

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 2023
NEWSLETTER



I was doing a little reading in my bible and then it happened. I should say, it always happens. Something there on the page grabbed hold of my heart. At first it grabbed my attention. Something I have read hundreds of times. The feeding of the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish. I usually focus on the willingness of the little boy to give up his lunch because someone asked him to help. That makes for a powerful sermon. I like to talk about how Jesus had compassion for those who were ill and needed healing. How this caused so many to follow Jesus wherever he went. How large crowds formed anytime he stopped, even for a moment.

It was the end of a long day. Jesus was finished with his teaching for that day. He went off to a secluded place, to rest, to get away, to regroup, and to recharge. The crowds were relentless. So, he stops on a secluded hillside. The disciples ask him to send the people into the villages to buy themselves some food. It is then that Jesus said something that caught my eye. It grabbed my attention. It stopped me in my tracks.

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ~ Matthew 14:16

How many times do we say to Jesus, "You have to do something!", only to find out, he says to us: "You give them something to eat". What I have come to know is this: It is in those moments that we feel so strongly that something needs to be done, it is then that the Lord is encouraging us to do something. And here's the thing. If we respond - even if it looks unlikely or undoable - it is the Lord who will

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Students
Back to School
2023

Michigan City: Aug 09
South Central: Aug 10
John Glenn: Aug 10
New Prairie: Aug 11
Westville: Aug 16
La Porte: Aug 17

multiply the loaves and fish. We still need to pass the baskets full of bread. We need to handout what fish we gather. But in the Lord's hands, needs are met. Jesus lifts the humble gift to heaven, gives thanks to God, the Father. Then the miracle begins. So, next time you ask the Lord to intervene and do something, be ready yourself to step up and be the instrument of His Grace and Provision.

I will leave you with the words of St. Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

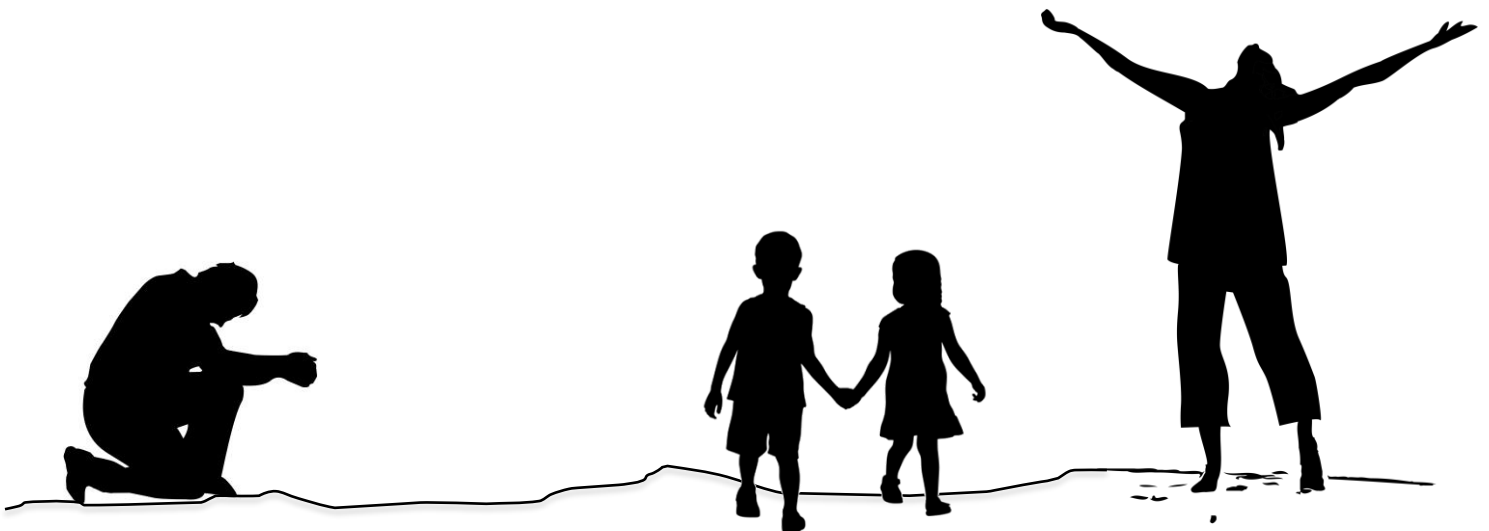
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



