



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 2025  
NEWSLETTER



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I thought I might share with you a song this Independence Day weekend. It is one that has stirred my heart from the first time I heard it last year. The song is "The Jesus Way" by Phil Wickham. In this song, I find the very best teaching of Jesus. I don't know if you noticed, but as the kids collect our Missions offering before the children's sermon, we have been singing songs not always found in our hymnal. Some are hymns, some are kid's songs, and the song for the month of July will be "The Jesus Way". We will sing it, we will learn it together, and I pray that we will come to love it together.

In July, we celebrate the time in our nation's history that the 13 original colonies broke free from the tyranny of colonial rule and declared "Independence" from England. I want us to consider declaring independence from the tyranny of sin. Independence from the way the world lives. I want us to choose "The Jesus Way."

In July, we will prepare for our United Women in Faith Rummage Sale. Please donate your quality items so that the UWF can fund their mission work. Declare independence from claustrophobic clutter in our lives. We accumulate too much stuff for ourselves and neglect to think of others.

We can also declare independence from overeating and pampering ourselves. Our "Healthy Eating Group" meets at 11 am Wednesdays and is helping me with this particular stronghold in my life. Maybe by buying less for ourselves and donating more to help feed those who are struggling to put food on their tables, we can be truly

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independent of overindulgence. Through food donations collected at church, families are fed.

And, finally, declare independence from the way the world lives. Joshua 24:15 says it best. "Choose *this day whom you will serve.*" Let "The Jesus Way" become your way – the way you choose to live your life for Christ.

You may listen to the song by following the link below. The words are included for you to follow along.

Please come to church and learn the song by singing the song together with those who follow Jesus. And then let's live together as followers of "The Jesus Way."

Grace and Peace <><

Pastor Sam Polito

*Click on this picture to play the song:*



**The Jesus Way  
by Phil Wickham**

If you curse me, then I will bless you  
If you hurt me, I will forgive  
And if you hate me, then I will love you  
I choose the Jesus way

If you're helpless, I will defend you  
And if you're burdened, I'll share the weight  
And if you're hopeless, then let me show you  
There's hope in the Jesus way

I follow Jesus  
I follow Jesus  
He wore my sin, I'll gladly wear His name  
He is the treasure  
He is the answer  
Oh, I choose the Jesus way

If you strike me, I will embrace you  
And if you chain me, I'll sing His praise  
And if you kill me, my home is heaven  
For I choose the Jesus way

I follow Jesus  
I follow Jesus  
He wore my sin, I'll gladly wear His name  
He is the treasure  
He is the answer  
Oh, I choose the Jesus way  
And I choose surrender  
I choose to love  
Oh, God my Savior, You'll always be enough  
I choose forgiveness  
I choose grace  
I choose to worship, no matter what I face  
I choose the Jesus way  
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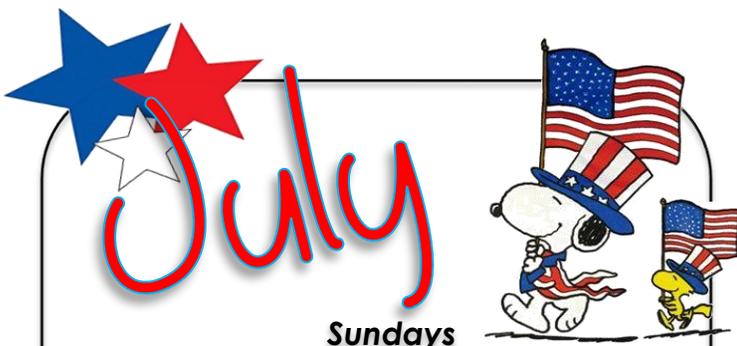
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### Prayer Requests

