

Delphi Methodist Church November 2024

Gratitude and Grace

Join us for ONE combined service on
Sunday, November 17th at 10:30am as
we come together as one body of Christ.
Stay after for a catered meal and enjoy
fellowship together.

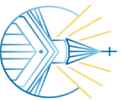
We hope to see you there!



***There's help and hope for
enduring the holidays
without your loved ones***

**Saturday, November 9th
9:00 am—12 noon**

More details inside.



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Letters to home

Welcome to a month of Gratitude and Grace where we will focus on our response to God's grace. Reflecting upon God's abundant grace is like staring at the colorful foliage surrounding us in the fall.



Today, I turned down a street in Delphi and exclaimed thank you, Jesus, (out loud) for what I experienced. It is that phrase Thank you, Jesus, that I find myself expressing more and more. And my hope is that we will all lean into this season of gratitude for God's grace.

This month will share our vision for ministry, hear testimonies about God's grace, and share in a fellowship meal on Gratitude Sunday, November 17th. We will share together the various ways in which God has blessed us, like the richness of the color of fall. My hope is that you will keep track of those places where you can practice gratitude for the season. We will share what our church budget needs are and make space for a commitment to giving for the coming year.

In this last sermon series on wisdom, we continually raised the vision for living a countercultural life. God's wisdom is confounding to the world. This month, we get to apply that wisdom to our daily lives.

Peace,

Pastor Todd



Thanksgiving Holiday

The church and office will be closed
**Thursday, November 28th — Saturday,
November 30th** so that staff may be with
their families for Thanksgiving.

We pray you have a blessed and thankful
time with family and friends.

Light of the World



When I was younger, I participated in musical theater. My favorite production of all-time was "Godspell." This is a musical based on parables found in the Gospel of Matthew. Throughout the script, the actors recite and portray stories from the Bible, many set to songs. Despite some of the controversy surrounding the musical, it had a profound impact on my life. To this day, when certain verses or parables are shared, I can confidently say, "That's in Matthew!"

One parable covered in the musical is about being the light of the world (found in Matthew 5):

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

I love the life analogy, or parallel, which comes with these verses. It is so simple, yet do we really live out what it says? Are we being obedient to what He is asking us to do? Jesus has given us, as Christians, a great responsibility; He has called us to be the LIGHT OF THE WORLD! But what does that mean? In a world that oftentimes seems dark, we need to allow Jesus to shine through us. When society contradicts the word of the Bible, and when cultural norms change (because they do), we need to be the light Jesus says to be.

A wise person once said, "If it's Christian, it ought to be better." We, as Christians, need to represent better. We need to love better. We need to be better examples. We need to be more intentional and be the best version of ourselves. You never know, we might be the "light" someone needs in order to see and feel the love of God.

I am not talking about lighting up YOUR life, but who else's life can you light up? It does not have to be big. Little things turn into big things over time. Ever get that gut feeling, or nudge, that you are supposed to do something for someone? Yes, sometimes it is definitely uncomfortable. What is God asking you to do TODAY?

One day we will live in God's light, but until then, your light (and what you do with it) matters.

—Sarah Cross

**Calling all voices—
Join our Christmas
Cantata!**

*Please come and join
with other voices to sing
and celebrate the birth
of our King!*



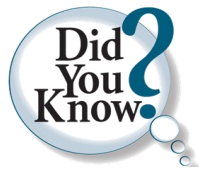
With all of the unrest in the world today, there is only one answer for peace on this earth—JESUS! We will be reminded that God sent His one and only Son to make a way to redeem mankind and bring peace to this world of sin and suffering. Through Jesus' birth, sinless life, crucifixion, and mighty resurrection, the Prince of Peace brought redemption for all mankind.

Rehearsals are on **Sundays from 2:30pm — 4:00pm** right here at church in the Worship Center. We will also have one rehearsal on Saturday, December 7th. On December 8th we will present to the congregation our "PEACE on Earth" Christmas Cantata.

Don't want to sing, but have a good speaking voice and still want to be involved? We need a couple of narrators!

For more information, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Choir Director Terry Langston at 765/202-1770 or by email at graphicsemporium@hotmail.com.

Fun Facts!