Prayer Requests

Rhonda - Mike M's sister - prayers for comfort and peace for her and her family
Mary F - eye health
Don S - Bonnie's brother-in-law in hospice
Marcia's mom - in hospice
Mark - colon cancer
Willie - cancer
Dick C - continued care needed after massive stroke
Beth - B & T's daughter - lupus, fractured elbow 6/26
Chris K - recuperating from surgery
Elsie - strength and healing from broken hip
Lloyd - back pain
Jacki W - health & strength
Kathy K - pneumonia & knee replacement rehab
Mary's friend Brenda - health & healing
Tom H - back treatment recovery & healing
Beverly B - improved health
Mitch & Carla - prayers for good decisions as they go through fire cleanup and rebuild
Co-Worker - thyroid cancer surgery & treatment
Katie - good health and improved strength
Bill S - Diane's friend needing prayers for his health
Gaelen - B & T's son-in-law - cancer - in hospice
Earl W - prayers for improved health
Bob - Della's brother with stomach/liver cancer
Brian A - Nancy's friend with cancer
Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved health
Mark - depression
Karen R - health, strength & happiness
Addie - toddler friend from Texas with leukemia
Randy K - cancer
Jeff C - healing
John - co-worker with cancer
Brendan - toddler grandson of Scott & Lynlee M - cancer treatment following successful tumor removal Oct 2022
Lois T - improved health
Dory M - kidney health & wrist healing
George M - arthritis
Mike G - back pain relief
Prayers for 2 family members and 1 neighbor
Bob W - health & strength
Marie's sister - health issues
Don C - Shawntel's dad with heart issues
Derek K - cancer-free teenager - stay in remission
Judy D - liver cancer
Jan - Friend of G & D - prayers to stay cancer-free

Leroy S - mass on pancreas
Roger T - Donna C's cousin in KY - prayers to stay cancer-free
Scott - leukemia
Deb W & Paula - both with breast cancer
Tammy R - Nancy's friend undergoing cancer treatment
David - Anne D's son undergoing cancer treatment
Barbara - Anne D's sister
Dana B's dad - health and strength
Tawnya - ongoing COPD
Paul and Renetta - ongoing medical conditions
Brian T - ongoing medical condition
Chris K - ongoing medical condition
Cheryl K - ongoing medical condition
Andrew C - ongoing medical condition

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF CHANGES/ADDITIONS.
You're welcome to call or email the church office with updates. Please call or text Pastor Sam 812-380-1589 with urgent prayer chain requests. *Thanks!*

Lord, please bless our administrators, teachers, bus drivers, students, coaches, and parents this school year. Amen.



OFFICE HOURS Mon thru Thurs
7 am – 12 noon
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Sundays

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

Mondays

Oak Wood Bible Study 10 am

Tuesdays

Pastor's Bible/Book Study 6 pm

Wednesdays

Weight Group 11 am
Online Worship 6 pm

Wednesday, August 2

Senior Breakfast, Christo's 8 am

Thursday, August 3

Oakwood Worship 9:30 am

Monday, August 7

Culver's UWF Give-Back

Saturday, August 12

Men's Breakfast 8 am
Fellowship Hall

District Stronger Together Event 11-2 CT
Plymouth River Square Park

Tuesday, August 15

Culver's Missions Give-Back

AUGUST CHILDREN'S CHURCH
August Leader: Mary

August 6	-	Israelites/Desert
August 13	-	Jericho
August 20	-	Judges
August 27	-	Ruth

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

- Tuesdays at 6 pm at DVUMC
- Currently learning what scripture says about "Heaven" in the book with that title by Randy Alcorn

STRONGER TOGETHER

SATURDAY- AUGUST 12, 2023
12:00 NOON – 3:00 PM E.T.
RIVER PARK SQUARE – (112 Water St.) PLYMOUTH, IN

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
STARTS AT 12:30 P.M.

LIVE MUSIC

District Choir
Bands
Comedian
9 Square
T-shirts
Fun!!!

