

July 2023



Pastor's Message

Pastor's message for July

As we enjoy a full month of summer with picnics, pool parties, travel, or just relaxing in the warm weather (??), we are reminded of God's blessings. We are also reminded of the freedoms God has provided. There are several reasons why as Christians, we should celebrate our freedom.

- 1) As Americans, we enjoy the freedom to worship as we choose. The United States is among the few countries worldwide that offers the most religious freedom. We can choose to attend the church that matches our beliefs and worship style, we can freely read the Bible, even publicly, and we can openly pray to our God. Even with challenges facing some denominations, the Word of God remains the same.
2. We celebrate all who have defended our country. We thank God for our service men and women, past and present, who keep our country safe to ensure we continue to worship freely. We often forget our freedom of religion and other freedoms can only continue if our armed forces protect our nation and national interests. While this does not mean we have to agree with every military decision or conflict, we can be thankful for all those who serve and their families.
3. We can take this opportunity to thank God for a democratic society. Governing leaders are ordained by God (Romans 13) and are to receive honor from those who follow Christ.
4. We can thank God for peace and for family, friendships, and our church community and the freedom to interact with everyone as we choose.

As Jeremiah 29:7 teaches, we can seek the good of the city where we live and work to impact those around us with the love of Christ.

To God Be the Glory,
Pastor Gaylynn

CELEBRATIONS



July 1- Mary Ann Wallace

July 1 - Betty Bigbie

July 4- Sue Schriefer

July 4- Gerald Susnis

July 5- Irene Evans

July 5- Hudson Forden

July 13- Hayden Forden

July 15- Randy Thomas

July 21- Camden Webster

July 23- Carolin De Vries

July 28- Valerie Eenigenburg

July 28 - Tom Schiesser

July 29- John VanKeppel

July 31- Duane Daugherty

July 3- Carl and Gaylynn Dykman

July 9- Mike and Kay Masten

July 11- Gerald and Nancy Susnis

July 11- Aaron and Stephanie Webster

July 17- John and Brenda Sterk

July 17- Adam and Mary Dawson





CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday and Friday, July 27-28

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Donations are now being accepted for our church rummage sale! *Please bring items during office hours, Monday and Wednesday 9-11:30 am*

Proceeds will be donated to the general fund and Back to School Fair.

NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

All items must be clean



Help needed for SET UP on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 25-26

9:00—12:00

Help needed for PACKING UP on Friday, July 28 at 3:00 pm

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



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.

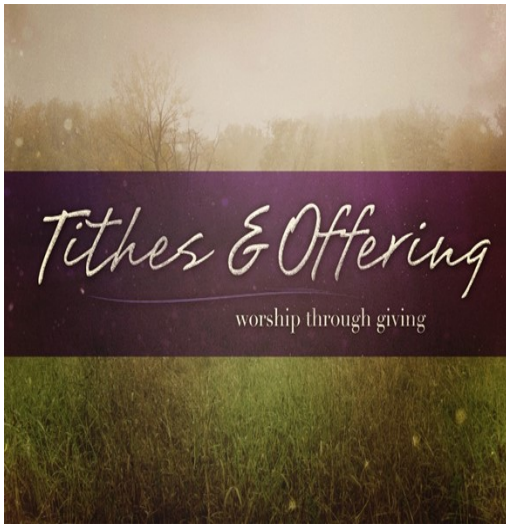
Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm August 7 - November 6, 2023

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Contact Gail Barker at gabarker55@icloud.com for more information



Finance Report	6/30/2023 (After Receiving Employee Reduction Program Funds of \$5870.37)				
General Fund	-1,111.00	Amount Needed to Get Back to Even			
Trustees	1,000.00				
Capital Improvement	1,651.84				
Memorial Fund	3,340.95				
Missions	7,431.04				
Preschool	7,019.12				
Youth Fund	2,762.73				
Various Smaller Funds	1,705.67				
	26,022.35	Amount Needed to Fulfill all Funds			
	-25,607.95	Bank Balance as of 6/26/23			
All funds	-414.40	Amount Needed to Get Back to Even			



July: Spaghetti Sauces





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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 JULY:

Church Council July 18 6:30 pm

UWF meeting July 17 10:00—11:00 am

Deadline for the next church newsletter is July 26



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

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