

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 2024
NEWSLETTER



Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
~ 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV



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One of the greatest challenges I face at Door Village UMC is how to get everyone engaged in ongoing nurturing, learning, and growing in faith through adult education. To help get the job done, I asked the nominations committee to create a new position for the church. I asked for an Adult Sunday School Coordinator. After careful consideration, Lana Fenstermaker agreed to take the position.

Together, we are working towards some new ways to engage in Adult Christian Education for our church. The old model of eight chairs around an eight-foot table on a Sunday morning is not sufficient to get the job done. We do have a Sunday morning class at 9 am that I would like to challenge you to attend. Come once. Come twice. Commit to coming during the month of June.

In addition to our Sunday morning class, we also offer a Tuesday evening class that meets at 6 pm at the church. Our Tuesday night group is currently looking at new materials to use this summer.

All I am saying is, commit to doing some form of adult Christian education – maybe on your own, or with a group of friends.

In an effort to expand what we do for Christian education, we looked into new ways to engage in Christian growth. The first idea we found is on Facebook. It is a page called **God Be with You**. In daily posts, you can view a scripture or thought for the day. I personally vetted the sight, and I find myself drawn to the new post in my newsfeed each day. I am asking that you find it, follow it, and then share it.

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The second idea we found is through a bible app. Some of our church members recommended the **You Version** app to me. I liked what I found there. This app contains some helpful features like daily devotions, a bible reading plan, and a guided prayer function.

I realize not everyone is on Facebook and not everyone has a phone with apps on it, but there are many who do. In working with Lana, we talked about the need to start "somewhere." Yes, getting more church members to attend an in-person class is a worthwhile goal, but we also want to utilize some new ways of promoting Christian education and spiritual growth. Facebook and apps seemed to be a more current approach since these are ways many of us connect with information and people today. So, please do a search for **God Be With You** on Facebook and **You Version** in your app store. Set a goal to add some new forms of adult education to your daily walk. Look for the following two logos. This summer can be a time to visit some new and inspirational places.

*Find this page
on Facebook:*



Find this in your app store:

YouVersion[®]
The Bible App™



Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam Polito


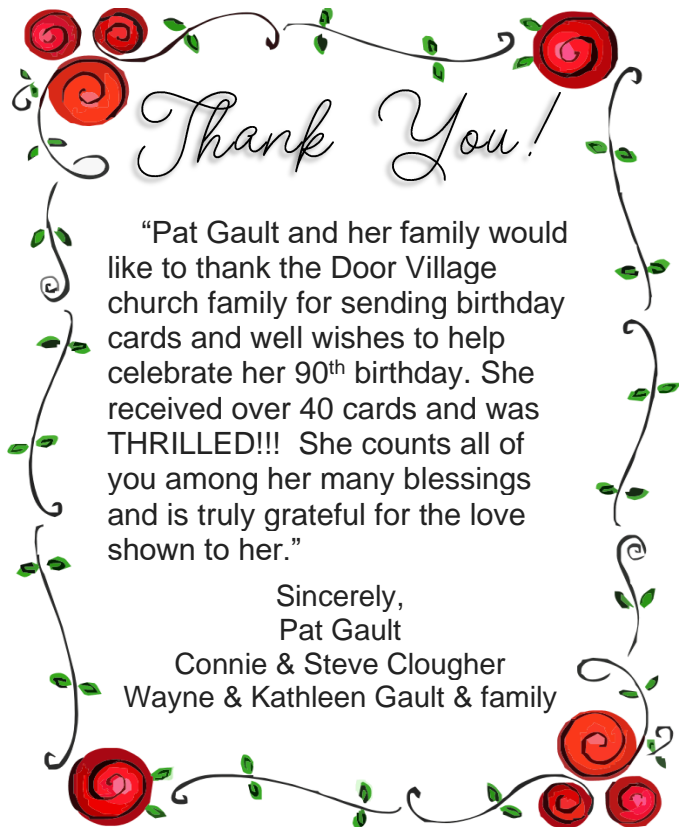


Prayer Requests

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
Kathy G - Joyce G's relative starting radiation
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
Marlene K - Rick's mom - improved health
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
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

