



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Nov 2024
NEWSLETTER



Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ~ Malachi 3:10



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Fall Back!



2:00 → 1:00

Remember to move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on the evening of Nov. 2. The time will go back from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m. in the wee hours of Sunday morning, Nov. 3.

Make a commitment in your heart to give **regularly and sacrificially** through tithing and giving special offerings to the church. For most that means estimating what your yearly income might be in this year, and then calculating **10% as a starting point or tithe**. Some choose to divide that tithe by twelve months. Others will place their tithe in the offering plate each week. That decision is up to you. But I encourage you not to leave what you put in the offering to chance. I know some who just open their wallet or purse and give what they have in excess of what they need that day or that week. Others find it easy to write a check for the same amount year after year without adjusting for increases or decreases in their income. I once 'tithed' in this way. It really was not tithing at all. This is not a healthy or a faith-based approach to tithing. The bible talks about firstfruits of the harvest, the tithe of the increase or income from labor. I read a church sign once that said "God wants your loving best not just what's left." For myself, it is easiest to set a regular giving goal and then see how close that goal is to tithing 10%.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

I want you to do some soul searching and decide on a realistic yearly giving goal. A great place to start calculating what you might give in this coming year is to look at what you planned to give by the end of this year. Will you meet your goal? Will you give more than you estimated or less? I know that circumstances change and there are good years and not so good years financially. All I ask you to do is prayerfully look at your giving pattern last year. For those who gave sporadically or not at all, try starting by placing \$10 or \$20 in the offering plate each time you are in church. More important than giving in the offering plate each time you are in church is that you

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attend church on a regular basis. The blessing, encouragement, fellowship, teaching, music, and sermon, will make a lasting difference in your life. In return, God will use you to be a blessing to others. That is why we tithe and that is why we give special offerings as the Lord leads our hearts. We can do so much more as we worship God and serve Him together.

Tithing is not a mathematical process as much as it is a spiritual discipline of vowing commitment and faithfulness to God. It is trusting God and in return being spiritually healthy. Try it; see the Lord's blessings. Plan your giving for this year and for years to come by requesting information on **"Remembering the Church in Your Will"** or **taking out a small life-insurance policy with the church as the beneficiary**. Dear saints of God, bless the Church in lasting ways by taking the time to make your commitment to Christ known to your family in your estate planning.

The tithe is a giving that is entrusted to the church to make sure that the essential ministries of the church are funded. **Think about the amount you estimate giving for the year**. Consider your pattern of income. Do you receive income on a weekly, monthly, or yearly basis? Try patterning your giving to your income. Many choose to give on a monthly basis. One individual I knew paid their whole tithe in January. Let God guide you.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. ~ Proverbs 3:9

I want to talk about what happens after we tithe. **After determining our tithe comes giving offerings**. Many confuse these two distinct and different ways of giving as being the same. They are very different. **In offerings, consider other areas of giving you may have never participated in before**. Offerings are gifts you give as designated or undesignated amounts to the church. Give towards a particular ministry that has special meaning to you. Did you accept Christ as a youth? Then support youth ministries with a special offering. Did the UMW provide a meaningful funeral luncheon? Then make an offering to them. Did the church take up an offering to help with flood or hurricane relief? Support these special requests with additional offering above your tithing. Say "yes" this year. Yes to supporting the ministry of the Church and yes to special offering all year long.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ~ Luke 6:38

Make a decision to estimate your income for the coming year and then decide how you might want to tithe. **Tithing is a commitment you make between you and the Lord**. If your income unexpectedly goes up, then your giving to the church and the work of God can go up. If income was lower than expected, then an adjustment in your giving is proper. Tithing is a biblical principle that carries with it blessing upon blessing. I encourage you to give tithing a try. Start out tithing as income is received. As the Lord blesses you, bless the Lord by offering Him praise and thanksgiving for all that He provides.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



Prayer Requests

Flood victims

Jeff C - treatment plan and improved health

Debra - bone cancer

Carrie - young mom with cancer

Stephanie B - Sharon & Richard's daughter-in-law
- surgery recovery and improved health

