



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2024
NEWSLETTER



It's not too late to start over....

Most of us are well into our Lenten fasting. And I know it can be difficult. There are times when we fail, we let others down, and we let ourselves down. And... we let the Lord down.

One of the most powerful lessons of Lent is this: The Lord forgives us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

~ 1 John 1:9



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Door Village
 Holy Week 2024
March 24
 Palm Sunday Service 10 am
March 27
 Wednesday Online 6 pm
March 28
 Maundy Thursday 7 pm
March 29
 Good Friday 7 pm
March 30
 Lions Egg Hunt 9 am
 NewDay Breakfast 9 am
 Resurrection Run 10 am
March 31
 Son-Rise Service 8:30 am
 Breakfast 9 am
 Easter Celebration 10 am

So, don't give up. Don't beat yourself up. Don't despair. There is hope. In Jesus we can continue on our Lenten walk. Even after we stumble, we can get up. After a fall, we must not stay down. We can triumph after we fail. It is not too late to reform your fasting to include another area of concern. Sometimes, as we challenge ourselves, Satan creeps in yet another way. Confront sin head on. The moment you realize it or feel guilty. You know what to do. Place yourself once again at the feet of Jesus. Fall 3 times, get up 4.

Lent is more than just a time of fasting. It is also a time of adding good works to our day. So, help someone through a rough patch. Listen to someone complain. Just listen and don't try to solve their problem. And as you listen, a funny thing can happen. The person with

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the situation will somehow work out their own solution just by talking it through with you. Helping others is a way to honor Lent.

Another way is to send a financial blessing to others. The best thing you can do is give. Make a donation. Yes, do your good works, but not to gain God's favor. Not to gain the favor of others. Do them in a spirit of thanksgiving and praise to God.

The scripture that comes to mind here is Matthew 5:16.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Easter is coming March 31st. But be sure to make the most of the Lenten journey you are on.

Pray. Fast. Sacrifice. Give.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



Prayer Requests

Tom H - various health issues & upcoming surgery
Bill - healing and recovery from injuries
Janet - upcoming surgery
Don - father-in-law of Jen S - medical tests
Lana's friends - God's guidance in making decisions
Audrey - healing from a fall on 2/3
Marilyn H - comfort and strength
Kathy G - Joyce G's relative starting chemo
Lindsay K - recovery from 1/10 surgery
Celeste - stage 3 cancer
Lynn R - Sue's friend recovering from triple bypass
Marcia's mom - in hospice
Pat G - health & healing
Ben M - strength and good health
Bud F - health & improved sight
Jan M - healing and strength
Doug B - friend of Goods - severe foot infection
Chris P - broken hip recovery - healing and strength
Joe P - cancer
John P - cancer
Mona - friend of Toni
Marlene K - Rick's mom - improved health
Jim - improved health
Linda - Diane's friend - surgery recovery and healing
Lloyd - back pain and heart health
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
Mitch & Carla - prayers for good decisions as they go through fire cleanup and rebuild
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
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

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

Romans 5:8





Sundays

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

Mondays

Mike's Bible Study at Oakwood 10 am

Tuesdays

Pastor Sam's Bible Study 6 pm

Wednesdays

Joyce G's Bible Study at Library 10 am
Healthy Eating Group 11 am
Kids Club at DVUMC 3:45-5:15 pm
Choir Practice 6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 6

Senior Breakfast 8 am
at Christo's

Thursday, March 7

Worship Service at Oakwood 9:30 am

Saturday, March 9

Men's Breakfast 8 am
in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Begins

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 20

UWF 1 pm

Palm Sunday, March 24

Morning Worship 10 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm

Good Friday, March 29

Good Friday Service 7 pm

Saturday, March 30

DV Lions Easter Egg Hunt 9 am
NewDay Pancake Breakfast 9 am – noon
NewDay Resurrection Run 10 am

