



DELPHI
Methodist
— CHURCH —

October 2026



ASPIRE Women's Events

November 14th—6:00 PM

Come join women from Delphi Methodist Church and the surrounding communities for Aspire — a live event filled with worship, teaching, laughter, and fellowship.

Use the special QR code to purchase your discounted ticket In the office or online.

Discounted Ticket
Information:



www.tinyurl.com/AspireFall26

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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



October is our season to grow in wisdom. As you read the book of Proverbs, my prayer is that you will love God's truth, build others up with encouraging words, and live a life of wisdom. God's truth is how we build a solid foundation for life, and that matters at every stage. Maybe you're young and growing in knowledge. Maybe you're a young adult navigating a hard road in hard times. Or maybe you're in the last quarter of life, where you can purposefully build into others. Wherever you are, walk in the path of the wise.

As a church, we're in a good season too. We made an extra payment on our mortgage and brought it below \$1 million. That is excellent progress, and it reflects your faithfulness. That faithfulness has sustained our ministry here in Delphi for 200 years. Now we're preparing to celebrate and to expand our mission to our community, our church, and the world.

We're also welcoming Bishop Jerry Kulah as bishop of the Great Lakes Annual Conference. In our system, his role is to help us stay true to our faith, in both our doctrine and our operations. And this church has a special connection to Dr. Kulah's ministry. About 20 years ago, we helped build a school in Liberia, West Africa. Dr. Kulah was the District Superintendent at the New Georgia church, which now houses the Si Chapman Memorial School. A small part of this church is at the foundation of that school. Again, wise leaders in our past built on a solid foundation, not only here in Delphi, but all the way to Liberia.

It makes me wonder what God can do with our connections around the world. I recently learned that 130 Global Methodist churches are in Nepal. What could God do with that connection? Let's dream together. If you have a heart for Nepal or Liberia, let me know, and we'll find a way for you to join in on the fun.

What's Happening Here...



Mobile Food Pantry—**Wednesday, October 7th** at 10am here in our church parking lot. This is open to anyone in need of food.



Blood Pressure Checks—**Sunday, October 11th** 10am to 10:30am in the church office. BP checks happen the 2nd Sunday each month.



October Food Pantry: Cake Mixes Please place donations in the Food Pantry cabinet by the front doors of the church.

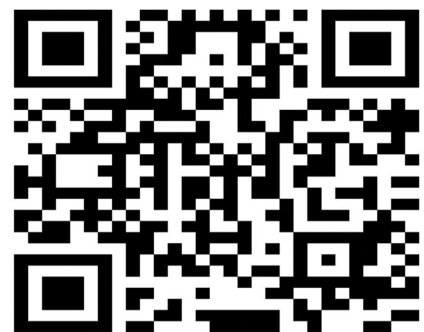
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If you're a grown-up and you've been following Jesus for a while, you've probably figured out a few ways to grow spiritually. The kids you're parenting or leading, on the other hand, aren't grown-ups, so they might need a little help from you to figure out how, exactly, to grow spiritually. So what should spiritual growth look like for a kid? We like to think about it in terms of four spiritual habits. To help a kid grow spiritually, teach them to **spend time with God**, **spend time with others**, **use their gifts**, and **share their story**.



scan me!
to find out more



Interested in getting involved in Children's Church?

CONTACT KELSI SIEBERT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN SERVE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU BE A PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN!! KSIEBERT@DELPHIMETHODIST.CHURCH OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY.



Jed Morehouse, Prayer Team Ministry

Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness

Galatians 5:22-23 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, upon you. Faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law."*

Proverbs 15:1 *"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."*

Have you ever walked onto a college campus and walked past a street preacher? It seems that no matter who walked by, they were all going to hell, according to the person with the Bible in their hand. They probably thought that because he was shouting. "Praise the Lord, buddy." Most people would just give him a strange look or and offensive look because of the judgmental attitude. Is that the way we are supposed to witness to the people? They will tell you that John the Baptist did that when he prepared the way for the Lord Jesus. Although that's true, do the scriptures say that we should be like John or Jesus? Matthew 11:29 says, *"Take my yoke upon you. And learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."* These are the words of Jesus.

