

# *Dillsboro United Methodist Church*



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## *Notes From The Pastor*

*I found this poem you might enjoy.*

### **DOUBT**

Let me meet you on the mountain, Lord, Just once.

You wouldn't have to burn a whole bush. Just a few smoking branches and I would surely be...your Moses.

Let me meet you on the water, Lord, Just once. It wouldn't have to be on White Rock Lake. Just on a puddle after the annual Dallas rain and I would surely be ...your Peter.

Let me meet you on the road, Lord, Just once.

You wouldn't have to blind me on North Central just a few bright lights on the way to chapel and I would surely be...your Paul.

Let me meet you, Lord, just once.

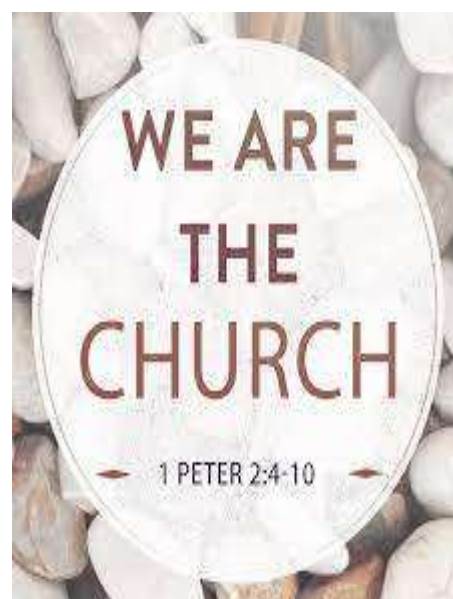
Anywhere, anytime. Just meeting you in the Word is so hard sometimes.

Must I always be ...your Thomas?

*Love, Pastor Deb*



- Labor Day — September 1, 2025
- National Grandparents Day — September 7, 2025
- After School floats each Monday after school 3 till 4:30 p.m. thru Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Patriot Day — September 11, 2025
- Hispanic Heritage Month — September 15-October 15, 2025
- Bingo every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, September 17 at Village Apts Community Room 1 p.m.
- Shriner's Steak Dinner every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month September 19, Starts at 4 p.m..
- First Day of Autumn — September 22, 2025
- Charge Conference-Sandy Hook UMC, Columbus, IN 10/26/2025 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.







## The History of Dillsboro United Methodist Church

The first Methodist Episcopal Society was formed around 1828 and worshipped in the Presbyterian Church, which was located where the old cemetery is now (about a quarter mile north of our present church building).

On June 9, 1838, the first Trustees were elected. They were Isaac Randal, William Glenn, Sedan Bramble, James Stevenson, and Abraham Pearson.

On March 18, 1840, the Trustees purchased Lot No. 22 in the Town of Dillsborough for \$100. That same year a frame building was erected, and it was in this building that the first Quarterly Conference for the Wilmington Circuit was held on December 26, 1846.

In the year 1874 the present brick building was built on the same site.

Around the year 1900 the spelling of Dillsborough was changed to Dillsboro.

It may have been in 1938 when a two-room frame structure was added to the east end of the brick building. One room served as a furnace room and the other was used for the primary Sunday School class.

In 1948 the first electric organ was installed in the church. This was made possible by a generous sum of money willed to the church by Mrs. George Ellerbrook.

In the late 1940's and early 1950's, Sunday School teachers, officers, and members of the church realized the growing demand for more room for Sunday School classes and a place for entertainment and recreation. At this time there were ten Sunday School classes with an average attendance of 142 per Sunday. The classes were Primary, Boosters, Victors, Good Samaritans, Star Light, Sun Shine, Peg-A-Ways, Master Builders, Corinthians, and Men's Bible Class.

A large two-story Bedford stone addition was started in 1952 and completed in 1953. This addition has six rooms, two restrooms, and entry on the first floor, and a Fellowship Hall and kitchen on the second floor.

It was in the year of 1968 that the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged, becoming the United Methodist Church.

