



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**AUGUST 2024  
NEWSLETTER**



I pray that your summer is going well. I am excited about our new bible study on Tuesday nights.

***The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ~ Daniel 6:23***


It is a look at the book of *Daniel* in the Old Testament through a video series by Beth Moore. I have enjoyed her teaching style for years. In this study, we consider the extraordinary life of Daniel as he thrives while in captivity in Babylon, is chosen and used by God, and is rescued by God from the lion's den. We will look at Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego as they enter the fiery furnace and later walk out untouched by smoke and flames. Daniel is a book of history and theology. Don't hesitate – come at least once and see what Tuesday night bible study is all about. We have a good group who are joining in, and we hope you will jump in and join us.

I am excited as well about beginning a new Wednesday night sermon series based on 1 Corinthians 13.

***Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7***

As I worked on words to share at my son's wedding in early July, the words of Paul the Apostle stayed with me. So, I want to invite you to join me on Wednesday evenings online for an exploration of LOVE as seen from God's perspective. Maybe you could plan a viewing party or

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**Students  
Back to School  
2024**

John Glenn:	Aug	7
New Prairie:	Aug	8
Michigan City:	Aug	14
South Central:	Aug	14
Westville:	Aug	14
La Porte:	Aug	15

gathering where you get together and enjoy the service in a group. LOVE is the greatest creation of God. Of all that God created, LOVE is... It is what we were created to experience and share. LOVE is doing life God's way.

Take some time to nurture you heart and soul through choosing the bible as your summer companion. Don't go it alone. Join a group or form a group and enjoy deep Christian fellowship together. Learn about the determination of Daniel and the depth of LOVE in Jesus Christ. As always, I look forward to seeing you in church. But now, I want to challenge you to also join in Tuesday or Wednesday night biblical fellowship.

Grace and Peace <><

*Pastor Sam*

### **Spotlight On Nurture & Care Committee**

A big part of who we are at Door Village United Methodist Church is our love of Jesus and how we share that love with others. We have a group within our church that is hard at work organizing ways to care for others and to share times of fellowship with each other. The activities the Nurture Committee organizes help us uplift each other, allow us to enjoy time together as a church family, and encourage us to spread Christ's love to others.

The following are currently members of the committee: Chairperson Bev Warfield, Cindy Fischer, Judy Tolk, Cheryl Good, Alan Good, Penny Flick, Jennifer Schuster, Nancy Weaver, Jackie Wirebaugh, and Pastor Sam Polito. Bev mentioned several times that all members are very devoted to making the committee all that it can be, and she wanted to take this opportunity to thank each one for all of their help and good ideas.

Currently, the Nurture Committee is involved in so many thoughtful activities. Each Sunday our church attendance is being taken and individuals are greeted by Cindy Fischer or Judy Tolk. Nurture has also reinstated scheduling greeters to welcome parishioners and guests at the doors – there is a sign-up sheet, and they are routinely encouraging volunteers to sign up. Birthday, get-well, and thinking-of-you cards are being sent out by the committee. They also send college care packages twice a year to our college students during final exams. Committee members often take meals to church members recovering from illness or similar situations. Cheryl and Alan Good have been doing a very good job of making calls. Lenten and Advent devotionals are handed out for these seasons during worship service. The committee also reinstated giving of gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day.

A picnic-style potluck lunch is planned for August 25 after the service, and a thankfulness dinner is in the works for November 10. Bev mentioned that committee members received many good comments about our two dinners so far, and that those comments were very much appreciated. Bev also shared that in past years, other functions, with positive results, had been planned and executed. She said listed a few that quickly came to mind. There had been progressive dinners - with appropriate courses planned, church members going from house to house, sharing food, and socializing before traveling to the next house. There also was a trivia night that benefitted the food pantry. There were game nights with snacks and members gathering in small groups, playing cards or other games. Church camping was a successful event that many enjoyed. And there was a Christian buddy program that was in place for several years.

The committee has discussed suggestions for future meetings/activities that include trivia night, game night, visitation to members not attending regularly, and encouraging members to join the prayer chain. Many fun activities could be planned again in the future. If you would be interested in any of these or if this has stirred other ideas, please share them with a Nurture Committee member. They are looking forward to doing all they can if there is interest.

