



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOV 2023
NEWSLETTER



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ~ 1 Chronicles 16:34



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Grateful people give. They give their thanks and praise to the Lord. Grateful people give. They bring offerings to God. In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving, a day set aside to remember and give thanks to God. It is no coincidence that the month of November was selected to celebrate God's blessings. It is the month when crops are ready for harvest and food is most abundant. Food is stored for the coming winter, and...food is shared with those we love. That love extends to the one who provides the sun and the rain, the soil and the seed. The one who created...everything. Not that God needs what we offer in praise and thanksgiving. God needs nothing. It is more about what we need. We need to bring our praise offering to God. He is worthy of all our thanks and praise.



**Fall
Back!**



2:00 → 1:00

Remember to move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on the evening of Nov. 4. The time will go back from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m. in the wee hours of Sunday morning, Nov. 5.

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise ~ Psalm 48:1

I have a request to make of you. It is more like an encouragement or a teachable moment. In the month of November, I want each person to make a praise offering to God. It is simple. Above and beyond your regular tithing or giving, make a one-time praise offering to God. If the Lord has abundantly blessed you, then it will flow from that blessing. It is not hard to come up with ways that God has provided for you in this past year. Be creative and challenge yourself. Give a ridiculous amount. A one-time praise offering. In times of abundant harvest, it is a joy to express gratitude to God through an additional gift to God. For some, this will be a sacrificial gift. Giving up something or going without something in order to show your surrender and gratitude to:

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God who supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory ~ *Philippians 4:19*

One more thing I ask of you: Include a note of gratitude. I would like to share some of what you write on Sunday, November 19. I will not include your name (if you indicate that), just your words of gratitude. Place your one-time, thankful offering in the enclosed envelope with your note of thanksgiving to God and place it in the special offering basket between now and November 19. Or drop it off in the office, or for those who join us online, send it in the mail or use the online giving portal. Be generous because God is generous. Be blessed because God blesses those who bless His Holy Name. Be thankful. Because God deserves nothing less than our continual praise.

I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. ~ Psalm 34:1

So, do it right now. Pray over this envelope. Consider carefully your gift. Be generous, be grateful, be committed, be a follower of Jesus Christ who is saved by the great sacrifice He made. Even his life on the cross for our sins. Praise the Lord, He is worthy of all our thanks and praise. Talk it over with those you love and trust. Make your gifts great and small count for the kingdom of heaven. Give thanks, with a grateful heart, to God.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



Prayer Requests

Family of Brendan - toddler with terminal cancer who has passed
Tom H - various health issues
Joe P - cancer
Mona - friend of Toni
Marilyn H - recovery and healing
Marlene K - Rick's mom - improved health
Becky J - health
Jim - improved health
Linda - Diane's friend - surgery recovery and healing
Lloyd - back pain and heart health
Chris P - healing and strength
Marcia's mom - in hospice
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
Bob - Della's brother with stomach/liver cancer
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
Bob W - health & strength
Marie's sister - health issues
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 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!*



Door Village United Women in Faith's



Saturday, Dec 9, 2023

10 am - 3 pm
or until we sell out
(No early sales!)

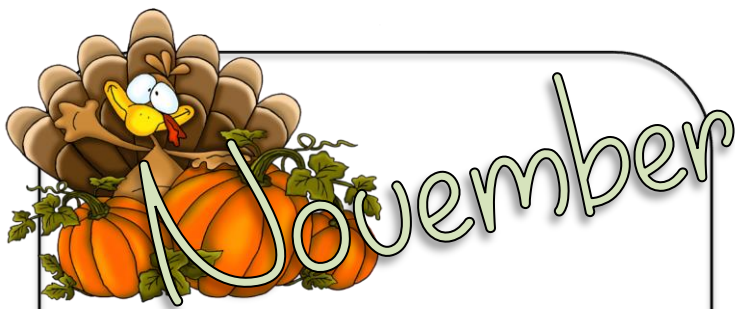
• HOLIDAY COOKIES • BAKED GOODS •

Kabelin's Ace Hardware-West, Andrew Avenue & Hwy 2, La Porte
All proceeds will go to area families
in need this Christmas

Electronic Giving

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

Adult Sunday School 9 am
 Worship & Children's Church 10 am
 Communion Service First Sunday

