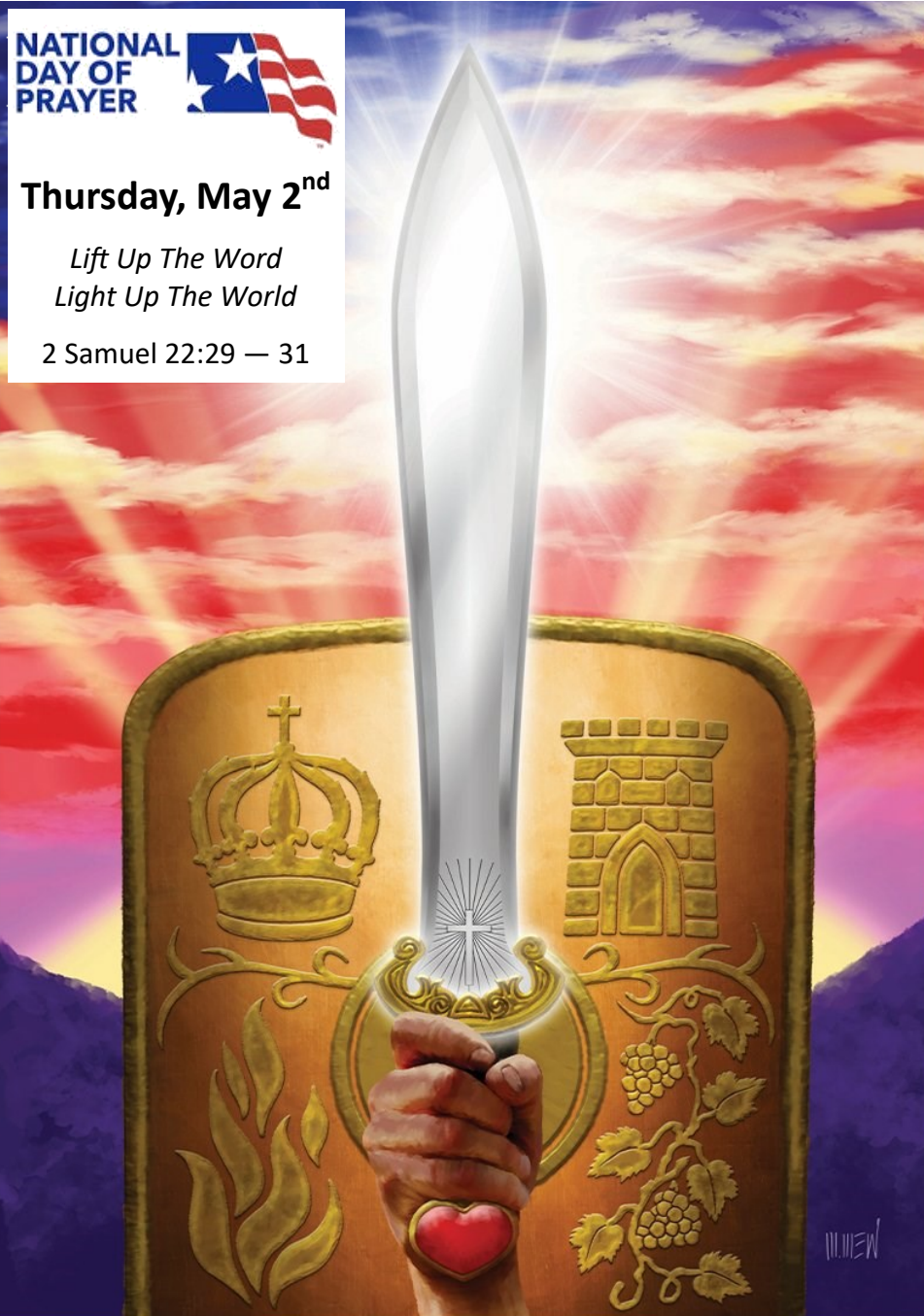


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Connecting people to Christ, supporting families, and serving those in need or distress.

Letters to home

Welcome Delphi Methodist to the Month of May. This month may bring thoughts of the 500 race or saying thank you to Mom on Mother's Day. Your family may be celebrating the hard work of graduates moving on in life from High School or college. Possibly, it is the somber honoring of those women and men who lost their lives while serving our country. Regardless, it is a month of heartfelt transitions and remembrance. In our community, this month holds a more daunting challenge.



Together we will face a trial that has been a distinct part of our journey. As a body of Christ, how do we respond to the trial and how do we face this process of Justice? Certainly, many of us would like to have it over with quickly or not face the harsh realities. Some in our community will hang on every word that takes place in court.

As the body of Christ, we are called to pray and to offer peace to everyone. Together let's covenant to pray for the families impacted by this crime, the judicial system and all involved, and for peace in our conversations.

