



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCT 2024  
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 Sunday. A day set aside to remember and give thanks to God. It is no coincidence that the months of October and November were selected to celebrate God's blessings. They are the months 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.

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

**Kids Club**



**Bring your  
little pumpkins  
to Kids Club  
at DVUMC**



**Our after-school  
program for grades K-4  
STARTS OCTOBER 2  
Wednesdays  
3:30-5:15**

I have a request to make of you. It is more like an encouragement or a teachable moment. During the month of October, pray to God for a grateful heart. Ask Him to open your eyes to see His blessings. Then, in the month of November, I want each person to make a special 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.

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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:

***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 wrote on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24. I will not include your name (if you indicate that), just your words of gratitude. Place your one-time, thankful offering with your note of thanksgiving to God in an envelope labeled “*Thankful,*” and place it in the offering plate by November 17. Or drop it off in the office. 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. Be generous in your gift to the Lord for He is generous to us.

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

So, do it right now. Get out an 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. Or even better, pray about it. Talk it over with those you love and trust. Know this – 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

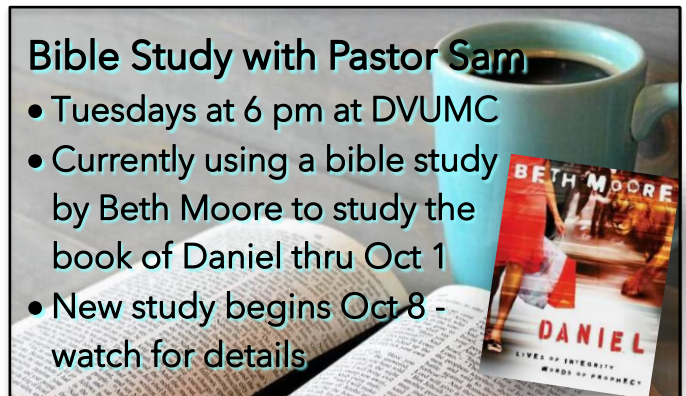
Connie's friends Bill and Diane - improved health  
Michael M - recovery from traffic accident injuries  
Beverly's friend Pat B - dental infection  
Beverly's friends Paul & Carolyn - improved health  
Barry T - healing  
Karen R - health, strength & happiness  
Mary's friend Mona - improved health  
Lloyd's friend Carey - healing/improved health  
Lloyd's brother John - improved health  
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  
Cathie M - improved health & strength  
Roger - recovery from tractor accident  
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  
Mike M - healing & strength following knee surgery  
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  
Lloyd - back pain and heart health  
Mark - colon cancer  
Willie - cancer

Elsie - health & strength  
Beverly B - improved health  
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  
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!*

## Bible Study with Pastor Sam

- Tuesdays at 6 pm at DVUMC
- Currently using a bible study by Beth Moore to study the book of Daniel thru Oct 1
- New study begins Oct 8 - watch for details



## 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.





**Sundays**

Adult Sunday School 9 am  
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**

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 2**

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

**Thursday, Oct 3**

Worship at Oakwood 9:30 am

**Saturday, Oct 5**

Charge Conference at DVUMC 12:30 pm

**Thursday, Oct 10**

Ad Board 7 pm

**Saturday, Oct 12**

Men's Breakfast 8 am  
in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, Oct 16**

Pastor Sam's Birthday  
UWF 1 pm

**Saturday, Oct 19**

[Fellowship Hall Reserved]

**Sunday, Oct 27**


Trunk or Treat at DVUMC 3-5 pm

**SUNDAY MORNINGS!**  
**AGE 4 THRU 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**Children's Church**  
**DURING WORSHIP**

**OCT CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
October Leader: *Mary*

Oct 6 - Daniel  
Oct 13 - Jonah  
Oct 20 - Joshua  
Oct 27 - Noah


**Kids Club STARTS OCT 2**



**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 2 - Pizza Party & Games  
Oct 9 - Outdoor Scavenger Hunt  
Oct 16 - Hayride  
Oct 23 - Fitness Fun  
Oct 30 - Coulter's Pumpkin Patch




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

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



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

**Mondays at 10 am**  
Public Welcome



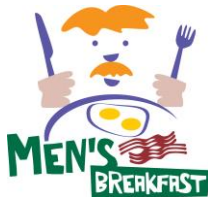
# Senior Breakfast



**Oct 2, 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
of each month  
8 am

Christo's  
State Road 2 West  
La Porte



**MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP**  
October 12 at 8 am



The Coulter family is so gracious to offer this as NewDay's second largest fundraiser each year. Plan to come out and enjoy a fun time for a great cause now thru October 27. Fridays 1-5pm. Saturdays & Sundays 10-6pm.



## Door Village UMC Trunk-or-Treat

**Sunday, October 27**  
3 to 5 pm



Choir Practice  
Wednesdays  
at 6:30 pm

Everyone is welcome!

Come sing!

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

## United Women in Faith

### NEXT MEETING:

Program: Jackie W

Snack: Cheryl G

**Wed, Oct 16**

1 pm at the church



United  
Women  
in Faith

**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.**



### Spotlight On Our Worship Committee

Recently, we have been re-introducing opportunities for personal interaction that had been removed during the pandemic. These include greeters welcoming members and visitors to our worship services, a time of greeting each other during the service, refreshments in the parlor after the service, and potluck dinners. [Many of these are actually led by the Nurture Committee, Worship Committee, and our Special Projects Coordinator.] Our Worship Committee looks at our worship services and tries to find ways to enhance the overall experience for those who attend Door Village. Chairperson Carla Marhanka said the committee is planning to possibly bring back ushers and the children's penny and tab offering during services. A very big thank you goes out to our Worship Committee and all those who work to make Door Village a wonderful place to worship together.

~ George Morley, Lay Leader

### 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](http://doorvillagechurch.org), and clicking the electronic offering button:

My Offering





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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



# October Birthdays

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