Mondays

Mike's Bible Study at Oakwood 10 am

Tuesdays

Pastor's Bible Study at Church 6 pm

Wednesdays

Healthy Eating Group at Church 11 am
 Kids Club at DVUMC 3:30-5:15 pm
 Online Worship 6 pm
 Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov 1

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

Thursday, Nov 2

Worship at Oakwood 9:30 am

Saturday, Nov 4

Debra Kuta Visitation 10 & Funeral 11 at church

Sunday, Nov 5 - All Saints Sunday

Daylight Savings Ends (fall back one hour)

Friday, Nov 10

10:30 Veterans Day Service at Civic

Saturday, Nov 11

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Monday, Nov 13

LPHS FCA 7-9 pm in Youth Room

Tuesday, Nov 14

Culver's Missions Give-Back Day

Wednesday, Nov 15

UWF 1 pm

Thursday, Nov 23

Thanksgiving Day
 (Office Closed Thurs-Fri)

Sunday, Nov 26

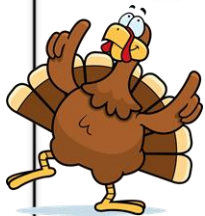
Chili Lunch & Hanging of the Greens

Tuesday, Nov 28

"Christmas Experience" 6pm

Thursday, Nov 30

Culver's UWF Give-Back Day



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

Senior
 Breakfast



Nov 1, 2023

1st Wednesday
 of each month
 8 am

Christo's
 1462 W State Rd 2
 La Porte



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

will meet on
 November 11 at 8 am
 in Fellowship Hall

Finance Committee 2023 3rd Quarter Recap

As a Finance Committee, we are committed to ensuring sound financial management and stewardship of the resources that support the mission and ministry here at Door Village UMC. In the third quarter, our congregation's generosity and financial contributions have allowed us to maintain a stable financial position. Here is a brief update on our 2023 third quarter financials, as well as our 2023 year-to-date balance.

2023 3rd Quarter

Total Revenue = \$43,679.08
 Total Expenses = \$37,482.49
 Net Change in Cash = \$6,196.59

2023 Year-to-Date

Total Revenue = \$126,191.79
 Total Expenses = \$121,800.81
 Net Change in Cash = \$4,390.98

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,
 DVUMC Finance Committee

SUNDAY MORNINGS!
DURING WORSHIP
AGE 4 THRU 4TH GRADE

Children's Church

NOV CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 Nov Leaders: **Mary & Lindsay**

Nov 5 - Daniel
 Nov 12 - Esther
 Nov 19 - The Prophets
 Nov 26 - Time of Waiting


You're invited to

Adult Sunday School



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

- **Two class options:**
- **Parlor 9-9:30** with Pastor Sam & Devotion Team sharing **Scripture & Prayer** before worship
- **Fellowship Hall 9-9:45** with Mike Martin studying the books of the Bible




COULTER'S Corn Maze!

NewDay & Coulter's... A-maze-ing!

Thank you to Jean Coulter and family for asking NewDay to man the Coulter Corn Maze at Coulter's Pumpkin Fest on weekends during late-September and October again this year. A special thank you to Joyce and Mauvie for organizing the schedule and making it happen. Thank you to our Youth Group and all those who volunteered to work shifts in support of the project. We are thankful for this project and the funds raised to continue support and assistance to local families fighting cancer. We are grateful for the Coulter's generosity, the community's support of this fun project, and for all the wonderful volunteers who help make this project possible.

Kids Club



Wednesdays after school
3:30-5:15 at DVUMC

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.

Nov 1 - Obstacle Course
 Nov 8 - Fall Craft
 Nov 15 - Chef Todd
 Nov 22 *No Kids Club* **Happy Thanksgiving!**
 Nov 29 - Trip to the Museum

