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December 2025

Our Vision is to be a church that loves enough to connect people to Christ, support families, and serve those in need or distress.

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

**In-person
Worship times:**

First Service: 9:00AM

Coffee Fellowship:
10—10:30AM

Second Service: 10:30AM

Online Connections:

Join us for worship online as we livestream our services each week.

You may access the service on our Website, our Facebook page, and our YouTube channel.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Sharing Christmas Traditions

DECEMBER 21

After our One
Combined Christmas
Cantata Service

ROTUNDA

Senior Pastor
Todd Ladd



December is an excellent time of year for the church, the community, and children. We love the lights, the music, and the connection. Most of all, it is about connection for families, and connection with Jesus. At this time of year, more people are open to a conversation about Jesus than at any other time of year.

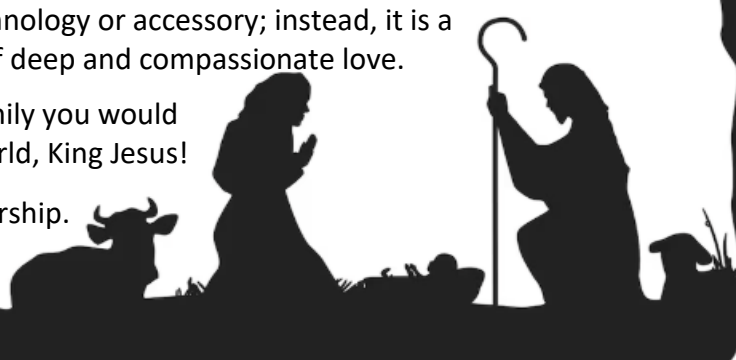
Now is the time to have those gospel conversations we introduced in our sermon series last month. Now is the time to invite friends to attend church for our special **Cantata Sunday on December 21st**. On this Sunday, will have incredible worship **with ONE COMBINED SERVICE at 10:30am**, followed by the sharing of good food and fellowship in the Rotunda.


You don't want to miss this!

And on December 24th, Christmas Eve, we will host two Candlelight services at 6:00pm and 8:00pm, focused on Jesus and the Lord's plan for the world. Since Jesus is the hope of the world, let's share the joy of the greatest gift ever given. It is not the latest technology or accessory; instead, it is a relationship with the Savior of the world who is full of deep and compassionate love.

Please be praying for your one invite, or your one family you would love to see in a relationship with the Savior of the world, King Jesus!

Looking forward to seeing you and your friends in worship. Please introduce us to one another before you leave.



 *As always, we have extra paper copies of our monthly church newsletter located at the Welcome Desk if you would like a hard copy!*


 **Holiday Church Office Hours**

So that staff may have time with their families, the following church office hours will be observed:

Wednesday, December 24: 9am — 1pm
Thursday, December 25: Closed
Wednesday, December 31: 9am — 1pm
Thursday, January 1: Closed

**Reminder ~ End of year giving MUST be postmarked by December 31st in order to be credited for the 2025 calendar year.*

What's Happening Here...

-  Mobile Food Pantry—**Wednesday, December 3rd** at 10am here in our church parking lot. This is open to anyone in need of food.
-  Blood Pressure Checks—**Sunday, Dec. 14th** 10am to 10:30am in the church office. BP checks happen the 2nd Sunday each month.
-  Pickleball meets every **Tuesday evening at 5:30pm** in the Teen Center. Reach out to Mark Baker at 765/490-5703 or Rhonda Hostetter at 765/430-1942.
-  **December Food Pantry: Mac & Cheese!** Please place donations in the Food Pantry cabinet by the front doors of the church.
-  The Mission Team is continuously raising funds for children who don't have beds. A donation bank is by the front entrance doors.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

