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Methodist
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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.

DEEP ROOTS a global methodist camp experience

JULY 6TH-10TH 
 SHILOH PARK RETREAT, MARION, IN

Looking for a place where your student can grow in faith, build friendships, and have an unforgettable summer? Deep Roots Camp is a Christ-centered experience designed to help kids and students deepen their relationship with Jesus in a fun and meaningful way.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:
 ENGAGING WORSHIP, SMALL GROUPS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, AND A WEEK FULL OF CONNECTION, GROWTH, AND FUN.**

**WHO CAN ATTEND:
 6TH - 12TH GRADE**

**REGISTER TODAY:
 WWW.DEEPROOTSINDIANA.COM**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP AND LEARN MORE. 

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

6:00 PM	April 2nd Maundy Thursday	9:00 AM	April 5th Easter Service
6:00 PM	April 3rd Good Friday	10:30 AM	April 5th Easter Service



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

Senior Pastor
Todd Ladd



Happy Easter! New life is breaking forth—and we need it now more than ever. The good news that Christ is risen brings fresh life and a fresh way of living. When Jesus is our King, the light of Christ shapes how we see our neighbors and guides every decision we make.

That’s why our ministries live out Jesus’ teachings: we build beds and homes, provide food, and invest in children and youth. As N. T. Wright reminds us, “If you want to be human, look at Jesus; if you want to be faithful, look at Jesus—then get in on the action.” That’s exactly what we’re doing together.

Please join me in welcoming Ryan Rose as our new youth leader. Ryan’s heart to know Jesus, share Jesus, and help our young people get in on the action is exactly what we’ve been praying for. We’re grateful for his service as a U.S. Navy veteran and his calling to ministry in the Global Methodist Church. I believe God has brought Ryan, Haley, Emera, and Gavin to our church for this season—let’s make them feel at home.

I’m also deeply thankful for your faithful generosity. Our finance team has been wise stewards, setting aside funds for long-term maintenance while also applying money toward our mortgage. That balance keeps ministry strong and sustainable. Our mortgage now stands at \$1,033,467—we’re getting close to that under \$1,000,000 milestone. If you feel led to make an extra gift toward the mortgage, it will accelerate progress on the mortgage and free up resources for ministry.

All of these efforts move our mission forward: people serving Jesus, leaders listening for God’s direction, and lifting the cross of Christ as our hope. **Ready to take the next step?**

- **Welcome the Rose family—meet them after Sunday service.**
- **Serve with our youth ministry—sign up with Ryan**
- **Give toward the mortgage—designate “mortgage” on your gift.**

Let’s keep getting in on the action together.

What’s Happening Here...



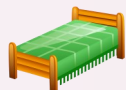
Mobile Food Pantry—**Wednesday, April 1st** at 10am here in our church parking lot. This is open to anyone in need of food.



Blood Pressure Checks—**Sunday, April 12th** 10am to 10:30am in the church office. BP checks happen the 2nd Sunday each month.



*April Food Pantry: **Jams and Jelly's!*** 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.



DMC Financial Update

Thank you for your generosity in 2025. Because of your continued support, we were able to pay down a portion of our mortgage and allocate additional funds toward major maintenance needs.

Most importantly, we thank the Lord for His guidance and oversight, and we are grateful for your faithful tithes and offerings.

As we finish out the first quarter of 2026, giving has started off more slowly. We ask that you continue to support our church's mission and the upkeep of our physical structure as you are able.

Praise the Lord,
Your Finance Team

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 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 as we discuss updates on missions and income as well as hear from a special guest speaker!**

April is the first full month of spring. As such, we look forward to it as a season of newness. The grass greens, the trees bud, the first flowers appear, animals reemerge from their winter dormancy, and baby birds begin hatching. It is a fitting season to also bring newness to our Youth Program.

Among other things, we look forward to new pieces for our Sunday evening program and new events throughout the year. Just as gardeners are out cultivating the soil right now, we look to cultivate faith in our students with renewed vigor. If you are the parent of a 6th through 12th grader who has not participated in Youth Group in a while, I'd like to encourage you to have them come check it out.

It is important to note that a beautiful spring garden is not simply the result of work done in the spring; the work stretched back to the fall and often back over several years. I am incredibly grateful then to everyone who has been tending our students up to this point. As we build on that work, I am incredibly excited to see the growth that results.

Grace and Peace,

Ryan Rose



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

**Laughter
Good for You and Your Children**

As summer approaches and kids will be home from school, remember that laughter is a vital component of a child's development and has positive health benefits.

Physical Health - Reduces stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies.

Mental Growth - Boosts cognitive flexibility and creativity, helping children look at things from unusual perspectives.

Emotional Well-being - Promotes positive emotions and helps children manage stress and prevent depression.

Encourage laughter at home. Be silly, model a sense of humor. Play together, playtime often leads to spontaneous laughter. Read funny books, watch humorous shows, and tell age-appropriate jokes together. Create a "laugh list" of things that make everyone in your family giggle.



Proverbs 17:22 "A cheerful heart is good medicine."