Annette G - stroke, collapsed lung, coma

Carol P - improved health

Connie's friends Bill and Diane - improved health

Michael M - recovery from traffic accident injuries

Beverly's friend Pat B - dental infection

Beverly's friends Paul & Carolyn - improved health

Barry T - healing

Karen R - health, strength & happiness

Alex - 96-yr-old friend - health & strength

Joy - Neil W's sister in hospice

Kathy - Jeff C's mom - healing & strength

Cindy - Jan's friend with Parkinson's

Frankie - Jan's friend with Parkinson's

Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved strength

Penelope P - infant - prayers needed

Jon D - cancer treatment

Celeste - cancer treatment

Sheryl E - cancer treatment

Jo Parsons - healing broken knee

Charlie C - stroke recovery

Lea Ann Heims - heart health

Spitzmesser's son-in-law Wes - cancer treatment

Nolan - healing from horse accident head injury

Jerry - recovery from heart surgery

Garry & Tina - asking for prayers

Richard M - improved health & strength

Tom H - various health issues & surgery recovery

Hanna - Bonnie's great-grandniece - tumor on spine

Carol S - healing & strength

Jason C - cancer & fungal lung infection

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

Marilyn H - comfort and strength

Pat G - health & healing

Bud F - health & improved sight

Joe P - cancer

John P - cancer

Mark - colon cancer

Willie - cancer

Elsie - health & strength

Beverly B - improved health

Addie - toddler friend from Texas with leukemia

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

Dana's dad Jim B - health & strength

Keith - Anne D's companion with cancer

David - Anne D's son with cancer

Barbara - Anne D's sister with cancer

Tawnya - ongoing COPD

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

Prayers for those battling addiction

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

Christmas



Bake Sale

Saturday, Dec 14, 2024

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*



Sundays

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

Mondays

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

Sunday, Nov 3 - All Saints Sunday
 Daylight Savings Ends (fall back one hour)

Wednesday, Nov 6

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

Thursday, Nov 7

Worship at Oakwood 9:30 am

Saturday, Nov 9

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Sunday, Nov 10

Thankful POTLUCK after worship

Monday, Nov 11

10:30 Veterans Day Service at Civic

Wednesday, Nov 20

UWF 1 pm

Saturday, Nov 23

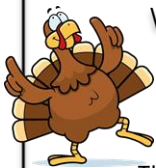
1-3 Christmas Dessert & Decor Gift Shoppe

Sunday, Nov 24

Chili Lunch & Hanging of the Greens

Thursday, Nov 28

Thanksgiving Day
 (Office Closed Thurs-Fri)



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

Senior Breakfast



Nov 6, 2024

1st Wednesday
 of each month
 8 am

Christo's
 1462 W State Rd 2
 La Porte



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

will meet on
 November 9 at 8 am
 in Fellowship Hall

Finance Committee 2024 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 2024 third quarter financials, as well as our 2024 year-to-date balance.

2024 3rd Quarter

Total Revenue = \$44,328.03
 Total Expenses = \$40,905.02
 Net Change in Cash = \$3,423.01

2024 Year-to-Date

Total Revenue = \$134,138.72
 Total Expenses = \$123,060.58
 Net Change in Cash = \$11,078.14

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



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Adult Sunday School meets in the Parlor 9-9:30 with Pastor Sam & the Devotion Team sharing Scripture & Prayer

Come in to learn... Go out to LIVE!
 COME IN TO LEARN... GO OUT TO LIVE!

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

NOV CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Nov Leaders: Mary & Lindsay

Nov 5 - David
 Nov 12 - Miriam & Moses
 Nov 19 - Esther
 Nov 26 - Jesus & The Children


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 6 - Let's Care for the Earth!
 Nov 13 - Firemen Visit
 Nov 20 - Fall Craft
 Nov 27 No Kids Club **Happy Thanksgiving!**



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 and leaders 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.

37th Annual

Veterans Day Ceremony

Presented by
 The Mayor's Veterans' Committee



Monday, November 11, 2024
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 active-duty service persons at this special event.



Hanging of the Greens & Chili Lunch

Nov 24 after worship



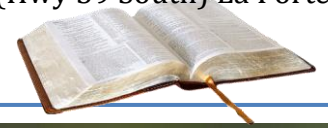
**Sunday, Nov 10
THANKFUL
All-Church Potluck**

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship on Nov 10 for our Thankful all-church potluck. If you can, please bring a dish to share. All are welcome. Hosted by the Nurture Committee.

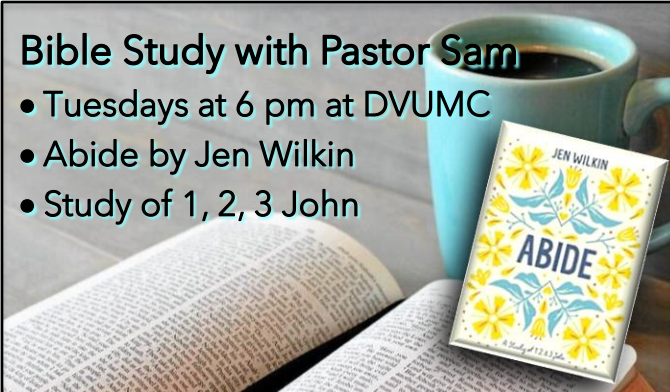


**Monday
Bible Study at
Oak Woods Manor**
1211 Longwood Dr
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

**Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome**



**Choir Practice
Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm**
Come sing!



Bible Study with Pastor Sam

- Tuesdays at 6 pm at DVUMC
- Abide by Jen Wilkin
- Study of 1, 2, 3 John



**DVUMC COLLECTS
PENNIES/COINS & TABS
for mission projects**

You may bring these to church and place them in the designated containers.