- The word "hymn" comes from the Greek word *hymnos*, which means, "a song of praise."
- The shortest chapter of the Bible is Psalm 117.
- Jesus and John the Baptist were second cousins. (Mary, Jesus' mom, and Elizabeth, John's mom, were cousins.)
 - The book of Acts mentions the Holy Spirit more than any other book in the New Testament.
 - Methuselah is the oldest figure in the Bible, living to be 969 years old (Genesis 5:27).
 - The Bible is the best-selling book of all time, with more than 50 copies sold every day.
 - In the book of Numbers, a donkey actually talks to his master!



Grieving Through the Holidays

Saturday, November 9th

9:00am — Noon



"Firsts" are very difficult after a loss, especially during the holidays and special occasions. Feelings of dread, heartache, and sorrow are normal. Let us come along side you and help encourage and navigate this holiday season with you.

This one-day event will give you insight and offer tools on how to get through this difficult season.

Everything shared is confidential.

There is no cost for this program, and it is open to the community. Know someone who might benefit from this? Invite them and come with them!

So that we can plan accordingly, please call the church office at 765/564-3791 by Monday, Nov. 4th if you are interested in attending.



If you would like more information, please reach out to Parish Nurse Deb Mears or Ruth Miller. They would love to answer any questions you might have.

Gratitude and Grace

With God's help, we ask for your continued support to Delphi Methodist Church to accomplish the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

You will be receiving your 2025 pledge cards in the mail, and we will have them here at church as well. We will be collecting these through Sunday, Nov. 17th.

You may turn these in on any Sunday morning or you can mail them in with the included prepaid postage and envelope.

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

**Penicillin (PCN) allergy – True or False?
Potential health consequences?**

Penicillin can be a reference to the specific drug, or to a family of antibiotics. One example of a PCN “family member” is amoxicillin, which is closely related to penicillin the antibiotic. Penicillins are some of the most prescribed antibiotics.

“One out of 10 people in the U.S. thinks they have a PCN allergy. In reality more than 90% of these people could safely take the medication.”

It is important to know if you or your child are truly allergic to penicillin. If you have a PCN allergy listed in your chart, your medical provider must choose a second or third choice antibiotic to treat the infection. The most **common treatment for strep throat, ear infections and pneumonia is penicillin** or another antibiotic in the penicillin family. Other antibiotics may not be as effective.

“Studies have shown that those with a penicillin allergy label are more likely to develop certain infections after surgery, for example, antibiotic resistant bacterial infections.”

Understandably, people think they are allergic to penicillin for many reasons. Occasionally, an antibiotic may be prescribed for a viral infection. Viral infections can cause rash, vomiting, and diarrhea. Sometimes antibiotics can cause abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting side effects, but not necessarily an allergic reaction. One symptom of a true allergic reaction is an itchy raised rash – hives. Other symptoms are flushing, swelling of the throat or tongue, difficulty breathing and low B/P. If you have these symptoms, call 911. The incidence of an anaphylaxis to penicillin is 1-5 per 10,000 cases of PCN therapy.

Consult with your medical provider before deciding if your symptoms are an allergic reaction, if not emergent.

“For those truly allergic to penicillin, in five years, about half will outgrow that allergy. By 10 years about 80% of people will outgrow that allergy.”

This information was taken from an article from the Mayo clinic newsletter – Nipunie Rajapaksa, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. If you have any questions, see me!

Carroll County Christmas Basket Project

If you, or someone you know, would like to sign up to receive Christmas help for food and/or toys, please call Kathy Lafond at 765/564-2516 between **November 4th– November 25th**. Those that have signed up will be notified of distribution days, times, and location.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL the church office. *Due to privacy issues, we are unable to accept any personal information for this program.*

*Flyers with the below information are available in the church office.



Toy Store: Drop off NEW toy donations Monday and Tuesday, December 2nd – 3rd (9am to 4pm), and Wednesday, December 4th (9am to noon) at Honan Hall (corner of Union and Monroe).



Food: In lieu of food boxes, each family will receive a grocery certificate to shop for items at Massingill’s grocery store in Delphi. No food donations are being accepted this year.



Monetary Donations: If you would like to make a monetary donation to go towards helping with the Christmas Basket Project, please make your check payable to: **Christmas Baskets, Inc.**

Mail to: Sandy Cripe
6317 W. Division Line Rd.
Delphi, IN 46923



Toys in the Treehouse!

In connection with the Christmas Basket Project, we’ll be collecting toys back in the Children’s Treehouse the **whole month of November**. There will be a big box on the stage in the children’s large gathering room (211), and kids can bring their donations each Sunday of the month. The toys will then be taken to Honan Hall in December to support the Christmas Basket Toy Store.