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!*



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



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

Online Worship 6 pm
Choir Practice 6:30 pm resumes Sept

Wednesday, June 5

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

June 5-June 8

Indiana UMC Annual Conference

Thursday, June 6

Oakwood Worship 9:30 am

Saturday, June 8

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Friday, June 14

Flag Day

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

Wednesday, June 19

UWF 12noon at Gayle Curtis' Home

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

DOOR VILLAGE
United Women in Faith
2024



The Door Village United Women in Faith will be having a rummage sale during the first weekend in August. This is expected to be part of the larger Joliet Road rummage sale. We will be collecting clean, quality garage sale items downstairs at the church after June 1. This is hoped to be a major fundraiser for the missions we support locally and beyond. Please see Carolyn or Pastor Sam for details.



Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the 2nd Continental Congress.

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.



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!

Senior Breakfast



June 5, 2024

**1st Wednesday
of each month**

8 am

**Christo's
Hwy 2 West
La Porte**



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

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome



Spotlight on Our Choir Director

The choir at Door Village UMC is a permanent fixture that has been a mainstay for many years, dating back to at least when Jo Lantz was Choir Director and a five-year-old boy was enamored with the sound of music. That five-year-old was current Director Mitch Marhanka. So, at the tender age of five, Mitch launched his strong feelings for music by beginning his first step with what would eventually be 14 years of piano lessons at the tutelage of Agnus McClellan, who was the church pianist and organist at the time, and who Mitch says was a very good piano teacher. Mitch also says that he has always felt the choir is just an integral part of the church, and he has, from the very start, enjoyed and admired all aspects of the choir. Small wonder then that he would become a part of it and eventually be director. Mitch said that in 1983 Pastor Dave Schrader asked him if he would take over for then-retiring Lesta Ribordy. He said "yes" even though he knew that would mean he'd have to commute back and forth from Valpo University where he was studying for a degree in Business – something he feels might surprise some, in that they might mistakenly think he would surely pursue a degree in music. Mitch also mentioned he has enjoyed every one of the 40 years he has been directing the choir, not only because of his love for music, but because there have always been a lot of talented members he has enjoyed working with. And in talking with several members of the choir, it quickly became obvious that the feeling is mutual because all of them said they enjoy working with Mitch, admire his ability to work with others, love his special knack for picking out exceptional songs for the choir to sing, appreciate all the work he does leading the choir, and thank him for helping them be the best they can be.

~ George Morley, Lay Leader

**SUNDAY
MORNINGS!**

**AGE 4 THRU
4TH GRADE**

**DURING
WORSHIP**

**Children's
Church**

JUNE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

June Leader: Mary

June 2 - The Two Houses

June 9 - The Sower

June 16 - The Good Samaritan

June 23 - The Lost Sheep

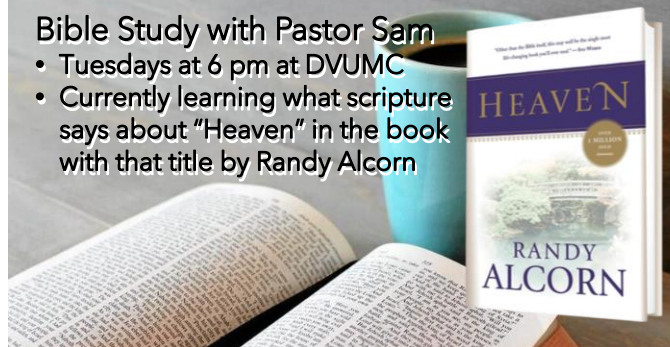
June 30 - The Forgiving Father

**Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
La Porte Public Library
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am
Currently studying I & II Peter thru June
Summer Break July & August**



