

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPT 2024
NEWSLETTER



In an effort to connect us together in serving Christ here at Door Village, I ask you to look over the 2025 interest survey included in this newsletter. Mark those items you already participate in. Then, look over the list for other areas you may also enjoy participating in. There is a place to add any new ideas as well. We will use this information to plan our 2025 calendar of events. Also included are all the committees of the church – please choose an area that interests you the most.



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“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
~ Matthew 11:28 NIV

Labor Day
Sept 2, 2024

This year, we are adding more Trustees to care for our church and parsonage. *“Many hands make light work”*. Please let us know if you are interested in joining the Trustees as they maintain our amazing church property. The Trustees make decisions on what projects receive priority over others. The Trustees take care of smaller tasks throughout the year. And...the Trustees oversee larger projects. We are looking for up to 6 new Trustees. Both men and women are encouraged to serve. I want you to know that the Nominations Committee needs you to seriously consider a Trustee position (even a one-year commitment). We have openings for one, two, or three-year commitments for our Trustees. If you are able to do smaller projects like church clean-up days or

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small handywork tasks like repair a loose step at the parsonage, you are needed. Don't wait for us to call you. Please call Sue Kaiser or me as soon as possible – we really need your help.

Please take the time to fill out your interest survey and turn it in at the greeter's table by September 8. Everyone is asked to please participate in this survey. If you need extra copies or if you get your newsletter by email and would like a printed form to fill out, you'll find extra copies on the greeter's table, or you may email doorvillageumc@gmail.com with your list of ideas and interests. You are welcome to take a photo of the completed form using your phone camera and simply send the picture by text to me or email it to the church. Thank you and may you be blessed as you take an active role in our church family here at Door Village.

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam



Prayer Requests

Family & friends of Katie Carter who passed 8/20
Cheryl's friend Jan - recovery from cancer surgery
Mary's friend Mona - improved health
Lloyd's friend Carey - healing/improved health
Lloyd's brother John - improved health
Alex - 96-yr-old hospitalized friend
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 - needs bone marrow transplant donor - undergoing 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
Don - father-in-law of Jen S - cancer treatment
Marilyn H - comfort and strength
Pat G - health & healing
Bud F - health & improved sight
Joe P - cancer
John P - cancer
Mona - friend of Toni
Lloyd - back pain and heart health
Mark - colon cancer
Willie - cancer
Elsie - health & strength

Beverly B - improved health
Karen R - health, strength & happiness
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
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!*

Sept Culver's Give-Back Days 



Monday, Sept 9

Door Village Lions

Tuesday, Sept 24

Door Village UMC Missions

10 am to 10 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon thru Thurs

7 am – 12 noon

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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 10/2)
Online Worship 6 pm
Choir Practice 6:30 pm (begins 9/18)

Monday, Sept 2

LABOR DAY – Office Closed

Wednesday, Sept 4

Senior Breakfast at Christo's 8 am

Thursday, Sept 5

Oakwood Worship 9:30 am

Sunday, Sept 8

Harvest Festival Outdoor Worship 10 am

Monday, Sept 9

Culver's Give Back – DV Lions

Tuesday, Sept 10

Nurture Committee Meeting 5 pm

Saturday, Sept 14

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Wednesday, Sept 18

UWF 1 pm
Choir Practice begins 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Sept 24

Culver's Give Back – DVUMC Missions

Saturday, Sept 28

LP 1st UMC Arts & Crafts Show
at LP fairgrounds 9a-3p

Senior
Breakfast



Sept 4, 2024

1st Wednesday
of each month
8 am

Christo's
State Road 2 West
La Porte



MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP
September 14 at 8 am

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.

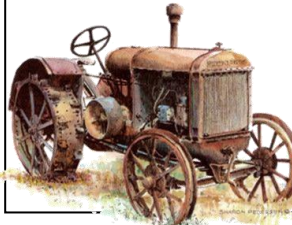
Door Village

Harvest Festival

Scipio Township Park in Door Village

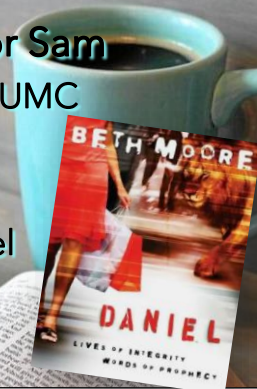
Sept. 7 & 8

Donated baked goods are needed.
Please bring them to the church
between 5 and 7 pm, Friday, Sept 6,
or to the bake sale
tent between 7:30
and 9 am, on
Saturday, Sept 7.



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

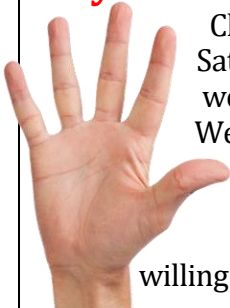


**Monday
Bible Study at
Oak Woods Manor**
1211 Longwood Dr
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

Mondays at 10 am
Public Welcome



Say YES to Charge Conference!