I feel that we are a caring church primarily because of all the wonderful people like our Nurture Committee that are continually working behind the scenes. On behalf of the congregation, I say thank you and pray that you know your efforts and accomplishments are tremendously appreciated.

*George Morley, Lay Leader*

## Prayer Requests

Joy - Neil W's sister in hospice  
Kathy - Jeff C's mom - healing & strength  
Cindy - Jan's friend with Parkinson's  
Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved strength  
Penelope P - infant - prayers needed  
Jon D - health & strength  
Celeste - cancer treatment  
Sheryl E - cancer treatment  
Jo Parsons - healing broken knee  
Charlie C - stroke recovery  
Lea Ann Heims - heart health  
Spitzmesser's son-in-law Wes - needs bone marrow transplant donor - cancer treatment  
Nolan - healing from horse accident head injury  
Cathie M - improved health & strength  
Roger - recovery from tractor accident  
Jerry - recovery from heart surgery  
Garry & Tina - asking for prayers  
Richard M - improved health & strength  
Tom H - various health issues & surgery recovery  
Hanna - Bonnie's great-grandniece - tumor on spine  
Mike M - healing & strength following knee surgery  
Carol S - healing & strength  
Jason C - cancer & fungal lung infection  
Janet U - prayers to stay cancer-free & heart health  
Wendy - health & strength  
Wade - health & strength  
Jayne W - health, comfort & strength  
Kate M - friend of Diane P  
Don - father-in-law of Jen S - cancer treatment  
Marilyn H - comfort and strength  
Lindsay K - healing & good health  
Bud F - health & improved sight  
Joe P - cancer  
John P - cancer  
Mona - friend of Toni  
Lloyd - back pain and heart health  
Mark - colon cancer  
Willie - cancer  
Elsie - health & strength  
Beverly B - improved health  
Katie C - good health and improved strength  
Karen R - health, strength & happiness  
Addie - toddler friend from Texas with leukemia  
Randy K - cancer  
John - co-worker with cancer  
Dory M - kidney health & wrist strength  
George M - arthritis

Judy D - liver cancer  
Roger T - Donna C's cousin in KY - prayers to stay cancer-free  
Scott - leukemia  
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 - improved health  
Prayers for those battling addiction

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!*



**DOOR VILLAGE**  
United Women in Faith  
Fri-Sat \* August 2-3 \* 8a-2p  
garage  
Sale  
1st weekend in August  
2024

Plan to also visit our **BAKE SALE**



**August Culver's Give-Back Day**   
**Tuesday, Aug 6**  
**United Women in Faith**  
**10 am to 10 pm**

## CHURCH PICNIC-STYLE POTLUCK

Hosted by the Nurture Committee in Fellowship Hall after worship August 25



Please join us downstairs for a picnic-style, church potluck after worship on Aug 25. Hot dogs will be provided. You are welcome to bring other foods to share. Invite a friend. All are welcome.



**Sundays**

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

**Mondays**

Oak Woods Bible Study 10 am

**Tuesdays**

Pastor's Bible/Book Study 6 pm

**Wednesdays**

Weight Group 11 am  
Online Worship 6 pm

**Thursday, August 1**

Communion at Oak Woods 9:30 am

**Friday & Saturday, August 2 & 3**

UWF Garage Sale at DVUMC 8a-2p

**Tuesday, August 6**

Culver's UWF Give-Back Day 10a-10p

**Wednesday, August 7**

Senior Breakfast, Christo's 8 am

**Saturday, August 10**

Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 8 am

**Wednesday, August 21**

United Women in Faith, Parlor 1 pm

**Sunday, August 25**

New Members & Church Potluck

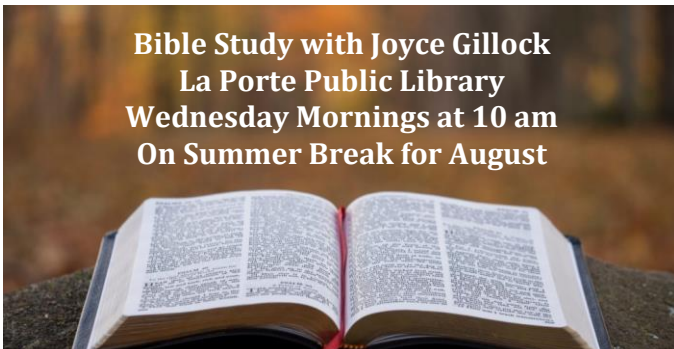
**Our Healthier Eating group meets each Wednesday at 11 am at DVUMC.**

