



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 2024
NEWSLETTER



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The primary way that God speaks to us is through the Bible. The bible is the Holy-Spirit-inspired, God-breathed, message of Love. As your pastor, I want to challenge you to take in, "Daily Bread." Just as we need food to have physical health and strength, we need spiritual food to have a healthy and strong relationship with God.

**... whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law, day and night.**

~ Psalm 1:2

Taking in a verse or two a day is a good way to start down a healthy road spiritually. There is an app for that – just do a quick search. If the whole online or phone app thing is not your thing, you can do what I have now done – buy a book. I am using two daily devotional books – one by Beth Moore and another by Chuck Swindoll. I picked them up at a thrift store while at Annual Conference this year.

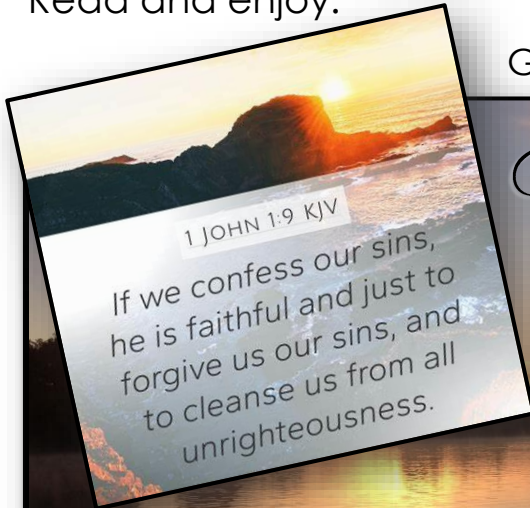
Our Tuesday night study at 6 pm is finishing up our study of the book, *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn. If you want to borrow my copy, just stop by my office and ask.

Going ahead on Tuesday nights, we will use a study by Beth Moore entitled *DANIEL: Lives of integrity, Words of Prophecy*. July 9 is the targeted date to begin our new Tuesday evening study.

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Another publication we use at Door Village UMC is *The Upper Room*. You can pick one up at the church every two months. If you take one, please make a donation to cover the cost.

I will finish this pastoral letter with some of my favorite memory verses. Read and enjoy.



1 JOHN 1:9 KJV
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam
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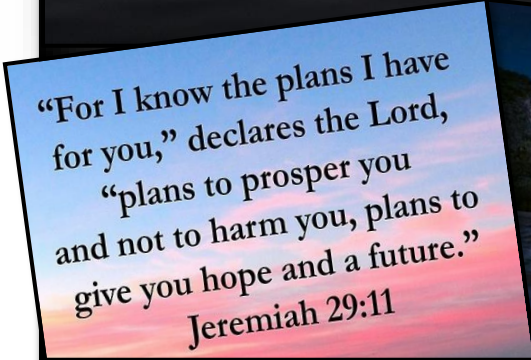


"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you"
Isaiah 43:2

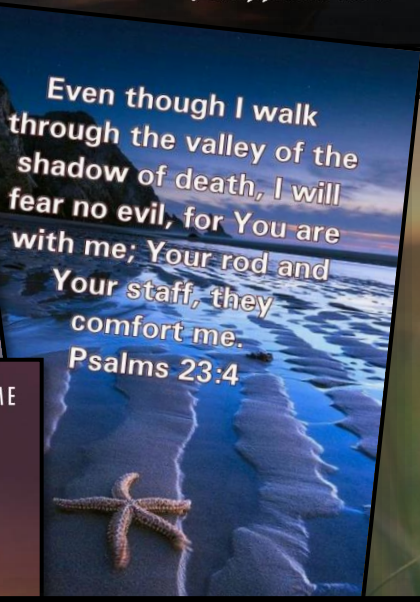
Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
Philippians 4:8-9



CASTING
ALL
your
Worries
on Him
because
He
CARES
FOR YOU
1 PETER 5:7



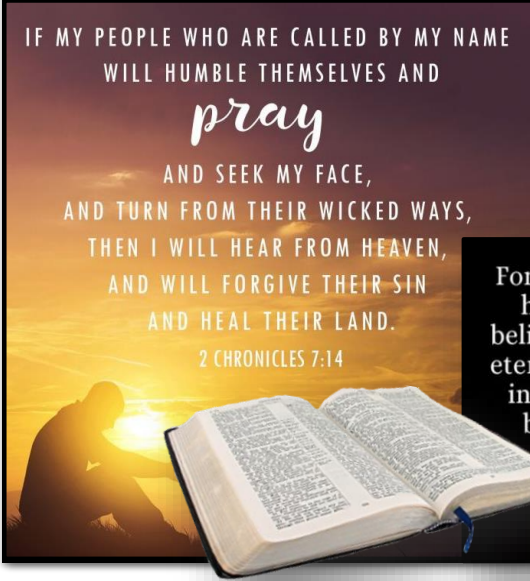
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11



