



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



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June 8, 2025, is Pentecost Sunday. In honor of Pentecost, I ask everyone to wear something red that Sunday morning. We will adorn the sanctuary with candles representing the tongues of fire that rested on the disciples that first Pentecost. In Acts Chapter 2, we read of a mighty rushing wind and cloven tongues of fire.

***<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.***  
~ Acts 2:1-4

In honor of Pentecost season, beginning June 4, 2025, I will present a study of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday evenings. This new study will take us through the end of August. The study begins with the first mention of the Holy Spirit in scripture in the Book of Genesis where the Spirit moved over the face of the waters. God breathed the Spirit of life into Adam. And human life began, all by the power of the Spirit.

The work of the Holy Spirit continued in the Old Testament through the Spirit of the Lord speaking through the prophets of old. Samson was given strength by the Spirit of God. David was led by the Spirit. And so on. Then we will move on to the New Testament. It is rich with Holy Spirit activity. The Holy Spirit is God as named in the Trinity of God: Father-Son-Spirit. On Wednesday evenings we will discuss the symbols of the Holy Spirit. Flame, water, and even the dove that descended at the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist.

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We will work our way through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, and anointing of the Holy Spirit. You won't want to miss a single lesson. Wednesday evening services are only available online and are broadcast at 6 pm. The good news is the service is then archived for later viewing as well. So, if you miss one or can't watch on Wednesday evening, just go to [DoorVillageChurch.org](http://DoorVillageChurch.org) or our [Door Village United Methodist Church Facebook page](#) to catch up.

***49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high. ~ Luke 24:49***

The Holy Spirit will remind us of all that Jesus says in the bible. Words to live by and words to study so that we may learn more about God, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do what Jesus said to do. Yes, the Holy Spirit is called the Advocate in the book of John:

***But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.***

***~ John 14:26***

One last encouragement before we finish. Pray... Pray in the Spirit. Pray to God, the Holy Spirit. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for others. Ask for boldness to share Christ. Be led by the Spirit.

Make a decision this month to study the Holy Spirit in scripture with me. Many, many scriptures tell us that the Holy Spirit is with us. Commit to viewing each meditation weekly. You may even want to invite someone to join you. I am eager to study, teach, and share about God, the Holy Spirit, this Pentecost Season. Thank you in advance for joining me each Wednesday evening this Summer.

Grace and Peace <><

*Pastor Sam Polito*



## Prayer Requests

Lucas - New Prairie injured baseball player still in ICU after accident - he and his family need our prayers

Lloyd - improved health

Hui C - healing and improved health

Deb V - improved vision

Dan - a friend in hospice with fast-spreading cancer

A friend with stage 4 cancer - comfort and peace

Fritz W - eye condition needing surgery

Beverly B - improved health

Lou Ann - recovery from car accident

Sandy - Bonnie's sister - heart

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

Diane P - chronic weakness and blood concerns

Jerry H - respiratory struggle, pneumonia, bronchitis

Bette P - doctoring for heart

Marcia J - heart rhythm

Sally - Jan M's friend recuperating from knee replacement

Ann S - chemo

Debbie C - chemo

B & R's son - heart health

Bev W - healing from injuries sustained 2/24/25

Julie R - healing broken bones after a serious fall

Jackie's cousin Julie - blood clots & surgery recovery

Jon D - cancer treatment

Pat D - healing and mobility after hip surgery

Fred - heart health

Suzanne - Pam S's daughter - ongoing medical condition - auto-immune AS (spinal arthritis)

