



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPT 2023
NEWSLETTER



All hands on deck! This is the cry I would hear when it was time to get something done at our house when I was growing up. We were to stop what we were doing and tackle the task at hand. In a short amount of time, the job would be done and no 'one person' was stuck with doing it all themselves.

Over the years, this practice has followed me into ministry at the church. Time and again a project, bigger than any person or committee could do themselves, would come up. Damage after a storm comes to mind, a flooded basement at the church. Funeral dinners and Beef & Noodle fundraisers take more help than any one group can do themselves. It becomes a church activity.

It is that time of year when the Nominations Committee looks ahead to the needs of the church. Key areas of leadership and filling the slate of committee members can be a daunting task. So, here is what we plan to do this year. We plan to ask you. "Where do you think you can help?" Where will you serve the Lord and His church here at Door Village UMC?


I, as your Pastor, plan to employ a time-honored tradition. It is a humble practice that has served the church well over the years. It is... the clipboard or sign-up sheet. Please check the greeter's table as you come to church for the latest volunteer or interest

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Labor Day
Sept 4, 2023

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



Matthew 11:28 KJV

clipboard. As you fill in your name, you make it easy to rally the troops, all hands-on-deck, when a need arises. We will have a list of work to do, and it will save time if you volunteer ahead. We will know who is interested, and who has already said "YES".

We plan to hold a Vacation Bible School in 2024. Are you in? Snacks, supplies, decorating, lead a group around, do story time, present the mission focus, select a program, be the head of the volunteers. That sign-up sheet will come in 2024. More urgent is getting a list of workers to man a church fundraiser. All we know right now is that it will be some kind of meal served (or as take-out), here at the church. Are you in? Watch for the sign-up sheet.

This brings me back to the Nominations Committee work that is at hand. Please fill out your "Interest Survey" by September 10, 2023. We want to have our teams in place for the September Ad Board meeting that will adopt & approve the leadership of the church. Where will you serve? How will you do God's work in and through the church? What are you good at? What skills can you offer? Can you help on some one-time projects? Can you serve on Staff-Parish Committee, Missions Committee, or the newly-forming Evangelism Team?

Please fill-in and return your "Interest Survey" found in this newsletter.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



Prayer Requests

Bonnie N - knee surgery recovery
Larry - Linda's brother - kidney dialysis
Brendan - toddler grandson of Scott & Lynlee M - cancer-free in April but now scan has detected spots on brain - chemo/radiation no longer are options
Chris P - healing and strength
Mary F - eye health
Marcia's mom - in hospice
Mark - colon cancer
Willie - cancer
Dick C - continued care needed after massive stroke
Elsie - strength and healing from broken hip
Lloyd - back pain
Jacki W - health & strength
Kathy K - knee rehab
Mary's friend Brenda - health & healing
Tom H - back treatment recovery & healing
Beverly B - improved health & strength
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
Gaelen - B & T's son-in-law - cancer - in hospice
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!*



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



September

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

Healthy Eating Group 11 am
Kids Club 3:30-5:15 (begins 10/4)
Online Worship 6 pm
Choir Practice 6:30 pm (begins 9/13)

Monday, Sept 4

LABOR DAY – Office Closed

Wednesday, Sept 6

Senior Breakfast at Christo's 8 am

Thursday, Sept 7

Oakwood Worship 9:30 am

Saturday, Sept 9

Men's Breakfast 8 am
DV Harvest Festival Weekend

Sunday, Sept 10

Harvest Festival Outdoor Worship 10 am

Wednesday, Sept 13

Choir Practice begins 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept 20

UWF 1 pm

Thursday, Sept 21

Ad Board 7 pm

Senior Breakfast



Sept 6, 2023

1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am

Christo's
State Road 2 West
La Porte



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
September 9 at 8 am

Kids Club STARTS OCT 4



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

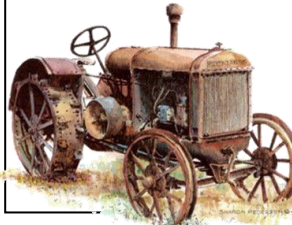
After-school program for Grades K-4
Playground time at the park
Snacks, Games, & Christian Lesson
Contact Carolyn (363-2818) or
Carla (363-9401) with questions.

Door Village Harvest Festival

Scipio Township Park in Door Village

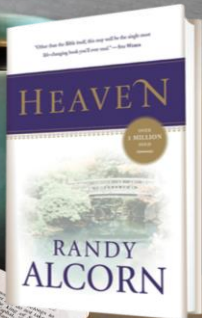
Sept. 9 & 10

Donated baked goods are needed.
Please bring them to the church
between 5 and 7 pm, Friday, Sept 8,
or to the bake sale
tent between 7:30
and 9 am, on
Saturday, Sept 9.