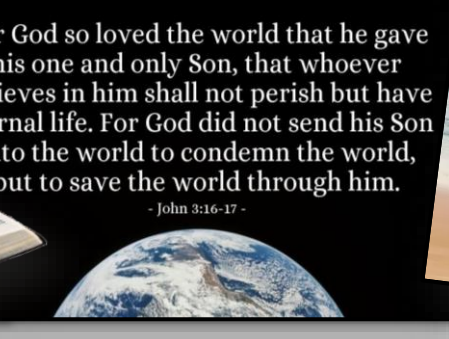
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
Psalms 23:4




AND MY GOD WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS.
PHILIPPIANS 4:19



IF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND
pray
AND SEEK MY FACE,
AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS,
THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN,
AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN
AND HEAL THEIR LAND.
2 CHRONICLES 7:14




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. 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 -



PRAISE THE LORD!
GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,
for he is good,
FOR HIS LOVING KINDNESS
ENDURES FOREVER.
Psalm 106:1



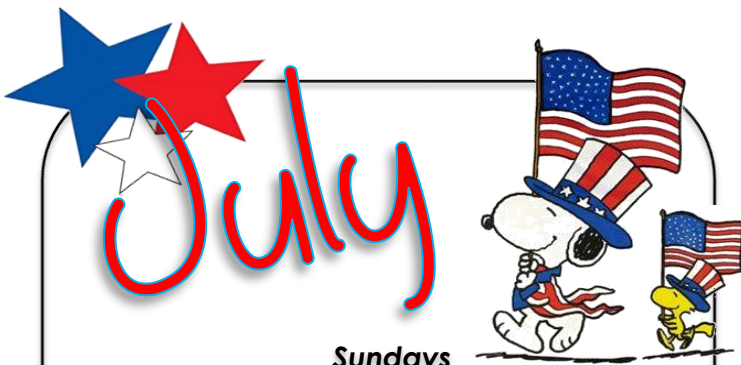
 **You're invited to**
Adult Sunday School
in the Parlor 9-9:30
with Pastor Sam & the Devotion
Team sharing Scripture & Prayer

Prayer Requests

Jo Parsons - healing broken knee
 Charlie C - stroke recovery
 Lea Ann Heims - heart health
 Spitzmesser's son-in-law Wes - needs bone marrow transplant donor - undergoing cancer treatment
 Nolan - healing from horse accident head injury
 Carol A - peace & comfort, strength & healing
 Cathie M - improved health & strength
 Roger - recovery from tractor accident
 Jerry - recovery from heart surgery
 Garry & Tina - asking for prayers
 Richard M - improved health & strength
 Tom H - various health issues & surgery recovery
 Hanna - Bonnie's great-grandniece - tumor on spine
 Kathy - Jeff C's mom - healing & strength
 Mike M - healing & strength following knee surgery
 Carol S - healing & strength
 Jason C - cancer & fungal lung infection
 Bill A - healing and recovery from injuries

Janet U - prayers to stay cancer-free & heart health
 Wendy - health & strength
 Wade - health & strength
 Jayne W - health, comfort & strength
 Kate M - friend of Diane P
 Don - father-in-law of Jen S - cancer treatment
 Audrey - healing from a fall on 2/3
 Marilyn H - comfort and strength
 Lindsay K - healing & good health
 Celeste - stage 3 cancer
 Pat G - health & healing
 Bud F - health & improved sight
 Joe P - cancer
 John P - cancer
 Mona - friend of Toni
 Lloyd - back pain and heart health
 Mark - colon cancer
 Willie - cancer
 Elsie - health & strength
 Beverly B - improved health
 Katie C - good health and improved strength
 Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved health
 Karen R - health, strength & happiness
 Addie - toddler friend from Texas with leukemia
 Randy K - cancer
 John - co-worker with cancer
 Dory M - kidney health & wrist strength
 George M - arthritis
 Judy D - liver cancer
 Roger T - Donna C's cousin in KY - prayers to stay cancer-free
 Scott - leukemia
 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!*



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

Wednesday, July 3

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

Thursday, July 4

Office Closed

Saturday, July 6-Saturday, July 13

La Porte County Fair

Thursday, July 11

Ad Board Meeting 7 pm

Saturday, July 13

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Tuesday, July 30

Nurture Committee Meeting 5 pm

OFFICE HOURS Mon thru Thurs
7 am – 12 noon
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- Tuesdays at 6 pm at DVUMC
- We are starting a new bible study by Beth Moore about the book of Daniel. Intro to the new study begins July 9.

Women's Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
La Porte Public Library
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am
Summer Break during July & August



The Nurture Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 30, at 5 pm in the parlor and will be completing plans for the next church potluck on August 25. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the potluck!



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.

Senior Breakfast



July 3, 2024

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
July 13 at 8 am
in Fellowship Hall



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

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome



**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.**



United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Wed, July 17

1 pm at the church

Program: Dunebrook • Snack: Judy Talk



United
Women
in Faith

**DOOR VILLAGE
United Women in Faith
2024**

garage

sale



1st weekend
in August

The Door Village United Women in Faith will be having a rummage sale during the first weekend in August. will be part of the larger Joliet Road rummage sale. We are collecting clean, quality garage sale items downstairs at the church. This will be a fundraiser for the missions we support locally and beyond. Please see Carolyn or Pastor Sam for details.

