



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEB 2024
NEWSLETTER



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We invite you to
Ash Wednesday
February 14
Valentine's Day
at DVUMC



Option 1: 12noon-1pm

Drive-thru imposition of ashes and blessing while you remain in your car

Option 2: 7pm-7:30pm

Ash Wednesday Service in-person in our sanctuary



I Love You! Three simple words that change everything. Once spoken, nothing is the same. God spoke these words to you in His Holy Word, the bible. I would like to share with you just a few verse that make all the difference. They are all about God's Love.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this...

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

~ Romans 5:8

Love makes the sacrifice necessary to make things right.

In the month of February, I want us all to read the same scripture together. Over and over, time and time again, moment by moment, take in 1 Corinthians Chapter 13. Don't just put it in your mind - put it in your heart! Don't just put it in your heart - put it into practice! Live it! In this "Love Chapter", we find the most powerful words inspired by the Holy Spirit to explain true love to us.

In 1 Corinthians 13, we find a love given freely. A love that is patient and kind. No envy, no boasting, no false pride. Never rude, self-seeking, or easily angered. And... best yet... Keeps no record of wrongs.

God does not remember our sins against us. The bible says:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

~ 1 John 1:9


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The old hymn says it best: What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Love... sacrifices... everything!

One last verse before I finish...

***For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.***

~ John 3:16



That's love... Sacrificial
That's love... Surrenders All
That's love... Salvation from Sin
That's... Jesus

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam

General Conference of the United Methodist Church is currently scheduled to be held April 23 through May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. You can visit these websites for updates and additional information: www.inumc.org or www.umc.org or <https://www.umc.org/en/content/2020-general-conference-in-2024>

Prayer Requests

State Trooper Azariah Keith - seriously injured - struck outside squad car on I-65 in Indy 1/20
Cathy G - Joyce G's relative starting chemo
Lindsay K - recovery from 1/10 surgery
Celeste - stage 3 cancer
Lynn R - Sue's friend recovering from triple bypass
Marcia's mom - in hospice
Tom H - various health issues
Pat G - health & healing
Ben M - strength and good health
Bud F - health & improved sight
Jan M - healing and strength
Doug B - friend of Goods - severe foot infection
Chris P - broken hip recovery - healing and strength
Joe P - cancer
John P - cancer
Mona - friend of Toni
Marilyn H - recovery and healing
Marlene K - Rick's mom - improved health
Becky J - health
Jim - improved health
Linda - Diane's friend - surgery recovery and healing
Lloyd - back pain and heart health
Mark - colon cancer
Willie - cancer
Dick C - continued care needed after massive stroke
Elsie - strength and healing
Jacki W - health & strength
Mary's friend Brenda - health & 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
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
Lois T - improved health

Dory M - kidney health & wrist healing
George M - arthritis
Mike G - health
Prayers for 2 family members and 1 neighbor
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
Roger T - Donna C's cousin in KY - prayers to stay cancer-free
Leroy S - mass on pancreas
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
Beth - B & T's daughter - 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!*

Finance Committee 2023 4th Quarter Recap

Here is a brief update on our 2023 fourth quarter financials, as well as our 2023 year-to-date balance.

2023 4th Quarter

Total Revenue = \$54,015.30

Total Expenses = \$51,140.71

Net Change in Cash = \$2,874.59

2023 Year-to-Date

Total Revenue = \$180,207.09

Total Expenses = \$172,941.52

Net Change in Cash = \$7,265.57

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,

DVUMC Finance Committee



February

Sundays

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

Mondays

Mike's Bible Study at Oakwood 10a

Tuesdays

Pastor Sam's Bible Study 6p

Wednesdays

Joyce G's Bible Study at Library 10a
Healthy Eating Group 11a
Kids Club at DVUMC 3:45-5:15p
Choir Practice 6:30-7:30p

Thursday, Feb 1

Worship Service at Oakwood 9:30a

Wednesday, Feb 7

Senior Breakfast at Christo's 8a

Saturday, Feb 10

Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8a

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14

Valentine's Day

Worship & Ashes at Oakwood 9a
Drive-Thru Ashes & Blessing 12n-1p
Ash Wednesday Worship 7-7:30p
in Sanctuary

