

The Parish Visitor

April 2020



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Dear friends,

A while back I was talking to another guitar player who asked me what kind of guitar I played. I told him I'd had an Epiphone for many years but what I really wanted was a Martin. He nodded approvingly. Martin guitars are highly regarded by acoustic guitar players because of their mellow tone and the fine craftsmanship by which they are built. The Martin Guitar Company does not make mediocre instruments, and they are not inexpensive. "So," my friend asked, "why don't you have a Martin guitar?" "Because," I said, "I don't feel like I'm a good enough musician to deserve one."

Well, friends, I am happy to tell you that I am now the proud owner of a Martin guitar. It seems my wife had somehow heard about what I had said and she bought me one for my birthday. I still do not think I am worthy of such an instrument -- but Patti does. That's good enough for me. Apparently she sees something in me that I can't see. Maybe if I practice some more I'll begin to see it, too. Maybe her unconditional love will bring out the best in me. Indeed, it already has.

In our Lenten observance of self-examination and repentance perhaps we have come to the conclusion that in light of our sinfulness we are not worthy of the calling to be Christ's disciples and that none of us deserves to be called his brother or sister. But, now, friends, we look forward to Easter with great joy because we are convinced that being worthy has nothing to do with anything and that there is nothing we can do to make God love us any more than God already does and that there is nothing we can do to cause God to love less. We are loved unconditionally by our Lord who sees something in us that we cannot see. It is such a love that will bring out the best in us. We may not believe that we are worthy -- but God does. That should be good enough for us. He is risen, indeed!

Happy Easter,

Dan

SPECIAL DATES:

- April 5 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- April 5 Palm Sunday
- April 5 Chancel Choir Cantata 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM
- April 5 Methodist Men Sponsored Omelet Brunch 8-10AM and 11:30AM-1PM
- April 9 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- April 12 Easter Sunday
- April 14 Loving Hands Food Prep 1:30PM
- April 19 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- April 19 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- April 19 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- April 19 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- April 19 Council Meeting 7:30PM
- April 19 General Conference Briefing 6PM
- April 20 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- April 23 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- April 22 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- April 23 Women's Bible Study 6PM
- April 27 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- April 28 Loving Hands Food Prep 6:30PM

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Hug Your Mug

We do a lot of ministry at Aledo UMC! We provide easy and efficient ways to do that in the kitchen and café by offering disposable cups, plates and silverware. And yet, God has asked us to be good stewards to this planet. I propose that we continue offering these items for our guests and those who want to use them. I am also proposing that those of us who would like to make a smaller carbon footprint to bring a coffee thermos or just a coffee mug to church. Make sure you take it home with you after church and wash it and bring it back next Sunday! If only 20 people did that every Sunday, we would save about a 1000 cups and lids from ending up in the landfill. That is quite a difference. **Hug Your Mug** means to keep it close to you! Bring it with you to worship and Bible Study and don't *forget* to take it home to wash and reuse!

CONNECTION COINS FOR APRIL



The Connection Coins (the “thinly-veiled Pringles cans”!) are doing great things in the life of the Aledo UMC! On the 2nd Sunday of each month, during the Children’s Moment, the ushers pass around those cans. You are encouraged to drop your change in- although we WILL accept “folding money”! And that change goes toward helping fund a ministry within the church.

This month (April 12th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry, the Fellowship Café. One of the fastest growing and most-used ministries on Sunday mornings, the Fellowship Café offers a place for people to get some gourmet coffee and a bite to eat while they share in some powerful fellowship. As our Sunday morning attendance grows, so does the number of people reached by the Café. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 12th of April will be used to help fund this valuable Ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So, remember to bring your change on Sunday, April 12th.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN APRIL

Did you know that April Is Autism Awareness Month? It's also Mathematics Education Month, but did you know it's Keep America Beautiful Month? What about Guitar Month? Frog Month? Humor Month? Here are the special days April has to offer: April 1st- Kindergarten Day, April 2nd- Pickles Day, April 3rd- Pet the Dog Day, April 4th- Draw a Picture of a Bird Day, April 5th- Old Horseshoes Day, April 6th- Pizzaburger Day, April 7th- No Housework Day, April 8th- Pudding Day, April 9th- Yo-Yo Day, April 10th- Encourage a Young Writer Day, April 11th- Jackie Robinson Day, April 12th- Big Wind Day, April 13th- Plastic Grass Day, April 14th- Look up at the Sky Day, April 15th- Titanic Remembrance Day, April 16th- Spring Flowers Day, April 17th- Blah, Blah, Blah Day, April 18th- Pet Owner's Day, April 19th- Humorous Day, April 20th- Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Day, April 21st- Easter Sunday, April 22nd- Earth Day, April 23rd- Sing Out Day, April 24th- Pigs-in-a-Blanket Day, April 25th- Telephone Day, April 26th- Administrative Professional's Day, April 27th- Tell a Story Day, April 28th- Hug a Friend Day, April 29th- Zipper Day, and April 30th- Honesty Day!

