

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2025
NEWSLETTER



One of my favorite hymns is the Hymn of Promise. The words read like a well written poem. Click on this link to enjoy the song if you receive the newsletter online:

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***In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

Yes, it is Spring! I see all the bulbs bursting forth from the once cold ground. Each year, I am awestruck at the first glimpse of the purple crocus flowers often springing forth through a thin layer of snow. New life from the deepest depths of winter. As Spring progresses, other bulbs follow. Daffodils of March, and paperwhite narcissus that adorn the grass behind the parsonage.

Spring is also the season we celebrate Easter. Life from death. Eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb. We will finish our Lenten journey with Holy Week. Be sure to join us for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services listed on the front of

Door Village
Holy Week 2025

April 13
Palm Sunday Service 10 am

April 16
Wednesday Online 6 pm

April 17
Maundy Thursday 7 pm

April 18
Good Friday 7 pm

April 19
Lions Egg Hunt 9 am
(No 2025 Race or Breakfast)

April 20
Son-Rise Service 8:30 am
Breakfast 9 am
Easter Celebration 10 am

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this newsletter. Time marches ever forward. God's mysteries will be revealed. The cold and snow of winter give way to new life, new growth, new beginnings. May your Holy Week and Easter celebrations bring you home to church. Bring you home to faith. And in the end, bring you home to eternal resurrection life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

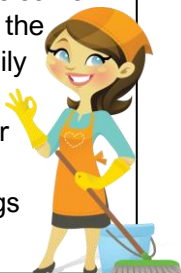
Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



NEW CUSTODIAN NEEDED

Our wonderful, hard-working custodial staff, Cindy and Alaina, will be stepping down in August to pursue other interests - retirement and higher education! That means the church will be looking to hire someone by June or July, which allows some overlap for on-the-job training. If anyone in the congregation is interested (or knows a family member or friend who might be), please contact Pastor Sam or Connie Clougher for more information. We will miss Cindy and Alaina but wish them many, many blessings in their new ventures! ~ DVUMC SPRC



AMISH FRY PIES



Will be

delivered to DVUMC

afternoon of Thursday, April 17

Fresh for 1 week refrigerated
or freeze up to 6 months

Thank you to those who ordered and
for supporting DV Lions!

Thursday, April 10

Ad Board Meeting at 7 pm

Our Healthier Eating group at DVUMC is reading the book "Spirit-Filled & Sugar-Free." All are welcome. Wednesdays at 11 am at church. Please contact Lana Fenstermaker for more info.



Trustee Update

The Trustees recently replaced the paper towel dispensers in the two main floor restrooms as well as the two restrooms located off Fellowship Hall. These are now automatic dispensers (with toweling that is a more absorbent, recycled product) since the old mechanical ones were not functioning properly. The Trustees also replaced two sink drains - one in the men's room off Fellowship Hall, and one in the kitchen. The small, 23-yr-old fridge in the parlor was no longer working properly, and we now have a new one. Thank you to all of those currently serving as Trustees and to [not-yet-listed] Dan Jeffers who is a welcome addition.



NewDay
Foundation
of La Porte, Indiana

NewDay Foundation Concert

**Saturday, April 26, 2025
at the Civic Auditorium**

1001 Ridge Street, La Porte, Indiana
Tickets became available March 31

(NewDay Resurrection Race is PAUSED for 2025)

For concert tickets, please visit
NewDay's event web page:

