



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JAN 2024
NEWSLETTER



There is a song in our hymnal that seems most fitting here at the beginning of 2024. The song is: ***This Is a Day of New Beginnings***. The lyrics are:



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**This is a day of new beginnings.
Time to remember and move on.
Time to believe what love is bringing.
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.**

**For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.**

**Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving;
seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

**Christ is alive, and goes before us,
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.**

Happy
New Year
2024

I cherish the message this song brings. It is one of hope and celebrates who God is. We remember, and... we move on into the new year. Yes, there was pain, sorrow, disappointment, grieving, and even guilt this past year. But, there were also so many blessings.

The next verses move us along into the reality of what it means to have faith in Jesus. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can dare move forward in life and into the new year.

What will you do differently in this new year? Think about what change you would like to see at the church and then... become the change. Have an idea, have a plan, and do what it takes to make it a reality. My plan is to continue to preach about Jesus. Every week, I will share the simple truth. Jesus is love, and hope, and pardon, and salvation. I will use His words, His parables, His teachings to guide us forward as a church.

Make the most of the past - its lessons and memories. And then, make new memories this year. Ones you will be proud to celebrate at the end of this year. I pray that I will see you in church. I pray that I will see you active in the ministries of the church. And, I pray, that new ways to minister come to life this new year. You are the greatest hope of our church being great as it can be in the new year. Bring your best ideas and commitment. Let's get to work for the Lord in 2024.

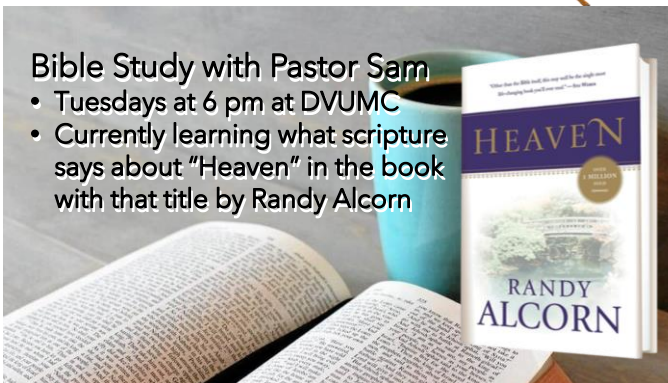
Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



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

Gratitude Offering Report

Our Fall "Gratitude Offering" brought in \$7,210. The Finance Committee recommended that half be given to Trustees and half to Missions. This was approved at the December Ad Board meeting. Praise the Lord! ~ DVUMC Finance Committee

Thank you from all of us...

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your generous gifts this Advent season. 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 Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

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

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 info. Thank you to our Flower Committee for providing this lovely ministry.

Prayer Requests

Pat G - health & healing
Ben M - recovery from leg surgery
Bud F - health & improved sight
Jan M - foot surgery recovery and healing
Doug B - friend of Goods - severe foot infection
Chris P - broken hip recovery - healing and strength
Tom H - various health issues
Joe 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 - surgery recovery and healing
Lloyd - back pain and heart health
Marcia's mom - in hospice
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
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

If you know of any updates for our prayer list, please let us know in 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 need funds for our church mission projects but we are no longer collecting aluminum tabs.





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
6 pm (Resumes January 9)

Wednesdays

Joyce G's Bible Study at Library 10 am
Healthy Eating Group at DVUMC 11 am
Kids Club at DVUMC 3:45-5:15 pm

Wednesday, Jan 3

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

Thursday, Jan 4

Worship at Oakwood 9:30 am

Thursday, Jan 11

Ad Board Meeting 7 pm

Saturday, Jan 13

Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8 am

Sunday, Jan 14

Youth Group Skating 6 pm

Wednesday, Jan 17

United Women in Faith in parlor 1 pm

OFFICE HOURS Mon thru Thurs
7 am – 12 noon
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**SUNDAY
MORNINGS!**

**AGE 4 THRU
4TH GRADE**

**DURING
WORSHIP**

**Children's
Church**

JAN CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jan Leader: Carla Marhanka

JAN 7 - IN THE STABLE

JAN 14 - BY THE STAR'S LIGHT

JAN 21 - WITH THE ELDERS

JAN 28 - AT THE RIVER

Kids Club



Wednesdays after school

3:30-5:15

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

January 3 -

School Break - No Kids Club

January 10 -

Minute to Win It Games

January 17 -

Science Experiments

January 24 -

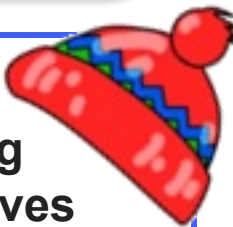
Gym Night at Kingsbury School

January 31 -

Recycling Art Project

**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.**



Senior
Breakfast



January 3, 2024

1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am

Christo's
1462 W State Rd 2
La Porte



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

will meet on
January 13 at 8 am
in Fellowship Hall

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, Jan 17
1 pm at the church



United
Women
in Faith



ICE SKATING

January 14

Invite your friends, bring
money, meet at the
church at 6 pm, and
let's go ice skating
for an evening of fun!



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

**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
Currently Studying Isaiah
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.

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:





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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



January Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01/03 Lauren Kirk | 01/12 Katie Fenstermaker | 01/20 Jaclyn Heath |
| 01/07 Marylin Holman | 01/14 Gayle McCray | 01/20 Jocelyn McCray |
| 01/07 Jacob Pointon | 01/15 Mauvie Fagg | 01/22 Sam Langford |
| 01/07 Wyatt Pointon | 01/17 Rebecca Eyrick | 01/24 Liliana Bernacchi |
| 01/07 Brock Schable | 01/17 Lindsay Koselke | 01/26 Norma Jean Hiatt |
| 01/08 Margaret Applegarth | 01/17 Ronalie Rice | 01/28 Paul Lindeman |
| 01/08 Blake Hindsley | 01/19 Schasta Antrim | 01/28 Joyce Marhanka |
| 01/08 Elijah Voelker | 01/19 Carla Marhanka | 01/30 Nick Applegarth |
| 01/08 Madeline Byvoets | 01/20 Olivia Bernacchi | 01/31 Jordan Marcum |
| 01/11 Celeste Dysard | 01/20 Connie Clougher | 01/31 Paul Martin |

01/28 John & Katrina Langford

