



### Pastor's Message:



Good Morning! Good Afternoon! And Good Evening!

The first Sunday in April we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. Jesus defeated death! In Jesus we are given new life. Jesus didn't defeat death and sin with the sword, but by serving. At every turn he was helping the least and the lost, the ones that were outcast and abandoned. Jesus never asked how someone got into the mess they were in, but called them into new life. Jesus not only defeated death, but showed us how to have abundant life. We are entering into the season of Easter a time in which we remember the life that Jesus lived and we seek to live into that abundance, generosity, and servanthood. Below is a brief description from Discipleship Ministries on what the season of Easter is all about.

For Christians, Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, derived in its length from the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with [Pentecost](#), the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. Christians have referred to this time of formation as "catechesis" or "echoing the way of Jesus." The original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith. Christians have historically referred to this formation process as "mystagogy" or "leading people into the mysteries."

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It's a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus' name.

Blessings,

Pastor Becca May

### Next 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 April

|                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| 4/5 Send Me by Bethel Music          |
| 4/12 Christ Be Magnified             |
| 4/19 Lord, I need You by Matt Maher  |
| 4/26 No Outsiders by Rend Collective |

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

# Celebrations



April 3 - Linda Armstrong

April 6 - Wanda Krueger

April 9 - Kailee Webster

April 10 - Marlene Briggs

\*April 10 - Trent Thomas

April 11 - Sarah Thompson

April 12 - Jeannie Schiesser

April 12 – Matthew Forden

April 16 - Ethan Thomas

April 21 – Scott Krueger

April 22 - Carol Marshall

April 26 - Kerry Gray



April 12 - Ed and Linda Gibson

April 29 - Jim and Ann Shinn



## Food Pantry Focus

This Month we are collecting:  
**Meat Products, Stews, Tuna, Etc.**

The food pantry is always in need of

Soaps, Peanut Butter, Jelly, & Macaroni & Cheese.

Place items in basket located in Fellowship Hall,

Thank You!



# What's Happening

## Join our governing board!

Are you passionate about serving God and guiding our church family toward a brighter future?

We are prayerfully seeking dedicated members to join our **Governing Board** — faithful leaders who will help shape our ministry, steward our resources, and support our mission.

### Why Join?

- Be part of important decisions that impact our church's growth and outreach.
- Use your God-given gifts in leadership, organization, and vision.
- Strengthen your faith while serving alongside a loving, Christ-centered team.

### We're Looking For:

- Committed followers of Christ with a heart for service.
- Individuals with integrity, wisdom, and a willingness to listen and collaborate.
- Members ready to invest time, prayer, and energy into our church's mission.

### How to Get Involved:

Pray about this opportunity and, if you feel called, contact us at 219-987-3671 or email us at demotteumc@yahoo or speak with Pastor Becca or Michelle Thomas, Chairperson after service.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." – 1 Peter 4:10*



## Updates

**POSTPONED**

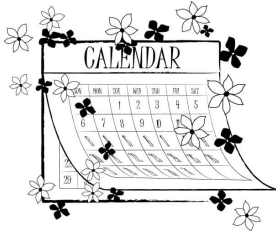
### Spring Learning Event has been Postponed

We will let you know when it has been rescheduled.

### The Plant sale has been Cancelled- We Need Ideas

We are brain storming some ideas for a fundraiser to help donate items for the annual Back to School Fair. In the past, we have done the Rummage sale which has brought it enough funds for this and at times extra for the church. However due to low volunteers for this event, we are trying to think of something else. If you have any ideas please call or email the office or speak with Pastor Becca





# Upcoming Events

## Better Way Civil Rights Tour 2026 - INUMC

The *Better Way* Civil Rights tour of Alabama is open to current 8th through 12th grade youth throughout Indiana and is sponsored by the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church.

### Why:

To be good students of the history of the Civil Rights era and to learn the better way of Jesus Christ by honoring the lessons of that history so that we become faithful stewards of this present moment. We hope to make new friends, form lasting relationships, deepen our faith in Jesus Christ, and have fun doing it!

### WHEN:

Saturday, July 11, to Friday, July 17, 2026

### WHERE:

Montgomery, AL, and surrounding areas.

