



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 2023
NEWSLETTER



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“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”
~ John 4:10

Summer is here. The hot days, the warm nights, the corn in the fields stretching taller and taller. Summer is a laid-back season. I usually travel to see family. I do a little fishing. I like to take time in the summer to do a little more reading.

Ok, I read at the church - reports from committees, lectionary scriptures to preach, bible studies and Sunday school materials - but the Summer reading I do is usually different. Different than reading the Upper Room or my Healthy Eating chapters for our Wednesday 11 am group that meets in the church parlor. In my Summer reading routine, I dig a little deeper. I search out a topic or a new author I just heard about. Our Tuesday 6 pm evening group that meets at the church is reading through a book called HEAVEN by author Randy Alcorn. You can join us any time, and there is no need to buy the book. Just stop in some Tuesday evening. From there, you may want to get the book and join us for the journey. Even if you don't come to the church and become a part of our group, you can read it on your own. But, why not... think about... joining with us to hold deeper conversations?

If a bible study or Sunday school are just not your thing, it is always a good practice to be in church each Sunday. Have you been able to join us? If not, search your soul for the reason that church is not where you

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want to be. There have been times in my life I have drifted away from meaningful fellowship with other believers. It happens gradually, over time. It happens slowly but, before we know it, we have drifted - away from God and away from Church.

If that is where you are right now, it's ok. What matters is, what you do next, once you confess to yourself and to God that you want to improve your relationship with God. Take the next step.

Recently, I have been working on my physical health. One, little change I made is to take in steady amounts of water throughout the day. It is a small thing, but it can bring great benefit. What about your soul? Are you thirsty, lacking living waters? When Jesus met the woman at the well in John 4:4-10, he offered her more than ordinary water. He offered her living water. He offered her, himself - as Messiah, as Savior, as the one who could meet the deepest longings of her soul.

As you enjoy the Summer heat, do take in a steady, refreshing amount of water. But also take in living water. Nourish your soul. Be in worship regularly, read something new about your faith. Be with friends and the people in your life that encourage you in your faith life.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam Polito



Prayer Requests

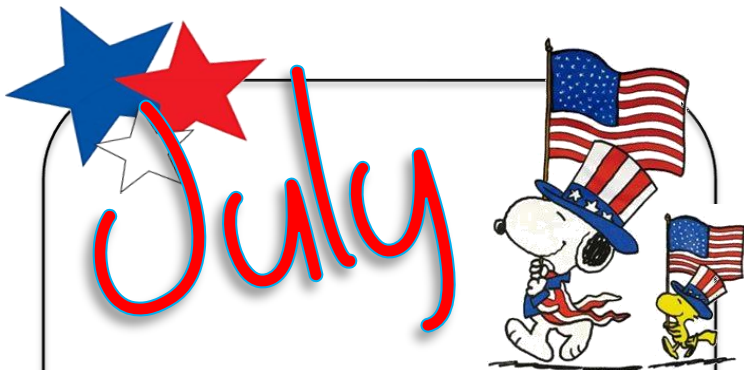
Jacki W - health & strength
Kathy K - pneumonia & knee replacement rehab
Mary's friend Brenda - health & healing
Tom H - back treatment recovery & healing
John C - heart health
Beverly B - improved health
Mitch & Carla - prayers for good decisions as they go through fire cleanup and rebuild
Dick C - recovery from massive stroke
Co-Worker - thyroid cancer surgery & treatment
Katie - good health and improved strength
Bill S - Diane's friend needing prayers for his health
Youth & leaders who will be traveling to Belize for mission work this summer as well as others serving in missions locally and throughout the world.
Gaelen - B & T's son-in-law - cancer - in hospice
Mark - colon cancer
Earl W - prayers for improved health
Rhonda - Mike M's sister - improved health
Elsie - strength and improved health
Bob - Della's brother with stomach/liver cancer
Brian A - Nancy's friend with cancer
Beth - B & T's daughter - lupus
Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved health
Iris - cancer
Mark - depression
Chris P - healing and strength
Karen R - health, strength & happiness
Addie - toddler friend from Texas with leukemia
Randy K - cancer
Jeff C - healing
John - co-worker with cancer
Brendan - toddler grandson of Scott & Lynlee M - cancer treatment following successful tumor removal Oct 2022
Lois T - improved health
Dory M - kidney health & wrist healing
George M - arthritis
Mike G - back pain relief
Prayers for 2 family members and 1 neighbor
Bob W - health & strength
Marie's sister - health issues
Don C - Shawntel's dad with heart issues
Derek K - cancer-free teenager - stay in remission

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
Judy D - liver cancer
Cindy - Twila's daughter with colon cancer
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
Andrew C - 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!*



Have a change of address, phone number, or email in the last couple of years? Please let us know in the church office so we can keep our photo directory app and our computer records up to date. Thank you!