Prayer, compassion, and focusing on Jesus will be our theme. By focusing on prayer and compassion we will turn our hearts away from the intensity of media focus, the blustering outrage of social media, and the sadness of a heinous act. Instead, let us offer the hope of eternity where justice is perfect, life is restored, and wounds are healed.

Psalms 19:7-10 NRSV The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Peace,

Pastor Todd

Friendship is a precious gift and one that should be treasured. I have been blessed with many friends in my life and am grateful for the lessons I have learned from each of them.



When we are young children, we either make friends with everyone or we're the shy child who hides in the back of the room not wanting to talk to anyone. You can guess what kind of child I was. Then as now, I have never met a stranger.

I had many wonderful friends that I went through school with, from kindergarten through high school. I keep in contact with many of them still today. We have watched our kids and grandkids grow up even though some don't know each other. At my 50th class reunion last fall, it was fun to see all those "old" people and share some good memories.

Friends come into our lives when we are children, adults, as expectant mothers, sports' parents, co-workers, and in so many other areas of life. They are friends for a reason, for a season or a lifetime. (I borrowed that from a cute plaque). Not all friends stay friends, stuff happens. Some people become better, closer friends. Others just drift away. All are okay and part of life.

With Nina retiring, it occurred to me that she is one who became a better friend over the years. I am so grateful that we got to work alongside each other for the past 12+ years. It has been a wild ride, with all the events we have been through together. I wish her the best in her next chapter.

Have you thought about who your best friend is? Is it the one who shares all your secrets or the one who shares your joys and sorrows? Is it the one you turn to when life serves you lemons? Is it the one who never judges you? What's that person's name? If you answered Jesus, you are correct!

Jesus loves you for who you are when you are, warts and all. You don't need makeup, dressy clothes and shiny shoes, a fancy car or job. You don't need anything, except your heart. Your only gift He asks of you is your love and commitment to Him. He certainly is committed to you. So much so that He died for you. Reach out and connect, reconnect or go deeper in your friendship with Jesus. He is certainly the best ever!

Ruth Miller



Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, May 12th 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! Please reach out to any of our Parish Nurses!



One Child
One Hour
One Church
One School

Kids Hope USA is coming back!

Please be in prayer for the return of Kids Hope USA. The church will again be teaming

up with the Delphi Elementary School and Kids Hope USA for the 2024-2025 school year.

What specifically can you pray for? Pray for those who want to be *mentors*, and pray for those who want to be *prayer partners*. The commitment for mentors is one hour a week with your student. Just ONE hour a week can make such a difference in the life of a young person. Prayer partners are asked to pray for the student and mentor.

There will be more to come, but if this is something that interests you, and you have questions, please contact Lisa Jones @ 765/421-1364 or by email at ljmisslisa@yahoo.com.



Happy
Mother's
Day

Election Day Voting Site

Delphi Methodist Church will once again be used as a voting site for elections on **Tuesday, May 7th**.

The church will be open, per election guidelines, from 6:00AM — 6:00PM.

Remember, you will need a photo ID to vote.

The Church Office will be open from 9:00AM — 4:00PM.



*Thank
you*

Thank you for your giving to the ministry of Delphi Methodist Church. Our purpose is to help others know Jesus, build up those who are hurting, and send people forth with the good news. Thanks for your gifts that help to accomplish these goals. We are working on closing the gap as we are still short on our budget for the year, but with your help we can close that gap.

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

**Spring and Warm Weather Have Arrived
Put some spring into your steps!**

The weather has certainly brought on the beauty of God's world in the Spring. Walking this time of year allows us to fully enjoy His creation, along with the many health benefits which include:

- * Reduces blood glucose levels
- * Lowers blood pressure
- * Decreases LDL (the lousy cholesterol)
- * Relieves anxiety
- * Cuts risk of death from stroke
- * Eases depression
- * Slows progression of Alzheimer's
- * Lowers risk of heart disease
- * Lowers risk of breast cancer and colon cancer

Proper Walking Techniques



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1 Timothy 4:8 "For while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."



In May, we'll dive into Jesus' words about himself to learn how his words can reshape our lives today. Through what Jesus says, we'll learn that Jesus is love, is truth, is always with us, and is our Savior.

Meets Sunday nights, May 5th and 19th!

No Youth meetings on May 12th (Mother's Day) and on May 26th (Memorial Weekend).

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!
(Cost is \$340 after 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 that we have used the past 2 years!



JUNE 17, 2024 TO JUNE 21, 2024
Open to incoming 6th grade students through recent graduates.
REGISTER by 05.05.24 for the early bird rate!
COST: \$300 (by 05.05.24)
\$340 (by 06.02.24)
Make checks payable to your church.