DONATE

**Hats • Gloves • Socks
for area elementary kids**

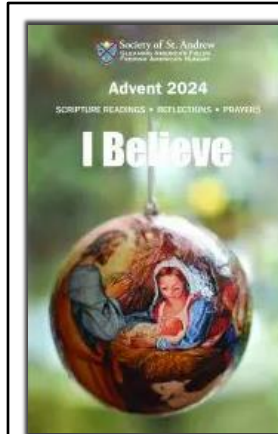
PLACE IN BASKET ON GREETER TABLE



**DVUMC Free Dessert &
Christmas Decor Gift Shoppe**

**Saturday, Nov 23
1 to 3 pm**

Beautiful, donated Christmas decor for sale. (You may also donate your excess Christmas decor items by Nov 10.) If you can provide desserts, please sign up on the greeter's table. For more info, contact Bev Warfield.



Advent begins Dec. 1. Pick up your free copy of the "I Believe" 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.

Our Healthier Eating group at DVUMC is reading the book "Spirit-Filled & Sugar-Free." All are welcome. Wednesdays at 11 am at church. Please contact Lana Fenstermaker for more info.



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:



Spotlight On Children's Christian Ed

Lindsay Koselke is our Education Committee Chairperson. Lindsay loves working with children. Each spring, Lindsay orders children's bibles for 3rd graders, hymnals for 4th graders, and devotionals or bibles for college and high school graduates. These are presented by Lindsay during the worship service on Education Sunday. In previous years, she worked with our Sunday School program that covered grades K through 12 and met in classrooms on Sunday mornings. In 2019, due to changing demographics in the church, our current Children's Church was developed to better reach the children attending worship services at Door Village. Children's Church is for children ages 4 through 4th grade. It lasts approximately 30 minutes during the second half of the worship service. In the past four years, weekly attendance has been between 3 and 8 children. Using a workbook curriculum series, volunteers share a Bible lesson and video, lead children in crafts, and help them with puzzle worksheets. Many of the current volunteers were teachers in our previous Sunday School program. Lindsey is working on the 2025 monthly sign-up schedule and welcomes new volunteers. Please contact her if you are willing to help.

George Morley, Lay Leader

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, Nov 20, 1 pm at church

Program: Sue K Snack: Jackie W

FUTURE DATES:

December 14 –

10a-3p Christmas Cookie

Bake Sale at Kabelin's

December 18 –

12 noon UWF Carry-in Christmas Gathering



United
Women
in Faith

REMINDER

♥ Be Generous ♥ Be Grateful ♥ Be Blessed ♥

**Your THANKFUL offerings
are due November 17.**

Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to send a shoebox this year, please pick up a box, label and suggestion list from the parlor display.

Individuals will be responsible for paying their own \$10 postage. This will need to be turned in with the box by November 3, 2024.



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.



AMISH FRY PIES

\$3 each



Fundraiser for DV Lions

Flavors include:

Apple, Cherry, Blueberry, Peach, Lemon, Strawberry-Rhubarb, Black Raspberry, Strawberry Cream, and Bavarian Cream

Sign up to pre-order & pre-pay by

Sun, Nov 3

Pick up at DVUMC

Fri, Nov 15 or Sun, Nov 17

Fresh for 1 week refrigerated
or freeze up to 6 months



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The Church Office
will be closed
Nov 28 & 29
for Thanksgiving



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 Find him on Facebook

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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

November Birthdays

11/01 Mike Weston	11/14 Craig Woodcox
11/03 Alynn Eggert	11/15 Alaina Jeffers
11/04 John Kiser	11/15 Joey Kirk
11/06 Oliver Kelley	11/18 Nancy Adkins
11/10 Dan Plotner	11/19 Tyler Troy
11/11 Marilyn Decker	11/20 Judy Tolk
11/11 Phil Kmitta	11/20 Jay Wort
11/12 Jayme Noll	11/21 Carol Clindaniel
11/13 Lance Hindsley	11/21 Kelle Guillen

November Anniversaries

11/02	Richard & Marcia Spitzmesser
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