Sundays

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

Mondays

Oak Wood Bible Study 10 am

Tuesdays

Pastor's Bible Study 6 pm

Wednesdays

Healthier Eating Group 11 am
Online Worship 6 pm

UWF Summer Break – no meeting
Ad Board Summer Break– no meeting
Belize Mission Trip July 17-28

Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

Thursday, July 6

Oakwood Worship 9:30 am

Saturday, July 8

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Saturday, July 8-Saturday, July 15

La Porte County Fair

Sunday, July 16

Send-Off Prayers for Belize Mission

OFFICE HOURS Mon thru Thurs
7 am – 12 noon
219.362.3812
doorvillageumc@gmail.com

July 2 - Isaac & His Sons
July 9 - Jacob's 12 Sons
July 16 - Joseph in Egypt
July 23 - Baby Moses is Saved
July 30 - Moses & Pharaoh

You're invited to

Adult Sunday School



- **Two class options:**
- **Parlor 9-9:30** with Pastor Sam & Devotion Team sharing **Scripture & Prayer** before worship
- **Fellowship Hall 9-9:45** with Mike Martin studying the books of the Bible

Belize Mission Trip

Several of our youth group members, young adults, and accompanying adult leaders will be traveling to Belize for this year's summer mission trip, leaving July 17. Please join us in church on July 16 to pray for them and send them with God's blessings as they travel and touch the lives of those they contact while in Belize.



**Westville Lions Club
Medical Equipment
Loan Closet**




The Westville Lions Club has four semi trailers filled with medical equipment. The club has hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers, and other equipment which is loaned for free. If you have an equipment need, please call Richard Fagg at 219-733-0713.



Senior
Breakfast



July 5, 2023
1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am
Christo's
Hwy 2 West
La Porte



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
July 8 at 8 am
in Fellowship Hall



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith (UWF) is our women's group at Door Village United Methodist Church. UWF meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1 pm at the church but takes a summer break for July and August. They will resume in September. Please consider joining in. Thank you, church family, for all of your support! UWF's next meeting will be on **Wednesday, Sept 20**. The next **Culver's Give-Back Day for UWF** will be on **Monday, Aug 7**.




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.

Tuesday
Bible Study



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





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


Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome



Our **Healthier Eating group** at DVUMC is using the book "Pray Powerfully, Lose Weight." All are welcome. The group meets **Wednesdays at 11 am** at church. **Please contact Lana Fenstermaker for more info.**



Women's Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
La Porte Public Library
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am



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](#)



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| 7/01 Jessica Noll | 7/09 Amelia Bernacchi | 7/19 Madeline Martin |
| 7/02 Cheryl Good | 7/10 Dan Bernacchi | 7/20 Jill Fox |
| 7/02 Mike Kessler | 7/11 Trevor Eggert | 7/20 Mike Spurr |
| 7/02 Elsie Spurr | 7/13 Sharon Barnes | 7/21 George Morley |
| 7/04 Sue Kaiser | 7/13 Melodee Busfield | 7/25 Lana Fenstermaker |
| 7/05 Ron Butcher | 7/13 Wesley Kaiser | 7/25 Violet Pointon |
| 7/06 Mike Martin | 7/15 Marcia Spitzmesser | 7/28 Erica Plotner |
| 7/06 Scarlet Pointon | 7/16 Rocco Bernacchi | 7/29 Steve Clougher |
| 7/06 Sophia Pointon | 7/16 Nick Hindsley | 7/31 Heather Kelter |

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| 7/09 Evan & Michelle Lancaster |
| 7/09 Ben & Gabby Pointon |
| 7/10 John & Jean Coulter |
| 7/12 Andrew Curtis & Hui Chong |
| 7/27 Matt & Shelly Fischer |
| 7/28 Blake & Mandy Hindsley |
| 7/31 Jacob & Molly Pointon |

