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H A P P Y

New year!



*Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.*

Proverbs 16:3

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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.

Senior Pastor
Todd Ladd



Happy New Year!! This time of year, we are through the Holiday Celebrations, and the days are lengthening ever so slightly. Growing up, my family held a traditional New Year's Day gathering, celebrating with three to four families each year. Usually, the children would play in our rooms and break something that day, at least my friend or I would cause ruckus. We had a big meal, and the fathers would watch football, such as the ROSE BOWL, promptly falling asleep, while the moms would gather around the table and catch up on life. That day was centered around my parents' closest community.

Jesus was always about the community. Of course, he gathered with the twelve disciples and wherever he journeyed, he had those he connected with in Capernaum, Galilee, and Jerusalem. People like Mary and Martha, Zacchaeus, and others, who included the seventy who followed him beyond the disciples. Jesus came to usher in the Kingdom, provide salvation, and offer a picture of good community.

During 2026, we will focus on building community, building connection, and building the church. We are already off to a good start after the AMAZING Christmas services. Plus, we finished 2025 out very strong financially. Let's continue to invite, pray for the one, and see how God moves to bring people to Jesus.



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 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, January 7th** at 10am here in our church parking lot. This is open to anyone in need of food.



Blood Pressure Checks—**Sunday, Jan 11th** 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.



January Food Pantry: **Peanut Butter!** 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.

Recently, I had the privilege to hear our Global Methodist Bishop speak at a church in Avon. Bishop Mark Webb was taking a tour of the southern part of the state, so Keith and Kristen Mears and I went to listen to him speak. Bishop Webb has been in on the ground floor of the Global Methodist conference since we began. Interesting fact – did you know that the Global Methodist church DID NOT start in the US? As a matter of fact, it started in Bulgaria, then moved on to Romania before it ever got to the US. We truly are a global church, with churches on six continents, which is so exciting considering it's only been 2.5 years since we started.

Bishop Webb spoke of the vision of the Global Methodists and our own conference. We are growing so quickly. There are resources developing that will fit the local needs. Camps are being researched for our youth and teens. While our local needs may vary, our vision as a denomination will be the same. We can walk into ANY GMC church in the world and know that our beliefs are the same. Isn't that awesome?

One of the greatest things I heard was our church is our church. We do not need permission or guidelines from the higher ups to start a program or develop new resources. Whatever works for us locally is fine. If it succeeds, fantastic. If not, try something else. We know our congregation and our community; to hear our bishop say we don't need his approval to try something new was exciting.

If you ever get a chance to listen to Bishop Webb, you will hear a soft-spoken man, but one of passion for our Lord and Savior. He is, as they say, on fire for Jesus. I look forward to hearing him speak again this summer.

— Ruth Miller

Delphi Methodist Leadership Retreat

January 17, 9:00-11:30 a.m. United in Mission: Worshipping Passionately, Loving Extravagantly, Witnessing Boldly (Light refreshments will be provided)

This inspiring 2.5-hour time together will include worship, prayer, reflection on the Global Methodist Church's mission to make disciples who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly, discussion of leadership expectations from Scripture and our Book of Doctrines and Discipline, and a commitment to serve faithfully in the year ahead.

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

Two Verses to help you with your New Year's Resolutions.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

Parish Nurse,
Deb



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, April 1st** 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.



DMC Financial Update

As we enter the New Year, let us remember that giving to Delphi Methodist not only helps our church, but also serves those who are struggling in our community.

'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'
2 Corinthians 9:7

Greetings Church Family,

I want to thank you for the support you have shown me and my family in my journey toward becoming an Army chaplain. The next leg of this adventure will begin on January 14th when I report to Fort Jackson, South Carolina for Chaplain Basic Officer Leadership Course, CHBOLC. This course is the initiation into the Chaplain Corp and will define who I am and how I operate as a military chaplain. The course will last 93 days with graduation expected on April 16th. Kaley and the kiddos plan to join me the last week of training for family seminars and assorted activities. After graduation, and pending approval from the National Guard Bureau, I will be able to pin on my chaplain's cross and begin work as a commissioned chaplain supporting the 2-150 FA (Field Artillery) in Bloomington, IN.

The journey is not over, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. I covet your prayers while I am gone, not only for myself, but also for Kaley, Ellie, Oliver, Benjamin & Chandler. This will be the longest I have been away from home for training.

Thank you and God bless,

Chad Sherman





Jed Morehouse, Prayer Team Ministry

Lost and found

Luke 15:6 Then he calls his friends, Neighbors together and says, “Rejoice with me, I have found my lost sheep!”

Luke 15:9 And when she finds it, She calls her friends and neighbors together and says, “Rejoice with me, I have found my lost coin.”

Luke 15:23-24 “Bring the fatted calf. And kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.” So they began to celebrate.

We’ve all been there. Whether at a grocery store, mall, or festival full of people. We look up, see no one behind you, and then the anxiety begins to build when you realize you’re lost. The more you search, the more your anxiety builds and you may have some tears streaming down your face, with a thought, “Will I ever be found?” Or, “Will I ever find my way home?” On the parable about the lost coin and the lost sheep, the owner was searching desperately for them. The coin didn’t know it was lost. The sheep may have felt lost without his shepherd, but when the one searching found the coin and the sheep, they were rejoicing greatly.

The last parable was a little different. The father respected his son’s wishes because he loved his son. If he didn’t let him go, the son may have had resentment that would build over time until he left and probably wouldn’t come back at all. But when the son left, it broke his father’s heart. No matter how much time passed, the father always kept a watch out, thinking, is this the day my son comes home? When the son did come home, the father didn’t say, “I knew you’d come back begging.” Or, “I told you so.” No, the father had compassion and didn’t let him even finish his journey home alone. He ran to him, not walk, while he was far away, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Can you imagine the scene? Both father and son with their arms around each other, crying? No words were necessary. The father interrupted his day because his son was worth it.

God will let us go our own way and not serve Him or even believe in Him. But He will never stop loving us or pursuing us. You may have people in your life praying for you. Or you may be one praying for the loved one. Don’t give up. You don’t know what’s going on in another person’s mind or heart. Keep praying. Keep reaching out in love, but don’t force the issue to the point that the barriers between you are too strong. When the day comes when they come back to the Lord. Rejoice and have a celebration, because Jesus says that’s what’s going on in heaven.

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!



Children's Ministry

Here's what we're teaching this month!

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Inventors take ordinary objects and transform them into extraordinary innovations with some creativity and a lot of tinkering. But Jesus didn't need tools, blueprints, or a workshop to make extraordinary things happen. On the outside, Jesus may have seemed ordinary, but his life, actions, and love regularly defied expectations. He transformed ordinary people and situations, showing us what an extraordinary God can do. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **Jesus is one of a kind, Jesus is humble, Jesus trusted God, and Jesus calls us to follow.**



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to find out more



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!

YOUTH GROUP!

Don't forget—youth group is every Sunday evening at 5pm for all 6th-12th grade students!



We meet in the Teen Center at the back of the Church property.

Join in games, a lesson, food, and worship!
Invite friends, read scripture, and have great fellowship with each other!

For questions, please reach out to Brenton Hathaway at 765/822-0527 or bhathaway@delphimethodist.church

We look forward to seeing YOU there!

World Vision®



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