PRAYER TENT

FOOD TRUCKS

FREE ICE CREAM!

SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE
(help us raise funds)

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A Central Methodist-Plymouth Foundation

SPLASH PAD FOR KIDS

BALLOON ANIMALS

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Bible Study with Mike Martin at Oak Woods Manor
1211 Longwood Dr
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome




Women's Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
La Porte Public Library - Studying Isaiah
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am
On Summer Break for August

Senior Breakfast **August 2, 2023**
1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am
Christo's
La Porte




MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
August 12 at 8 am
 in Fellowship Hall



United Women in Faith **United Women in Faith (UWF)** is our women's group at Door Village United Methodist Church. UWF is on summer break for August and will resume in September. Please consider joining in. Thank you, church family, for all of your support! UWF's next meeting will be in the parlor on **Wednesday, Sept 20 at 1 pm.**



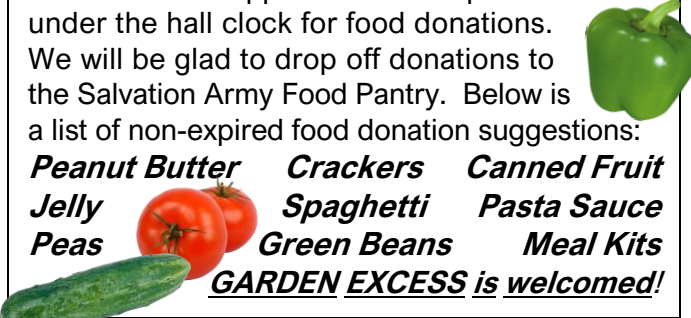
If you would like to begin receiving our monthly church newsletter, please let us know in the church office. We only mail it to those who request a printed/mailed copy, and we would be glad to add you to our mailing list. Our newsletter is also available by e-mail which saves us printing and postage costs. Please let us know your preference. It is also available on our website and through a link on our Facebook page.



Twila would like to thank those who expressed their condolences and everyone who called, sent cards, or visited since the passing of her daughter, Cindy, in July. *thank you*


Salvation Army Food Pantry is low on food supplies. We have placed a table under the hall clock for food donations. We will be glad to drop off donations to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Below is a list of non-expired food donation suggestions:

Peanut Butter Crackers Canned Fruit
Jelly Spaghetti Pasta Sauce
Peas Green Beans Meal Kits
GARDEN EXCESS is welcomed!



August Culver's Give-Back Days 

Monday, Aug 7
United Women in Faith
Tuesday, Aug 15
Missions/Outreach




Westville Lions Club Medical Equipment Loan Closet 

The Westville Lions Club has four semi trailers filled with medical equipment. The club has hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, and other equipment which is loaned for free. If you have an equipment need, please call Richard Fagg at 219-733-0713.

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](#)



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August Birthdays



August Anniversaries

8/02	Kathy Weston	8/10	Scott Marhanka	8/23	Pam Ribordy
8/04	Cindy Fischer	8/10	Bonnie Olson	8/23	Bev Warfield
8/04	Joyce Gillock	8/14	Jacob Noll	8/24	Andrew Curtis
8/04	Lori Hindsley	8/15	Evan Noll	8/24	Carol Schell
8/05	Tyler Eggert	8/15	Don Ribordy	8/29	Evan Sittig
8/05	Adley Schable	8/16	Kole Lowery	8/29	Lois Timmons
8/06	Alexandra Pointon	8/20	Diane Sittig	8/30	Maureen Flickinger
8/07	Justice Collins	8/21	Cathy Bradley	8/30	Gabby Pointon
8/09	Jacki Wirebaugh	8/21	Anne Durrant	8/31	Dick Marhanka

8/06	Bob & Marie Wiltfong
8/06	Jay & Carol Wort
8/07	Rob & Tearsa Schable
8/08	Brad & Chris Kiser
8/10	Kurt & Alex Coulter
8/18	Bill & Carol Applegarth
8/23	Greg & Vickey Kelder
8/26	Johnny & Lauren Gakle
8/26	Skeeter & Beverly Heath
8/30	Sean & Penny Tracey