REGISTER NOW!

Here is the QR Code to register your student for camp! Please give a check for your student's portion of camp by June 2nd, or you can pay online at www.delphimethodist.church/give and select, Give to "Delphi Teens."

**Youth Volunteer Sunday
& High School Graduate Recognition Sunday**

Sunday, May 19th at both morning services

Students will be asked to volunteer around the church . . . Greeters, Bible Readers, 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?



Astronaut Neil Armstrong once said landing on the moon was “one small step for man.” The biggest adventures start in such a simple way — especially when it comes to space! Asteroids, distant planets, and brand new galaxies await us once we leave earth’s atmosphere. Being the first to explore such uncharted territory can be intimidating. In this four-week series, we’ll take a look at the Book of Acts to learn from the first Christians. Through their stories of faith and bravery, kids will learn how to take the first step of **believing in Jesus**, the next step of **praying for others**, and an even bigger step of trusting the **Holy Spirit makes us brave**. But they won’t want to skip the last step of **telling others about Jesus**.

To find out more,
scan this code!



Prayer Ministry
Debbie Hyman,
Director of Prayer Ministry

THE 73RD NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 2, 2024

LIFT UP THE WORD — LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

In 2024, we will press on in the power and promises of God each day. Our God is faithful. He has not forsaken you, me, or America. We watch the news and sometimes sink into despair. We are to look up! We lift our eyes and focus on where our hope comes from. “My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:2

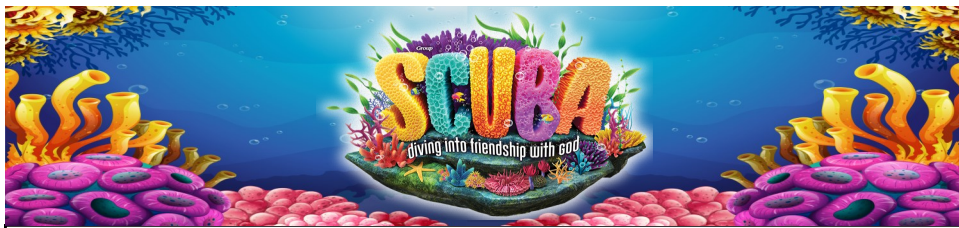
Remember all the ways that God has answered our prayers and given us countless blessings (too many to even begin to count). Remember the hard times that He has carried us through, the lessons we have learned, the strength, mercy, and comfort He has given.

The world seems to be getting darker but if God’s people read and rely on His Word, believe it, and live it, pray, and practice His Word, the world is full of light that exposes and dispels the darkness. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.” John 1:5 “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16

Refuse to become dismayed, you know the author of your days and end of the story. Keep your Bible open and meditate on His Word, the Good News, and not the daily news. Talk about what God is saying in Scripture and doing in your life, be the positive voice in conversations relaying what the Word says, not relying on negative opinions.

Our world will get better and brighter if we commit to live out this year’s National Day of Prayer theme, “Lift Up the Word, Light Up the World!”





Mark Your Calendars for VBS 2024!

June 24 – 27, 6:00pm – 8:30pm
Monday through Thursday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help kids dive into friendship with God through VBS! Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment allows, we've got a place for you. All you need is a willing heart.

We need help in the following areas:

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| *Prepare decorations/props | *Snack/Supply/Money donations |
| *Meal Servers/Preparers | *Nursery Workers |
| *Prepare craft items | *Crew Leaders |
| *Set-up/decorating Volunteers | *Tear-down Volunteers |

What's a Crew Leader? Crew Leaders shepherd a small group of children through each station and activity. There's no preparation and you will also travel with another group! Typically, we like to have one adult and one teen per group.

To volunteer for an area, sign up sheets are in the Rotunda.

VBS is for children age 4 (& potty-trained) through entering 6th grade.

Registration begins Sunday, May 5th.

Scan this QR code for quick registering.

Paper Registration forms will also be available at church.



Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 1st
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.

May Food Pantry Item: Cooking Oils

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.



Jamaica Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for the Mission Team going to Jamaica in June. This is a unique team this year—all those going are ladies! They will be gone from June 8th to June 15th.

We are looking for prayer partners for these ladies. The group will meet each evening for devotions and will read letters from those who have signed up to be their prayer partner. We will need Six (6) people who are willing to write seven (7) letters and perhaps enclose a treat or bit of encouragement.

The team going are Hannah Ladd, Megan Kelly, Shannon Kelly, Rebecca Kelly, Lois Shoup and Grace Wenzler (from Winamac).

If you are interested in being a prayer partner for one of these ladies, please contact Ruth Miller at 765/586-1558 or call the church office.