Phil & Linda's d-in-law Kathleen - colon cancer

Spitzmesser's son-in-law Wes - restored health

Kevin - Joni C's son - foot infection and circulation

Cheryl G - ongoing medical condition

Alaina - improved health

Stanley E - heart

Netzer's granddaughter - ovarian cyst

Aunt Tina - prayers for healthy pregnancy and birth

Marlene K - health and strength

Rick K - mission travels

Annie's sis-in-law Annette - health & strength

Lynn - recovering from back surgery

Julie - improved breathing

Sheri - medical condition

Polly - lymphoma

Terry - health & strength

Connie's friends Bill and Diane - improved health

Beverly's friend Carolyn - improved health

Karen R - health, strength & happiness

Alex - 96+-yr-old friend - health & strength

Joy - Neil W's sister in hospice

Kathy - Donna C's mother-in-law - healing & strength

Tom & Beverly H - pain relief, improved strength

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

Kate M - friend of Diane P

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

Renetta - ongoing medical conditions

Brian T - ongoing medical condition

Chris K - ongoing medical condition

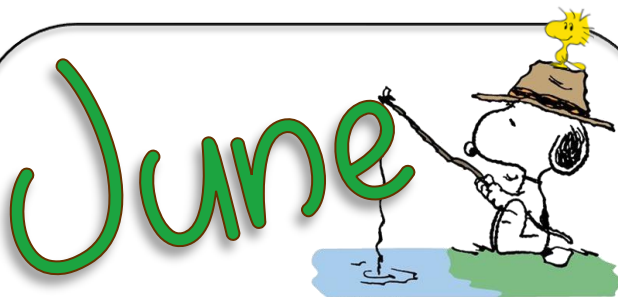
Cheryl K - ongoing medical condition

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!*



### 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

Online Worship 6 pm  
Choir Practice 6:30 pm resumes Sept

### Sunday, June 1

Education Sunday and Potluck

### Wednesday, June 4

Senior Breakfast at Christos 8 am

### June 4-June 7

Indiana UMC Annual Conference

### Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Wear Red

### Wednesday, June 11

UWF in the parlor 1 pm

### Flag Day - Saturday, June 14

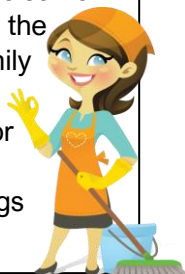
Men's Breakfast 8 am

### Sunday, June 15

Father's Day

## NEW CUSTODIAN NEEDED

Our wonderful, hard-working custodial staff, Cindy and Alaina, will be stepping down in August to pursue other interests - retirement and higher education! That means the church will be looking to hire someone by June or July, which allows some overlap for on-the-job training. If anyone in the congregation is interested (or knows a family member or friend who might be), please contact Pastor Sam or Connie Clougher for more information. We will miss Cindy and Alaina but wish them many, many blessings in their new ventures! ~ DVUMC SPRC



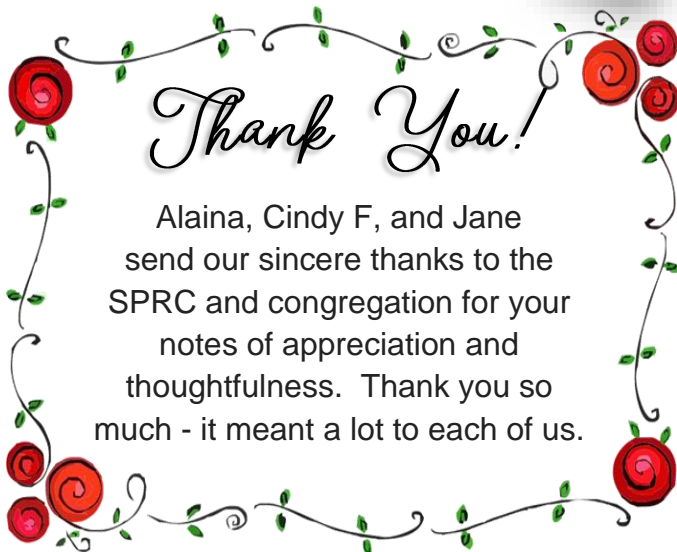
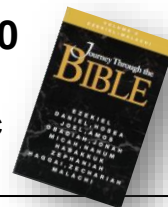
OFFICE  
HOURS

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



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



Alaina, Cindy F, and Jane  
send our sincere thanks to the  
SPRC and congregation for your  
notes of appreciation and  
thoughtfulness. Thank you so  
much - it meant a lot to each of us.

## GRADUATES

Education Sunday is  
June 1, and we will honor  
our graduating students  
during the worship service.

Afterwards, we will join together in  
fellowship with a church family potluck for  
everyone in Fellowship Hall. Please plan to  
stay for lunch and bring a dish to share.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Wes Lancaster

Liberty White

High School

Conner Chapple

Alaina Jeffers

CC Langford

College

Ella Schable





## June 1 after worship

Let's get together for lunch! Please bring a dish to share and we'll enjoy a lot of GOOD FOOD and fellowship.



## Senior Breakfast



**June 4, 2025**

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



## Monday Bible Study at Oak Woods Manor

1211 Longwood Dr  
(Hwy 39 South) La Porte

Mondays at 10 am  
Public Welcome



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.

## June 14th is FLAG DAY!



Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress.

SUNDAY  
MORNINGS!

AGE 4 THRU  
4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

DURING  
WORSHIP

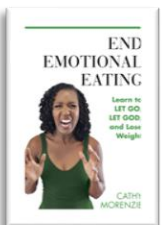
Children's  
Church

## JUNE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

June Leader: Carla

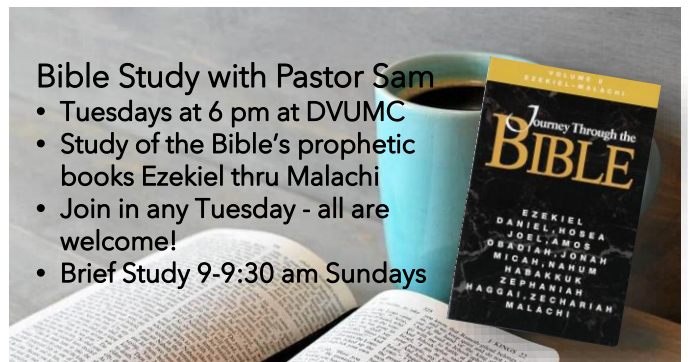
June 1 - The Two Houses  
June 8 - The Sower  
June 15 - The Good Samaritan  
June 22 - The Lost Sheep  
June 29 - The Forgiving Father

