



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2023
NEWSLETTER



***“To everything there is a season,
a time for every purpose under heaven”
~ Ecclesiastes 3:1***



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I believe spring cleaning is a good idea. It is all about moving forward into the newness of spring. Winter leaves debris everywhere. I chase leaves that have drifted into the yard. I pick up dead, fallen branches from windy, winter storms. I spend a day out in the garage putting away winter decorations and taking out spring things. In the house, I put away winter sweaters, heavy coats, hats and mittens. Spring brings new opportunities. But first, a little spring cleaning can clear away the clutter of life.

In our lives there are seasons as well. Remnants of our old self need to be disposed of properly. We celebrate the new things that are emerging in us. Like the first hints of tulips and daffodils. As the first crocus begins to fade, we rake away the old growth and reveal the green that is emerging. It is an exciting time. It is a necessary time. New growth, new paths, new practices take root, and we are revitalized.

That is the spring part. That brings us to the cleaning part. Around the house, I chase down the last wisps and remnants of winter decorations. I move the sofa, dust the top shelves, empty junk drawers, and make give-away and throw-away boxes.

It is no coincidence that the season leading up to Easter is a time of doing some spiritual spring cleaning. Taking the time to ready ourselves for the newness of what God has ahead for us. I pray that you take the time to sort through the junk drawers of your soul, and keep what is useful. But be sure to put away and even throw away what must go for you to become the person God wants you to be. Do what is necessary. Clear the clutter and emerge, changed for the better. Let your faith bloom and grow in the season ahead.



Join us at DVUMC
for Tuesday Evening
Lenten Video Series
“The Easter Experience”
in our sanctuary **Feb 28,**
March 7, 14, 21, 28,
& April 4 at 6 pm

Grace and Peace <><
Pastor Sam

Prayer Requests

Carolyn - recovery from Feb shoulder surgery
Wes A - recovering from infection
Marye - healthy pregnancy and delivery
Gina - Lana's friend making health problem decisions
Elsie - strength and improved health
Sue K - neck and arm pain
Sheryl E - recovery from knee surgery
Bob - Della's brother with stomach/liver cancer
Brian A - Nancy's friend with cancer
Katie C - recovery from recent amputation
Brian - recovery from a stroke
Beth & Gaelen - B & T's daughter & son-in-law - lupus/cancer
Sean - Jeffers' friend going into Marine boot camp
Frank H - improved breathing and health
Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved health
Bev - improvement healing of incision
Iris - cancer
Maria - cancer
Jim C - home recovering from stroke
Violet & Vivi - healing
Mark - depression
Chris P - healing and strength
Karen R - in Miller's - health, strength & happiness
Loved ones & friends with Covid, flu, and illness
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 - heart & relief from chronic internal bleeding
Dory M - kidney health & wrist healing
George M - arthritis
Joyce - heart arrhythmia
Mike G - back pain relief
Wendy - needs prayers
Wade B - needs prayers
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
Barb - Bob & Marie's aunt
Derek K - cancer-free teenager - stay in remission
Tonya R - prayers needed

Roger T - Donna C's cousin in KY - prayers to stay cancer-free
Lucas - little boy with cancer in remission
Bill S - Diane's friend with complications following liver transplant
Cindy K - Nancy's friend - improved health
Leroy S - mass on pancreas
Jan - Friend of G & D - prayers to stay cancer-free
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
Rhonda - Mike M's sister - keep cancer in remission
Sherry H - cell treatment
Cindy - Twila's daughter with colon cancer
Alexandra K - MDS, leukemia, needs stem cell surgery
Whitney - eating disorder
Madison - lupus
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
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.
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.
Those living with domestic violence, drug abuse, mourning loss of loved ones, enduring and rebuilding from fires/storms/earthquake.

PLEASE WRITE IN CHANGES/ADDITIONS.