Charge Conference is coming up on Sat, Oct 5, at 12:30 pm, and this year we are hosting at Door Village UMC. We are required to have our pastor plus 2 or more people from DVUMC. Please let Pastor Sam or the church office know if you are willing to come that day to represent us.



We welcome our new Indiana UMC Bishop Tracy S. Malone effective Sept. 1, 2024. Thank you to our previous INUMC Bishop Julius C. Trimble for his outstanding service.



**Choir Practice
begins
Sept 18
Wednesdays
at 6:30 pm**

**SUNDAY
MORNINGS!**

**AGE 4 THRU
4TH GRADE**

**DURING
WORSHIP**

**Children's
Church**

SEPT CHILDREN'S CHURCH
September Leader: Katrina

Sept 1 - Self Control

Sept 8 - Honesty

Sept 15 - Forgiveness

Sept 22 - Obedience

Sept 29 - Responsibility



It's time once again to plan for this year's NewDay Corn Maze during Coulter's Pumpkin Fest 2024. Volunteers are needed each weekend Sept 21 thru Oct 27. 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 21 thru Oct 27
- Saturdays and Sundays 10 to 2 or 2 to 6
- Plus Fridays 1 to 5 starting Sept 27
- 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



Interest Survey 2024

Please circle or check all areas that interest you:

Activities

- Trivia Night
- Movie Night
- Game Night
- Trunk-Or-Treat
- Vacation Bible School
- Tuesday Night Bible Study
- Oak Wood Monday Mornings
- Morning Bible Study
- Wednesday Healthy Eating
- Adult Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School
- Trustee Clean-Up Day
- Choir
- Valentine's Dinner
- Lent-Easter Services
- Advent-Christmas Services
- Christmas Caroling

Committees

- Ad Board
- Trustees
- Staff-Parish
- Nominations
- Finance
- Worship
- Education
- Missions
- Memorial
- Nurture & Care
- Evangelism
- Altar Guild
- Fund-Raising
- Youth Group
- Ushers & Greeters
- Children's Church

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 in Faith
- Invite To Youth Group
- Invite To Join Choir
- Invite To Worship Sunday Morning
- Share Online Services
- Text a Prayer
- Join Prayer Chain
- Coffee Fellowship after Worship
- College Care Package Donations

Add your own ideas:

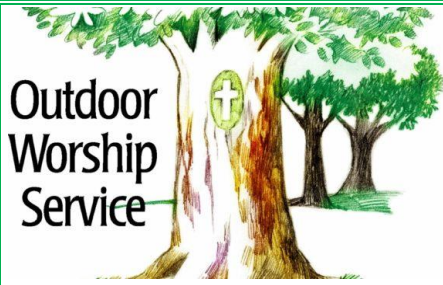
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Please sign below and return to DVUMC by September 8, 2024.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Outdoor Worship Service



**DVUMC
Sept 8
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: Carolyn

Snack: Diane

Wed, Sept 18

1 pm at the church



United
Women
in Faith



Salvation Army Food Pantry supplies are low!

Suggested items:

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



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.



The women of the La Porte First United Methodist Church are holding their 10th Annual **Arts & Crafts Show**

on Saturday, **Sept. 28** 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 "Love God, Lose Weight." All are welcome. Wednesdays at 11 am at church. Please contact Lana Fenstermaker for more info.



Spotlight On Our Youth Group

Nine years ago in 2015, Laurel Noll and Tearsa Schable began assisting Kathy and Brad Hindsley with numerous youth activities. Eventually, Kathy and then Brad turned over their leadership of the group, and Tearsa & Laurel took the reins.

The Door Village Youth Group has been on mission trips to Washington, D.C. in 2016, Niagara Falls in 2018, and then two trips to Belize with First Church of God in 2022 and 2023. Our youth have also volunteered with the following list of projects (and more):

- Fair Project - short order line for several years
- Coulter's Pumpkin Fest – NewDay corn maze and food building
- Rock the Block - backpack project
- Blessing Bags for Chicago's homeless
- Shopping/wrapping gifts for Christmas families
- Easter Sunrise worship service presentations
- VBS helpers
- Prestin's Run and Tour de La Porte helpers
- Church dinner helpers
- NewDay Foundation fundraiser workers
- Fellowship & spiritual growth events - Bible Study, Lock-Ins, Bowling Parties, Skating, Mini-Golf, Bonfires, Pool Parties, etc.

Thank you to our Youth Group and their leaders for your mission work within our church, our community, our country, and the world.

George Morley, Lay Leader



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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 Cole Antrim
9/07 Laurel Noll	9/17 Michelle Lancaster	9/24 Todd Hindsley
9/09 Myrna Harder	9/19 Darrell Kaiser	9/25 Dennis Fischer
9/12 Kurt Coulter	9/19 Karen Lindeman	9/28 Robert Koselke
		9/29 Bob Willfong

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