Easter Sunday, March 31

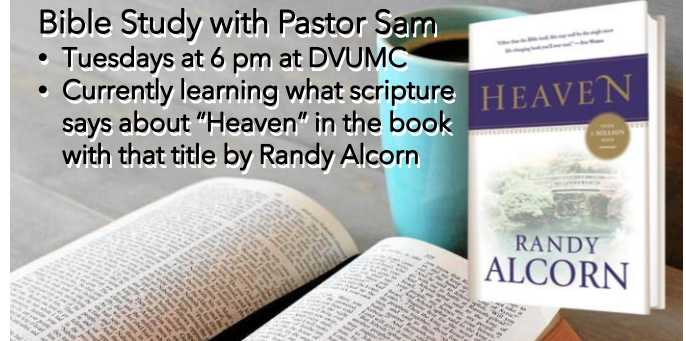
Son-Rise Service 8:30 am
Easter Breakfast 9 am
Resurrection Celebration 10 am



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

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



United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Wed, March 20

1 pm at the church



United Women in Faith

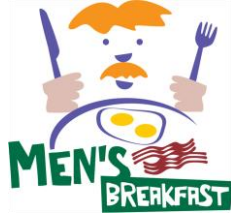
GENERAL CONFERENCE

General Conference of the United Methodist Church is currently scheduled to be held April 23 through May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. You can visit these websites for updates and additional information: www.inumc.org or www.umc.org or <https://www.umc.org/en/content/2020-general-conference-in-2024>

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.





MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

will meet on
March 9 at 8 am
in Fellowship Hall

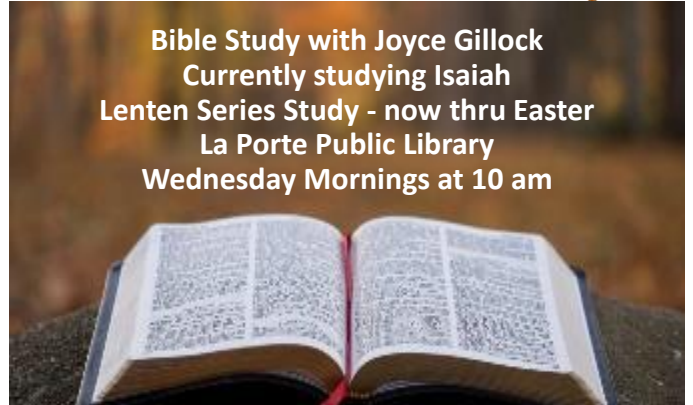


**Bible Study
with Mike Martin
at Oak Woods Manor**
1211 Longwood Dr
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome



Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
Currently studying Isaiah
Lenten Series Study - now thru Easter
La Porte Public Library
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am



Senior
Breakfast

March 6, 2024

1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am

Christo's
1462 W State Rd 2
La Porte



"THANK YOU
to everyone who
attended the
Fellowship Luncheon

Thank You

on February 18. There were 52
who attended. I can't thank enough the
members of our Nurture Committee who
provided the meal and worked to make it
a success."

Sincerely, Bev Warfield
Nurture Committee Chairperson

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.



**NewDay
Foundation**
of La Porte, Indiana

NewDay Resurrection Race

Saturday, March 30, 2024
Scipio Township Park in Door Village
La Porte, Indiana

Early reduced rate thru March 9

NewDay Foundation Concert

Saturday, April 27, 2024
at the Civic Auditorium
1001 Ridge Street, La Porte, Indiana
Tickets became available February 15

*For race registration or concert tickets,
please visit NewDay's event web page:*

<https://newdaylaporte.org/events/>



2148 N Karwick Rd
Michigan City, IN 46360
Phone: 219-879-4404

May 6 - Door Village Lions

Fundraiser at Hacienda in Michigan City
from 11 am to 11 pm. Dine at
Hacienda that day and Lions receive
20% of meals ordered with printed
vouchers. Vouchers are available on the
greeter's table. Gift cards can
also be pre-purchased just
in time for Mother's Day!