In 1970 a sizable amount of money was left to the church by Miss Ada Smith. Part of this money was used to purchase a new organ, and the balance was used as partial payment on remodeling the brick part of the building. This remodeling consisted of adding the vestibule, paneling the inside walls, lowering the ceiling, and installing new pews, floor covering, lights, sound system, and sidewalks. Also, it was at this time the outside brick walls were covered with Bedford stone.

On November 14, 1971, the remodeled part of the building was consecrated and the new organ dedicated.



Methodist Episcopal Society was formed 1828.

In 1874 the frame building was replaced by this brick building. In 1970 the outside brick walls were covered with Bedford stone.

The bell tower, built and dedicated in 1996, houses the bell that once hung in the steeple and called worshipers to Sunday morning services.





## Congratulations

Judy Gatzke has a lot to celebrate. She is pictured with her grandson Luke Bronnert. Luke graduated high school this year and will be attending UC this fall. He plans to be an Engineer.

Second pic is Judy's daughter June Bronnert with her daughter, Riley Bronnert. Riley graduated in June at UC in Architecture.

May they both have great success.



**Dillsboro Elementar...**

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The Ladies of the Dillsboro United Methodist Church volunteered to help our teachers. We appreciate their partnership and support!



Steve and Becky Chipman love to ride with the wind, on their motorcycles. They ride in rallies that help with special causes that are dear to them.



Doris and Harry Fahrenkamp on a beautiful adventure.



The Dillsboro Shriner's are known for their fabulous dinners. Thank you Monte Utter for your diligent help with those meals that benefit the Shriner's Hospital

Got any pictures of you and your grandchildren? We would love to see them. Please email or drop off a picture, we will get it in next month's newsletter.



Grateful for Grandparents



# The Beauty of Stewardship



Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It’s a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God’s creation and of God’s gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God’s help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God’s provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God’s work.

That is the beauty of stewardship.


## Providence and Pastries

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, “Lord, it is up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious baked goods, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery.”

And sure enough, God answered my prayer! On the eighth time round the block, there it was!

Dear God,  
Thank you for everything. ❤️

# PUZZLE



## JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	MOUNT OF OLIVES
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	NAZARETH
BETHSAIDA	JERICO	PEREA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	SAMARSA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SIDON
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	TYRE
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	WILDERNESS
EGYPT		

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# Honoring the Gift of Work



The Bible affirms both the value and dignity of work. From the beginning, God placed Adam in the garden “to work it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15, ESV). In the fourth commandment, we are reminded not only to observe the Sabbath, but also to labor diligently throughout the week: “Six days you shall labor, and do all your work” (Exodus 20:9, ESV).

Work is more than a routine obligation; it is an opportunity to engage our God-given abilities in meaningful ways. Whether using our hands, minds, or hearts, we reflect the image of our Creator—bringing order, care, and creativity into the world.

Our labor allows us to contribute to the common good, find personal fulfillment, and practice faithful stewardship of the talents and strengths God has entrusted to us. As Paul writes, “We are God’s fellow workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV).

On this Labor Day, may we take time to recognize the blessing of work and celebrate those who serve, build, teach, lead, and labor with purpose and care.

## The Power of Prayer Warriors

Prayer warriors are spiritual soldiers—men and women who faithfully lift others in prayer, often behind the scenes. Though their work may go unnoticed by the world, it is deeply valued by God. Their intercession can strengthen the weary, comfort the grieving, and open doors for God’s will to be done.

In Scripture, we are urged to “pray one for another” (James 5:16, KJV), reminding us that healing and restoration often come through the prayers of the faithful. A prayer warrior stands in the gap, bringing needs before the Lord with boldness and persistence.

The Apostle Paul recognized the power of prayer, often asking others to pray for him as he shared the gospel. In the same way, prayer warriors today uphold churches, pastors, families, and communities.

Their prayers may be silent, but their impact is mighty. Never underestimate the difference a praying heart can make.

## A Prayer for Autumn's Arrival

Lord of all seasons,  
As the leaves change and the days grow cooler,  
help me embrace the rhythm of your creation.  
Teach me to let go of what I no longer need  
and to trust your timing in every part of life.

