



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 2023
NEWSLETTER



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We like the idea. The idea that Door Village UMC is a congregation that loves and takes care of each other. We do. We are a people of prayer. Just look at our prayer list in this newsletter. We are friendly and welcoming. Just ask those new to our fellowship. But as a pastor, it is my job to lead the church into a deeper relationship with Christ. I want more from myself and you as a believer in Jesus Christ.

I want us to do better at inviting new people to church and to share our faith with those outside our church walls. It all begins with prayer. Ask the Lord, who around you is in need of a friend? Who needs a phone call? Who is alone or hurting or lost or struggling? Pray: Who is it Lord, that you would have me show your love?

**A new command I give you:
 Love one another. As I have loved you.
 ~ John 13:35 NIV**

Love can be expressed in thousands of ways. Just think of a time that you felt most loved. Did someone share a meal with you? Did you get a card in the mail, a text message, a phone call? Did it brighten your day? What about food? Did someone bake you something? Take you out for lunch? Invite you over for dinner? In order to share Jesus with someone else, it takes building a relationship with them. They need to get to know you, and you need to get to know them. That is where it starts. From there, your faith will shine through.

The greatest love we will ever know is the love Jesus has for us.

**Greater love has no one than this:
 to lay down one's life for one's friends.
 ~ John 15:13 NIV**

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Jesus did just that. His love is found in the great sacrifice he made. Giving his life, a sacrifice for our sin. Once we understand this, everything changes. We, in turn, seek to love others in sacrificial ways. What sacrifice will you make to share the Love of Jesus with someone? What will you give? Spend some time. Spend some money. Show some kindness. Love. The greatest gift God ever gave us is Jesus, His Son.

**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. John 3:16 NIV**

Before you set this newsletter aside, think of one person that you will contact. Make that contact now. Set a date, a time, have a plan. Take a chance, reach out in love. Love cannot wait or be set aside for other things. Love takes action, now! God will guide and lead you.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam Polito



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



**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.**

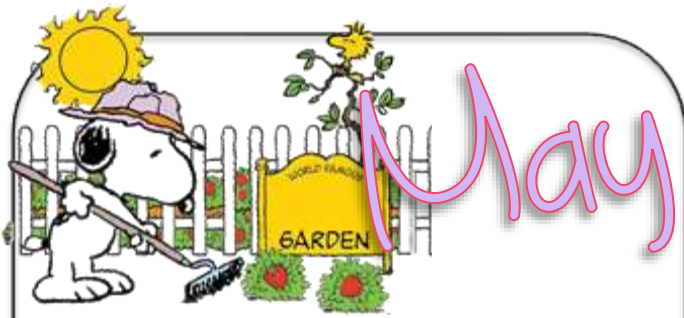
Prayer Requests

Larissa - granddaughter of KK - prayers for wisdom
Gaelen - B & T's son-in-law - cancer - in hospice
Mark - colon cancer
Renee - prayers for results of biopsy
Melissa - Jan M's niece - blessings for this family
Sharon - prayers for son and grandson
Earl W - prayers for improved health
Beverly B - hospitalized - improved health
Rhonda - Mike M's sister - cancer & arm paralysis
Jan M - recovery from Feb foot surgery
Carolyn - recovery from Feb shoulder surgery
Gina - Lana's friend making health problem decisions
Elsie - strength and improved health
Sue K - neck injection to improve arm mobility
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 - B & T's daughter - lupus
Sean - Jeffers' friend in Marine boot camp
Frank H - improved breathing and health
Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved health
Bev - improvement healing of incision
Iris - 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 - improved health
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
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/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/tornadoes/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

