

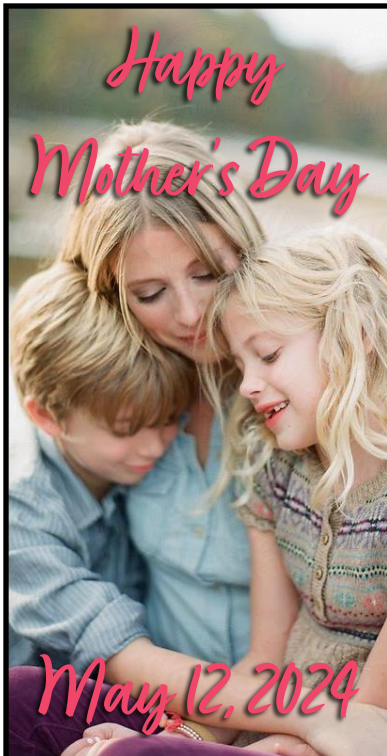


UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 2024
NEWSLETTER



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Come, Holy Spirit: A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

When we pray, we often pray as Jesus taught: “Our Father, who art in heaven”. This is a good and biblical way to pray. We also pray to God, the Son. That’s Jesus. We pray, “in Jesus’ name”. But, in the month of May, we celebrate and recognize Pentecost Sunday. In the Book of Acts, chapter 2, we read how the Holy Spirit rushed in as a mighty wind. How tongues of flame rested on each person. And how many languages were understood as they “spoke in tongues”. What I want to do with the remaining portion of this newsletter article is to share my prayer for our church.

Come, Holy Spirit. Rush into our hearts and lives. Remind us of your Holy Word. Bring bible verses and biblical accounts to our memories. Help us to apply your truth to our lives. Inspire us to do “even greater things” (John 14:12-14).

From the very beginning of time, You, O Holy Spirit, moved over the waters of creation (Genesis 1:1-2). Your breath of life created Adam and Eve (and us) in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

The prophets of old were mighty and bold, as your Spirit spoke to them and led them to win great victories by your indwelling presence. Your Spirit allowed them to lead your people through difficult times into triumphant times.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be made manifest in our every activity.

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⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. ~ 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

May the fruit of the Holy Spirit spring forth from our congregation and from our individual lives.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ~ Galatians 5:22-23

Holy Spirit of God: Guide us, fill us, anoint us, dwell in us, make us bold, strong, and courageous. Remind us of all that is written in Your Holy Word. Amen.

Grace and Peace <><
Pastor Sam Polito



GENERAL CONFERENCE

General Conference of the United Methodist Church is being held Apr 23 through May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. Delegates from Africa, Europe, Asia and the US will attend the 11-day gathering. We bathe this gathering in deep prayer. You can visit these websites for updates and additional information: www.inumc.org or <https://www.umc.org/en/content/2020-general-conference-in-2024>.



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

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
Carol A - peace & comfort
Don - father-in-law of Jen S - medical tests
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

You're welcome to call or email the church office with changes/additions or write them on the prayer request list on the greeter's table.
Thanks!



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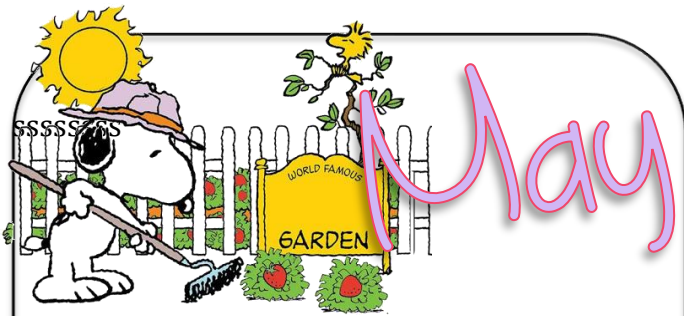
**May 6 - Door Village Lions
Fundraiser at Hacienda in Michigan City
from 11 am to 11 pm. Dine at
Hacienda that day and Lions receive
20% of meals ordered with printed
vouchers. Vouchers are available on the
greeter's table. Gift cards can
also be pre-purchased from
our Door Village Lions.**



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



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 thru May 15

Wednesday, May 1

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

Thursday, May 2

Oak Wood Communion 9:30 pm

Saturday, May 11

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 15

UWF 1 pm

Pentecost &

Education Sunday, May 19

Last Choir til fall
Potluck Dinner after worship

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day

May 19 after worship

Let's get together for lunch! Please bring a dish to share and we'll enjoy a lot of GOOD FOOD and fellowship.



