



## Pastor's Message:

Happy New Year!

At the start of the year is a time to set goals for the year ahead. What do you want to accomplish in this coming year? What goals do you have for yourself and your family? The start of a new year is also a time of reflection. At the start of the new year, I like to reflect on the past year. What things do I want to leave behind in 2025? What did I learn? How did I grow? What small and big changes happened? It can be easy to set these big, sometimes unattainable, goals for the new year, but I want to challenge you to look back and praise the ways you have grown. Maybe 2025 didn't turn out the way you wanted it to, but what did you learn from your journey through the year? How was God present in your life in 2025? God is always present and active in our lives. We, like Job, may never know why something has happened, but God is always there with us.

### Genesis 41:8-14

**8** In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him. **9** Then the chief cup-bearer said to Pharaoh, “Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. **10** Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the captain of the guard. **11** Each of us had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. **12** Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his dream. **13** And things turned out exactly as he interpreted them to us: I was restored to my position, and the other man was impaled.” **14** So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.

### Nicole Caldwell-Gross, Excerpt from *The Big Picture*

“What’s the point? Every dot is connected not just by time but by place. Joseph doesn’t become a dream interpreter in the court of Pharaoh in Canaan. That’s something that can only happen in Egypt. There’s no time where that dream becomes a reality in that place. Only by moving from pit to Potiphar, to prison to palace, does God’s big picture for Joseph’s life come into focus. So this means, that YOU are exactly where God needs you to be.”

Blessings,  
Pastor Becca May

### January Sermon Series



See you at Church! Sunday at 9:00 am

Can't make it in, Join us on Live on Facebook.

### Closing Song Playlist for January

1/4 Gratitude (Brandon Lake)

1/11 Here I Am to Worship (Hillsong Worship)

1/18 Worthy of it All (Bethel Music)

1/25 Send Me (Bethel Music)

Due to copyright, we can not air these on Facebook.

# Celebrations



January 3 - Kay Masten  
 January 4 - Claude Dasch  
 January 5 - Braiden Flick  
 January 7 - Brock Maple  
 January 7 - Patsy Atkins  
 January 8 - Kevin Eenigenburg  
 January 12 - Brittany Miller  
 January 19 - Eleanor Gibson  
 January 23 - Emily Tucker  
 January 23 - Brian Tucker  
 January 23 - Evy Hein  
 January 23 - Georgia Myers

January 24 - Bryan Andersen  
 January 25 - Shelby Flick  
 January 26 - Mark Ritchie  
 January 26 - Maddie Swart  
 January 27 - Ella Cummins  
 January 27 - Cindy Andersen  
 January 30 - Elijah Robinson



January 14 - Anthony and Kerry Gray

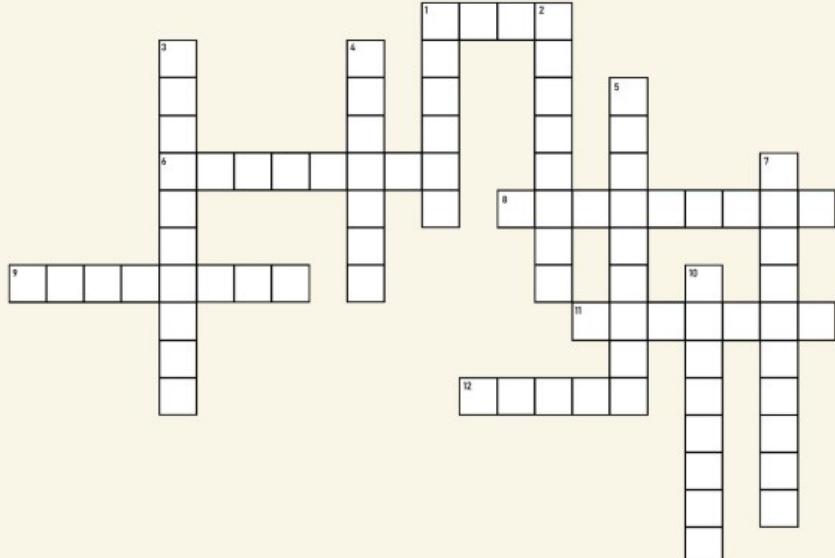
## ACROSS

1. author of the Book of Revelation
6. Jesus crucified
8. Jesus born
9. Jesus doing when the storm arose?
11. Turning water into wine
12. he kisses Jesus to identify

## DOWN

1. river Jesus baptize
2. where jesus grew up
3. first four books of the New Testament
4. Tax collector
5. John the baptizer's father's name
7. last book in the New Testament
10. john the ....

## New Testament CROSSWORD



# What's Happening



## Town Hall Meeting

**Save the Date - February 1st**

The church will provide chicken,  
but we are asking people to bring side dishes.



Come share a meal together, play Bingo (prizes for the winners), church swag available, and learn about things happening in the Church.

