



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER



Membership Classes to Be Offered

It is my great honor as your pastor to announce that in January we will be inviting those interested in church membership to attend a question-and-answer session. The date and time will be set after hearing from those who are interested in joining the church.

I will be reaching out to some of the new families that have been attending church regularly. Also, I will talk with some individuals who have attended for years, yet have not officially become members. One of the most important decisions we make in life is where we will attend church. For some, they grew up in this congregation and went through confirmation classes, then joined. For others, they transferred in from United Methodist or other congregations. In addition to seeking out new members, I will also be recruiting sponsors and mentors. If you are interested in joining or helping those new to the church connect in a deeper way, please let me know.

I thought it might be a good time, here at the beginning of the year, to remind ourselves of our United Methodist Church Membership Vows.

Questions for all believers

Question #1 - Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Question #2 - Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Question #3 - Do you believe in the Holy Spirit and in the Body of Christ the church?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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Happy
New Year
2023

Questions for those joining the church

1. Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of your sins?

I do

2. Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression?

I do

3. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior? And, do you put your whole trust in his grace and promise to serve him as their Lord?

I do

4. Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I do

5. Will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I do

6. Will you faithfully participate in the church's ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I do

7. Have you received and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do

In these traditional questions and our responses, we connect as believers in Jesus Christ. These questions are just the beginning of exploring a deeper faith. And lastly,

We affirm our five-fold United Methodist Membership Covenant

We renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

So that, in everything, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

May we be found faithful in our commitment to Door Village UMC and our Lord.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam

Prayer Requests

Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved health
Bev - strength and improving health
Iris - cancer
Maria - cancer
Marlette - recovering from Covid
Jim C - home recovering from stroke
Wes A - healing and strength
Violet & Vivi - healing
Alaina - concussion
Mark - depression
Chris P - healing and strength
Karen R - in Miller's - health, strength & happiness
Frank H - healing
Loved ones & friends with Covid
Addie - 4-yr-old friend from Texas with leukemia
Randy K - cancer
Jeff C - healing
Brendan - 3-yr-old grandson of Scott & Lynlee
M - future cancer treatment following successful tumor removal 10/27
John - co-worker with cancer
Lois T - heart health
Dory M - kidney health & wrist healing
Joyce - heart arrhythmia
Mike G - back pain relief
Wendy - needs prayers
Wade B - needs prayers
Jan B - continued healing and strength
Prayers for 2 family members and 1 neighbor
Bob W - health & strength
Marie's sister - health issues
Bill S - medical treatment at Mayo
Lloyd V - heart health
Don C - Shawntel's dad with heart issues
George M - arthritis
Barb - Bob & Marie's aunt
Derek K - 13-yr-old cancer-free - stay in remission
Bill S - Diane's friend with complications following liver transplant
Tonya R - prayers needed
Roger T - Donna C's cousin in KY battling pancreatic cancer

Lucas - 5-year-old with cancer in remission
Cindy K - Nancy's friend - pneumonia & better health
Leroy S - mass on pancreas
Jan - Friend of G & D - prayers to stay cancer-free
Scott - leukemia
Tammy R - Nancy's friend undergoing cancer treatment
David - Anne D's son undergoing cancer treatment
Barbara - Anne D's sister
Judy D - liver cancer
Rhonda - Mike M's sister - keep cancer in remission
Sherry H - cell treatment
Deb W & Paula - both with breast cancer
Cindy - Twila's daughter with colon cancer
Alexandra K - MDS, leukemia, needs stem cell surgery
Whitney - eating disorder
Madison - lupus
Katie C - health & healing
Dana B's dad - health and strength
Tawnya - ongoing COPD
Pat O - renewed health
Susan - stroke recovery
Andrew C - ongoing medical condition
Duane E - ongoing medical condition
Paul and Renetta - ongoing medical conditions
Beth & Gaelen - B & T's daughter & son-in-law - lupus/cancer
Kathy K - health and strength
Brian T - ongoing medical condition
Chris K - ongoing medical condition
Cheryl K - ongoing medical condition
Ukraine situation and our world's people and leaders.
Refugees from war-torn countries.
Those living with domestic violence, drug abuse, mourning loss of loved ones, enduring and rebuilding from fires/storms.