OFFICE HOURS Mon thru Thurs
7 am – 12 noon
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You're invited to Adult Sunday School in the Parlor 9-9:30 with Pastor Sam & the Devotion Team sharing Scripture & Prayer



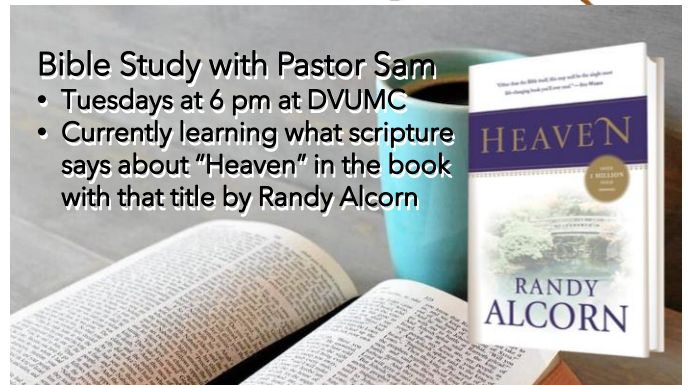
Bible Study with Mike Martin at Oak Woods Manor
1211 Longwood Dr
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome

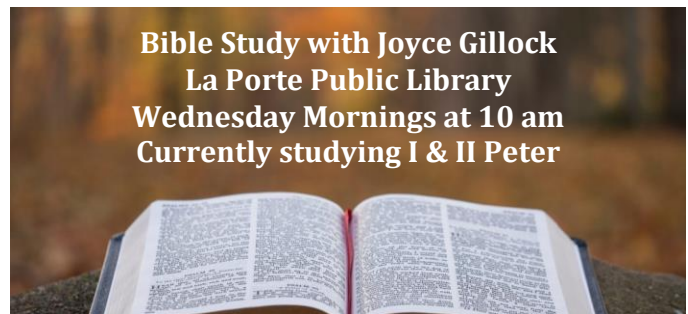


Bible Study with Pastor Sam

- Tuesdays at 6 pm at DVUMC
- Currently learning what scripture says about "Heaven" in the book with that title by Randy Alcorn



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



College Care Packages

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



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


MAY CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 May Leader: Lindsay

May 5 - Samuel Listens
 May 12 - David & Samuel
 May 19 - David Plays the Harp
 May 26 - David & Jonathan

Senior Breakfast



May 1, 2024
 1st Wednesday of each month
 8 am
 Christo's
 1462 W State Rd 2
 La Porte




MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
 will meet on
May 11 at 8 am
 in Fellowship Hall

Spotlight On Our Office Administrator
 Jane has served as our Office Administrator since June 2016. She is the cheerful person who answers the phone and greets our visitors. She assists our pastor (she has served 3 here at Door Village) and makes the transition for them and their daily ministry run smoothly. She uses her computer skills to create graphics and promote worship and outreach events by building our website and posting on social media. Each Sunday and Wednesday, we see her work projected on the screen during worship. She centralizes information, helps keep us organized, sends out emails, schedules services and inspections, keeps records, creates sign-up sheets and newsletters, and so much more. She says she tries to do her best each day (and apologizes for mistakes!) because of her love for God and the people of DVUMC.
George Morley, Lay Leader


United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:
Wed, May 15
1 pm at the church



United Women in Faith
Program: Penny Flick • Snack: Nancy Weaver

GRADUATES



Education Sunday is May 19, and we will honor our graduating students during the worship service. Afterwards, we will join together in fellowship with a church family potluck for everyone in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to stay for lunch and bring a dish to share.

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| <u>4th Grade</u> | <u>High School</u> | <u>College</u> |
| Justice Collins Jace Gakle | Cole Chapple Ty Hurt Liam Jones Mia Kaiser Luke Kiser Naomi Lopez Luke McNeely | Jack Langford Jack Schable |

Finance Committee 2024 1st Quarter Recap
 Here is a brief update on our 2024 first quarter and year-to-date financials.

2024 1st Quarter & Year-to-Date
 Total Revenue = \$46,736.58
 Total Expenses = \$39,633.66
 Net Change in Cash = \$7,102.92

We are grateful for your faithful giving, which enables us to fulfill our mission here at Door Village UMC. Your generosity enables us to continue spreading love, faith, and compassion within our church community and beyond.
 God's Blessings, *DV Finance Committee*



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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

May Birthdays

May Anniversaries

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

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