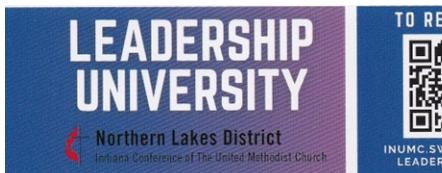
This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss important issues, share ideas, ask questions you have, learn about opportunities to get involved, and foster connections with your neighbors.

## Start the New Year with getting involved!

Share your God given talents. Grow in your faith. Help spread the news of God.

*Complete the quick survey on our Website under "Serve" or  
Contact the Office, we love to talk with you!*

**Want to dig deeper? Free Zoom Class, don't leave your house!**



Free Zoom Workshops, scan QR code or go to website to learn more and register.  
[INUMC.SWOOGO.COM/LEADERSHIPU2026](http://INUMC.SWOOGO.COM/LEADERSHIPU2026)

Classes available on Saturday, January 31st and Saturday, February 7th.

Pick a category to learn and bring it back to the church as help us grow!



## Food Pantry Focus

**This Month we are collecting: Cake Mix and Icings**

The food pantry is always in need of Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, and Soaps.



Place items in basket located in Fellowship Hall, Thank You!



# Recap of 2025

## Church Council



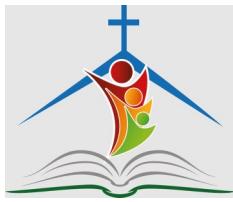
Starting January 1st the Church Council will be operating under the one board structure approved by our Church members and by INUMC.

The new board structure will allow for a single, unified leadership board to streamline decision-making, improve communication, and foster a holistic approach on ministry, allowing more people to focus on hands-on missions.

### Join our Leadership Team!

We're seeking passionate individuals to serve on our Church Board and help guide our vision for the future. Some of our current board members will be finishing up their terms in office this year. Now is a great time to shadow current members and learn what office position fits you best. Come help shape our ministry and community outreach!

If you have any questions reach out to Michelle Thomas or Pastor Becca.



We invite you to our next Church Council Meeting January 26th at 6:00 pm  
Meetings are monthly and open to all church attendees!

Next Town Hall Meeting is February 1st After Sunday Service

## Missions

Our Missions Committee team has been working hard locally and globally.

Committee-Nancy Susnis-chair, Carolin DeVries, Patsy Atkins, Tracy Forden, Elaine Tiller

### *Home church -*

- \* Finals goody and stress relievers for college student's finals
- \* Gift bags and/or cards for shut-ins
- \* Prayer partner
- \* Older youth outing at Cup of Joy

### *World—*

- \* \$400 Zambia Widow Project-creating shoe businesses
- \* \$250-World Vision pitched of 2 goats & 4 chickens to allow villages to become self-sufficient
- \* \$150- World Vision clean water project
- \* Operation Christmas Child—over 100 boxes filled to be distributed around the world, Partly financed by Tefft church.



Coming Soon: Blessing Box for shelf stable milk.

If you are interested in Missions or a mission you would like to present, see Nancy Susnis.



## United Women In Faith

The DeMotte Women In Fath would like to thank all who helped out this year that not only includes the women, but also the men who helped.

Some of our fun raising events included the home-made chocolate covered Easter Eggs fundraiser that has been happening for over 40 years. The bazaar that has been happening for over 60 years, with the cookie walk, homemade pies, soups, and sandwiches, & crafters. At this event we hold a silent auction, which this year raised \$611 for local food pantry.

We did some fun things together. We had a Tea for the ladies of our church and ladies from some nearby Methodist Churches and friends around 38 attended. We had an outing at Cup Of Joy, and to Scented Science, where some of us made car diffusers, reed diffusers, and bath salts.

We hosted the retired Teachers Luncheon

Our disbursements for this year:

Food pantry \$611

Lucille Raines \$400

Refuge for Women (sex trafficking) \$500

Bashor's Children's Home \$500

Days for Girls \$500

Church Camp \$100

Indiana Crisis Center \$150 (for birthday supplies for children)

Heifer \$470

New Christmas tree for the sanctuary \$320

Repair man to look at the refrigerator \$234

New Mixer \$442

UWIF District \$1,015 (Toward women & children)

Paper supplies for church \$830 (Coffee, plates, cups, etc.)

We started a fundraiser for flooring for the sanctuary then the trustees paid the rest.

We have monthly meetings and are open to all women of our church and to the community.

If you would like more information about UWIF reach out to Jeri Myers.

We love to have you!



## DUMC Preschool

This year our Preschool students and their families collected cereal for the Wheatfield community.

Together they donated 60lbs of cereal to the Sorrowful Mother Pantry.

Thank you to all the families and our teachers who made this mission possible!

## Trustees

Well, another year has passed, and the Trustees have accomplished quite allot this year.

