



### Pastor's Message

Summer goes by too quickly, there is so much we want to do, places we want to visit, and people we want to see. We still have a whole month to make those things happen if we plan ahead and use our resources wisely.

The rummage sale was a success as a fundraiser, but also as an outreach to our community. Many shoppers were really in need of basic items that most of us take for granted. As the sale was donations only, everything was affordable. What an opportunity to show love and the spirit of giving as Jesus wants us to do. Thank you to all who donated, assisted, or worked behind the scenes. Many lives were impacted and possibly changed.

The next day, the Back-to-School event was held at Spencer Park to provide school supplies for students. Each booth or sponsoring organization offered one item to place in each child's backpack. We provided the glue sticks, which were funded by proceeds from the rummage sale. Sadly, responses from some students when asked if they were ready for school to begin, replied with a "no, because I am bullied or have no friends."

We as Christians should pray for all children going back to school, especially those who face challenges and anxiety of the unknown when walking through the school doors on the first day. We also should keep those in our community that are starting over and need "everything." Be Christ to your neighbors, friends, and those you meet in public. You never know what your offer of love and kindness may provide.

Here's to some more summer and opportunities to share God's blessings with others.

To God be the glory,  
Pastor Gaylynn

# CELEBRATIONS



August 1 Jerry Taylor  
August 2 Barbara Johnson  
August 3- Rylin Dawson  
August 5- Janeen Swart  
August 19- Cindy Tassone  
August 24- Dan Swart



August 7- Randy and Michelle Thomas  
August 15- Joe and Cindy Tassone  
August 25- Bill and Georgia Myers  
August 27- Joseph and Jessica Tassone



# GRIEF SHARE®

When a loved one dies it can feel like you're alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. But that doesn't mean you have to suffer by yourself.

At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through.

**Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm August 7 - November 6, 2023**

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Contact Gail Barker at [gabarker55@icloud.com](mailto:gabarker55@icloud.com) for more information



**We have moved and would love to hear from DUMC friends!**

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Oak Grove Retirement Village

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DeMotte, IN 46310

Barbara DiPaolo

13940 County Rd. 12

Middlebury, IN 47604

219-869-3708

Gage Anderson

400 McCutcheon Dr, Room 603

West Lafayette, IN 47906.

# *DeMotte United Methodist Preschool*

## Enrolling now

Ages

3/4 Tues & Thurs

4/5 Mon, Wed, Fri

9-11:30

find us on Facebook or call  
987-3671 to book a tour  
and signup!



## Welcome to Preschool

If you would like to purchase and donate items for the Preschool, following is a link to the Amazon wish list for the preschool items!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/26H25QM7DLZ1A?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/26H25QM7DLZ1A?ref_=wl_share)



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The DeMotte United Methodist Church will again be hosting a “First Responders and Community” pancake and sausage breakfast the morning of the Touch of Dutch Parade and Festival

**Saturday, August 12**

**7 a.m. to 9 a.m.**

Most of the items needed have been generously donated by *Rose Acre Farms, Strack’s, Belstra’s, KFC, Family Express and members of DUMC.*

***Needed now are workers!!!***

Please sign up @ Church or call Janeen 219-781-7226



# THANK YOU!

Dear DeMotte United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you to everyone that made it out to my open house. I appreciate everyone that came and I hope they had a blast! It was really nice getting to visit with many of you and seeing you there. The church has been a huge part of my life so it was nice to see through God that I've left a good enough impression on you all to come congratulate me as I have finished high school and will venture on to Purdue University in West Lafayette. I will miss you all greatly and you all have been tremendous role models to me! I appreciate dearly all of the opportunities this church has offered me and will cherish the lessons I have learned and will carry them with me in my new chapter of life. I know things won't be the same but I don't plan to be a stranger either. And I am confident in the abilities of Tom and Mike to run the booth just fine when I leave. I wish you all and the church good luck and God's grace. If you would like to reach out to me, my new address at Purdue is  
400 McCutcheon Dr, Room 603, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

