



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCT 2023
NEWSLETTER



“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



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Bring your little pumpkins to Kids Club at DVUMC



Our after-school program for grades K-4 STARTS OCTOBER 4 Wednesdays 3:30-5:15

Sacrificial Giving: How can I do more to ensure the financial health of our church?

October kicks off the season we call Fall. October is a time of seeing the efforts of this past year come into focus. It has been a good year.

We have grown as a congregation. There are many new faces and families that have started attending church. You have done a great job of welcoming them. We have old friends that have found their way back to Door Village. They have shared with me how they feel welcomed and loved.

We have Sunday School going again. Tuesday evening bible study meets at 6 pm. Kids Club starts up their after-school program on Wednesdays beginning October 4. The choir rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 pm to be ready to sing on Sundays. The youth group is doing its thing. So many great things are happening.

October is the month that our attention turns to harvest time. What we have planted begins to bear precious fruit. Traditionally, October is the month we set the slate of officers and leadership for the coming year. We prayerfully set the budget for the coming year and talk about faithful stewardship. We explore the many ways to give of our time, talents, gifts, service, and witness as Christian believers.

In years past, it was common to hold financial campaigns and commit ourselves to the work of the church. I want to lift up one area of ministry that is going through great change here at Door Village UMC. It used to be that our mission funds would come in from working hard at the county fair. So many hours and generous gifts would bring in money to be sent out into the world in Jesus' name. That season has passed with the latest changes made by the fairground. In years past, our church has been known for its great commitment to missions. We are still passionate about

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missions. We will just have to fund our mission partners in different ways. It is going to take some creativity and tireless effort and commitment.

Without money from the fair, we will need to work individually to set aside something to give to missions. So, when you hear a call to support a particular mission and an offering is collected, be ready to give. Take each request seriously. Instead of giving hours out at the fairgrounds, spend time working to come up with new ideas to support missions. Set aside a little each week for the next missions offering we collect. And, when you see a sign-up sheet, commit to doing the work necessary to support the ministries of the church.

We will also have a Trustee fundraiser in November. Please support the upkeep of our buildings and grounds by joining in. Be watching for more info on that, and be the first to sign-up to help. You can help by making and serving take-out meals, donating desserts, cooking in the kitchen, taking food out to cars, and staying to help clean up afterwards. It will take the whole church to make the next meal a success.

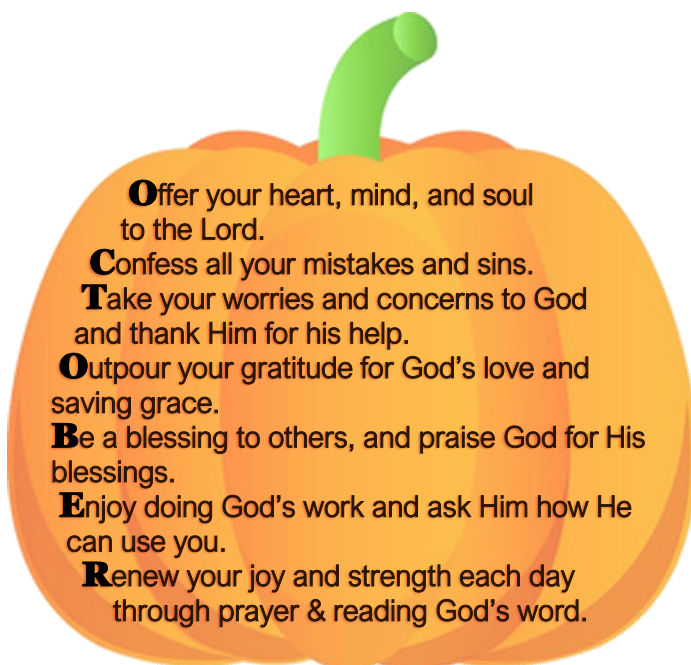
“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” ~ Proverbs 3:9-10

As you support the mission causes you believe in, be sure to remain faithful in your support of the church as well. Remember that missions giving is above and beyond your tithing to the church. Tithing is giving 10% of what you have received from the Lord. That is given first. Firstfruits given to the Lord. Second, offerings are collected and distributed to other ministries through sacrificial giving. That means, you surrender or sacrifice something that is yours to benefit someone else. Meet the needs of others. Support the mission work of the church.

Please listen for specific special offerings we plan to collect (probably on a monthly basis) and plan accordingly. Give, from a grateful heart, for the Lord has given generously to you. Amen.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



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

Prayer Requests

Bob W - strength & healing from arm injury
Joe P - cancer
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
Joyce G - foot surgery recovery
Bonnie N - knee surgery recovery
Larry - Linda's brother - kidney dialysis
Brendan - toddler with terminal cancer - in hospice
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
Kathy K - knee rehab
Mary's friend Brenda - health & healing
Tom H - back treatment recovery & 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
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!*



Sept 23 thru Oct 29
Each Saturday and Sunday
from 10 am to 6 pm

Come out, have some fun going through the corn maze, and donate to NewDay Foundation of La Porte.