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



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



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

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Wed, June 19

12 noon Carry-In



at the home of Gayle & Larry Curtis




United
Women
in Faith

Choir 2023-2024

Sopranos

	Cindy Fischer	25 yrs	
	Cheryl Killingbeck	12 yrs	
	Toni Lux	3 yrs	
	Annie MacDonald	1 yr	
	Jan Martin	6 yrs	
	Dory Morley	40 yrs	
	Nancy Weaver	6 yrs	

Altos

	Marlette Bernacchi	26 yrs	
	Carolyn Eyrick	36 yrs	
	Joyce Gillock	3 yrs	
	Kathy Hindsley	23 yrs	
	Charlotte Hurt	2 yrs	
	Marcia Spitzmesser	16 yrs	

Tenors

	John Beehler	1 yr	
	Lance Hindsley	25 yrs	
	George Morley	40 yrs	

Basses

	Garry Bowers	2 yrs	
	Steve Eyrick	24 yrs	
	John Langford	23 yrs	
	Paul Lux	3 yrs	
	Mitch Marhanka	45 yrs	
	Pastor Sam Polito	3 yrs	
	Bruce Wittgren	5 yrs	



Choir Report 2023-2024

Our 2023-2024 season passed by all too quickly it seems. It certainly was a busy year for me. Living with our daughter and grandkids, building a new home, helping Mom and Dad through some health issues – lots of distractions to say the least!

Once again, I was reminded that choir is not just about Sunday mornings. Our members were patient and supportive of me through everything. I also appreciate how they support each other through difficult times. While we do find time to learn some music we also share with each other the trials and tribulations that life can bring. Many of our members have already been through these situations and are able to encourage or even advise each other. We always lift each other up in prayer.

We were joined by a couple of new voices in May. Well, one new voice and an old friend from many years ago. We welcome Annie MacDonald and get reacquainted with John Beehler!

Thank you to Mike Gillock and Carolyn Eyrick for always being willing to play for services when needed – especially when the call is last minute! We appreciate your talents.

Thanks also to Pastor Sam. He has wonderful suggestions on music but is also very understanding when I need to be absent for any reason.

Thank you, Choir, for your time and dedication to our church. I know there are many other demands for your time, and I want you to know I appreciate that you share your talents with us. Enjoy your summer. I am looking forward to picking up where we have left off this spring – making joyful music with wonderful friends!

~ Mitch Marhanka, Director



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 no longer collect aluminum tabs.



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.



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.



A good man obtains favor from the Lord
 A patient man has great understanding
 The man of integrity walks securely
 He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge.
 Proverbs 12:2, 14:29, 10:9, 14:26



THE UPPER ROOM

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Upper Room daily devotional booklets are available in the rack above the west entry stair rail and on the usher's table.



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.



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June Birthdays

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| 6/01 Marvin Hurt | 6/11 Jeremy Fenstermaker | 6/21 Marilyn Wallace |
| 6/02 Mia Kaiser | 6/12 Jacob Kiser | 6/23 Marie Wiltfong |
| 6/03 Carly Troy | 6/12 Dustyn Starkey | 6/24 Floral Antrim |
| 6/04 Gayle Curtis | 6/13 Cheryl Killingbeck | 6/25 Hui Chong |
| 6/07 Bill Applegarth | 6/14 Eric Fenstermaker | 6/25 Hunter Westphal |
| 6/08 Jenny Noll | 6/14 Gene Flickinger | 6/27 Alex Pointon |
| 6/08 Mike Schuster | 6/18 Janice Baumer | 6/27 Ben Pointon |
| 6/10 Marco Bernacchi | 6/19 Kit Lowery | 6/29 Emma Lawrence |
| 6/10 Kevin Kiser | 6/20 Charlotte Hurt | |



June Anniversaries

- 6/07 Larry & Gayle Curtis
- 6/07 Donn & Bev Kelter
- 6/13 Gene & Maureen Flickinger
- 6/17 Gary & Jacki Wirebaugh
- 6/19 Jim & Lois Timmons
- 6/25 Connie & Steve Clougher
- 6/25 Paul & Toni Lux
- 6/25 Sam & Cindy Polito
- 6/27 Jeff & Donna Council
- 6/28 George & Dory Morley