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



## 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



## 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



## MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

June 14 at 8 am  
in Fellowship Hall

## United Women in Faith

### NEXT MEETING:

Wed, June 11

1 pm in the parlor



United  
Women  
in Faith

Program: Jackie Snacks: Penny

## Choir 2024-2025



### Sopranos

Cindy Fischer	26 yrs
Cheryl Killingbeck	13 yrs
Toni Lux	4 yrs
Annie MacDonald	2 yrs
Jan Martin	7 yrs
Dory Morley	41 yrs
Nancy Weaver	7 yrs



### Altos

Marlette Bernacchi	26 yrs
Joyce Gillock	3 yrs
Kathy Hindsley	23 yrs
Marcia Spitzmesser	16 yrs



### Tenors

Lance Hindsley	26 yrs
George Morley	41 yrs

### Basses

Garry Bowers	3 yrs
Steve Eyrick	25 yrs
John Langford	24 yrs
Paul Lux	4 yrs
Mitch Marhanka	46 yrs
Pastor Sam Polito	4 yrs
Bruce Wittgren	6 yrs



Have a change of address, phone number, or email in the last couple of years? Please let us know in the church office so we can keep our photo directory app and our computer records up to date. Thank you!

## Choir Report 2024-2025

Another choir season has passed all too quickly. Although our winter was not terribly severe this year, it seems every time snow or a storm threatened it was on a Wednesday. Respiratory ailments and flu seemed to be heavier this year as well. As usual, our intrepid members met the challenge of cancelled rehearsals with a positive attitude and determination. Despite missing a half dozen rehearsals this year, we continued to sing on Sundays. We even learned some brand new anthems this year!

I can't express enough how important the camaraderie and fellowship of this group is to myself and I think all our members. Like everyone, there are days when I'm distracted or worn out by life and didn't really feel like being at choir practice. I never left a practice feeling that way. I enjoy working with everyone but also really enjoy talking and visiting with them more. They are warm and open and happy to share. We are blessed to have so many people willing to share their time and talent with us.

Thank you to Pastor Sam for being supportive of choir and suggesting ways that we can help with worship services.

Thank you to Mike Gillock and Carolyn Eyrick for playing for services when asked. We are very fortunate to have such talented people willing to pitch in. I know I am very thankful they are here.

I wish everyone a pleasant summer break and look forward to getting together again this fall to start another great choir season. I'm sure it will be here in a flash.

~ Mitch Marhanka, Director



## BRING THEM IN!

- **Cancelled Stamps** - UWF -

All you need to do is carefully rip the cancelled stamp from the envelope and trim with scissors leaving 1/4" all around. Drop off your stamps in the basket on the greeter's table. Your cancelled stamps are prepared for purchase and the proceeds are used to support preparation, publication, and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools in Latin America, Spain and the United States.

- **Eyeglasses** - DV Lions - There is a wood box at the greeter's table for these. Used eyeglasses are distributed to people needing vision correction in other countries.



- **Novels & Children's Books** - DV Little Library Box - Bring adult and children's books to the greeter's table. They will be placed in the Little Library Box over at the park.

- **Coins, Cash, & Aluminum Tabs** - for mission projects.



## Fellowship & Refreshments

Thank you to those who provide refreshments in the parlor after worship.

Please sign up on the greeter's table if you'd like to host a future Sunday fellowship time.



## 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 Russ McCoy at 219-324-8602.



Upper Room daily devotional booklets are available in the rack above the west entry stair rail and on the usher's table.



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.



If you have a prayer concern, if you are hospitalized and would like our prayers or to be visited, or if you would like to become a new member of the prayer chain, please call or text Pastor (812-380-1589) or notify the church office.



## Salvation Army Food Pantry Suggested items for June:

Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Cereal

*Please note that during July, we will not be asking for pantry donations but you are welcome to share garden excess with the Salvation Army food pantry.*





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6/01 Marvin Hurt	6/11 Jeremy Fenstermaker	6/21 Marilyn Wallace
6/02 Mia Kaiser	6/12 Jacob Kiser	6/23 Marie Wiltfong
6/03 Carly Troy	6/12 Dustyn Starkey	6/24 Floral Antrim
6/04 Gayle Curtis	6/13 Cheryl Killingbeck	6/25 Hui Chong
6/07 Bill Applegarth	6/14 Eric Fenstermaker	6/25 Hunter Westphal
6/08 Jenny Noll	6/14 Gene Flickinger	6/27 Emma Frias-Pen
6/08 Mike Schuster	6/18 Janice Baumer	6/27 Alex Pointon
6/10 Marco Bernacchi	6/19 Kit Lowery	6/27 Ben Pointon
6/10 Kevin Kiser	6/20 Charlotte Hurt	



6/01	Ron & Deb Veatch
6/07	Larry & Gayle Curtis
6/07	Donn & Bev Kelter
6/11	Fred & Pam Struebing
6/13	Gene & Maureen Flickinger
6/17	Gary & Jacki Wirebaugh
6/19	Jim & Lois Timmons
6/25	Connie & Steve Clougher
6/25	Paul & Toni Lux
6/25	Sam & Cindy Polito
6/28	George & Dory Morley