<https://newdaylaporte.org/events/>

Prayer Requests

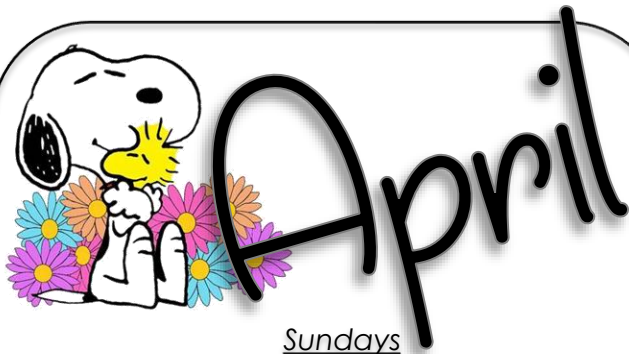
Bishop Family - injuries from car accident
Chuck G - comfort & peace
Sally - Jan M's friend recuperating from knee replacement
Ann S - chemo
Debbie C - chemo
B & R's son - heart health
Lloyd - recovery from surgery 3/3
Marilyn - recovery from surgery 3/6
Bev W - healing from injuries sustained 2/24/25
Julie R - healing broken bones after a serious fall
Jackie's cousin Julie - blood clots & surgery recovery
Jon D - cancer treatment
Pat D - healing and mobility after hip surgery
Diane P - heart surgery recovery
Jerry H - strength and renewed health
Fred - heart health
Tina's dad - heart health
Suzanne - Pam S's daughter - ongoing medical condition - auto-immune AS (spinal arthritis)
Phil & Linda's daughter-in-law Kathleen - colon cancer
Spitzmesser's son-in-law Wes - prayers for successful bone marrow transplant recovery
Kevin - Joni C's son - foot infection and circulation
Cheryl G - ongoing medical condition
Alaina - improved health
Stanley E - heart
Netzer's granddaughter - ovarian cyst
Aunt Tina - prayers for healthy pregnancy and birth
Marlene K - health and strength
Rick K - mission travels
Annie's sis-in-law Annette - recovering from stroke
Lynn - recovering from back surgery
Julie - improved breathing
Sheri - medical condition
Polly - lymphoma
Terry - health & strength
Connie's friends Bill and Diane - improved health
Beverly's friends Paul & Carolyn - improved health
Karen R - health, strength & happiness
Alex - 96-yr-old friend - health & strength
Joy - Neil W's sister in hospice
Kathy - Donna C's mother-in-law - healing & strength

Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved strength
Sheryl E - cancer treatment
Charlie C - stroke recovery
Lea Ann Heims - heart health
Garry & Tina - asking for prayers
Richard M - improved health & strength
Hanna - Bonnie's great-grandniece - tumor on spine
Janet U - prayers to stay cancer-free & heart health
Wendy - health & strength
Wade - health & strength
Kate M - friend of Diane P
Joe P - cancer
John P - cancer
Mark - colon cancer
Willie - cancer
Elsie - health & strength
Beverly B - improved health
Addie - toddler friend from Texas with leukemia
John - co-worker with cancer
Dory M - kidney health & wrist strength
George M - arthritis
Judy D - liver cancer
Scott - leukemia
Dana's dad Jim B - health & strength
Keith - Anne D's companion with cancer
David - Anne D's son with cancer
Barbara - Anne D's sister with cancer
Tawnya - ongoing COPD
Renetta - ongoing medical conditions
Brian T - ongoing medical condition
Chris K - ongoing medical condition
Cheryl K - ongoing medical condition
Beth - B & T's daughter - ongoing medical condition
Prayers for those battling addiction

If you know of any updates for our prayer list, please let us know in the church office. Thanks!



If you have a prayer concern, if you are hospitalized and would like our prayers or to be visited, or if you would like to become a new member of the prayer chain, please call or text Pastor (812-380-1589) or notify the church office.



Sundays

Worship & Children's Church 10a
Communion Service First Sunday

Mondays

Bible Study at Oakwood 10a

Tuesdays

Pastor Sam's Bible Study 6p

Wednesdays

Healthy Eating Group 11a
Communion for Lent anytime 5:30-6:30p
Choir Practice 6:30-7:30p

Tuesday, April 1

April Fool's Day

Wednesday, April 2

Senior Breakfast 8 am at Christo's

Thursday, April 3

Communion at Oakwood 9:30 am

Wednesday, April 9

UWF 1 pm

Thursday, April 10

Ad Board 7 pm

Saturday, April 12

Men's Breakfast 8 am in Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday, April 13

Morning Worship 10 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17

DV Lions Fry Pie Pickup
Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

Good Friday, April 18

Good Friday Service 7 pm

Saturday, April 19

DV Lions Easter Egg Hunt 9 am

Easter Sunday, April 20

Son-Rise Service 8:30 am
Easter Breakfast 9 am
Resurrection Celebration 10 am

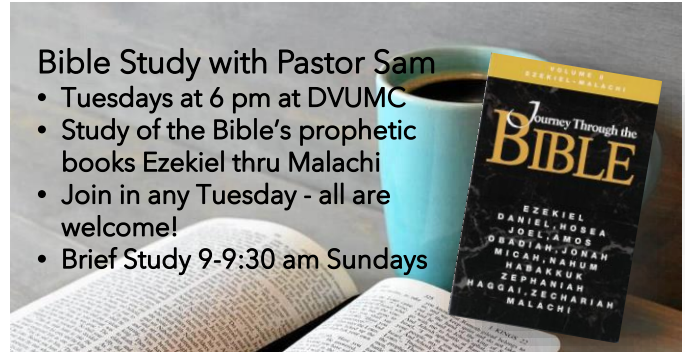
Saturday, April 26

NewDay Foundation Concert at Civic

OFFICE HOURS Mon thru Thurs
7 am – 12 noon
219.362.3812
doorvillageumc@gmail.com

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

- Tuesdays at 6 pm at DVUMC
- Study of the Bible's prophetic books Ezekiel thru Malachi
- Join in any Tuesday - all are welcome!
- Brief Study 9-9:30 am Sundays