Sunday, Feb 18

Free Lunch in Fellowship Hall
hosted by Nurture Committee 11a

Wednesday, Feb 21

UWF 1 pm

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers each week are graciously provided by the Flower Committee. There is no charge for you to honor someone or commemorate a special event. Please sign up on the 2024 flower sheet on the greeter's table or call the church office to have us fill in your info. Thank you to our Flower Committee for providing this lovely ministry.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon thru Thurs

7 am – 12 noon

219.362.3812

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Senior Breakfast



February 7, 2024

1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am

Christo's
1462 W State Rd 2
La Porte



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
will meet on
February 10 at 8 am
in Fellowship Hall

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Program: Jackie W

Snack: Nancy W

Wed, Feb 21

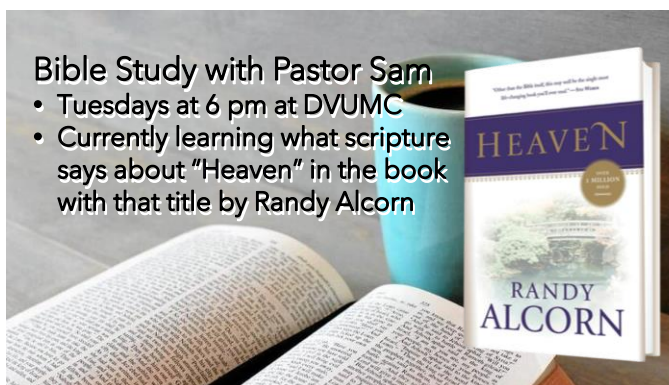
1 pm at the church



United
Women
in Faith

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



Kids Club



Wednesdays after school

3:30-5:15

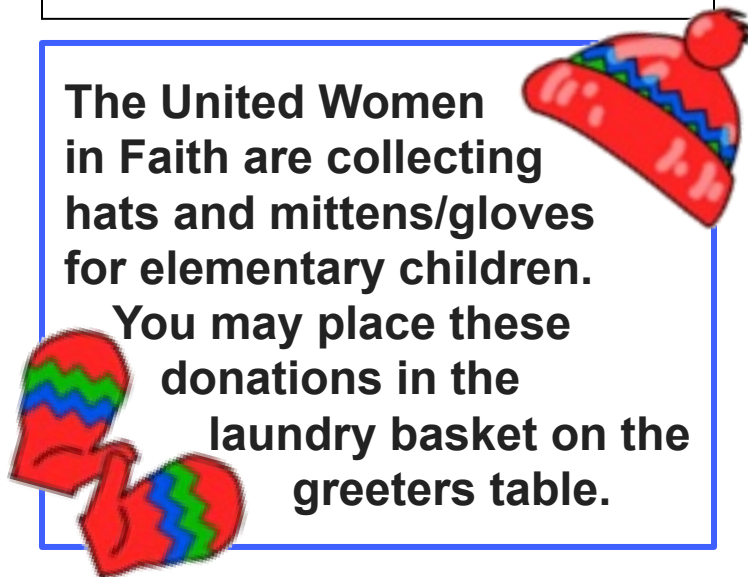
After-school program for Grades K-4
Playground time at the park
Snacks, Games, & Christian Lesson
Contact Carolyn (363-2818) or
Carla (363-9401) with questions.

- February 7 –**
Share the Love Night
- February 14 –**
Valentine's Day Party
- February 21 –**
Game Night
- February 28 –**
Indoor Beach Party

Kentucky Mission Trip for Adults
La Porte First United Methodist Church is planning a mission trip to Red Bird Mission in southeastern Kentucky for April 21-26. If you are interested or want more info, please contact Sue Kaiser or LP 1st UMC.



The United Women in Faith are collecting hats and mittens/gloves for elementary children. You may place these donations in the laundry basket on the greeters table.

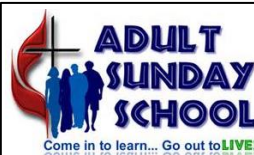


Children's Church

FEB CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Feb Leader: Tearsa/Laurel

- Feb 4 - In the Desert
- Feb 11 - At the Synagogue
- Feb 18 - By the Sea
- Feb 25 - On the Hillside



You're invited to Adult Sunday School in the Parlor 9-9:30 with Pastor Sam & the Devotion Team sharing Scripture & Prayer

Donate Your Clothing & Household Necessity Items

When you're cleaning your closets, please consider donating clothing and necessary household items (like pans, towels, blankets, sheets, utensils, etc.) to help those who need assistance. These can be placed beside the greeter's table under the glass information case across from the coat rack here at DVUMC. The donated items will then be transported to Rolling Prairie United Methodist to be distributed for free as part of their community assistance program.