Thank you for the beauty of autumn—  
for crisp mornings, golden trees, and the promise of harvest.  
May this season deepen my gratitude,  
renew my spirit,  
and draw me closer to your heart.

In Jesus’ name,  
Amen.

# Puzzle!

Who made the following statements in the Bible?

1. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew

2. "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you."

Peter, James, John, Paul

3. "What is truth?"

Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius

4. "Choose you this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua

5. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul

6. "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"

Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas

7. "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go."

Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab

8. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Paul, Peter, James, Barnabas





**"Hi, Grandma and Grandpa!"**

### **SOMEONE, JUST SOMEONE**

She sat alone in an old people's home, lonely and old and grey: she wished that someone, just anyone, would call on her that day. Did you?

He lay for days on his hospital bed, the hours were long and hard; he wished someone, just anyone, would send him a cheery card. Did you?

He was far from home on foreign soil, feeling homesick and lonely and blue; he wished that someone, just anyone, would write him a letter, too. Did you?

She felt a stranger, that little bride, when with her husband to worship she came; she wished that someone, just anyone, would stop and call her by name. Did you?

Her loved one had died a few weeks ago, so sad and heart-broken she sat; she wished that someone, just anyone, would come to her house to chat. Did you?

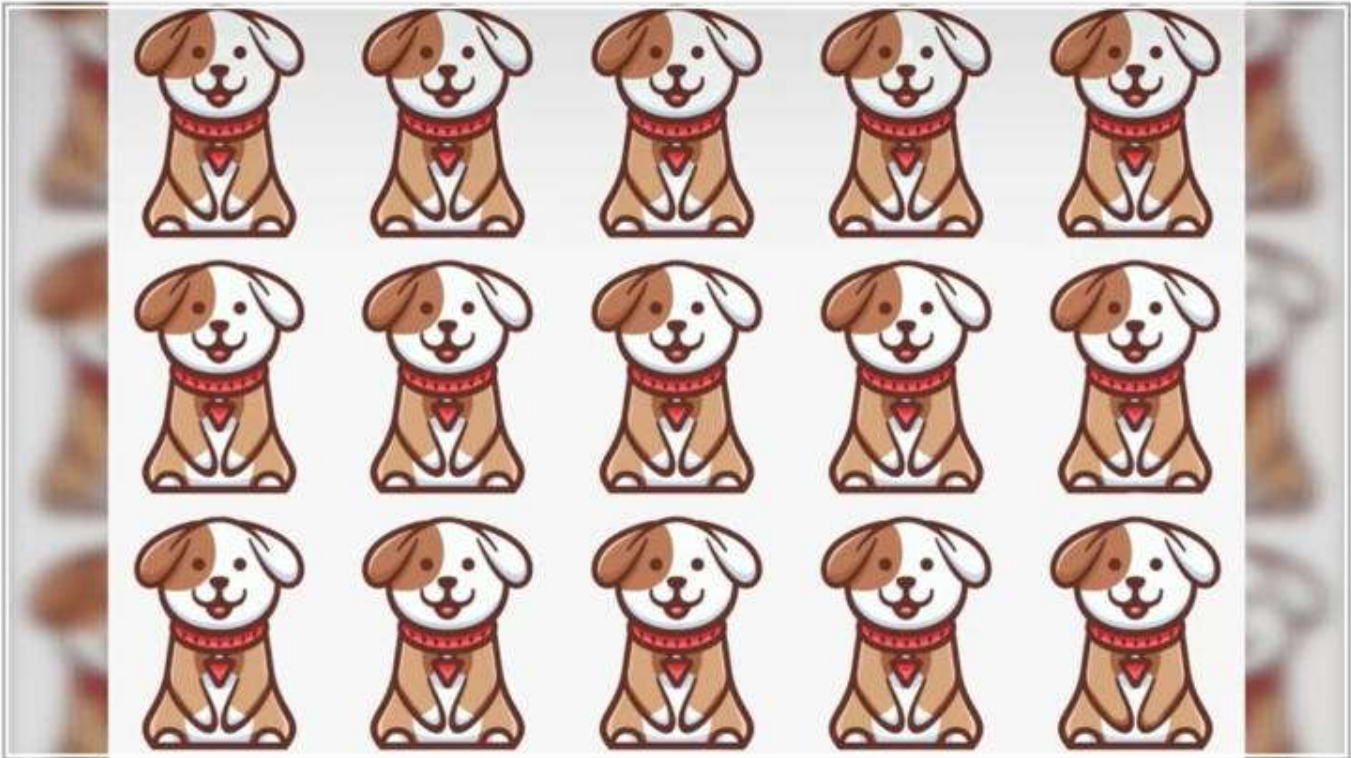
He hoped that he had recited his verse real well, that little fellow, you know; he wished that someone, just anyone, would smile and tell him so. Did you?

