

It's

JUNE 2023

DEMOTTE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SUMMER

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our journey has taken us from the cross, to the grave, to the resurrection, and the 40 days Jesus spent with his disciples and others before ascending to Heaven. We have celebrated Pentecost and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Now we turn our attention to the birth of the church! In Acts 2:32-39, we read what Paul tells the crowd at the time of Pentecost:

“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

“Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, *“Brothers, what shall we do?”*

Peter replied, *“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”*

Each one of you has the gift of the Holy Spirit within you. Use that gift for furthering God's Kingdom and for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In case you haven't noticed, summer is coming, time to seize the joy of the season. This is a time to feel the heavenly warmth on our face and revel in the beauty that surrounds us.

Relax, have fun, celebrate, and abide in gratitude for all of God's blessings.

To God Be The Glory,

Pastor Gaylynn



Finance Report

Due to the diligence of our finance treasurer, Dennis Lins, our church just received a check for \$5760.94 as part of the Employee Reduction Program. Because of this, the General Fund is now a positive number, \$105.32. However, as the chart shows, \$27,069.62 should be available for all of the other funds.

If we subtract the bank balance as of 5/30/23 (\$18,902.29) from the amount needed, we still are behind **\$8272.65** to fund all accounts. WE ARE STILL NOT IN A GOOD FINANCIAL SITUATION, but things are improving, thanks to the sacrificial giving of the congregation and the careful management by the finance committee.

In June the quarterly insurance is due for \$2,180.25. This is an increase over March of about \$300. If you feel moved to give to this cause, please label your gift, Extra Mile and it will be used to cover the cost of the insurance payment.

Account Balances Report		May 30, 2023			
				8,428.04	Missions
18,902.29	Bank Balance as of 5/30/23			1,651.84	Capital Improvement
-105.32	General Fund after receiving check for \$5760.94			7,195.99	Preschool
18,796.97	Amount Left to Fulfill Other Funds			3,340.95	Memorial Fund
				2,758.73	Youth Fund
				1,689.77	Various Smaller Funds
				<u>2,004.30</u>	Trustees Fund (needed to get back to zero)
				27,069.62	Amount that should be in all other Funds
$\$27069.62 - \$18796.97 = \$8272.65$		Amount Needed to Cover All Funds			



JUNE'S FOOD PANTRY FOCUS IS

CANNED TOMATOES

Items may be dropped off at the bin in the fellowship hall.



CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE JULY 28-29

Start saving your items for our church rummage sale! Information will be announced when items can be dropped off at the church.

NO ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED! Proceeds will be donated to the general fund and Back to School Fair.



Dune's Day – Saturday, June 17

11:00 – 4:00 PM

\$7.00 entrance fee per car for the Dunes

Our church has secured the **DUNESIDE SHELTER** for the day. *This shelter is handicap accessible and accessible parking.* There will be access to electrical outlets for plugging in food dishes and, of course, for charging phones. Invite your family and friends to come to the Indiana State Dune's picnic area and enjoy a day of relaxing and nature. The Dunes offer many trails (either novice or expert) for hiking. There is always the **lake** to enjoy., too!

So pack your picnic basket with foods you and your family would enjoy eating, throw in your outdoor games, and head straight north on US Highway 49!

Bring food for your family!

Sign up in the church if you want to carpool!



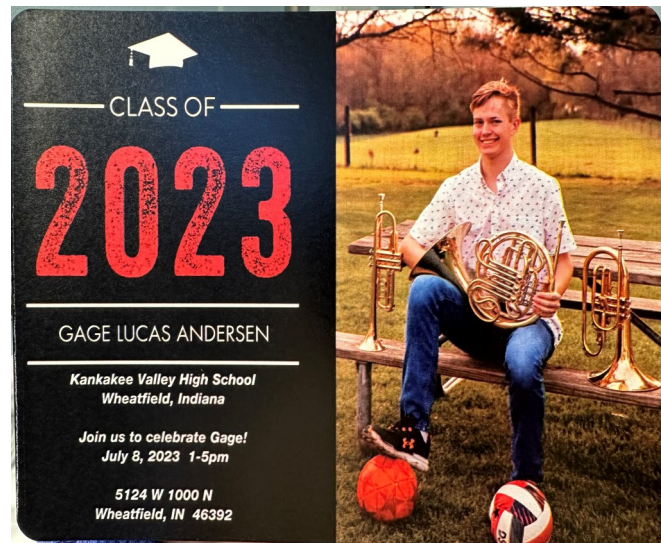
JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 1 -Clara McCully
June 1- Kay Scholl
June 2- Maddisyn Gray
June 2- Ron Gruchalski
June 2- Jenelle Ritchie
June 13 -Michael McCully
June 18- Mike Masten
June 18- Brenda Sterk
June 19 -Lucas Miller
June 24- Aidan Dawson
June 25- Jillian Swart
June 25- Howard Swart
June 26- Stewart Peo
June 28 -Celeste Robinson
June 29 - Camry Krueger



June 5- Bryan and Cindy Andersen
June 7- Emerson and Elaine Tiller
June 9- J.R. and Mary Lou Gross
June 19- Eric and Carly Maple
June 30- Mike and Jeri Myers



YOU ARE INVITED! GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

Preschool News!

Congratulations to our Preschool graduates and 3-4 class! We hope you have a wonderful summer and excited about the next step in your journey.





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Worship Services: Sundays 9 in person and live streamed online

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 JUNE:

United Methodist Annual Conference June 8-11th, Ball State University

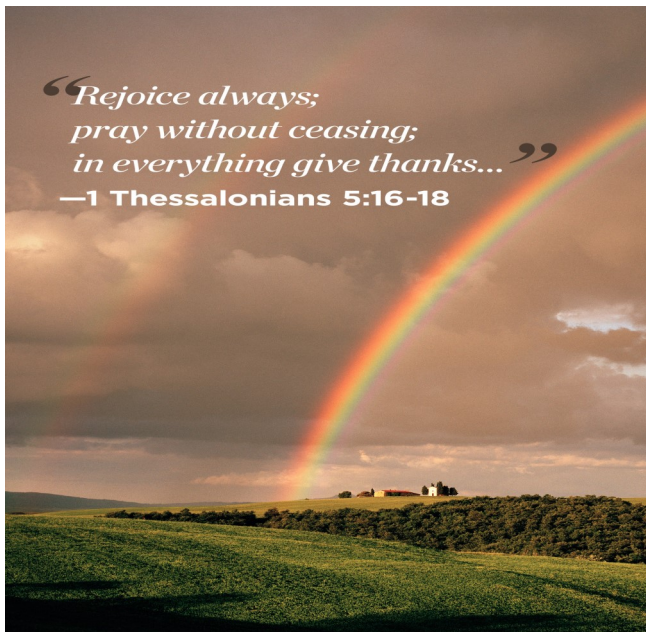
Finance meeting June 13th 5:30 pm

Dune's Day Picnic June 17th 11:00 —4:00

UWF meeting June 19 10:00 am



Deadline for the next church newsletter is June 23rd



Church Leadership

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