Join us for the third in a continuing series
Carroll County Conversations on Aging
*These will be held on the second Saturday
of the month.*



APR 11



9:30AM



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April's topic presented by Abigail Diener - Partner - Diener & Martin Lawyers

Peace of Mind Starts with a Plan

For more information contact Janet Smith or Deb Mears



Jed Morehouse, Prayer Team Ministry

Fruit of the Spirit... Joy

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

When my granddaughter is tired, she gets her blanket, hands it to me, and raises her arms for me to pick her up. She sits on my lap cuddling with her soft blanket. First of all, that brings me joy! But during that “wind down” time, I play some Christian children songs to help her get sleepy. One of the songs on the list is a song called, “I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart” Go ahead and pause to sing that song if you wish. The chorus says, “ And I’m so happy, so very happy, I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart.” It’s a very easy song to learn even for a child. There is a lot of truth in that song. If you want joy in your life, you have to have Jesus in your heart.

Are happiness and joy the same thing? Happiness usually depends on circumstances. People who have good jobs, a family who loves them, and enough money to buy anything they want. They may be happy but they don’t necessarily have joy in their life. On the other hand, I know people who have very little, but seem to be in a joyful mood all the time. Joy doesn’t depend on circumstances, it’s a choice and has to do with a relationship with God. Paul and Silas were in a jail cell singing praises to the Lord, (**Acts 16:25-34**) That’s joy! When you are in prison and not complaining about being wrongly imprisoned and are praising God, not because of the circumstances, but because of who God is, that’s joy-unexplainable joy.

Reading further in **Acts 16**...”while they were singing to the Lord, the prison was shaken by an earthquake that shook the prison and their chains come loose from all the prisoners. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword to take his life because he thought everyone had escaped. But Paul shouted for him not to kill himself because they were all still in the prison. The jailer must have known that the earthquake was no accident and that the Lord was on Paul’s side because he rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas and said, “What must I do to be saved?” Paul told him to believe in the Lord Jesus and he will be saved.

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!



Jed Morehouse, Prayer Team Ministry

Verse 34 goes on to say, “the jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them. He was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God - he and his whole household.”

When we come to know the Lord as our savior, we also receive the joy that only the Lord can give. If you keep Jesus at the center of your life, you will keep that joy. God doesn't grant joy in your life because you are saved and never talk to him again. When you wake up in the morning and read His word and spend time praying for Him to lead you through your day, giving you wisdom to handle whatever comes your way and to serve Him the way He wants you to serve Him, that's the way to keep that joy. It doesn't hurt to ask Him for joy. Then at the end of the day, kneel down or sit and just thank Him for what He has done for you and helping you have a great day. You will also sleep better when you turn everything over to Him.

The woman at the well, found in **John chapter 4**, went away rejoicing because she found Jesus, the Messiah who proved who He was to her. In Dr. David Jeremiah's book, ***A Life Beyond Amazing*** he says, “Joy comes when Christ comes to live within your heart. We can't have the joy of Christ until we have the Christ of joy. He has already secured our victory. Even when trials come, we know that we have already won.” **Psalm 35:9** says, “then my soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in His salvation.”

Once I understood God's grace and that He is not like a father who is always critical of His children, but a father who is always teaching, encouraging and loving unconditionally, I started living with that joy in my heart. But there are still times when I have to ask the Lord to give me that joy again. The last sentence of **Nehemiah 8:10** says, “do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” We should enjoy the Christian life, not endure it.

For more encouraging scriptures on joy, read 1 Thessalonians 1:6, Romans 14:17 and 1 Peter 1:8-9.

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Children's Ministry



Here's what we're
teaching this month!



scan me!

to find out more



3rd Grade Bible Presentations

April 19th

Invitations were mailed
out last month.

Please bring those in or
talk to Miss Kelsi by April 5th.



I long for Spring to finally stay around for more than a few days at a time. I want to see the grass green, the flowers wake up from their winter slumber, the buds on the trees flower and change into lush green leaves. New farm animals are born, the air and rain showers are clean and fresh and we enjoy an abundance of sunshine. Life just seems alive in the Spring.

I got a taste of Spring last week and thoroughly enjoyed sitting on my porch, reading an excellent book then chatting with my neighbor. I look forward to more times like this. Spring comes around every year, following Winter (bah humbug) and before Summer. It's an annual thing. So WHY do I (and so many others) look forward to Spring more than any other season?

It is a season of renewal and rebirth. Not just physical like the trees and flowers, but one of human renewal and rebirth. Don't you feel better in the Spring? I do. My mood improves with the increase in sunshine and I come to life. My desire to speak boldly about the wonders of God and Jesus is heightened. I get excited about new things every day.

Wait, what did I just say? I get bolder when talking about God and Jesus in the Spring? I can only think it has to do with Holy Week and the abundance of worship that happens. I rekindle my relationship with Jesus, vowing to do better by Him. I am reminded of all He did for me on that Cross. I still ask myself WHY He would do that for me, a hopeless sinner, and I will continue to fail Him and yet, He took every sin upon Himself – for ME! And for YOU!

Rekindle your love for Jesus. Renew your faith and conviction to serve Him. Be reborn again into His kingdom. Remember all He did (and does) for you. Speak boldly for Him so others will see what an amazing Savior and Lord we have. Happy Easter.

— Ruth Miller

Just A
Thought