She spent long hours, that teacher, giving the best she knew; she wished that someone, just anyone, would speak just a brief "thank you". Did you?

The matter of Christian service—we are living day by day; when we help someone, just anyone, as we walk along life's way. Do you?



Find the one that is different from the others.



### No Bake Pumpkin Pie

**Ingredients** +4 ounces cream cheese softened +  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup white granulated sugar  
+8 ounces Cool Whip divided in half +1 10 inch pre-made graham cracker crusts  
+ $\frac{1}{4}$  cup instant vanilla pudding mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz box +  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk +1 cup pumpkin puree  
+ 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice +  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon nutmeg +  $\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoon cinnamon

**Instructions:** Bottom Layer add cream cheese, sugar, and half of the Cool Whip in a bowl and blend well with a Hand mixer. Fill your pre-made crests evenly with this mix. Middle Layer, Mix pudding and milk and stir until thick. Add 1 cup canned pumpkin puree. Add pumpkin pie spice, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Stir until blended. Pour On top of the cheesecake layer. Top Layer: Top evenly with the remaining half of the Cool Whip and sprinkle with Spices. Refrigerate for at least an hour before eating so pie has time to set completely.

**Notes:**  
Watch out when you are at the grocery store that you buy pure canned pumpkin pie Filling. Make sure your cream cheese is at room temperature so that it blends well And doesn't leave lumps in your mixture. Sprinkle a little pumpkin spice on top of The Cool Whip to add a little extra flavor





- 5 – Gene & Becky Harmeyer
- 7 – Robert & Janet Negley
- 21 – Steve & Becky Chipman
- 24 – Jim & JoAnna Hughes
- 25 – Ted & Jay Thurber



- 3 – Sandra Weiss
- 5- Kaitlin Yeary
- 16 – Luann Pelsor
- 18 – Derek Burk
- 18 – Mark Neal
- 22 – Tanner Maltbie
- 24 – Sevyn Blackthorn
- 25 –Kendra Blackthorn
- 26 – Jay Thurber
- 28 – John Utter
- 29 – Ora Moore

Life’s Gift

Life is a wonderful gift, my friend.  
Whatever the age we’re living in.  
Listen not to those who say  
“Oh for the dreams of yesterday.”  
Never since the world began,  
did time stand still for any man. The  
greatest minds have failed to reach  
the wisdom that the seasons teach.  
There is a harmony in things that only  
growing older brings.  
Happiness is learning how to value  
what is here and now.  
No winter bird, no golden leaf,  
had not the summer been so brief.

*It is not just as we take it, this  
mystical world of ours.  
Life’s field will yield as we make it,  
A harvest of thorns or of flowers.*



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| Justin Schaefer | Ted Thurber          |
| Joe Ryan        | Jaime Maltbie        |
| Baby Hudson     | Marty and Vickie Hon |
| Ray Kuebel      | Josh Vaisman         |
| Pam Eichel      | Jewell Walston       |
| Amanda Van      |                      |

Unspoken Requests, All Military & First  
Responders, Our Nation & its leaders  
*To have a name added, deleted or updated to prayer  
list, please fill out a prayer request card and leave  
on podium. The cards are in the entry hall and the  
Narthex.*