Oak Wood Bible Study 10 am

Tuesdays

Pastor's Bible Study 9 am / 6 pm

Wednesdays

Online Worship 6 pm
Choir Practice 6:30 pm thru May 17

Wednesday, May 3

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

Thursday, May 4

Oak Wood Communion 9:30 pm

Saturday, May 13

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 17

UWF 1 pm

Education Sunday, May 21

Last Choir til fall
Youth Group Sr. Banquet

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

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

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



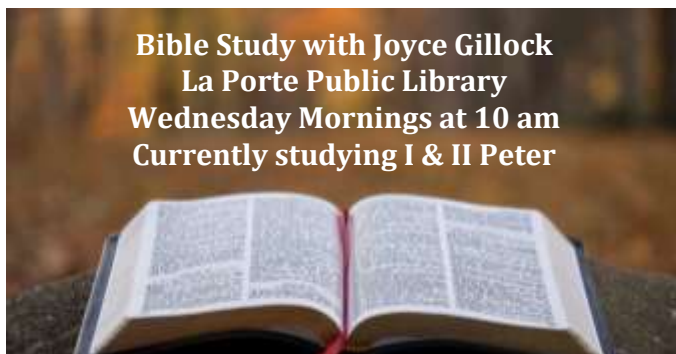
Bible Study with Mike Martin at Oak Woods Manor
1211 Longwood Dr
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome

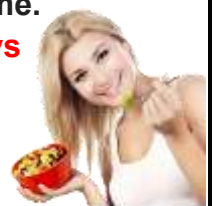


Pastor Sam's Tuesday Bible Studies are held Tuesdays at 9 am on Zoom and 6 pm in Pastor's office. Please let us know in the church office if you'd like the link and password to join in via Zoom.

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



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



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


MAY CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 May Leader: *Katrina*

May 7 - Armor of God
 May 14 - Living as Christians
 May 21 - Christ is Coming Back
 May 28 - Creation

Senior Breakfast



May 4, 2022
 1st Wednesday of each month
 8 am
 Christo's
 1462 W State Rd 2
 La Porte




MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
 will meet on
May 13 at 8 am
 in Fellowship Hall

GRADUATES

Our Education Sunday celebration will be May 21, and the Youth Group's Senior Banquet will also be held that day. Please join us in celebrating.

<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>2023 College</u>
Justice Collins	Becca Eyrick
Jace Gakle	Jenny Kievert
	Jacob Kiser
<u>2023 High School</u>	Jacob Noll
Ryan Sittig	
	<u>2023 Grad School</u>
	Dan Council




United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:
Wed, May 17
1 pm at the church



United Women in Faith
 Program: **Jan Baumer** • Snack: **Nancy Weaver**



College Care Packages
 At the end of April, we sent college care packages to our college students. Thank you to those who donated and made this ministry possible.



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

May 31 - 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 from our Door Village Lions.




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.






How to contact Pastor Sam:
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 Find him on Facebook!

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May Birthdays

May Anniversaries

05/01	Tiffany Bernacchi	05/12	Nicole Bernacchi	05/19	Joel Galvas
05/02	Randy Eggert	05/12	Ella Schable	05/22	Isabella Applegarth
05/02	Jack Schable	05/13	Kehlin Woodcox	05/24	Dan Council
05/03	Bette Pointon	05/14	Robbie Gault	05/24	Mike Gillock
05/05	Rod Dillon	05/14	Marley Schable	05/24	Beverly Hill
05/06	Dick Fagg	05/15	Abigail Tracey	05/25	Penny Tracey
05/08	Joel Bernacchi	05/15	Catherine Veach	05/26	Luke Kiser
05/09	Jenna Bradley	05/16	Jacob Applegarth	05/29	Mitch Marhanka
05/09	Shelly Fischer	05/17	Austin Butcher	05/31	Pat Warfield
05/11	Richard Barnes	05/17	James Martin		
05/11	Pat Gault	05/19	Jerry Capusan		

05/01	Craig & Kija Woodcox
05/12	Todd & Kathy Hindsley
05/12	Dan & Becky Jeffers
05/21	Omar & Kelle Guillen
05/23	Jim & Kathy Kaufman
05/25	Mike & Joyce Gillock
05/26	Ron & Sheryl Elliot
05/29	Dennis & Cindy Fischer