Many Thanks,  
Gage Andersen

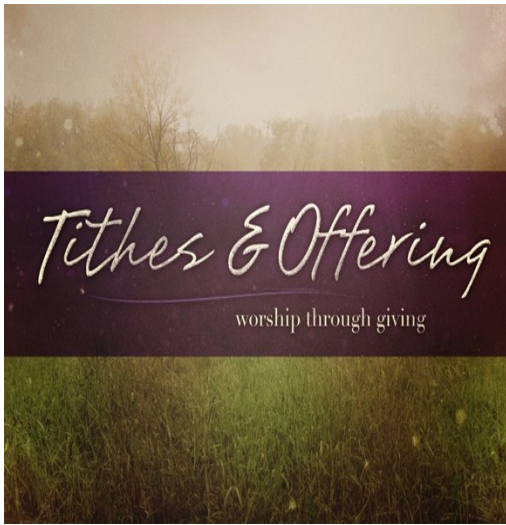


We just wanted to say thank you for your participation in this year's Back to School Fair. We had a wonderful turnout this year. Here are a couple of pictures we have from the event. If your contact information changes, please let us know so we can have the most up to date information for next year.

Sincerely,

The Back to School Fair Committee

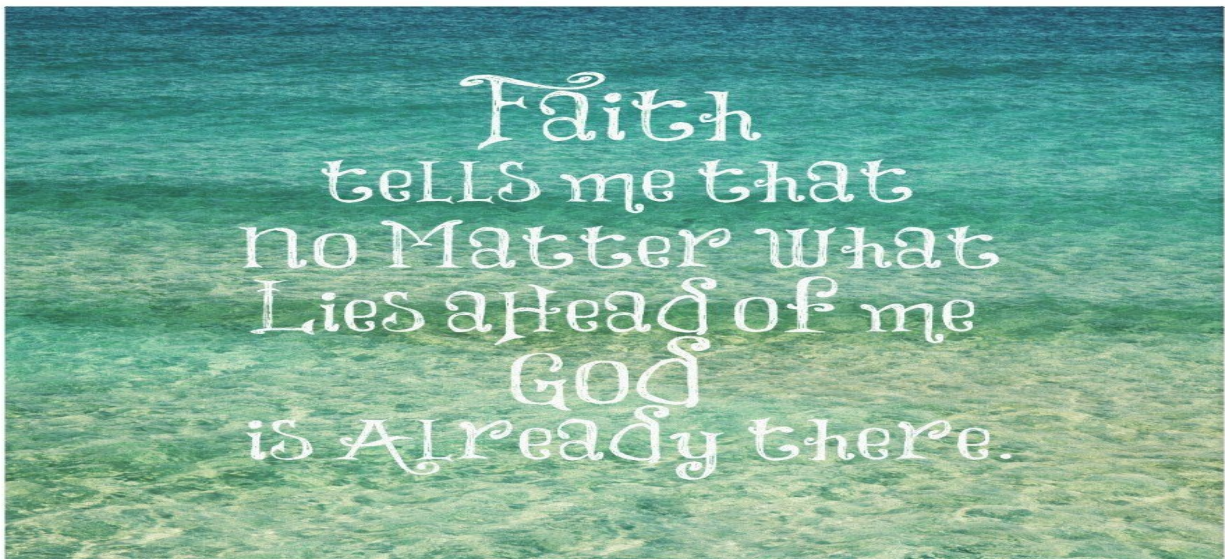




Finance Report	8/1/2023			
General Fund	\$5,114.36			
Trustees	\$646.00			
Capital Improvement	\$1,651.84			
Memorial Fund	\$3,340.95			
Missions	\$4,973.04			
Preschool	\$7,610.18			
Youth Fund	\$2,777.73			
Various Smaller funds	<u>\$1,756.57</u>			
	\$27,870.67	Total of all Funds		
	<u>\$29,130.26</u>	Bank Balance as of 8/1/23		
All Funds	\$1,259.59	Budget Surplus		



## August: Jell-O & Pudding Mixes





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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

**Important church dates for AUGUST:**

Finance August 8th - 6:30 pm

Pancake Breakfast August 12

**Deadline for the next church newsletter is August 25th.**



Church Leadership

Senior Pastor: Gaylynn Dykman

Ministers: People of DeMotte UMC

Church Council Chair: Michelle Thomas

SPR Chair: Mary Lou Gross

Delegate to AC: Gail Barker

Lay Leader: Gail Barker

Trustee Chair: Mike Myers

Finance Chair: Janeen Swart

Worship Chair:

Endowment Chair: Howard Swart

Mission Chair: Nancy Susnis

Preschool Chair: Michelle Thomas/Payton Richie

UMW President: Jeri Myers

Church Council Secretary: Cindy Andersen