



Pastor's Message:

Good Morning! Good Afternoon! And Good Evening! Lent is upon us. This is a season in the church calendar when we repent, reflect, and looking towards Easter. This is a season that celebrates the lengthening of days and honors the 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus spent in the desert before beginning his ministry. As a church we will be spending this time in prayer together and on our own. Church ministry has to begin in prayer, so as the daylight hours grow and we move farther into 2026, we will be praying. During Lent the sermon series will be "Prays of the Bible." Together we will pray and as we do we will learn from the prayers of those who have come before us. We will learn from their faith, their sorrow, and their joy.

Philippians 4:4-7 says "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." In everything that we do we should pray, so that we continue to rely on the power and guidance of God and not on our own power and skills.

What is Lent and why does it last 40 days? (resource from *Ask the UMC*)

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Blessings,

Pastor Becca May



Closing Song Playlist for March

3/1 - In Jesus Name (The God of Possible) by Katy Nichole
3/8 - 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) by Matt Redman
3/15 - Above All by Lenny LeBlanc
3/29 - We Praise You by Brandon Lake

See you at Church! Sunday at 9:00 am

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

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

Celebrations



- March 1- Linda Baker
- March 9 - Michelle Thomas
- March 13- William Krueger
- March 15- Anthony Gray
- March 16- Elaine Rietveld
- March 17- Pat Brown
- March 21- Jim Shinn
- March 26- Teena Farmer
- March 28- Amy McCully
- March 29- John Sterk



- March 6- Stewart & Jan Peo
- March 31- Jerry & Maryann Taylor





Kid's Camp





SCAN HERE

Scan here for more information and to sign up for camp. **Register by April 20 to take advantage of the early bird discount.** At Impact 2818, we offer something for everyone, so find your event and get registered today!

Brochures also available in the Fellowship Hall

Good Friday Service Readers

We are looking for a couple of people to be readers at our Good Friday Service

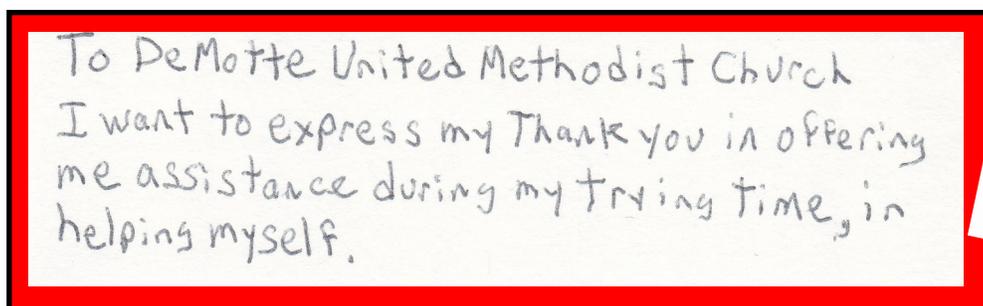
April 3rd at 6:00 pm. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Any questions see Pastor Becca .



Thank you note to DUMC !

We had the opportunity to help a local community member this winter and he wanted to express his gratitude for not looking away and helping.



Food Pantry Focus



This Month we are collecting:



Paper towels, tissues, soaps, and shampoos



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

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

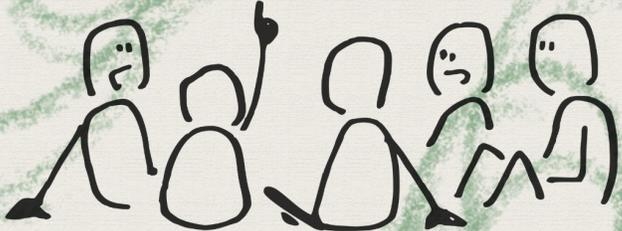


What's Happening

You do not need to be a member of the church to attend these events.

All are welcome! Invite a friend! Help share the love of Jesus.

ALL ARE WELCOME
 PASTOR'S PLACE:
YOUTH HANGOUT
MARCH 28TH 10AM
 SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED.
 IF YOU HAVE A SNACK OR DRINK REQUEST REACH OUT TO PASTOR BECCA MAY.
 FOR QUESTIONS DM US, EMAIL: BECCA.BAUGHMAN@INUMC.ORG, OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

The Chosen
Small Group

 Sundays • 10:30AM • Fellowship Hall
 Starting Feb. 22-April 26. We will be watching season 3 of *The Chosen*. The group will NOT meet March 15 or April 5th.