Spotlight On Our United Women in Faith

Purpose: The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. And from my vantage point of chairing the Administrative Board for several years and hearing their reports time after time, I can attest to the fact that they do all of that and more, I take the liberty of saying, "and more", because I feel strongly that the projects they do are without a doubt worthy and are of genuine need, making them more than an everyday mission. Furthermore, these projects would go unfulfilled were it not for the well-organized efforts of these diligent and willing members of the UWF. Here is a list, furnished by UWF President Carolyn Eyrick, of Missions currently supported and accomplished throughout the year:

- Kids Club (programming, mailing, supplies, trips, and treats)
- New Day Foundation
- Youth Group Mission Work
- Dunebrook
- College Care Packages
- Funeral Dinners (our ministry to comfort those grieving)
- Families in need at Christmas Time (supporting three to five families depending on the size of the families, offering clothing, toys, and gas and grocery cards with the help of church family donations)
- Other special projects that come up during the year
- We also contribute to district missions that extend beyond our community - such as the Lucille Raines home for women in recovery, Youth Service Projects, and the "School of Christian Mission."

This list, in and of itself is impressive, but if you had been in the Administrative Board meetings and heard the details describing the extent and degree of the aid furnished to these organizations, groups and families, I'm pretty sure you'd be as impressed as I was meeting after meeting. As daunting as the above list is, it is not all members do, they additionally conduct fund raisers to pay for the missions. Here is a list of fundraisers scheduled this year:

- Christmas Bake Sale
- 1st annual garage sale
- Culvers Give Back events
- Member Pledge Donations

Carolyn wants everyone to know that members are thankful to the congregation for supporting their mission projects!!!! I have the good feeling that most, if not all, of the congregation is thankful and grateful for the good faith efforts of all the women who join together and accomplish so very much in the name of our beloved Door Village Church.

George Morley, Lay Leader

Electronic Giving

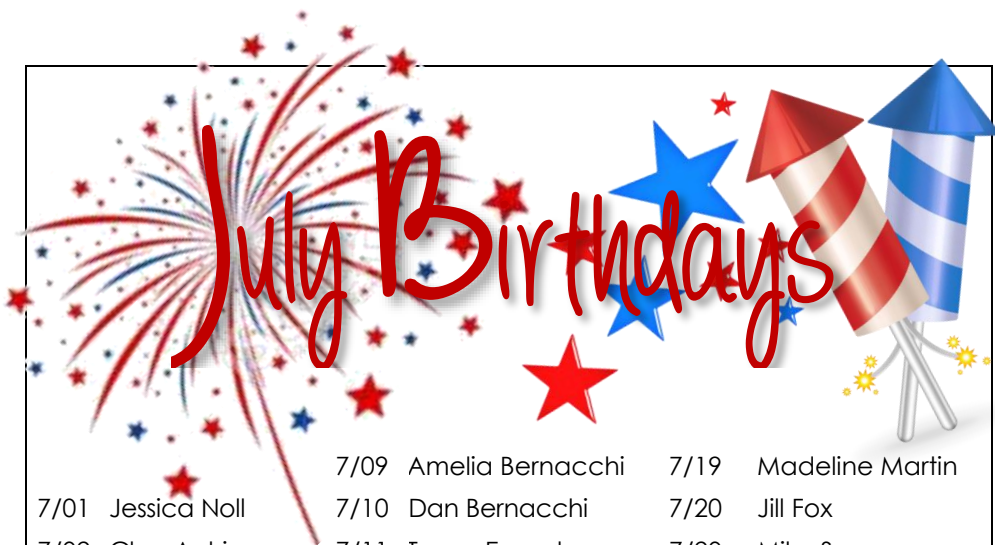
For your convenience, offerings can be made from a mobile device or computer through a secure site by visiting our church website, doorvillagechurch.org, and clicking the electronic offering button:

My Offering



How to contact Pastor Sam:
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 Find Sam Polito on Facebook!

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7/01 Jessica Noll	7/09 Amelia Bernacchi	7/19 Madeline Martin
7/02 Cleo Antrim	7/10 Dan Bernacchi	7/20 Jill Fox
7/02 Cheryl Good	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	7/23 Mike Kessler
7/05 Ron Butcher	7/13 Wesley Kaiser	7/25 Lana Fenstermaker
7/06 Mike Martin	7/15 Marcia Spitzmesser	7/25 Violet Pointon
7/06 Scarlet Pointon	7/16 Rocco Bernacchi	7/28 Erica Plotner
7/06 Sophia Pointon	7/16 Nick Hindsley	7/29 Steve Clougher
	7/19 Toni Lux	7/31 Heather Kelter



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