### For more information and to Register go to:

[www.inumc.org/better-way-civil-rights-tour-2026/](http://www.inumc.org/better-way-civil-rights-tour-2026/)

Registration is currently opened. Please note, without confirmation email from the Conference office your registration is not complete. **Registration deadline is Monday, May 18** (or registration will close when full). Space is very limited, do not wait to register.

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!

**SCAN HERE**

**Kid's Camp**

Brochures also available in the Fellowship Hall

## Community Events

"Spring is coming, are you working on your swing? Registration is now open for the highly anticipated Phil's Friends Annual Golf Outing. On Monday, May 18th at the beautiful Sandy Pines Golf Club in DeMotte, Indiana. Start time is 10 am.

Register today at [philsfriends.org](http://philsfriends.org)."



**phil's friends**  
cancer is strong. hope is stronger.

NORTHWEST INDIANA  
**GOLF 2026 OUTING**

**Sandy Pines Golf Club**  
10527 Bunker Dr., DeMotte, IN 46310

Register online at [philsfriends.org/events](http://philsfriends.org/events)

**\$135/PERSON \$500/FOURSAME**

92% of donations directly supports cancer patients and their families.

- 10:00 - 11:25 am: Registration
- 10:00 am: Driving Range Opens
- 10:30 - 11:00 am: Putting Contest
- 10:30 - 11:25 am: Lunch Available
- 11:00 am: Welcome From Phil
- 11:30 am: Shotgun Start
- 4:30 pm: Dinner & Awards

Scan to Register Online



Register at [philsfriends.org/events](http://philsfriends.org/events)

For Sponsorship Contact Judy (219) 869-3152

**HOPE CENTER SPONSOR: \$3,000**

Includes one golf foursome and 4 entries to all golf event contests. Signage at the registration table, event registration webpage, and event promotional materials. Opportunity to include promotional materials in the player gift bag. Logo on sleeve of golf balls for all outing golfers. Social media recognition.

**DINNER SPONSOR: \$2,500**

Sponsorship includes one golf foursome and 4 entries to all golf event contests. Signage at the registration table, event registration webpage, and event promotional materials. Social media recognition.

**LUNCH SPONSOR: \$1,500**

Sponsorship includes two golf registrations and 2 entries to all golf event contests. Signage at the registration table. Social media recognition.

**GOLF BALL SPONSOR: \$1,000**

Sleeve of golf balls with your logo included in each player gift bag. Signage at the registration table. Social media recognition.

**BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR: \$500**

Signage on Beverage Cart. Social media recognition.

**PRIZE & RAFFLE SPONSOR: \$250**

1 Entry to all golf event contest.

**HOPE HOLE SPONSORS: \$150**

Includes: Signage at 1 HOPE hole.

Phil's Friends 1249 Arrowhead Court, Crown Point, IN 46307 (224) 653-8315 [philsfriends.org](http://philsfriends.org)  
Phil's Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Per IRS regulations, your gift is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

## Grief Share



Jasper County Community Services & VNA NWI Hospice and Phoenix Center for Grief present:

### Walking Together Through Grief

A grief support series for adults grieving the loss of a loved one.

This series is free, open to the community and combines education with open discussion on grief, loss, finding coping strategies and more.

Every Monday  
in April

10-11 a.m.

Fase Senior  
Center  
11980 N 600 W  
DeMotte, IN

Topics include:

- Where do I go from here?
- What does normal look like?
- Am I okay when I don't feel okay?
- How do I start a new chapter without my loved one?
- Regret, Monday morning quarterbacking and second guessing

For more information, contact  
Lisa Casimer at (219) 508-4561  
or [lcasimer@vnanwi.org](mailto:lcasimer@vnanwi.org)



## Lifeline will be here at our Church!

Easy access to get your screening.

### Schedule Your Stroke & Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screening

Over 11 million people screened since 1993



DeMotte United Methodist Church  
227 N. Halleck Street  
DeMotte, IN 46310

Thursday, May 28, 2026  
In the Fellowship Hall

Who should attend:

Anyone age 40+

#### Special Pricing for \$129

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening

4 ways to book your appointment...

Call 800-324-9458 and use promo code HABC001

Visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC)



Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.



# Crazy Bowling was so Much Fun!

Thank you for all that was able to join us and make this a crazy, wacky, fun day with church family!

