

As Carl and I have been traveling through Arizona and California, we have been amazed at the beauty of purple sunsets, majestic mountains, vast stretches of land far as we can see, the desert flowers, and the saguaro cactus sprouting up from the dry, arid land. So much beauty, so much love from our God, creator of all. God's love is expressed in many ways, through beauty, grace, forgiveness, healing, and comfort. God's love is ours to receive.

God loves us personally; we are all special to Him. He cares about us to the extent He wants to be part of our life, even if you have spent years or your whole life running from him, doing things you regret. He still wants a relationship with you. God's love is unconditional and infinite. God commands those who follow Him to love one another. As God loves us, we must love, imperfections, and all.

Remember the beauty of God's creation and give thanks by loving and caring for others as He loves and cares for you.

To God be the glory,

Pastor Gaylynn



## CELEBRATIONS

September 3- Sgt. Beau Gross September 4- Emmett Gibson September 8 Madigan McCully September 8- Linda Gibson September 9- Carly Maple September 9- Logan Myers September 12- Baileigh Gray September 13- Katie Rudelius September 16- Haylee Miller September 19- Lynn Daugherty September 20- Addison Myers September 20-Landyn Gray September 21- Bill Myers September 24 Ainsley McCully September 24- Markus Ritchie September 25- Kinley Krueger September 25 Maeve McCully September 27-Barb DiPaolo September 30- Cecilia Mulhern

HAPPY BIRTHDA

to you



Sept 7- Michael and Amy McCully Sept 12- Dan and Annie Swart Sept 26- Mark and Jenelle Ritchie Sept 29- Traci and Joe Forden





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 an 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

DeMotte United Methodist Church

227 N. Halleck St.

DeMotte, IN 46310

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



If you would like to purchase and donate items for the Preschool, following is link to the Amazon wish list for the preschool items! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ ls/26H25QM7DLZ1A?ref\_=wl\_share





The "First Responders and Community Breakfast" held on August 12<sup>th</sup> before the Touch of Dutch festivities was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped to make it possible, those who donated to the fund, donated food items and those who worked either Friday evening to set up and those who worked

Saturday morning to cook the food. Clean up went well because of the many volunteers. We especially appreciated the help from our sister congregation in Roselawn. Thanks also to Strack and Van Til, Belstra Milling, Rose Acre Farms, KFC, and Family Express for the food items they donated. Because of all the generous donations very little needed to be purchased. About one hundred eighty people were served with generous portions. No one went away hungry that's for sure.

Thanks be to our gracious God who gives us the time and abilities to serve Him in this way.









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Finance Re	port	8/28/2023			
General Fu	nd	\$7,366.03			
Trustees		\$721.00			
Capital Imp	provemen	\$1,651.84			
Memorial I	und	\$3,340.95			
Missions		\$5,378.04			
Preschool		\$7,819.88			
Youth Fund		\$2,833.73			
Various Smaller funds		<u>\$1,718.58</u>			
		\$30,830.05	Total of a	ll Funds	
		\$32,624.58	Bank Bala	ance as of 8	3/1/2

On Sept. 11th our insurance premium is due \$1911.69



## September: Peanut butter







Important church dates for September: September 4: Office Closed September 27: Church Council 6:30 PM Deadline for the next church newsletter is September 27.



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DeMotte United Methodist Church

**Develop** them to Christian Maturity, and **Prepare** them for their life mission

## 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: 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