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



January

Sundays

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

Mondays

Mike's Bible Study at Oakwood 10 am

Tuesdays

Pastor Sam's Bible Study at Church/Zoom
9 am & 6 pm

Wednesdays

Joyce G's Bible Study at Library 10 am
Kids Club at DVUMC 3:45-5:15 pm

Wednesday, Jan 4

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

Thursday, Jan 5

Worship at Oakwood 9:30 am

Tuesday, Jan 10

Trustees Meeting 6 pm

Saturday, Jan 14

Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8 am

Wednesday, Jan 18

United Women in Faith in parlor 1 pm

Thursday, Jan 19

Ad Board 7 pm

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



- **Two class options:**
- **Parlor 9-9:20** with Pastor Sam & Devotion Team sharing **Scripture & Prayer** before choir
- **Fellowship Hall 9-9:45** with Mike Martin studying the **Book of Revelation**

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

OFFICE HOURS Mon thru Thurs
7 am – 12 noon
219.362.3812
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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



*Tuesday
Bible Studies*

Pastor Sam's Tuesday Bible Studies are held each week at 9 am and 6 pm in Pastor's office or on Zoom. Please let us know in the church office if you'd like the link and password to join in via Zoom.


**Bible Study for Women & Men
with Joyce Gillock
La Porte Public Library
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am**



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.



Senior Breakfast
January 4, 2023
 1st Wednesday
 of each month
 8 am
 Christo's
 1462 W State Rd 2
 La Porte



TRUSTEE MEETING
 Tuesday, Jan 10, 6 pm
AD BOARD MEETING
 Thursday, Jan 19, 7 pm

Thank you from all of us...

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you so much for your generous gifts this Christmas. Each of us is honored to serve our Lord and the church, and we all greatly appreciate your generosity. We wish each of you a Healthy and Blessed New Year.

In Christ's love,
 Pastor Sam & Cindy Polito
 Mitch Marhanka
 Jane Hubner
 Cindy Fischer & Alaina Jeffers

Kids Club



Wednesdays after school
3:30-5:15


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

January 11 –
 Trip to Luhr Park Nature Center
January 18 –
 Minute to Win It Games
January 25 –
 Gym Night at Kingsbury School

SUNDAY MORNINGS!
AGE 4 THRU 4TH GRADE
Children's Church
DURING WORSHIP

JAN CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 Jan Leader: Carla Marhanka

Jan 8 - Jesus Heals the Sick
 Jan 15 - ZACCHAEUS
 Jan 22 - JESUS FEEDS 5,000 PEOPLE
 Jan 29 - Jesus Calms the Storm



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
 will meet on
 January 14 at 8 am
 in Fellowship Hall

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, Jan 18
1 pm at the church



United Women in Faith

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 2023 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.





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01/03 Lauren Kirk	01/14 Gayle McCray	01/20 Jocelyn McCray
01/07 Marylin Holman	01/15 Mauvie Fagg	01/22 Sam Langford
01/07 Jacob Pointon	01/17 Rebecca Eyrick	01/24 Liliana Bernacchi
01/07 Wyatt Pointon	01/17 Lindsay Koselke	01/26 Norma Jean Hiatt
01/07 Brock Schable	01/17 Ronalie Rice	01/28 Paul Lindeman
01/08 Margaret Applegarth	01/19 Carla Marhanka	01/28 Joyce Marhanka
01/08 Blake Hindsley	01/20 Olivia Bernacchi	01/30 Nick Applegarth
01/08 Elijah Voelker	01/20 Connie Clougher	01/31 Jordan Marcum
01/08 Madeline Byvoets	01/20 Jaclyn Heath	01/31 Paul Martin
01/12 Katie Fenstermaker		

January Anniversaries

01/28 John & Katrina Langford

