

DeMotte United Methodist Church Newsletter

April 2021



Almost Easter, actually by the time you read this, Easter might be behind us... still whenever you read this, I encourage you to live out of Easter hope! The past year has been challenging for all of us, and although we are likely seeing the light at the end of the Coronavirus Pandemic tunnel... it is not over yet. We should remain vigilant and continue to protect ourselves and others and get vaccinated, so that, indeed soon we will be able to resume all the things we miss so much, like hanging out with family and friends, going out to eat, going on trips etc. etc.

Blessings, -Pastor Ed

The worship opportunities for April 2021 are:

April 1 @ 7 pm - Maundy Thursday worship : 'A Lamb for Each Household'

April 2 @ 7 pm - Good Friday worship: 'By His Bruises'

April 4 @ 6:27 am - Easter Sunrise worship: 'The Son Rises'

April 4 @ 9 am - Easter Celebration worship: 'He is Risen.'

April 11 @ 9 am - 'Unless I See'

April 18 @ 9 am - 'Touch and See'

April 25 @ 9 am - 'Listen to my Voice.'

We will continue our Wednesday evening small group study. I encourage you to join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Ask to be added to the group by calling the church office 219-987-3671 or by emailing me ed.vanwijk@inumc.org.





Received for February 2021
General Budget: \$8,572.96
Extra mile: \$1,916
Missions: \$1,101.73
Trustees: \$20
Children's: \$56
AmazonSmile for 2020 4th quarter \$50.43
Initial: \$16
District \$20
NEEDED monthly to meet expenses \$13,250



\$200 million donated to charities

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That's right, the church receives FREE money just from you shopping at: smile.amazon.com or [ShopWithScrip | Gift card fundraising](https://www.shopwithscrip.com)

Have a Smartphone? Most of us probably do. The church can also receive free money through the Shop With Scrip app Raise Right at <https://www.raiseright.com>

How it works: Raise money by purchasing gift cards at face value Immediately earn up to 20%. **Use them at full value** Earnings come from brands, not from your pocket, so gift cards are worth every penny. Shop more than 750 top brands using gift cards- right from your phone. Whether you're at home or already at the store.

DUMC enrollment code 3E9ELA3512357



←-Ok so what the heck is this weird hieroglyphics-looking symbol and how does it work?? It's called a QR code (for Quick Response code) And boy is it ever easy! If you have a smartphone simply open your camera tab as if you are going to take a picture of it. Once your phone targets the code you will see an icon. Tap the icon and it will take you directly to the church website Give Online section. There you can tithe electronically in just a few clicks. The transfer is instant so no waiting weeks on snail mail to deliver your check to the church and it finally clear your bank account. Now how's that for quick? Magic.

Scan. Pay. Go.

Logos for Church Camp (a smiling sun and a green tree) and UMW (a colorful rainbow-like symbol).

CHURCH CAMP UMW

Church camp is (hopefully, maybe) on!

The church has a \$200 scholarship available to DUMC youth and the UMW offer \$100 towards camp. Application forms can be picked up in the fellowship hall.



Doing some spring cleaning and throwing stuff out? Well stop it! The church is planning on having a summer rummage sale and can use your unwanted stuff. Drop-off details will be coming soon. ;)



April's food pantry focus is canned meats. With the church's continued support nearly 2500 people in need were aided last year!



Good Neighbor Food Pantry
2020

Month	Vouchers	Total People	Adults	Children
January	76	247	162	85
February	67	206	137	69
March	78	235	156	79
April	72	193	134	59
May	60	164	118	46
June	62	158	120	38
July	70	193	138	55
August	69	192	142	50
September	87	242	169	73
October	86	242	167	75
November	75	196	143	53
December	80	222	155	67
Totals	882	2490	1741	749



In 2019 we issued 824 vouchers, serving 2615 people
205 different families used pantry in 2020

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56	28	29	13	11	19	9	7	10	10	3	10

Don't forget the last Sunday in April the 25th, we will be having Compassion Sunday and highlighting the children aided by this Christian organization since its inception in 1952. Here are a few of the families helped:



Eight-year-old Kaio is from the indigenous Guajajara tribe in Brazil. Like many indigenous people in other countries, the Guajajara suffer from marginalization and poverty. But at Kaio's Compassion center, he and other children from his tribe are loved for who they are while being encouraged to dream of what they can become. Kaio's father says, "We are indigenous people. But that is not all of us. We can also be teachers, doctors and even astronauts."

