

MARCH

DeMotte United Methodist Church

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

God is good....all the time, and all the time, God is good.

I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD. They are plans for peace and not disaster, plans to give you a future filled with hope. (Jer. 29:11) I am humbled by God's plan for me to be your pastor. God shows up and life changes. What's the saying... want to see God laugh? just tell him your plans!

As I begin my third month as your pastor, I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome, assistance, and advice as I begin to settle in and get to know you. I want to especially thank JR for his welcoming remarks as I walked in the door on my first Sunday. Forgive me if I forget your name, I have senior moments all too often these days. Feel free to stop by, call, or text me as you seek pastoral care or just want to talk. I plan to be in the office Monday and Tuesday mornings and schedule visitations on Wednesday and Thursday. However, I am open and flexible for visitations and appointments at your convenience. I also serve the Roselawn United Methodist Church, with office hours by appointment.

We have begun the journey to the cross as we go from the wilderness to entering a time of self-denial, recognizing our selfish desires, and our own mortality. We seek to make changes in our hearts and lives. We move toward being more like Jesus, loving more and forgiving unconditionally. Together, we will hear about Jesus healing the blind man and bringing Lazarus back to life.

I pray that this time of self-reflection and self-denial will bring you closer to God through His son, Jesus.

To God Be the Glory!

Pastor Gaylynn

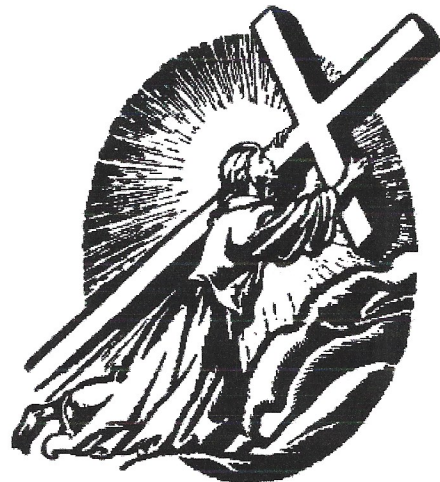
HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday Dinner/Service – 7 PM

Good Friday Service – 7 PM

Easter Sunrise Service – 6:19 AM

Easter Service – 9 AM



CORNERD BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER



St Patrick's Day brings out the Irish in all of us. Please join us for a delicious corned beef dinner on March 17 in our Fellowship Hall. Cost is a mere \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 3-7 and no cost for those under 2. Come out and enjoy our meal and bring a friend or two.

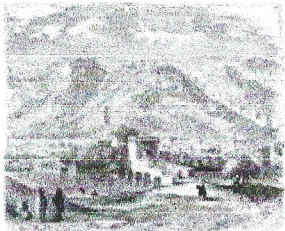
Mission's News

Gift boxes for college students – The committee will be collecting items for our college students to munch on during finals preparation. We are asking for donations of goods such as hot chocolate, individual snacks, etc. Please bring them starting March 12 and put them in the box in Fellowship Hall. We would like to have these by March 31 so we can pack and distribute in time for the tests.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration for the 2023/24 school year is ongoing. Those registered and paid by May 31st will enter a drawing for \$50.00 Target gift card. If a current/former parent recommends the preschool, a \$10.00 gift card will be given.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Join us at our March 20, 2023 meeting as we welcome Gail Barker who will be talking and showing pictures of her recent trip to the Holy Land. Gail was fortunate enough to take this trip with fellow United Methodist church member's this past December. This should be a fun and informative session. See you there.

***Though our feelings come and go God's love for us
does not!***



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

A reminder that there are monthly special offerings for committees and such to help with the good work of our church. These offerings are above the weekly tithes and offerings. Please remember to give to these needs.

- District Support Tithing
- Extra Mile
- Missions
- Conference
- Trustees
- Special offerings for holidays

March's Food Pantry focus is paper towels, tissues, soaps and shampoos.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1 – Madison Miller
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 March 7 – Mary Dawson
 March 8 – Judy Myers
 March 9 – Michelle Thomas
 March 13 – William Krueger
 March 13 – Jaylen Krueger
 March 15 – Anthony Gray
 March 15 – Bonnie Gruchalski

March 16 – Arlene Poisel
 March 16 – Elaine Rietveld
 March 21 – Jim Shinn
 March 23 – Kyle Eenigenburg
 March 24- Emma Maple
 March 25 – Teena Farmer
 March 28 – Amy McCully
 March 29 – John Sterk

Happy Anniversary

March 3 – Pat and Roscoe Hilton
 March 6 – Stewart and Jan Peo
 March 31 – Mary Ann and Jerry Taylor

YOGA WITH NANCY

Need a good morning stretch – join Nancy and her group of Yoga enthusiasts at DeMotte United Methodist Church at 8 AM every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Classes are open to any level of skill. Cost \$50. For

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Chocolate Easter Eggs
 \$6.50 EACH

Order deadline March 20- Pick up April 2—10 to 11 AM

Available yummy flavors

Coconut	Fudge Maple
Peanut Butter	Maple Nut
Butter Cream	Local Honey Cream
Fudge	Mint

Find an order form on the tables in Fellowship Hall or call the church office at 219-987-3671.

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
 Finance Chair: Janeen Swart
 Trustee Chair: Dave Morrison
 Worship Chair: Cindy Andersen
 Endowment Chair: Howard Swart
 Preschool Chair: Payton Ritchie
 UMW Chair: Jeri Myers

Important church dates for November:

Bible Study Thursday's 10am
 Grief Share Monday's 6-7:30 PM
 3-14- Life Line Screening 8:30 - 4
 3-17- Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner – 4-7
 3-20-WIF Meeting 10 AM
 3-21- Church Council 6:30
 Deadline for the next church newsletter is March 21 2
 The church calendar is always available real-time at:
<https://demotteunitedmethodist.org/calendar/>

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

Ways to fast this Lent

Fast from worries and trust in God	Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pressures and be reconciled	Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
Fast from pressures and be prayerful	Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
Fast from hurting words and say kind words	Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude	Fast from words and be silent so you can listen