Bud F - health & strength  
 Fritz W - recuperating from eye surgery  
 Jim K - health & strength  
 Deb V - improved vision  
 Lucas - New Prairie injured baseball player  
 Lloyd - improved health  
 Hui C - healing and improved health  
 A friend with stage 4 cancer - comfort and peace  
 Beverly B - improved health  
 Lou Ann - recovery from car accident  
 Mike - cancer  
 Barbara R - Toni & Paul's sister-in-law - cancer  
 Dan B - cancer  
 Gill & Lynn F - Bud's relatives with health concerns  
 Joe P - cancer & shoulder pain  
 Bette P - doctoring for heart  
 Ann S - chemo  
 Debbie C - chemo  
 B & R's son - heart health  
 Bev W - strength  
 Jon D - cancer treatment  
 Fred - heart health  
 Phil & Linda's daught-in-law Kathleen - colon cancer  
 Spitzmesser's son-in-law Wes - restored health  
 Cheryl G - ongoing medical condition  
 Alaina - improved health  
 Stanley E - heart  
 Aunt Tina - prayers for healthy birth

Annie's sis-in-law Annette - recovering from stroke  
 Sheri - medical condition  
 Polly - lymphoma  
 Terry - health & strength  
 Connie's friends Bill and Diane - improved health  
 Karen R - health, strength & happiness  
 Joy - Neil W's sister in hospice  
 Kathy - Donna C's mother-in-law - healing & strength  
 Tom H - pain relief  
 Sheryl E - cancer treatment  
 Charlie C - stroke recovery  
 Lea Ann Heims - heart health  
 Richard M - improved health & strength  
 Hanna - Bonnie's great-grandniece - tumor on spine  
 Janet U - prayers to stay cancer-free & heart health  
 Wendy - health & strength  
 Wade - health & strength  
 John P - cancer  
 Mark - colon cancer  
 Willie - cancer  
 Elsie - health & strength  
 John - co-worker with cancer  
 Dory M - kidney health  
 George M - arthritis  
 Judy D - liver cancer  
 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  
 Suzanne - Pam S's daughter - ongoing spinal arthritis  
 Renetta - ongoing medical conditions  
 Brian T - ongoing medical condition  
 Chris K - ongoing medical condition  
 Cheryl K - ongoing medical condition  
 Beth L - 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!*



**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**

Healthier Eating Group 11 am  
Online Worship 6 pm

**Wednesday, July 2**

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

**Friday, July 4**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

**Saturday, July 5-Saturday, July 12**

La Porte County Fair

**Thursday, July 10**

Ad Board Meeting 7 pm

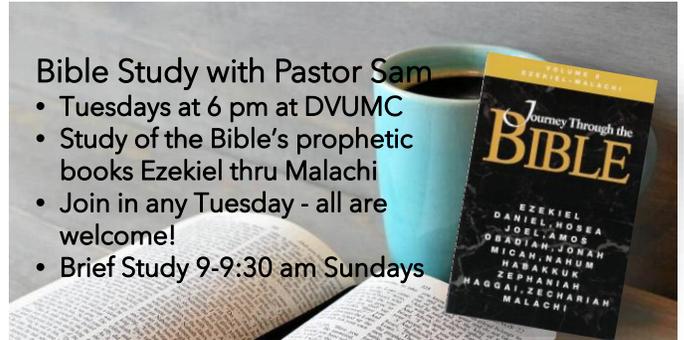
**Saturday, July 12**

Men's Breakfast 8 am

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

Bible Study with Pastor Sam

- Tuesdays at 6 pm at DVUMC
- Study of the Bible's prophetic books Ezekiel thru Malachi
- Join in any Tuesday - all are welcome!
- Brief Study 9-9:30 am Sundays



**Life is Sweet with Jesus**

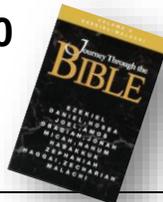
- 2025 LP County Fair Vacation Bible School
- Monday thru Thursday, July 7 thru 10
- FREE - 9 to noon each day (arrive by 8:45)
- Any child ages K thru starting 5th grade
- Includes VBS t-shirt, crafts, snack, lunch, surprises, and admission to the fair.
- Children and accompanying persons must be pre-registered, park in the main parking lot, and meet at the main gate entrance no later than 8:45 each morning. This is the link for the required registration:

<https://bethanylaporte.breezechms.com/for/dcaa0210116842>



**Sundays in the Parlor with Pastor Sam from 9 to 9:30**

**Journey Through the Bible - A quick study of the prophetic books Ezekiel thru Malachi**



If you would like to begin receiving our monthly church newsletter, please let us

know in the church office. We only mail it to those who request a printed/mailed copy, and we would be glad to add you to our mailing list. Our newsletter is also available by e-mail which saves us printing and postage costs. Please let us know your preference. It is also available on our website and through a link on our Facebook page.