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

October 9 - Door Village Lions

Fundraiser at Hacienda in Michigan City from 11 am to 11 pm. Dine at Hacienda that day and Lions receive a percentage of meals ordered with printed vouchers. Vouchers are available from Cindy at our greeter's table. Gift cards can also be pre-purchased from our DV Lions for use after 10/9. These are an excellent gift idea.





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

Joyce G's Bible Study at Library 10 am
 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, Oct 4

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am
 Kids Club Starts 3:30 pm

Thursday, Oct 5

Worship at Oakwood 9:30 am

Saturday, Oct 7

Men's Breakfast 8 am
 in Fellowship Hall

Charge Conference at MC1stUMC 11 am

Monday, Oct 9

DV Lions Hacienda Day 11am-11 pm

Wednesday, Oct 11

Culver's Give-Back Day for UWF

Saturday, Oct 14

Men's Breakfast

Monday, Oct 16

Pastor Sam's Birthday

Wednesday, Oct 18

UWF 1 pm

Tuesday, Oct 24

Culver's Give-Back Day for Missions

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

OCT CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 October Leader: *Mary*

Oct 1 - Josiah
 Oct 8 - Elijah
 Oct 15 - Elisha
 Oct 22 - Jonah
 Oct 29 - Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

Kids Club STARTS OCT 4

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.

Oct 4 - Pizza Party & Outdoor Games
Oct 11 - Luhr Park
Oct 18 - Hayride
Oct 25 - Coulter's Pumpkin Patch

You're invited to Adult Sunday School

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

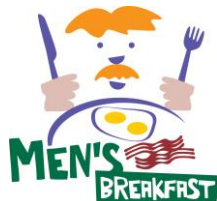
Senior Breakfast



Oct 4, 2023

1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am

Christo's
State Road 2 West
La Porte



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
October 14 at 8 am

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Program: Sue K

Snack: Jackie W

Wed, Oct 18

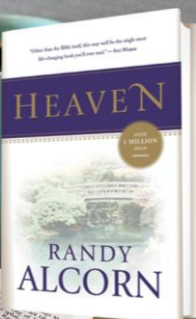
1 pm at the church



United
Women
in Faith

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



Choir Practice
Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm

Everyone is welcome!

Come sing!

OFFICE HOURS



Mon thru Thurs

7 am – 12 noon

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**OCTOBER
Culver's
Give Back Days**



United Women in Faith

Wed, Oct 11

Our Church's Missions/Outreach

Tues, Oct 24

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

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.



Bible Study with Mike Martin

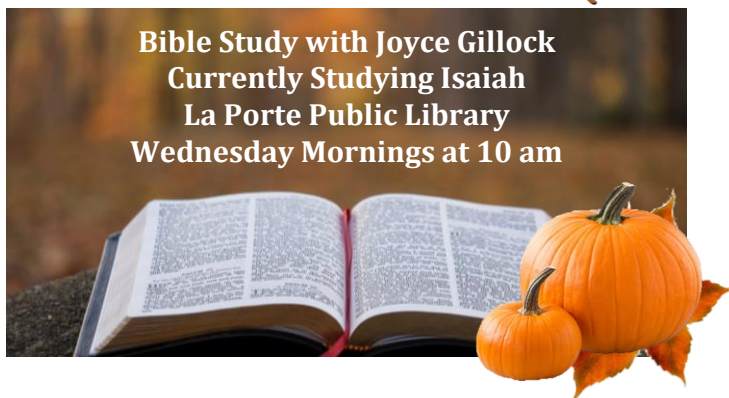
at Oak Woods Manor

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





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 Find him on Facebook!

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October Birthdays

10/01 Ryan Sittig	10/06 Jan Martin	10/17 Rick Kievert
10/02 Bethany Eyrick	10/08 Ted Warfield	10/18 Skeeter Heath
10/03 Audrey Jeffers	10/10 Prestin Butcher	10/21 Omar Guillen
10/03 Twila Pointon	10/11 Sean Tracey	10/22 Wayne Gault
10/03 Karen Rigler	10/13 Ev Metzler	10/25 Zachary Bradley
10/04 Jessica Martin	10/14 Bonnie Netzer	10/25 Shawntel Westphal
10/05 Landon Galvas	10/15 Richard Spitzmesser	10/26 Emma Coulter
10/05 Pam Kievert	10/16 Greg Pointon	10/31 John Langford
10/06 Jeff Council	10/16 Pastor Sam Polito	



October Anniversaries

10/04	Mike & Cathie Martin
10/05	Mike & Jen Schuster
10/06	Neil & Shawntel Westphal
10/08	Eric & Catherine Veach
10/10	Bruce & Della Wittgren
10/11	Cheryl & Joe Killingbeck
10/12	Jan & Paul Martin
10/17	Lance & Lori Hindsley
10/22	Eric & Amber Fenstermaker
10/22	Wayne & Kathleen Gault
10/24	Rick & Pam Kievert
10/26	Richard & Sharon Barnes