**They are using a new book "Love God, Lose Weight."**

**All are welcome. Please contact Lana Fenstermaker for more info.**



**Bible Study with Joyce Gillock  
La Porte Public Library  
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am  
On Summer Break for August**



**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon thru Thurs

7 am – 12 noon

219.362.3812

[doorvillageumc@gmail.com](mailto:doorvillageumc@gmail.com)



**You're invited to Adult Sunday School**

**in the Parlor 9-9:30**

**with Pastor Sam & the Devotion Team sharing Scripture & Prayer**



**Monday Bible Study at Oak Woods Manor**

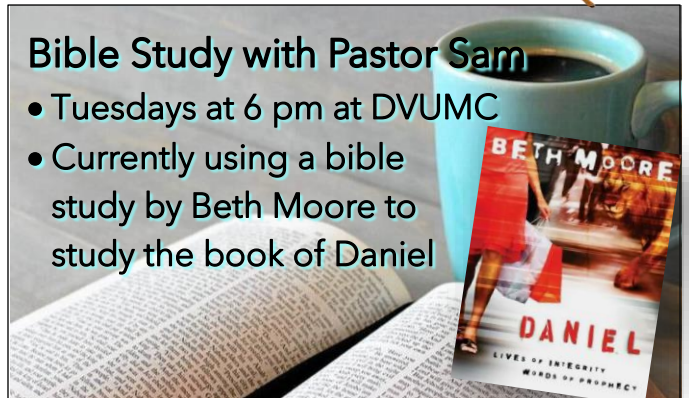
1211 Longwood Dr  
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

**Mondays at 10 am  
Public Welcome**



**Bible Study with Pastor Sam**

- Tuesdays at 6 pm at DVUMC
- Currently using a bible study by Beth Moore to study the book of Daniel



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.



Senior Breakfast



**August 7, 2024**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
 of each month  
 8 am  
 Christo's  
 La Porte



**MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP**  
 August 10 at 8 am  
 in Fellowship Hall

**United Women in Faith**

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Wed, August 21**  
 1 pm at the church



United Women in Faith  
 Program: Retired RN's • Snack: Sue K

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



**Salvation Army Food Pantry**  
 is low on food supplies. We have a chest by the greeter's table 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!**



**SUNDAY MORNINGS!**  
**AGE 4 THRU 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE**  
**Children's Church**  
**DURING WORSHIP**

**AUGUST CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
 August Leader: Carla

August	4	-	Kindness
August	11	-	Generosity
August	18	-	Faithfulness
August	25	-	Gentleness


**Finance Committee 2024 2nd Quarter Recap**  
 Here is a brief update on our 2024 second quarter and year-to-date financials.

**2024 2nd Quarter**  
 Total Revenue = \$43,074.11  
 Total Expenses = \$42,521.90  
 Net Change in Cash = \$522.21


**2024 Year-to-Date**  
 Total Revenue = \$89,810.69  
 Total Expenses = \$82,155.56  
 Net Change in Cash = \$7,655.13

We are grateful for your faithful giving, which enables us to fulfill our mission here at Door Village UMC. Your generosity enables us to continue spreading love, faith, and compassion within our church community and beyond.

God's Blessings, *DV Finance Committee*



**Westville Lions Club**  
**Medical Equipment**  
**Loan Closet**



The Westville Lions Club has four semi trailers filled with medical equipment. The club has 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](http://doorvillagechurch.org), and clicking the electronic offering button:

[My Offering](#)



**How to contact Pastor Sam:**  
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 Find Sam Polito on Facebook!

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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
8/23	Greg & Vickey Kelter
8/26	Johnny & Lauren Gakle
8/26	Skeeter & Beverly Heath
8/30	Sean & Penny Tracey