Let’s fill the box, kids!!

What's Happening in Children's Ministry?



UNsung HEROES

WEEK 1 GOD GIVES US **COMPANIONS.**

WEEK 2 GOD GIVES US **OPPORTUNITIES.**

WEEK 3 GOD GIVES US **BOLDNESS.**

WEEK 4 GOD GIVES US **HOPE.**

"THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU, THE MIGHTY WARRIOR WHO SAVES!"
ZEPHANIAH 3:17A (NIV)

Superheroes aren't heroic only when they feel like it— they're brave each and every day. The best heroes can even inspire the people around them to be brave, faithful, and hopeful in their own lives, too. In this 4-week series, kids will learn more about what it looks like to see God as the hero of our story as they hear the story of Ruth and Naomi. They'll see how God gives them companions, opportunities, boldness, and hope so they can be heroes, too!



Check-in/Check-Out Reminders

Check-In: When arriving at either service, please stop at the Children's Check-In Desk and check-in your child. Each child has a nametag hanging on the rack behind the desk. We ask that children wear their nametags as we have multiple teachers and shepherds. We like to know each child's name and if he/she has any food allergies.

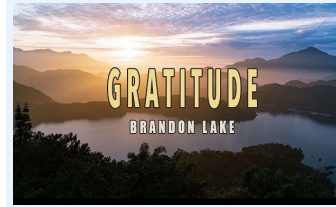
Check-Out: When you come to the Children's Treehouse to pick up your child, please come through the large rolling gate and either locate your child in the play area or find the classroom your child is in. Rooms are labeled for your convenience. As you leave the church, please assist your child in hanging their nametag back on the rack.

Thank you for letting us spend time with your children!

Never registered your child with
Delphi Methodist Children's
Ministries? Scan here!



Prayer Ministry
Debbie Hyman,
Director of Prayer Ministry



Gratitude

I love the month of November because it contains my favorite holiday, THANKSGIVING! I love the gathering of family, friends, and remembering how very blessed I am in good times and in challenging times. I could fill pages with all my blessings. But this song ultimately expresses my love and Gratitude for the ONE, my greatest love and blessing.



GRATITUDE by Brandon Lake



All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arm stretched wide
I will worship you

So I throw up my hands and praise you again and again
Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah

So come on, my soul—Oh, don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song—'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord.

So I throw up my hands and praise you again and again
Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King
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DMW NEWS

(Delphi Methodist Women)

Thank you to those who attended our October meeting! We had a wonderful guest speaker, Nancy Cripe from the Delphi Food Pantry, who spoke on the logistics as well as the financial side of the food pantry. We discussed, and voted on, which missions/ministries to support financially locally and globally.

We also voted unanimously on our NEW DMW mission and purpose statement:

The Delphi Methodist Women ministry exists to glorify God through prayerfully planned activities and events, which serve our church and community, promote spiritual growth, and lead others to Christ.

We are currently looking for a few more individuals who would like to help on Tuesdays with the Rotary meals we cook and serve. This is one of our consistent fundraisers, and the commitment entails a few hours on a Tuesday every 4 to 6 weeks. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Rhonda Hostetter or call the church office (765/564-3791).

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 4th at 7pm** in Room 211 here at the church. Each meeting we also have devotions. We invite all women to come and meet other ladies from the church and get involved. We hope you will join us!

Election Day Polling Place

Tuesday, November 5th, Delphi Methodist will be a voting site from 6:00AM to 6:00PM.

The church, and the church office, WILL be open normal business hours, 9:00AM—4:00PM.



Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, November 10th 10:00AM—10:30AM



Do you ever pay attention to your blood pressure numbers? Even if you're healthy, do you know how your blood pressure can affect your overall health?

Our wonderful Parish Nurses check blood pressures the **SECOND SUNDAY** of each month in the Church Office. They will record them for you to share with your physician, and help answer questions for you.

Never had it checked here? That's ok! Stop in the church office between services (10:00am — 10:30am).



Mobile Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 6th
10:00 AM
Church Parking Lot

Food Finders, along with volunteers from our local Delphi Food Pantry, will be hosting another 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. If you know someone in need, please share this information.



November Food Pantry
Item:
Ketchup and Mustard



Hunger knows no season. Your continuing and generous donations ensure that there will be enough food and household items for the families in our community.

Donations may be placed in the Food Pantry cabinet at the entrance to the front doors.

All donations stay right here in Delphi.