HOLY WEEK

29 MARCH PALM SUNDAY SERVICE TIME: 9AM

2 APR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE TIME: 8PM

3 APR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE TIME: 6PM

5 APR EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE TIME: 9AM

DeMotte United Methodist Church

2026 Easter Plants
 (All plants are foiled and sleeved)
 Turn in order forms and payment in the offering plate or to the office
 Orders due by noon on March 23, 2025

		
6" Tulips \$9.00	Mini Daffodils 6" 5-8 Bloom \$9.00	6" Bloom Lilies \$14.00
		
6" Hyacinth \$9.00	6" Mums \$15.00	

Pick up your plants after Easter Sunday Service from the altar



Crazy Bowling Church Outing



Come out for a Crazy Fun time!

Always a blast! Bring some friends!

March 8th at 1:00pm at Wheatfield Lanes

\$17.50 per team (team of 5) \$3.00 for shoes

Pay at the event. Don't have a team, have no fear,

Sign up and we will get you on a team!



Spring can't come soon enough!



Plant Sale– TBD– Details coming soon

If your already planning on thinning out your garden,

please save them (in a container) for our plant sale coming soon!

Proceeds will help fund the back-to-school fair)

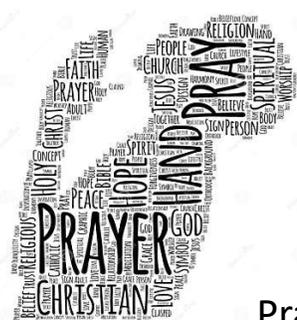
Prayer Stations and Blankets

Now through Easter we have prayer stations set up
and available in the Chapel.

It is open on Sundays from 8 am to 12 pm and
during Church Office hours.

Prayer Blankets are also available for those in need.

They are located in chapel and by the TV in the Fellowship Hall.





United Women In Faith

Hoppity Hop it's Chocolate Egg Time!

UWIF Chocolate Easter Egg Sale going on now

This fundraiser helps supports their missions.

Find order forms on the piano, and turn them in to Jeri, Jan or the office.

Orders due by March 16th

Pick up your orders on Sunday, March 29 after service



Save the Dates

Church Council Meeting - March 30 at 6:00 pm

Missions Meeting - April 13 at 10: 00 am

Trustees Meeting - April 14 at 4:00 pm

Preschool News

Our Preschool is Full for the 2026– 2027 School Year!

We currently have a waitlist for those interested in attending our school!



The Preschool is currently running a

“No Sale” Fundraiser

Help them reach their goal of raising \$700

This allows us to purchase new supplies for the classroom such as STEM, Technology, Sensory-seeking activities, Books, and Crafts.

Families make a monetary donation instead of a purchasing a product, allowing **100%** of the proceeds go directly to the preschool.

Fundraising runs till April 3rd. Cash or Check (made out to DUMC) is accepted and can be turned into the office.



Opportunities to Serve Volunteers for March

Date	Greeter	Liturgist	Acolyte	Coffee Hour	Counters	Sunday School
3/8		Nancy			Mary Lou & Carolin	Addy & Georgia
3/15		Nancy			Sue & Michelle	Addy & Georgia
3/22		Nancy			Patsy & Jan	Addy & Georgia
3/29		Nancy			Mary Lou & Carolin	Addy & Georgia

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 April

Date	Greeter	Liturgist	Acolyte	Coffee Hour	Counters	Sunday School
4/5	Mary & Patsy				Sue & Michelle	Linda
4/12	Mary & Patsy				Patsy & Jan	Linda
4/19	Mary & Patsy				Mary Lou & Carolin	Linda
4/26	Mary & Patsy				Patsy & Jan	Linda

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

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Small Group 10:30 am Crazy Bowling 1:00 pm	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 UWIF Meeting 10:00 am Chocolate egg orders DUE	17	18	19	20	21
22 Small Group 10:30 am	23 Easter Plant Orders Due	24	25	26	27	28 Youth Group 10:00 am
29 Palm Sunday Service 9:00 am Small Group 10:30 am Pick up your Egg order	30 Church Council Meeting 6:00 pm	31	April 1	April 2 Maundy Service 6:00 pm	April 3 Good Friday Service 6:00 pm Preschool fundraiser Due	4





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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am to 12 pm

