



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER




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With the month of February upon us, my heart turns to love. It turns to verses in the bible that help us embrace the love of God, of all that God created. Love is His greatest creation. In fact, Love is God's driving force. Scripture says it best:

***⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ~ 1 John 4:7-8***

When I think about what the bible says about love, my heart goes straight to another passage of scripture:

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ~ John 3:16-17

The Love God shows us is sacrificial love:

⁸ But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ~ Romans 5:8

It is clear to me that we are loved. And, as I read on in scripture, I find these words especially comforting:

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ~ Romans 8:38-39

The greatest commandment in scripture is:

²⁷ "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" ~ Luke 10:27

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~ John 3:16



Jesus even encourages us to love. Love our enemies:

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. ~ Matthew 5:43-44

Finally, we find more than just a few verses about love. We have a whole chapter in the bible dedicated to helping us understand the depth of Godly love. Take some time this week to read through all of **1Corinthians 13**, but here is an excerpt:

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Know that you are loved by God and by your church family. You are loved by your pastor. The greatest thing you can do is give and receive the Love of God. It is only possible because of the sacrifice of Jesus.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



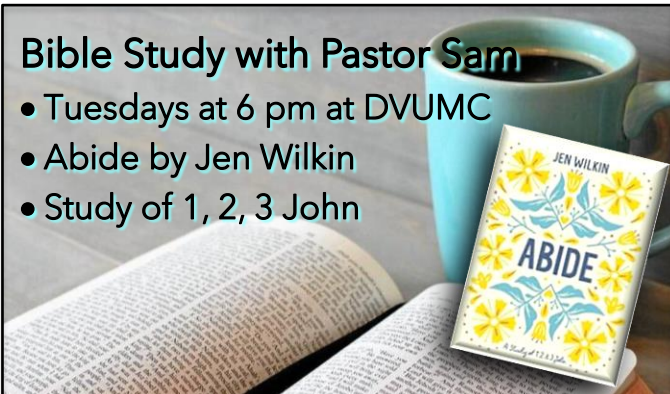
GRADUATES

If you know of anyone from our church family who will be graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know in the church office or notify Lindsay Koselke so they can be included in our Education Sunday celebration on June 1.



Bible Study with Pastor Sam

- Tuesdays at 6 pm at DVUMC
- Abide by Jen Wilkin
- Study of 1, 2, 3 John



**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 Russ McCoy at 219-324-8602.



**Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome**

**Monday
Bible Study at
Oak Woods Manor**
1211 Longwood Dr
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte



Prayer Requests

Diane P - heart
Gail - shoulder healing following surgery
Alaina - improved health
Stanley E - heart
Netzer's granddaughter - ovarian cyst
Spitzmesser's son-in-law Wes - prayers for successful bone marrow transplant and recovery
Debbie - stem cell
Bruce - healing from a fall
Celeste - cancer treatment
Jerry H - open heart surgery recovery
Aunt Tina - genetic mother/baby tests
Marlene K - health and strength
Rick K - mission travels
Jon D - cancer treatment
Bonnie Q - cancer
Annie's sis-in-law Annette - recovering from stroke
Lynn - recovering from back surgery
Julie - improved breathing
Sheri - medical condition
Cheryl - improved health
Polly - lymphoma
Debra - bone cancer
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

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!



**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.**

Finance Committee 2024 4th Quarter Recap

Here is a brief update on our 2024 fourth quarter financials, as well as our 2024 year-to-date balance.

2024 4th Quarter

Total Revenue = \$43,436.63
Total Expenses = \$42,978.64
Net Change in Cash = \$457.99

2024 Year-to-Date

Total Revenue = \$177,575.35
Total Expenses = \$166,039.22
Net Change in Cash = \$11,536.13

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,
DVUMC Finance Committee



February

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
Kids Club at DVUMC 3:45-5:15p
Choir Practice 6:30-7:30p

Wednesday, Feb 5

Senior Breakfast at Christo's 8a

Thursday, Feb 6

Worship Service at Oakwood 9:30a

Saturday, Feb 8

Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8a

Friday, Feb 14

Valentine's Day

Senior
Breakfast

February 5, 2025

1st Wednesday
of each month

8 am

Christo's

1462 W State Rd 2

La Porte



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

OFFICE
HOURS

Mon thru Thurs

7 am – 12 noon

219.362.3812

doorvillageumc@gmail.com

Trustee Update

We would like to send a sincere thank you to Sue Kaiser who has served for the last 2 years as our Trustee Chairperson and has done an excellent job!

From our incoming Chairperson for 2025:

As we welcome in a New Year here at Door Village UMC, I would like to take the opportunity to also welcome in an AWESOME group of new members on the Board of Trustees: Jerry Harder, Bonnie Olson, Craig Marcum, Greg Pointon, and Nancy Weaver!

Members remaining on the Board of Trustees are Sue Kaiser, Mike Martin, John Langford, and myself.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to outgoing Trustee Paul Martin whose talent and willingness to help was (and continues to be) a valuable asset to our church family!

Officers for 2025 are as follows: Chairperson-Bob Wiltfong; Treasurer-Sue Kaiser; Secretary-Craig Marcum.

One of my main goals as Chairperson is to give a quarterly update on the projects, issues and concerns that the Board of Trustees is addressing. If any member of our church family has a concern that he or she feels needs to be addressed, please let me, or one of the current Trustees know so that we can take action on the issue. I ask that you all take a moment to offer a kind word of support and thanks to the current and past members of the Board of Trustees.

~ Bob Wiltfong, Chairperson

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday

March 12

1 pm at the church



United
Women
in Faith

Kids Club



**Wednesdays after school
3:30-5pm**

After-school program for Grades K-4
Snacks, Games, & Christian Lesson

Season ends March 19

- Feb 5 – Chef Todd
- Feb 12 – Valentine's Day Party
- Feb 19 – Let's Play Games!
- Feb 26 – Dance Party!

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.



DONATE



**Hats • Gloves • Socks
for area elementary kids**

PLACE IN BASKET ON GREETER TABLE

Salvation Army Food Pantry

*Suggested items for
February:
Meal Kits*

(like Hamburger Helper)
Peas & Green Beans



**SUNDAY
MORNINGS!**

**AGE 4 THRU
4TH GRADE**

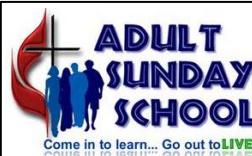
**DURING
WORSHIP**

Children's Church

FEB CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Feb Leader: Tearsa/Laurel

- Feb 2 - In the Desert
- Feb 9 - At the Synagogue
- Feb 16 - By the Sea
- Feb 23 - On the Hillside



**ADULT
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Come in to learn... Go out to LIVE!

You're invited to
Adult Sunday School
in the Parlor 9-9:30

with Pastor Sam & the Devotion
Team sharing Scripture & Prayer

Spotlight On Snow Removal Volunteers

A big THANK YOU goes out to our wonderful group of volunteers who plow the parking lot, shovel the walks, and put down salt so we can all have a place to park, make it safely into the building, and have the opportunity to worship together even during the snowy days of winter. We are so thankful that some kind-hearted members of our church family take their time and brave the cold to get things ready for all of us. We know who you are and that you do this out of the goodness of your hearts, and we just want you to know that we all appreciate your efforts. We are so glad there are people like you in our little part of the world.



Sincerely,
~ George Morley, Lay Leader

Electronic Giving

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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 Email: pastor@doorvillage.com
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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