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

MARCH CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 March Leader: Michelle

March 3 - Through the Roof
 March 10 - With His Friends
 March 17 - Out of the Tomb
 March 24 - On the Road
 March 31 - With Us Always

Kentucky Mission Trip for Adults
 La Porte First United Methodist Church is planning a mission trip to Red Bird Mission in southeastern Kentucky for April 21-26. If you are interested or want more info, please contact Sue Kaiser or LP 1st UMC. A trivia fundraiser is planned for the afternoon of March 17 at 1st UMC, and the cost is \$5 per person. If you would like to participate, please contact Sue Kaiser.



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



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.

Kids Club

Wednesdays after school
3:30-5:15

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

March 6 - Fitness Fun Night
March 13 - Bowling at Casey's Lanes
March 20 - End-of-Season Ice Cream Night

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

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

Kids Club History & Highlights



In an effort to share some facts about the origin and long and storied history of

Kid's Club, I've gathered facts, personal comments, and quotes from those involved. I'm passing them along to you in the congregation so that you too can know about and likely appreciate even more, all the planning, coordination, and work that is done to perpetuate a program that serves the community and the church so very well.

When asked how Kid's Club got started, Cathy Dye (who was a teacher) said she had seen the need for many latchkey students to have a place to go after school until their parents could leave work and come pick them up. So, sometime in the mid-80's, the church started Kid's Club to fill that need. We offered Bible stories, sing-along songs, crafts, and snacks to kids from school and the nearby community. Right from the beginning, Cathy Dye, Carla Marhanka, and Carolyn Eyrick were there helping with many others in so many ways. They even brought the kids to church to sing for the congregation from time to time. Cathy said it was great working together.

Talking with Carolyn Eyrick a few days ago, she said her favorite part of Kid's Club is the time they share a story from the Bible each week. The goal is to plant the seeds of faith through this time together with the children. She said our Kid's Club truly appreciates the efforts of our United Women in Faith who support this program by entirely funding all the supplies, snacks, decorations, outings, and gifts to the children. Carolyn also said our team of volunteers - Pastor Sam, Carla Marhanka, Bob Wiltfong, Mary Becker, Cheryl Good, Shawntel Westphal, Bette Pointon, and several others - are amazing and so good to work with.

Talking with Carla Marhanka, one of the founding leaders of Kid's Club, she said that the program reaches and encompasses not only school children but the surrounding community. It reaches families as well as kids. She feels that the Bible stories are presented in a fun way for the kids. She also

expressed that she would like the UWF and the volunteers to know how very much they are appreciated.

Small wonder the nearly 40-year-old Kid's Club is loved and admired by those who are involved as well as others who appreciate the far-reaching and valuable efforts that are most assuredly touching the lives of these children and their families.

All I can add is *Bravo!* to such a successful legacy carried on by so many resourceful and time-generous members of our beloved church.

George Morley, Lay Leader

2024 Holy Week at Door Village

Sunday, March 24

Bring the children

10 am Palm Sunday Service

Wednesday, March 27

Watch with a friend

6 pm Wednesday Online Service

Thursday, March 28

Holy Communion & Last Supper

7 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29

The Day Christ Died

7 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30

Join in the fellowship & festivities

9 am Door Village Lions Easter Egg Hunt

9 am NewDay Pancake Breakfast

10 am NewDay Resurrection Run

Easter Sunday, March 31

Invite family, friends, & guests

8:30 am Easter Son-Rise Service

9 am Breakfast between services

10 am Easter Morning Worship





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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

March Birthdays

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| 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 | 3/28 Vickey Kelver |
| 3/07 Carol Dillon | 3/15 Bill Troy | 3/30 Chris Schable |
| 3/07 Whitney Kelley | 3/16 Kathy Hindsley | |
| 3/07 Cathie Martin | 3/18 Lucille Martin | |

A March Anniversaries

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