A Special Thank you to Nancy for organizing.



We are so Hoppy that Preschool decorated our tree with such colorful decorations.

We hope you are enjoying all the artwork from our little artists!



## Opportunities to Serve

Did you Know there is a Sign Up Sheet in the Fellowship Hall?

You want to serve but just for one week instead of a month, please reach out to the church office or to Pastor Becca. We are very flexible and understand the whole month may be a lot. Any time you can give to share your gifts is appreciated!

### Volunteers for April

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

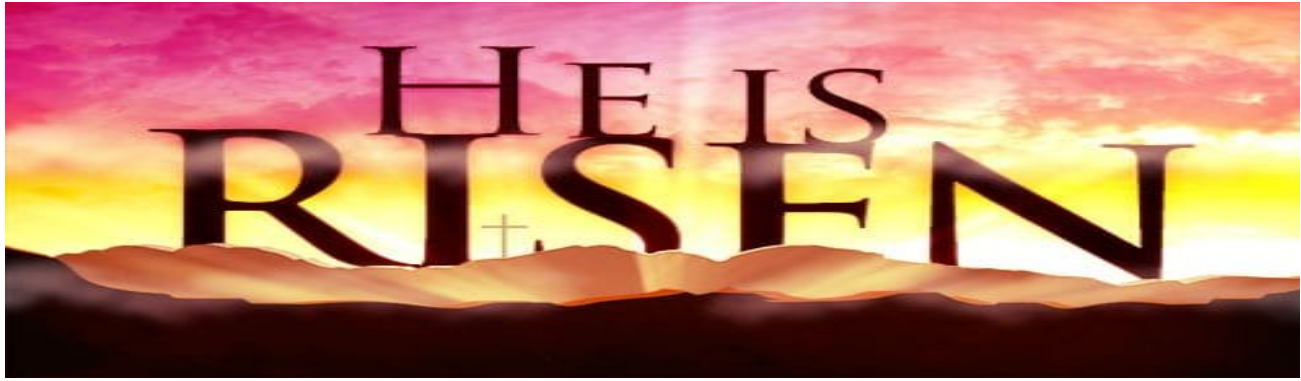
Can you help fill in the Blank spaces? We Love to have you!

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

### Volunteers for May

| Date | Greeter      | Liturgist | Acolyte | Coffee Hour | Counters           | Sunday School |
|------|--------------|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 5/3  | Mary & Patsy | Nancy     |         |             | Patsy & Jan        |               |
| 5/10 | Mary & Patsy | Nancy     |         |             | Mary Lou & Carolin |               |
| 5/17 | Mary & Patsy | Nancy     |         |             | Sue & Michelle     |               |
| 5/24 | Mary & Patsy | Nancy     |         |             | Patsy & Jan        |               |
| 5/31 | Mary & Patsy | Nancy     |         |             | Mary Lou & Carolin |               |

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



# April 2026

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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|  |   |                                   | 1  | 2<br>Maundy Service<br>6:00 pm | 3<br>Good Friday Service<br>6:00 pm | 4  |
| 5<br>Easter Service<br>9:00 am<br>He Is Risen! | 6                                       | 7                                 | 8  | 9                              | 10                                  | 11 |
| 12   | 13<br>Missions Meeting<br>10:00 am      | 14<br>Trustees Meeting<br>4:00 pm | 15 | 16                             | 17                                  | 18 |
| 19   | 20<br>UWIF Meeting<br>10:00 am          | 21                                | 22 | 23                             | 24                                  | 25 |
| 26   | 27<br>Church Council Meeting<br>6:00 pm | 28                                | 29 | 30                             |                                     |    |



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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 April**

|          |                         |      |
|----------|-------------------------|------|
| April 2  | Maundy Thursday Service | 6 pm |
| April 3  | Good Friday Service     | 6 pm |
| April 5  | Easter Sunday Service   | 9 am |
| April 13 | Missions Meeting        | 10am |
| April 14 | Trustees Meeting        | 4 pm |
| April 20 | UWIF Meeting            | 10am |
| April 27 | Church Council Meeting  | 6 pm |

Deadline for **May** newsletter is **April 20**

**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 (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.**



because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NIV

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