36th Annual

Veterans Day Ceremony

Presented by
 The Mayor's Veterans' Committee

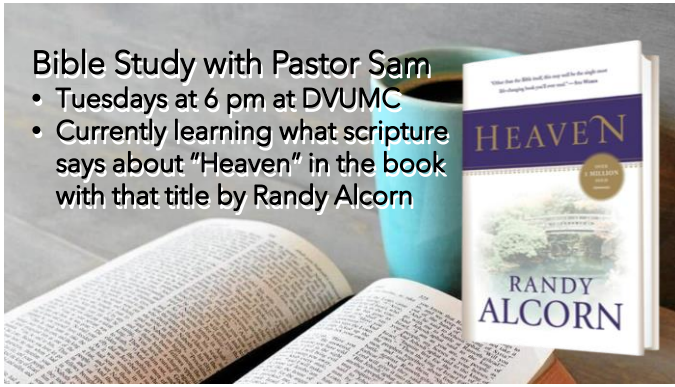


Friday, November 10, 2023
10:30 a.m.
La Porte Civic Auditorium
 1001 Ridge Street, La Porte

Join us for coffee and donuts from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the lower level. Afterwards, a spaghetti lunch will be served for each veteran and one guest at VFW Post 1130, 181 McClung Road, La Porte, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Please help us honor our Veterans and Troops at this special event.

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

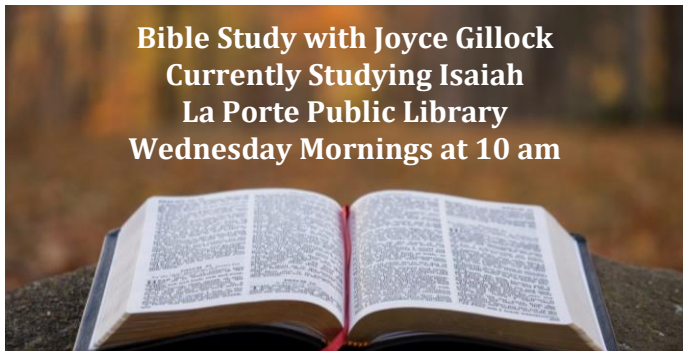


Bible Study with Mike Martin at Oak Woods Manor
 1211 Longwood Dr
 (Hwy 39 South) La Porte

Mondays at 10 am
 Public Welcome



Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
 Currently Studying Isaiah
 La Porte Public Library
 Wednesday Mornings at 10 am



Choir Practice
 Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Come sing!

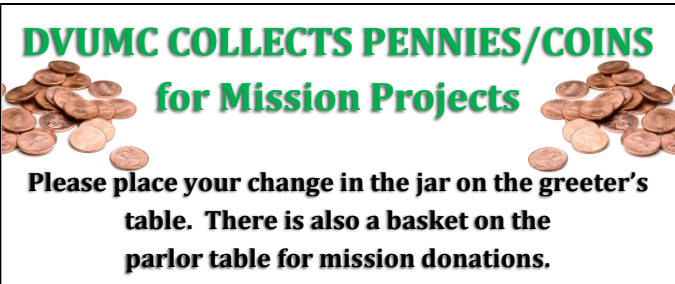
Everyone is welcome!



From Joyce Gillock: "Many thanks for all the prayers, calls, cards, and food during my surgery recovery. You are all such a blessing."

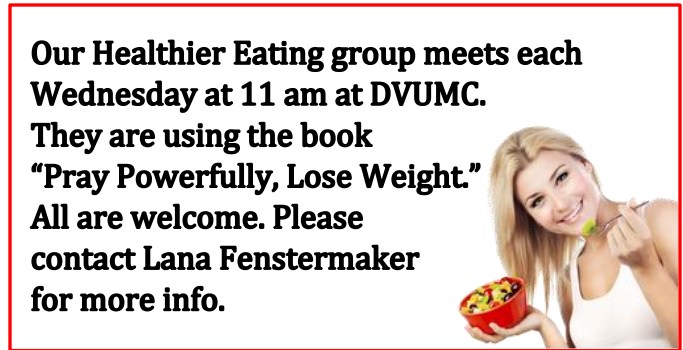
DVUMC COLLECTS PENNIES/COINS for Mission Projects

Please place your change in the jar on the greeter's table. There is also a basket on the parlor table for mission donations.