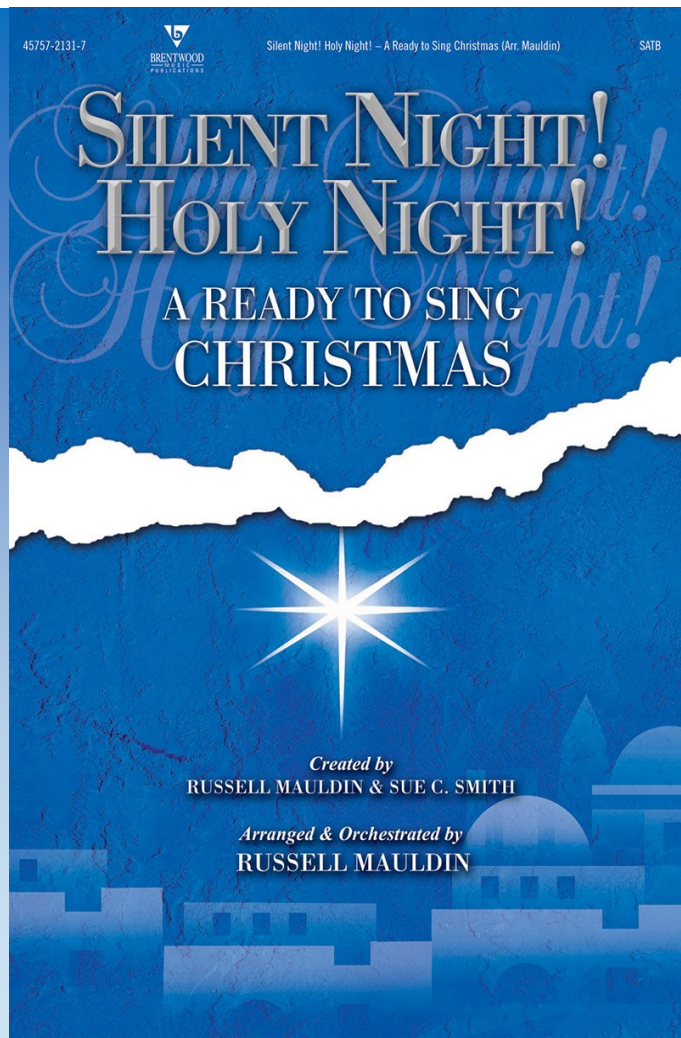
Sunday,
December 21ST

One service at
10:30AM

What was it like in the first few hours after Jesus was born? Every year we sing of a silent night. Yet during this time of year, our hearts and minds are anything but silent.

Join us as we welcome the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior in song.

**Don't forget to stay after and fellowship with us in the Rotunda for our All-Church Christmas Traditions and share in some festivities and treats!*



Delphi Methodist Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Wednesday
December 24th

6:00PM Contemporary*

**Nursery available up to age 3

8:00PM Traditional

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

Weekly Advent reflections for a healthy Mind, Body and Spirit

Week 1: Hope and Healing “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” Isaiah 40:31
Hope gives life to our spirits and strength to our bodies. As we wait for the celebration of Christ’s Birth, let us anchor our hearts in the promises of God. Even when we feel tired or uncertain, His hope renews us daily.

Health tip: *Begin each morning with a few deep breaths and a moment of gratitude. A hopeful heart sets the tone for a healthy day.*

Week 2: Peace in His Presence “You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You.” Isaiah 26:3

With the rush of the Holidays, who can feel peaceful?! Christ offers peace that can clear our minds, relax our bodies and balance our spirits.

Health Tip: *Set aside one evening this week for quiet rest. Turn off devices, dim lights and simply “be still.”*

Week 3: Joy for the Journey “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10

Joy is found not only in laughter and song, but also in gratitude, kindness, and connection. Joy refreshes us. Let the joy of Christ renew your strength as you serve and celebrate.

Health Tip: *Have fun with movement. Dance to Christmas music, take a walk with a friend, or stretch while watching a Hallmark movie.*

Week 4: Love Made Visible “Let all that you do be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14

Love is Christ. As we share our love through words and actions, we reflect the heart of Christ. Caring for ourselves and others is one way we can make His love visible.

Health Tip: *Reach out in love. Call someone who is lonely, prepare a healthy meal for a neighbor, and offer smiles to those around you. Love heals in ways that medicine cannot.*



LORD help us honor You through our body, mind and spirit this Advent Season. AMEN



Jed Morehouse, Prayer Team Ministry

John 1:17-18 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

Before Jesus came to earth, He was with the Father God almighty. He was with God when He spoke to Adam and Eve. He was with God when He spoke to Abraham and to Moses. Jesus wasn't just born that night in the manger to Mary, and then became God's son. God sent him to earth and born to Mary, although she was a virgin.

John 3:17 "For God didn't SEND His son in the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him"

Before Jesus came, people had to sacrifice animals to the Lord as burnt offerings, which was part of the law of Moses and even before. Abraham sacrificed to the Lord (Genesis 22:13 after Isaac's close call). Noah sacrificed to the Lord after the flood waters receded (Genesis 8:20-21).