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

Important church dates for March

March 8	Small Group	10:30 am
March 16	UWIF Meeting	10:00 am
	Chocolate Egg Orders Due	
March 22	Small Group	10:30 am
March 23	Easter Plant Orders Due	
March 28	Youth Hangout	10:00 am
March 29	Palm Sunday Service	9:00 am
	Small Group	10:30 am
	Pick up Chocolate Egg orders	
March 30	Church Council Meeting	6:00 pm
April 2	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 pm
April 3	Good Friday Service	6:00 pm
April 5	Easter Sunday Service	9:00 am

Deadline for April newsletter is March 23

Church Leadership

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 (UWIF President)

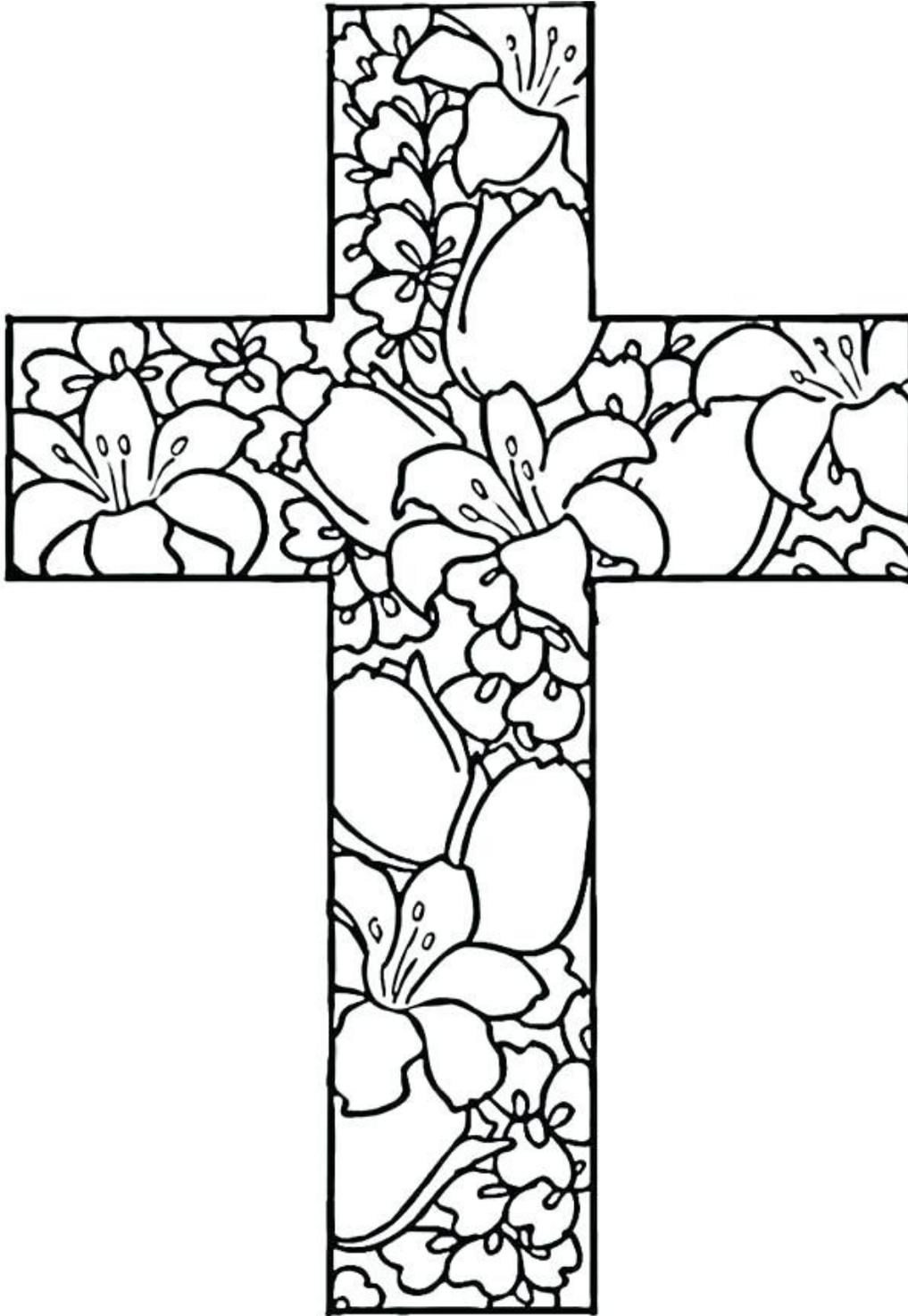
Georgia Myers

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.





But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5