Likewise, what do some Christians do when someone in the Fellowship was caught in some kind of sin? Chastise them? Gossip about them? Shun them? Exclude them? Condemn them? Or do we reach out to them, hug them and show them concern, love and care? Jesus showed compassion to the woman at the well. He took time to teach children. He washed His disciples' feet. He touched a man with leprosy. I have actually heard someone say that they felt more compassion from bartenders or an atheist co-worker than from a Christian. I have actually heard a street preaching Christian say that he doesn't sin anymore since he has been saved. Galatians 6:3 says, *"If anyone thinks they are something when they are not they deceived themselves."* We are all vulnerable to fall to sin!

So the next time someone falls away in sin, keep Galatians 6:1 in mind *"Brothers and sister, if someone is caught in sin you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently by watch yourself or you may also be tempted."* Jesus gave a new commandment to add to the Ten Commandments in John 13:34— *"A new commandment I give you, love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another."* Or Galatians 5:14 *"Love your neighbor as yourself."*

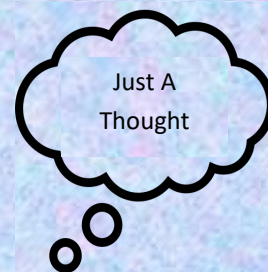
People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care.

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!

So, I have \$5.00. I have my car that is paid for. I have my friends. I have my faith.

Take each of these and consider the worth. To help with that, Google has given the definition for the word.

- Worth—the value, usefulness of something, or an amount equal in value to a specific cost.



My \$5.00 has worth in that it can buy me \$5.00 of merchandise. My car has a certain financial value if I want to trade it in. My friends have worth that is not measurable. My faith has no financial value to the world, but it is priceless. Neither my faith nor my friends can be equated with dollars and cents. There is no unit of measure that could define and box in the value of my faith. Think about that part of the definition— “an amount equal to a specific cost.”

Jesus paid an amount equal to a specific cost. The specific cost was His death on the Cross. The value of that gift was forgiveness of our sin and an eternity with Jesus and God. He died for each of us, making the worth of His sacrifice more precious and valuable than we can even imagine. Yes, we understand it in our learning the scriptures, learning who God is and what He asked Jesus to do. Yes, we get the facts of that sacrifice, BUT... do we truly understand the worth of His gift?

Imagine a life without Christ in it. The hollow, day-to-day existence, working, eating, sleeping, raising kids, paying bills and just getting by on your own power. Once we’ve added Jesus to our lives, our lives are so much richer. Even when times are tough, medically or physically, financially or spiritually, we have a safe place to rest our weary souls. Jesus gave us that gift. When we have wonderful things happen, we have Jesus to thank for that. How much brighter our lives are, telling others about the immense gift Jesus gave to us.

2000 years ago a man who didn’t know me, didn’t know if I’d love Him or not, died willingly for me. The worth of that gift came at a high price for Jesus: His death. For us, it was freedom to join Him as it should have been in the garden. A freedom that chooses joy and peace, and love for our Savior Jesus Christ. Think about what you value and what has worth.

— Ruth Miller

WHAT: CPR/AED Class

WHEN: Saturday October 17th

TIME: 9AM—12 Noon

WHERE: Here at the church

COST: FREE

REGISTER: Call the office and reserve your place. Class size is limited.

QUESTIONS: Contact Deb Mears @ 765/490-6817.

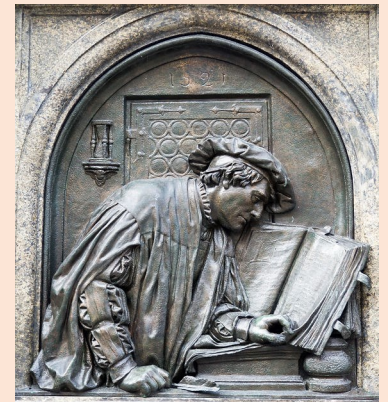


October: A Month of Christian History

October is filled with reminders of the past. As leaves change and Halloween decorations appear in yards and on porches, they also point towards important events for Christians. All Saints' Day is on November 1. While we as Protestants do not recognize a pantheon of saints, we do remember the "great cloud of witnesses"—Christians who shaped the faith across the centuries as well as those believers we knew personally whose love, prayers, teaching, and example shaped us personally.