Jesus changed the requirement when He came and introduced grace about 33 years after He was born by dying on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. He made it so all we have to do is believe on the name of Jesus and we will receive that grace.

So this Christmas season, lets all give God the glory and thank Him for His gift to all of us: The gift of eternal life for those who believe in God and His son, Jesus. Don't forget to pray for your loved ones that they may receive this free gift, if they haven't already. What other gift is greater than this?

As a reminder, we are still meeting Tuesday mornings at 6:30am here at the church to pray. Come once, come every week—whenever your schedule allows!

DMW NEWS

(Delphi Methodist Women)

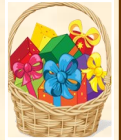
The Delphi Methodist Women's ministry exists to glorify God through prayerfully planned activities and events, which serve our church and community, promote spiritual growth, and lead others to Christ.

Thank you to those who have stepped up to help with the Rotary meals on Tuesday afternoons. We still have some open spots, so sign up in the kitchen! Remember, food purchases are reimbursed. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vicky Sorrells at 765/586-2927.

All women are invited to our next meeting on **Wednesday, December 3rd at 7pm** here at the church in Room 211 (large meeting room off the kitchen). Come join us to connect and fellowship with other Delphi Methodist Church women.

Carroll County Christmas Basket Project

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



Toy Store:

Drop off NEW toy donations Monday and Tuesday, December 1st and 2nd from 9am to 4pm to Honan Hall in Delphi.



Monetary Donations:

If you would like to make a donation, make checks payable to

Christmas Baskets, Inc.

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



Toys in the Treehouse!

Thank you to all who donated toys for the Christmas Basket Project! We will take them to Honan Hall in support the Christmas Basket Toy Store and they will be distributed later in December.

brought to the light
ADVENT FOR ALL WHO NEED IT



ANNA GRACE LEGBAND

Advent Grow Group Sunday School Class

We invite you to join us for a special Grow Group Sunday School class this Advent season titled, "Brought to the Light: Advent for All who Need It."

During these four weeks, we'll explore how the arrival of Jesus brings hope, peace, joy, and love right into the reality of our lives—not just after the darkness is gone, but in the midst of it.

Advent reminds us that Jesus comes to us as we are, offering comfort and light in times of waiting, disappointment, chaos, and sorrow.

If you find yourself longing for the true presence of Jesus beyond the sentimentality of the holiday season, this class is for you! Come open the Scriptures with us and encounter afresh the light of the world. The class begins **Sunday, November 30th at 9:00am in Room 212**. For more information, please reach out to **Ryan Rose at 302/500-9244**. We look forward to seeing you there!



⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:8—11



Because of your donations on Sunday, November 16th, we were able to supply the Delphi Food Pantry with 498 pounds of food! Thank you, Church, for your wonderful generosity!

Children's Ministry



Here's what we're
teaching this month!



*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
— John 8:12b (NIV)*



This year, our children's offering will help give kids around the world clean water to drink through World Vision's Clean water fund.

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.**

World Vision®

Be A Helper

Something to Consider

When I was little and someone would ask what I wanted to be when I grew up, I always had a small moment of panic. I never had a strong ambition to become something big or be in the spotlight. That might sound strange, and to this day, I still struggle to put it into words. I've often joked that my dream job would be a backup singer, but never the lead.

What I did always know, though, was that I wanted to be a wife and a mom. I'm sure you are familiar with the scripture where God talks about giving Adam a helpmate: **Genesis 2:18 (NIV)**

"The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'"

I look at my role as a wife as being a helper, a partner, a supporter, and a teammate. In God's design, the role of the helpmate is sacred. They are meant to complement, encourage, and walk alongside.

When I look back over my adult life, and the careers I have chosen, being a helper has been the common thread. Every job I've held has been in some sort of support role. Helpers are needed everywhere. They work quietly behind the scenes, give strength and stability, often provide care in some way, wear many hats, and fill in the gaps whenever and wherever necessary.

The truth is, the church actually runs on HELPERS. I have been privileged to witness it every single day during my time here by the many people who walk through these doors. The majority of these volunteer helpers are silent, beautiful, people who serve without recognition. They don't get the glory, nor do they expect it.

Church, we need more helpers! Serve practically: **1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)**

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Use your gift to volunteer in ministries. Be a part of the decision making processes. Give of your time, your resources, and use your professional skills. This church belongs to YOU. It is YOURS—take ownership!

Thank you for allowing me to be one of your helpers for the past 11 and a half years. It has been an honor.

—Sarah Cross