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



It's time once again to plan for this year's NewDay Corn Maze during Coulter's Pumpkin Fest 2023. Volunteers are needed each weekend Sept 23 thru Oct 29. The Coulter family is so gracious to offer this as NewDay's second largest fundraiser each year. It is a fun time for a great cause. Please call Joyce Marhanka at **219-393-5079** for info or to schedule your time to volunteer:

- Sept 23 thru Oct 29
- Each Saturday and Sunday
- 10 to 2 or 2 to 6
- Volunteer for 1 or 2 shifts
- 2 people needed per shift



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

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

SEPT CHILDREN'S CHURCH
September Leader: Carla

Sept 3 - Samuel
Sept 10 - David as Shepherd
Sept 17 - David as King
Sept 24 - King Solomon

Bible Study with Joyce Gillock
Resumes in October - Studying Isaiah
La Porte Public Library
Wednesday Mornings at 10 am



Please Say YES!

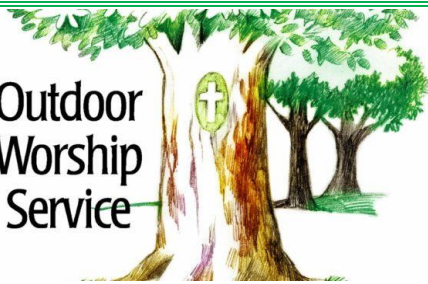
Charge Conference is coming up on Sat, Oct 7, at Michigan City UMC at 11 am. We are required to have our pastor plus 2 people from DVUMC. Please let Pastor Sam or the church office know if you are willing to attend and represent Door Village UMC.



Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and text messages for my healing and recovery.

Sincerely, Chris Kiser

**Outdoor
Worship
Service**



**DVUMC
Sept 10
10 AM**

Bring a lawn chair or sit on a hay bale and join us for outdoor worship (weather permitting - indoors if necessary) during the Door Village Harvest Festival.

United Women in Faith

NEXT MEETING:

Program: Kathy K

Snack: Marcia S

Wed, Sept 20

1 pm at the church



United
Women
in Faith



**Salvation Army
Food Pantry
supplies are low!**

Suggested items:

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| Canned Potatoes | Soup |
| Green Beans | Cereal |
| Corn | Breakfast Bars |
| Pork & Beans | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Fruit | Crackers |
| Canned Meat | Meal Kits |



The women of the La Porte First United Methodist Church are holding their 9th Annual Arts & Crafts Show

on Saturday, **Sept. 30** from **9 to 3** at the La Porte County Fairgrounds. This is their annual missions fundraiser, and over 100 artists and crafters from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan will be selling their homemade items in 3 handicap-accessible buildings. Lunch will be available for purchase. **ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE.**



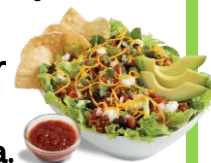
Our Healthier Eating group at DVUMC is reading the book "Pray Powerfully, Lose Weight." All are welcome. Wednesdays at 11 am at church. Please contact Lana Fenstermaker for more info.



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.



**Westville Lions Club
Medical Equipment
Loan Closet**



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





Interest Survey



Please circle or check all areas that interest you:

Activities

- Trivia Night
- Movie Night
- Game Night
- Trunk-or-Treat
- Vacation Bible School
- Evening bible study
- Morning bible study
- Adult Sunday school
- Youth Sunday school
- Trustee clean-up day
- Choir
- Valentine's Dinner
- Operation Christmas Child
- Lent-Easter services
- Advent-Christmas services
- Christmas Caroling

Committees

- Ad Board
- Trustees
- Staff-Parish
- Nominations
- Finance
- Worship
- Education
- Missions
- Memorial
- Nurture & Care
- Evangelism
- College Care Packages
- Altar Guild
- Fund-raising
- Youth Group

Outreach

- Follow-up with visitors
- Hand out info at Harvest Fest
- Hand out info at Easter Egg Hunt
- Send out Easter/Advent mailer
- Personal Evangelism training
- Kid's Club Christmas Program
- Distribute church flyers
- Invite people to Men's Breakfast
- Invite to United Women of Faith
- Invite to Youth Group
- Invite to join Choir
- Invite to worship Sunday morning
- Share online services
- Text a prayer
- Join Prayer Chain

Add your own ideas:

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Please sign below and return to DVUMC by September 10, 2023.

Name: _____ Phone: _____



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 Find him on Facebook!

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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

September Birthdays

9/02 Bev Kelter	9/12 Wyatt Guillen	9/20 Kevin Council
9/02 Nathan Spurr	9/13 Lynlee Marhanka	9/22 Kevin Kaiser
9/03 Graziella Bernacchi	9/14 Eric Veach	9/22 Wesley Lancaster
9/03 Steve Eyrick	9/15 Jace Gakle	9/22 Dan Ribordy
9/03 Mitch Hubner	9/17 Brayde Hines	9/24 Todd Hindsley
9/07 Laurel Noll	9/17 Michelle Lancaster	9/25 Dennis Fischer
9/09 Myrna Harder	9/19 Darrell Kaiser	9/28 Robert Koselke
9/12 Kurt Coulter	9/19 Karen Lindeman	9/29 Bob Willfong

September Anniversaries

9/06 Dan & Pam Ribordy
9/09 Ted & Pat Warfield
9/11 Nathan & Nicole Bernacchi
9/11 Sue & Darrell Kaiser
9/20 Steve & Carolyn Eyrick
9/21 Randy & Alynn Eggert
9/27 Alan & Cheryl Good
9/29 Craig & Jordan Marcum