Thank you 

Dear Door Village Church Family, Carla and I would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming love and support you have shown us as we work through rebuilding our home. It is truly humbling. Most recently we were blessed by the choir surprising us with a beautiful watercolor of our new house and lots of kitchen staples to stock our new pantry. Gift cards to Aldi and Culver's completed their generous gift to us. The Women of Faith also surprised us with an outstanding gift of kitchen gadgets and a very thoughtful card wishing us well. We will be able to start using our kitchen from the moment we move in. If we're too tired to cook we can treat ourselves to Culver's! Not that anyone is counting, but it's been 679 days since the fire and we anticipate moving the second week of April. While this is not an event that Carla or I had ever envisioned, we both feel that we have seen more blessing than tragedy from the fire. Our loving family at Door Village is a big reason we feel that way. Thank you all again for everything you have done for us!

~ Humbled and Blessed, Carla & Mitch ~

Electronic Giving

For your convenience, offerings can be made from a mobile device or computer through a secure site by visiting our church website, doorvillagechurch.org, and clicking the electronic offering button:

My Offering

Senior Breakfast



April 2, 2025

1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am

Christo's
1462 W State Rd 2
La Porte



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
will meet on
April 12 at 8 am
in Fellowship Hall

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Program: Joyce G

Snack: Sue K

Wed, April 9

1 pm at the church



United
Women
in Faith



Our UWF is not planning
a bake sale this spring.

Instead, please plan to donate good
quality, clean items for our rummage
sale which is planned for this August.



Salvation Army Food Pantry Suggested items for

April:

Pasta Sauce
Spaghetti
Green Beans

**SUNDAY
MORNINGS!**

**AGE 4 THRU
4TH GRADE**

**Children's
Church**

**DURING
WORSHIP**

APRIL CHILDREN'S CHURCH

April Leader: Michelle

April 6 - Jacob's Ladder

April 13 - Joseph

April 20 - Ruth

April 27 - Hannah & Samuel

Fellowship & Refreshments

Thank you to those who provide
refreshments in the parlor after worship.

Please sign up on the greeter's table if
you'd like to host a future
Sunday fellowship time.



Thank you to those who generously donated



**WE PLAN TO COLLECT AGAIN
NEXT FALL & WINTER**



We were able to help children at
5 of our area elementary schools



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Finance Committee is looking for counters
to count offering after services - basically this just
requires writing check and cash amounts on a list
and totaling it.

A backup person to process offering deposits
is also needed. This person fills out a deposit
slip, verifies that their total matches the counters,
and delivers the deposit to the bank downtown.
This would only be on occasion when our
main deposit person is not available.

If you are willing to do this, please
talk to Dennis Fischer or Evan Lancaster.





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 Find him on Facebook!

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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

April Birthdays

04/01 Cathy Dye	04/13 Jim Kaufman	04/22 Rob Schable
04/01 Jay Sittig	04/13 Joe Killingbeck	04/23 Sheryl Elliott
04/01 Olivia Voelker	04/14 Preston Curtis	04/23 Donn Kelder
04/02 Norah Gault	04/14 Carolyn Eyrick	04/24 Lauren Gakle
04/02 Greg Kelder	04/14 Brett Luther	04/24 Connie Lile
04/04 Gary Wirebaugh	04/15 Amber Fenstermaker	04/24 Nancy Weaver
04/05 Cindy Polito	04/15 Jenny Kievert	04/25 Donna Council
04/08 Ryker Hindsley	04/16 Amber Arciniega	04/26 Katie Fagg
04/09 Craig Marcum	04/17 Lou Voelker	04/28 Becky Jeffers
04/10 Renee Applegarth	04/18 Nicole Lawrence	04/28 Mandy Martin
04/10 Larry Curtis	04/20 Jeff Hubner	04/28 Lloyd Vance
04/11 Bradley Kiser	04/20 Tessa Tracey	04/29 Kendall Troy
04/12 Ryan Fenstermaker	04/21 Diane Plotner	04/30 Liberty White

April Anniversaries

04/03 Matt & Liz Kirk
04/05 Paul & Karen Lindeman
04/07 Jeff & Jane Hubner
04/10 Evan & Laurel Noll
04/12 Dan & Marlette Bernacchi
04/25 Bud & Mary Forbes
04/26 Bill & Carly Troy
04/27 Mitch & Amanda Hubner
04/30 Ryan & Whitney Kelley