You're also welcome to call or email the church office with changes/additions. *Thanks!*



Sundays

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

Mondays

Mike's Bible Study at Oakwood 10 am

Tuesdays

Lenten Series "The Easter Experience" 6 pm

Wednesdays

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

Wednesday, March 1

Senior Breakfast 8 am
at Christo's

Thursday, March 2

Worship Service at Oakwood 9:30 am

Saturday, March 11

Men's Breakfast 8 am
in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 12

Spaghetti Dinner for Youth Belize Trip
in Fellowship Hall after worship

Wednesday, March 15

UWF 1 pm

Thursday, March 16

Ad Board 7 pm

Friday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 29

Culver's Give-Back Day for UWF



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

Tuesday Bible Studies



Pastor Sam's Tuesday Bible Studies are on hiatus until April 18. **Tuesday evenings, Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, and April 4 will be a Bible video series called "The Easter Experience" at 6 pm in the sanctuary.**

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Wed, March 15

1 pm at the church

Program: Lana • Snack: Judy



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.



DVUMC Give Back Days at LP Culver's for 2023

Missions

Tues, Feb 14
Tues, Apr 4
Tues, June 6
Tues, Aug 15
Tues, Oct 24
Tues, Nov 14



UWF

Wed, Feb 8
Wed, March 29
Mon, June 26
Mon, Aug 7
Wed, Oct 11
Thurs, Nov 30

10% goes to DVUMC projects.
Offer applies all day!

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 books of the Bible



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

will meet on
March 11 at 8 am
in Fellowship Hall

Senior
Breakfast



March 1, 2023

1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am
Christo's
1462 W State Rd 2
La Porte

Women's Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
La Porte Public Library
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am
Currently studying I & II Peter



Stay for a
Spaghetti Lunch

Sunday
March 12
after church

Door Village Youth Group are working toward their 2023 summer mission trip to Belize. The Youth will be hosting a SPAGHETTI MEAL after church on Sunday, March 12, after the service. Please also keep them in your prayers as they travel and share Christ with others.

NewDay Foundation

of LaPorte, Inc.

Learning from yesterday's challenges... Building hope for a NewDay

NewDay 2023 Fundraiser Events

April 8 NewDay Resurrection Run

April 29 NewDay Concert

For details, visit newdaylaporte.org



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

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome



Missions Committee is looking for a volunteer to organize volunteers to work 2 shifts in the Bethany Lutheran food barn during the county fair this summer. We already have another person to work with you as co-chair. We need this position filled by early April for planning purposes. For details call Marcia 219-393-8066.

Missions is also looking for volunteers to clear tables, take orders to cars, etc. at our next Culver's give back event, April 4, beginning at 11am until closing or however long you can work. We will be representing our church. If you still have a vintage DV hat or shirt you could wear it that day.

Fellowship & Refreshments

Thank you to those who provide refreshments in the parlor after worship. Please sign up on the greeter's table if you'd like to host a future Sunday fellowship time.



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

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

MARCH CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 March Leader: Michelle

March 5 - Parable of Seeds & Soil
 March 12 - Workers in the Vineyard
 March 19 - Jesus Died for Our Sins
 March 26 - The Resurrection

**Missions/Outreach Committee
 End-of-Year Report 2022**

On behalf of the committee, we are very grateful to the congregation for offerings given and for the efforts of those supporting our fundraisers. We are thankful for the funds we were able to give to those in need and for the Lord's work.

Donations made by DVUMC

UMCOR for war in Ukraine	\$300.00
NewDay raffle prizes	\$300.00
Refugee offering to Annual Conf.	\$300.00
Fair passes for volunteers	\$70.00
Gift card for LP house fire family	\$200.00
Backpacks	\$282.40
School supplies for in backpacks	\$1,249.15
Salvation Army donation	\$500.00
INUMC Children's Home donation	\$250.00
UMCOR donation	\$300.00
Red Bird Mission donation	\$300.00
Christmas family gifts by Youth Group	\$500.00
Operation Christmas Child Postage	\$400.00
Gift cards for 2 NewDay families	\$525.00
Total donations:	\$5,476.55

Total Deposits for the year were from penny offerings, coffee hour donations, interest earned, Hacienda and Rural King give-back fundraisers, anonymous donations, congregational Rock-the-Block offering, and our earnings for fair work through Bethany Church's fair building:

\$4,264.27

Marcia Spitzmesser,
 Missions/Outreach Committee Chairperson

Kids Club



Wednesdays after school

3:30-5:15

After-school program for Grades K-4
 Playground time at the park
 Snacks, Games, & Christian Lesson
 Contact Carolyn (363-2818) or
 Carla (363-9401) with questions.