**July 2, 2025**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
8 am  
Christo's  
Hwy 2 West  
La Porte



**MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP**  
July 12 at 8 am  
in Fellowship Hall

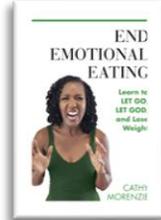


**Monday  
Bible Study at  
Oak Woods Manor**  
1211 Longwood Dr  
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

**Mondays at 10 am**  
Public Welcome



**Our Healthier Eating group at DVUMC is studying the book “End Emotional Eating” by Cathy Morenzie. All are welcome. The group meets Wednesdays at 11 am. Please contact Lana Fenstermaker for more info.**



**Elsie Spurr**  
will be **100** on July 2, 2025!  
Let's shower her with birthday cards.  
**Miller's Merry Manor**  
**Elsie Spurr, Room 212**  
**3530 Monroe Street**  
**La Porte, IN 46350**

## United Women in Faith

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wed, July 9**

**1 pm at the church**

**Program: Penny F • Snack: Jan M**



United  
Women  
in Faith

### United Women in Faith

We invite any woman who seeks the fellowship of other Christian women who work together to support people in need, to lift each other up in prayer, and to grow spiritually to join us! Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 pm at the church. We would love to facilitate an evening group for those who can't attend during the day. Talk to Carolyn Eyrick at 219-363-2818.

Our next meeting will be on July 9. We will have a guest speaker from Giggles Boutique, a Foster Closet and Community Closet serving families in the La Porte area. We plan to bring hygiene items to the meeting to donate to Giggles. Please consider donating toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant or other hygiene products, diapers, or formula in the basket designated inside the church entrance before our July 9 meeting. We will be making a financial contribution to Giggles as well.

Our Rummage Sale, supporting our mission efforts, will be on August 1 and 2. We request that donated items be placed in the Youth Room downstairs by July 20 to allow us sufficient time for setup. We could use hangers and plastic grocery bags. Please watch for a sign-up sheet to donate hot dog stand supplies and baked goods as well.

We appreciate the amazing support of our church family in our mission efforts!

### 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



**Our UWF is accepting donations of good quality, clean items for the garage sale planned for Aug 1 and 2. Bring items on Sunday mornings, during office hours Mon-Thurs from 7 to noon, or call Pastor Sam to arrange other hours. Please place items in youth room.**



### Missions Donation

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Door Village UMC, our Missions committee was able to donate over \$1,000 worth of food to the Salvation Army food pantry. Pastor Sam, Donna Council, Cindy & Dennis Fischer, and Jackie Wirebaugh ordered the load of food and delivered it June 18 to help fill the shelves and feed those in need this summer. You may also share excess garden produce with the food pantry during the month of July.



**How to contact Pastor Sam:**  
 Mobile: 812-380-1589 text or call  
 Office: 219-362-3812  
 Email: pastor@doorvillage@hotmail.com  
 Find Sam Polito on Facebook!

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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



7/01 Jessica Noll	7/09 Amelia Bernacchi	7/19 Madeline Martin
7/02 Cleo Antrim	7/10 Dan Bernacchi	7/20 Jill Fox
7/02 Cheryl Good	7/11 Trevor Eggert	7/20 Mike Spurr
7/02 Elsie Spurr (100!)	7/13 Sharon Barnes	7/21 George Morley
7/04 Sue Kaiser	7/13 Melodee Busfield	7/23 Mike Kessler
7/05 Ron Butcher	7/13 Wesley Kaiser	7/25 Lana Fenstermaker
7/06 Mike Martin	7/15 Marcia Spitzmesser	7/25 Violet Pointon
7/06 Scarlet Pointon	7/16 Rocco Bernacchi	7/28 Erica Plotner
7/06 Sophia Pointon	7/16 Nick Hindsley	7/29 Steve Clougher
	7/19 Toni Lux	7/31 Heather Kolver



7/09 Evan & Michelle Lancaster
7/09 Ben & Gabby Pointon
7/12 Andrew Curtis & Hui Chong
7/27 Matt & Shelly Fischer
7/28 Blake & Mandy Hindsley
7/31 Jacob & Molly Pointon

