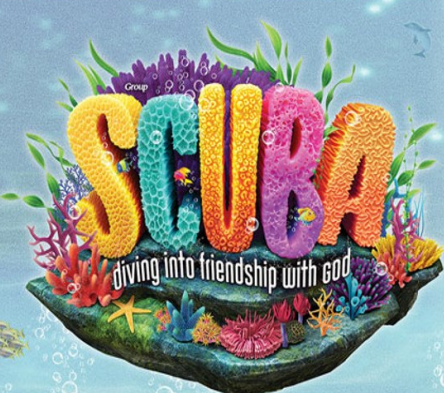
With this year's Father-Daughter Dance now complete, Nina German, our Director of Children's Outreach Events, will be stepping away from active ministry and will begin to enjoy a well-deserved retirement. Nina has led Vacation Bible School at Delphi Methodist Church for 24 consecutive years, and in addition to the Father-Daughter dance, has also organized our Fall Carnivals and Advent Angel programs. With an amazing heart for children, Nina is responsible for teaching literally thousands of children in our community about Jesus Christ. Our congregation salutes Nina's commitment and loyalty to our church and our community, and we wish her and Randy a wonderful next chapter.

Please join us on **Sunday, April 28th** for a reception celebrating Nina's retirement.



Meet our New VBS Coordinator!

Sarah Price, member of Delphi Methodist, has accepted the position of our VBS Coordinator. Sarah is a dedicated treasurer at Delphi Elementary School, balancing budgets with precision and care. Outside of her professional role, she finds joy in crafting and organizing, turning her creative passions into beautifully structured projects. With a heart for children, Sarah has spent the past 15 years in and out of Children's Ministry through a church daycare and Children's Church, channeling her energy into nurturing young minds and spirits. As a mother of 2, she embraces the joys and challenges of parenthood with love and grace. Please help us welcome Sarah Price!



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2024!

June 24 — 27

*For children age 4
(& potty-trained) through
entering 6th grade.

Dive into oceans of fun with an amazing undersea adventure where kids will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God and discover what living water is really all about!

Stay tuned for more information!



Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 3rd

10:00AM

Church Parking Lot

Food Finders, along with the Delphi Food Pantry, will be hosting a Mobile Food pantry here in our church parking lot.

As always, this drive-through event is open to anyone who may be in need of food. You are free to access as many Mobile Food Pantries as you need without penalizing your going to the local Food Pantry.

April Food Pantry Item:

Jams and Jellies

Food insecurity is REAL...and it is scary. Your continuing and generous donations help to ensure that there will be enough food and household items for families in our community.



Donations may be placed in the Food Pantry cabinet by the front doors to our church.

All donations stay right here in Delphi.