Hebrews 12:1 says, "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." Those we remember are not substitutes for Christ or distant figures to place on pedestals. They are witnesses who show what following Jesus can look like. Some are known from history; others may be a grandparent, teacher, youth leader, friend, or church member who helped us recognize God's grace.

October 31 marks Reformation Day. Tradition identifies it as the day in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, helping launch the Protestant Reformation. That movement renewed emphasis on the authority of Scripture and salvation by God's grace through faith. Its history is complex, and its leaders were imperfect, but it reminds us that the Church must continually return to the gospel and allow God's Word to examine its life.



It's important to look back because the past offers lessons for faithful living today. Christian history shows inspiring courage as well as serious mistakes. It teaches us gratitude without pretending our heroes were perfect. When we see how earlier believers faced pressure, disagreement, and change, we gain wisdom for our own choices. Their stories invite us to ask which of our own convictions are worth standing for. Where might the Church need renewal? Whose faithfulness is helping us follow Jesus, and who might our own faithfulness be impacting?

This October, I challenge everyone to learn about a Christian from another century and thank someone whose faith has influenced you personally. Then consider the legacy you are creating. We put on masks for Halloween, but we also wear masks that only God can remove. Only in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit can we take off the mask and become our true selves. I promise that our embrace of that journey will have a lasting impact on those around us, even once we are one of the saints being remembered.

Grace and Peace,
Ryan

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 Ryan Rose.

We look forward to seeing YOU there!



Saturday, November 14, 2026



Delphi Methodist Church

5:00 pm – Doors Open

5:30 pm – Speaker conversations

6:00-9:00 pm – Event

Join women from Delphi Methodist Church and surrounding communities for **Aspire**, an inspiring evening of worship, teaching, laughter, music, and fellowship!

Featuring **Melissa Spoelstra**, **Tammy Whitehurst**, and **Jaime Jamgochian**, Aspire will encourage women of all ages through inspiring messages, music, and stories of faith. **Bring a friend and join us for an evening of encouragement, connection, and spiritual renewal!**

"Wait...which ticket do I buy?!"

How much is my ticket?

General Admission is just \$25 for Delphi Methodist Church attendees! This special price is available through the church office, Sunday ticket sellers, and our online church ticket site.

What about VIP?

VIP/Reserved is \$35 and includes an assigned seat and snack bag. This special price is available through the church office, Sunday ticket sellers, and our online church ticket site.

When can I buy my ticket?

Available Now: Church office, Monday–Thursday, 9 am–4 pm

Sundays: Sunday ticket sellers wearing Aspire lanyards

Oct. 4: Aspire ticket table in the rotunda

Online: Available now through our church ticket site; a small service fee applies. Online tickets will be available at Will Call. **Scan the QR code** with your phone's camera, or type **www.tinyurl.com/AspireFall26** into your browser.



All ticket sales end November 8.

I'm bringing 10 or more women. What about the group rate?

Groups of 10+ can register directly with Aspire for the special group rate (\$25/general, \$35/VIP) and group perks. Group tickets are handled by Aspire, not the church. The more women you bring, the more perks your group can earn! **Aspire Group Registration: (480) 812-1100.** See the Aspire Women's Events website for details.

Questions? Delphi Methodist Church Office: **(765) 564-3791**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Let's take this special opportunity to recognize and express our heartfelt gratitude to **Pastor Todd (& Rhonda)** for their unwavering spiritual guidance, compassionate leadership, and tireless service to our church and community.

We encourage everyone to take a moment this month to show your appreciation—whether it's through a **home-cooked meal, a plate of goodies, a thoughtful gift, or a simple note or card**. Every gesture, big or small, makes a difference and lets them know how much they are loved and valued.

Thank you, Pastor Todd & Rhonda, for all that you do!

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.

All women are invited to our next meeting on **Wednesday, October 7th 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!**

Contact Lois Shoup(765-409-6431) with any questions.

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



OCT 10TH



9:30AM



DMC

October topic

Social Isolation

For more information contact Janet Smith or Deb Mears

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

FALL BACK IS COMING!

NOVEMBER 1, 2026



At **2:00 AM**, clocks
turn **BACK** one hour
to **1:00 AM**.

One extra hour
ON THE CLOCK!