March 1 -

No School - No Kids' Club

March 8 -

Trip to the Museum

March 15 -

Bowling at Casey's Lanes

March 22 -

Chef Todd

March 29 -

Trip to Downtown Delights

GRADUATES

If you know of anyone from our church family who will be graduating from high school or college this year, please let us know in the church office or notify Lindsay Koselke so they can be included in our Education Sunday celebration on May 21.



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.

LENT 2023



February 28
March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4

Lenten Evening Video Series
6 pm

April 2

Palm Sunday Worship
10 am

April 6

Maundy Thursday Worship
7 pm



April 7

Good Friday Worship
7 pm



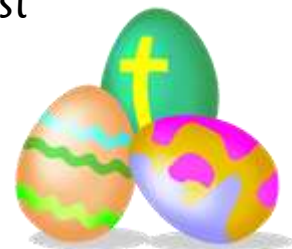
April 8

Saturday Morning
Scipio Township Park
Door Village Lions Easter Egg Hunt
NewDay Resurrection Run & Breakfast



April 9

Easter Sunday Morning
Resurrection Celebration



We have provided these dates for you to be able to mark your calendar.
Details and times for these events will be provided in future newsletters as the dates grow closer.



5K Run/Walk

10K 'Resurrection' Run

Saturday, April 8th @

Door Village United Methodist Church

3502 Joliet Road, LaPorte, IN 46350



For more information: www.newdayfoundation.com or

contact Chris Kiser @ (219)309-0572

Checks can be made payable to

The NewDay Foundation Attn: NewDay Resurrection Run

% Door Village UMC

P.O. Box 13

La Porte, IN 46350

8:00-12:00 Pancake breakfast (included with registration).

8:00 Same day registration & packet pick up opens.

9:00 Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Door Village Lions.

9:45 10K Chip Timing

9:55 5K Chip Timing

Awards to be held inside in the basement of DVUMC (location of pancake breakfast) upon completion of race.

The NewDay Foundation was founded in 2003 by Connie & Scott Marhanka while Connie was in the midst of a seven year battle with cancer. The Mission of the NewDay Foundation is to help cancer patients as they struggle with the everyday challenges of treatments and obstacles they may face.

Trophies for Top Male & Female, Overall & Masters.

Medallions for the top three male & female of each age group including Athena (170#) & Clydesdale(210#).

Age divisions: 8 & UNDER, 9-10, 11-12, 13- 14,15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+

Registration includes a t-shirt & pancake breakfast.



	5K	10K
1/1 thru 4/6	\$25	\$30
Race Day	\$30	\$35

** Shirts are not guaranteed for those registering after 3/15.**

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone # _____ 5K or 10K _____

Age _____ Shirt Size (+\$2 XXL/XXXL) _____ Male ___ Female ___

Athena (170#+ female) _____ Clydesdale (210#+Male) _____



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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

March Birthdays

3/01 Tearsa Schable	3/10 John Dysard	3/19 Carson Curtis
3/02 Neil Westphal	3/10 Liz Kirk	3/21 Ainsley Guillen
3/03 Evan Lancaster	3/11 Jennifer Schuster	3/22 Katrina Langford
3/04 Stephanie Lindeman	3/15 Matt Fischer	3/22 Sandy Spurr
3/06 Lana Schable	3/15 Debbie Galvas	3/24 Lynette Capusan
3/07 Carol Dillon	3/15 Bill Troy	3/28 Vickey Kelver
3/07 Whitney Kelley	3/16 Kathy Hindsley	3/30 Chris Schable
3/07 Cathie Martin	3/18 Lucille Martin	

A March Anniversaries

3/08	Joel & Tiffany Bernacchi
3/13	Lou & Beth Voelker