- 1) We upgraded the internet and replaced 1 monitor and 2 computers so we can be more efficient in both the office and the sound booth. The old equipment was to the point that they were obsolete and past due for replacement.
- 2) Replace the front door to the parsonage because of wood rot on the bottom of the door and replaced the carpet in three rooms because they were worn out and beyond cleaning.
- 3) We installed two motion detection lights by the entry doors of the church and 1 by the kitchen entry door and 1 by the door where the preschool goes in and out to the playground.
- 4) We replaced the rope for the three flag poles and three new flags.
- 5) We had one of the breaker boxes in the boiler room repaired so no one would get shocked or even short out and cause a fire.
- 6) We repaired and painted the 6 windows at the north end of the building because of wood rotting and weathering.
- 7) We repaired and/or replaced many other things over the year, from wall sockets to wall switches, to a kitchen sink sprayer and many other miscellaneous items through out the church.



**Church  
Trustees**

I would like to give my special thanks to all the hard work that the trustees have done this past year and they are Wanda Krueger, Stu Peo, Dave Morrison, Bill Myers, and to Bob & Mary Groen for their endless work on the church grounds (mowing and fall clean up).

Thank You!

Mike Myers Trustee Chair



## Children's



A special Thank you to the Children of our ministry and Sunday School teacher Nancy, who shopped to collect food for local kids and their families this Holiday Break! They alone shopped to provide \$160 worth of food . Thank you to those who also contributed to this wonderful cause put on by the DeMotte Chamber and local Blessing box team in the "Feed the Kids" challenge so families could eat over the holiday break.

# Sweet voices of Children Singing



## Preschool Christmas Program



## Teaching and Lighting Advent Candles with the Preschoolers



## Christmas Eve Service



# Opportunities to Serve

## Volunteers for January

Date	Greeter	Liturgist	Acolyte	Coffee Hour	Counters	Nursery	Sunday School
1/4		JR Gross		Jeri & Jan	Mary Lou & Carolin		Nancy
1/11		JR Gross			Sue & Michelle		Nancy
1/18		JR Gross			Patsy & Jan		Nancy
1/25		JR Gross			Mary Lou & Carolin		Nancy

Can you help fill in the Blank spaces? We Love to have you!

Sign up board is in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in volunteering!

## Volunteers for February

Date	Greeter	Liturgist	Acolyte	Coffee Hour	Counters	Nursery	Sunday School
2/1	Mike & Jeri	Nancy			Sue & Michelle		
2/8	Mike & Jeri	Nancy			Patsy & Jan		
2/15	Mike & Jeri	Nancy			Mary Lou & Carolin		
2/22	Mike & Jeri	Nancy			Sue & Michelle		

You can also reach out to the Church Office or to Pastor Becca with any questions or concerns.

# January 2026

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Holy Communion						
11	12 Missions Meeting 10:00 am	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Office CLOSED	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Council Meeting 6:00 pm	27	28	29	30	31

**Save the Date: Sunday, February 1st  
Town Hall Meeting and BINGO —After Service**



### Important church dates for January

January 12 Missions Meeting 10:00 am

January 19 Office Closed

January 26 Church Council Committee meeting 6:00 pm

Deadline for **February** newsletter is **January 26th**

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**Pastor Becca May Baughman**

**Sunday Worship 9am**

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

### Church Leadership

#### New Board Starts January 1, 2026

Pastor: Becca May Baughman

Ministers: People of DeMotte UMC

Chairperson: Michelle Thomas

Vice Chairperson:

Treasurer: Mary Lou Gross

Secretary: Sue Flick

Lay Person (s):

Mike Myers (Trustee)

Nancy Susnis (Missions)

Jeri Myers (UMIF President)

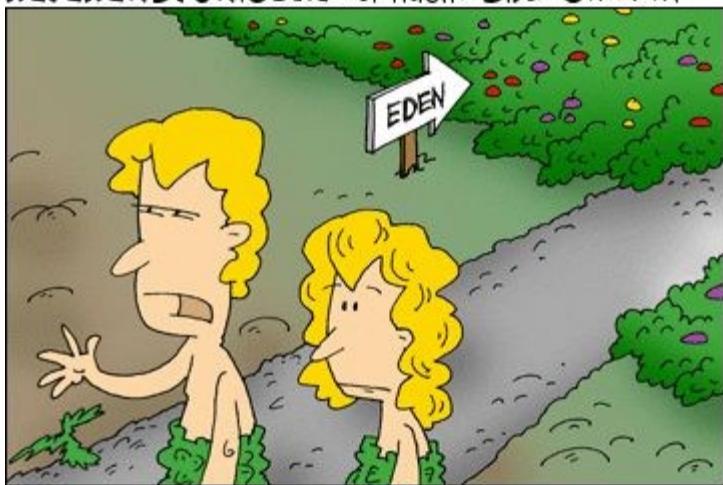
Georgia Myers

JR Gross

Stephanie Webster

We are looking for people to serve on the church governing board. Contact Michelle Thomas or Pastor Becca for more information.

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