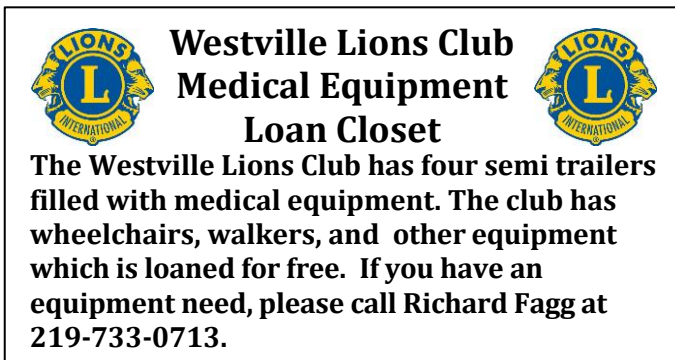
Our Healthier Eating group meets each Wednesday at 11 am at DVUMC.

They are using the book "Pray Powerfully, Lose Weight." All are welcome. Please contact Lana Fenstermaker for more info.



Westville Lions Club Medical Equipment Loan Closet

The Westville Lions Club has four semi trailers filled with medical equipment. The club has wheelchairs, walkers, and other equipment which is loaned for free. If you have an equipment need, please call Richard Fagg at 219-733-0713.



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 or 2024 flower sheet on the greeter's table or call the church office to have us put your info on the flower sheet. Thank you to our Flower Committee for providing this lovely ministry.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The Church Office will be closed Nov 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving



Registration for the NewDay Foundation's Resurrection Run has begun. The event will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024, here in Door Village. Register on Runsignup.com:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/LaPorte/NewDayFoundation/ResurrectionRun>



United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, Nov 15, 1 pm at church
Program Jackie W, Snack: Sue K

FUTURE DATES:

December 9 –
10a-3p Christmas Cookie
Bake Sale at Kabelin's

December 20 –
12 noon UWF Carry-in Christmas Gathering



United
Women
in Faith

Door Village United Women in Faith will be helping 3 families in need at Christmastime this year. Please consider making an extra monetary donation to UWF between Nov 19 and Dec 10 to go towards helping these families.



*Hanging
of the
Greens
& Chili Lunch*

**Nov 26
after
worship**

JOIN US

Advent Bible Series
Nov 28 Dec 5, 12, & 19

*the
Christmas
experience*

IN PERSON ONLY – Tuesdays at 6 pm
in the DVUMC sanctuary

Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to send a shoebox this year, please see Cindy F for a box, label and suggestion list. Individuals will be responsible for paying their own \$10 postage. This will need to be turned in with the box by Nov 12.



Advent begins Dec. 3. Pick up your free copy of "The Gift of the PRESENT" Advent devotional from the greeter's table. These are from Society of St. Andrew and an offering envelope is tucked in the booklet in case you wish to donate to their work through EndHunger.org.

**NOVEMBER
Culver's
Give Back Days**

Our Church's Missions/Outreach
Tues, Nov 14
United Women in Faith
Thurs, Nov 30

We need YOUR help to make these fundraisers successful. Come help at La Porte Culver's on Pine Lake Ave

**FREE CLOTHING
GIVEAWAY**

Clothes, Shoes, Boots, Coats, Bedding, etc.

**Friday, Nov 3
10 am – 3 pm**

Fairgrounds Small Projects Building
Hosted by Kitchen Kin Extension Homemakers



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 Find him on Facebook

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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



November Birthdays

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| 11/01 Mike Weston | 11/14 Craig Woodcox | 11/21 Carol Harde |
| 11/03 Alynn Eggert | 11/15 Alaina Jeffers | 11/21 Gerald Harder |
| 11/04 John Kiser | 11/15 Joey Kirk | 11/23 Joyce Koselke |
| 11/06 Oliver Kelley | 11/18 Nancy Adkins | 11/24 Bud Forbes |
| 11/10 Dan Plotner | 11/19 Tyler Troy | 11/25 Cindy Antrim |
| 11/11 Marilyn Decker | 11/20 Judy Tolk | 11/27 Dr. Bill Applegarth |
| 11/12 Jayme Noll | 11/20 Jay Wort | 11/27 Della Wittgren |
| 11/13 Lance Hindsley | 11/21 Kelle Guillen | |



November Anniversaries

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| 11/02 Richard & Marcia Spitzmesser |
| 11/05 Rod & Carol Dillon |
| 11/08 Jay & Diane Sittig |
| 11/09 Ron & Dana Butcher |
| 11/12 Richard & Joyce Marhanka |
| 11/23 Kevin & Stephanie Kaiser |
| 11/26 Tom & Beverly Hill |