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

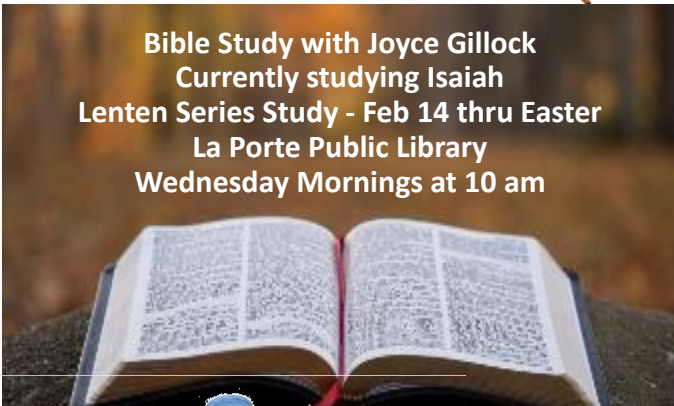


From Ryan Sittig: Thank you for my college care package. I appreciate all the love and support throughout the years.



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

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome



Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
Currently studying Isaiah
Lenten Series Study - Feb 14 thru Easter
La Porte Public Library
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am



FOOD PANTRY SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED



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.



BRING THEM IN!

- **Cancelled Stamps** - UWF - All you need to do is carefully rip the cancelled stamp from the envelope and trim with scissors leaving 1/4" all around. Drop off your stamps in the basket on the greeter's table. Your cancelled stamps are prepared for purchase and the proceeds are used to support preparation, publication, and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools in Latin America, Spain and the United States.
- **Eyeglasses** - DV Lions - There is a wood box at the greeter's table for these. Used eyeglasses are distributed to people needing vision correction in other countries.



- **Novels & Children's Books** - DV Little Library Box - Bring adult and children's books to the greeter's table. They will be placed in the Little Library Box over at the park.



- **Coins & Cash** for mission projects. We no longer collect aluminum tabs.



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.



Snow Response Team Help Needed
We are looking for more Snow

Response Team volunteers to share in the tasks of shoveling, plowing, or snow blowing. Please talk to Pastor Sam or Sue Kaiser if you can help us out.





NewDay
Foundation
of La Porte, Indiana

SAVE THE DATES

NewDay Resurrection Race

Saturday, March 30, 2024
Scipio Township Park in Door Village
La Porte, Indiana

NewDay Foundation Concert

Saturday, April 27, 2024
at the Civic Auditorium
1001 Ridge Street, La Porte, Indiana
Tickets will be available February 15

For race registration, visit:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/LaPorte/NewDayFoundationResurrectionRun?fbclid=IwAR2Ikbtld8c4rTNhGzS82YhRLxM-dqbEGDD3L7o6jVapbqj7RqMPT6algoM>.

For additional event information, visit the NewDay Foundation Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064621245129>

or the NewDay Resurrection Race Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NEWDAYRR>



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February Birthdays



February Anniversaries

02/02 Jack Fenstermaker	02/11 Chris Kiser	02/20 Meg Kaiser
02/05 Brad Hindsley	02/12 Kija Woodcox	02/21 Alan Good
02/06 Marlee Gakle	02/14 Kathleen Gault	02/22 Cade Woodcox
02/06 Matt Kirk	02/14 CC Langford	02/23 Finley Lancaster
02/08 Mary Becker	02/15 Marilyn Vance	02/24 Tucker Hindsley
02/08 Dana Butcher	02/16 Leslie Bernacchi	02/25 Mary Beth Lowery
02/08 Jack Langford	02/16 Nathan Bernacchi	02/27 Linda Metzler
02/10 Maxwell Unger	02/17 Carol Wort	02/29 Tom Hill

02/01 Nick & Kassidy Applegarth
02/13 Scott & Lynlee Marhanka
02/22 Bonnie & Rudy Netzer
02/25 Dick & Mauvie Fagg