When he was born, Shakul's Ugandan mother was shocked. He had blue eyes and patches of white skin on his face, hands and feet. Unable to accept her baby's unusual appearance, she abandoned him. Thankfully, Shakul's grandmother took him in, and later, the local Compassion center welcomed him with open arms. Today, with a loving sponsor, Shakul is a happy boy, on the path toward a future as bright as his eyes.



Vanessa was worried when she saw mosquito bites on her baby, Anggy. She knew that mosquitos carry malaria and dengue, diseases that are especially life-threatening to vulnerable babies. Her worries were eased when the Compassion center where she and Anggy are enrolled in the Survival Program provided her with an insecticide-treated bed net. Now, Vanessa says, "I sleep with her under the net, and I don't have that problem anymore." Isn't it crazy something as simple as a mosquito net can change a life?





The UMW did make a few chocolate eggs this year and already sold them all! The frozen 2020 eggs were donated to Good Neighbor Food pantry. UMW are still selling shelled pecans \$9 and DUMC logo tumblers for \$10. The UMW 2021 Annuals are available for pick-up in the Fellowship Hall. These booklets list planned meetings and events throughout the year, as well as member contact info. Next UMW meeting is Monday April 19th at 10am.



The DeMotte Chamber of Commerce recognizes that a healthy and flourishing business climate just doesn't happen by itself. It requires foresight, encouragement, and risk. And along with that, it takes a close relationship with a forward looking town administration. It takes a welcome and pleasing appearance beginning with the Main Street and sidewalks. It requires shopping center owners with a pride in their properties. It demands business owners go that extra mile for their customers as well as for their employees.

In that light, the Board has established the Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Award. The purpose is to recognize and encourage valuable contributions made by business entities or individuals that enhance the DeMotte business community and local economy.

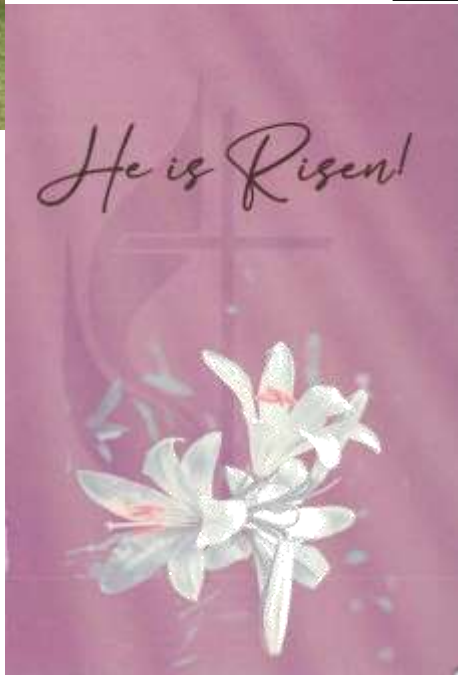
It is with great Honor DeMotte UMC is recognized by the town Chamber of Commerce as Non Profit of the year.



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Church Leadership
 Ministers: People of DeMotte UMC
 Church Council Chair: Gail Barker Chapman
 SPR Chair: Jenelle Ritchie
 Delegate to AC: Jim Shinn
 Lay Leader: Jim Shinn
 Trustee Chair: Dave Morrison
 Finance Chair: Tom Schiesser
 Worship Chair: Ann Shinn
 Endowment Chair: Dan Swart
 Mission Chair: Nancy Susnis
 Preschool Chair: Michelle Thomas
 UMW President: Jeri Myers
 Church Council Secretary Cindy Andersen

We are a Christian Community,
 reaching out with
 caring hearts and open doors.
 We desire to **Worship** God,
Bring people to Jesus,
Include them in his family,
Develop them to Christian Maturity,
 and **Prepare** them for their life mission



This year—perhaps more than any other—we are grateful for your tithes and offerings. Thank you. Because of your faithfulness, our Connection is stronger, and lives are being changed.
 May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.
 Wishing you a blessed Easter as we celebrate that Jesus is risen!

Be encouraged,
 Bishop Julius C. Trimble
 United Methodist Churches of Indiana

Important church dates for April:
 Trustees Zoom meeting April 6th 6:30pm
 Missions meeting April 13th 10am
 Finance Zoom meeting April 13th 6:30pm
 Worship meeting Zoom/in-person TBD April 26 5:30
 SPR Zoom meeting April 27th 6:30
 No Church Council meeting this month
 Deadline for the next church newsletter is April 26th