Our new Pastor at AUMC, Rev. Dr. Steve Pichaske



I was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois. I was a committed worship attendee but did not experience my personal conversion until my freshman year at the US Naval Academy. For the first time in my life I felt very alone and unconfident in my ability to “handle things on my own.” In October of that year, I was walking near Baltimore Harbor when I heard Jesus whisper, “You’ve not alone. You’ve never been alone. I’ve always been here with you. Let me be your Savior and I’ll become your best friend.” God began working on my heart that day (justifying and sanctifying grace setting in at once!), and I soon felt a call to ministry. After 7 years on active duty in the US Navy, I answered that call and enrolled at Duke University’s Divinity School (enjoying a basketball national championship while I was there).

From seminary, I moved back to Peoria to serve within the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. I have served as an associate pastor at FUMC Peoria, the lead/solo pastor in Rushville, and just passed the six-year anniversary of my time serving Prospect UMC in Dunlap (North Peoria).

I certainly enjoy passionate worship, spirit-filled preaching and teaching. I also find Aledo’s clear emphasis on children, youth and prayer ministries extremely exciting!

I am an avid tennis player (and coach) and golfer. A few years ago, I hung up my basketball shoes and softball cleats, but I still know what box they’re in.

Beth

Beth and Steve met while Beth was a student at Augustana College (rooming with one of Steve’s high school friends). We will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary this summer!

Beth is an educator by trade. She taught at Dunlap High School for three years following our most recent move, but answered the call to serve Peoria’s inner-city students in 2017. She served as an elementary school English-as-a-Second-Language teacher for two years and is now teaching 2nd grade.

Megan

Our oldest daughter, Megan, graduated from Olivet Nazarene University last May. After graduation, she accepted a nursing position at Vident Medical Center in Greenville, NC where she serves in their oncology department.

Matthew (Matt)

Matt is a sophomore at Olivet Nazarene University. He has a passion for sports, especially Illinois basketball & football and the St. Louis Cardinals. (He is the black sheep in our family on that last one!) Matt is a Public Relations major who would love to find a way to use his degree in a sports-related career. Matt played baseball and golf in high school, and continues to play intramural sports (especially basketball) in college. He is also likely to be looking for a summer job after we move! J

Addison

Addison is a high school sophomore (so she will be preparing for her junior year after we move). She has been active in tumbling, tennis and a variety of clubs while in high school. She has an interest in photography. Addison is also our most avid coffee drinker!

Alexandra (Alex)

Alex is in 8th grade, so our days with a middle school student are almost behind us. Alex has gotten very serious about dance, participating on both competitive school teams and a local dance studio. Alex also enjoys tennis, but dad keeps trying to win her over to golf, too. She has been playing violin for the past several years in her middle school orchestra.



WORSHIP TECH OPPORTUNITIES

AS we prepare to expand our Sunday morning worship opportunities, the need for “worship tech” also increases. Do you like electronics? Then your church needs YOU! We need people to help operate the sound system and computer during Sunday morning worship services. What do you need in order to run these things? The list is LONG- a willingness to serve, and...that would be about it! The systems, designed specifically for churches, are quite simple to operate. (Don’t let all the knobs and switches intimidate you!) The great part about this ministry is that it happens during worship, when you’re in church anyway! Do you feel God calling you to step up and help? Talk to Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney.

Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Event

Depending on the Coronavirus Pandemic crisis, our Church’s annual Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend event is scheduled for Monday, May 11th at 6:30 pm. This is always a wonderful event and the meal will be catered by our very own “Aledo United Methodist Men”. Tickets for the event will be \$10/Adults, \$5/Children (ages 4 – 10), and free for ages 0 - 3. Children can select either ½ of an adult meal or a hot dog meal with their child’s ticket. Dessert is served with all meals. The meal choices will be pork loin or lemon-herb chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, tossed salad, drink and dessert. After dinner, there will be entertainment and door prizes.

This promises to be a relaxing, entertaining evening, which will honor our Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, and Friends. Tickets are available from Mary Flint, Molly Joseph, or the Church office. Tickets must be purchased no later than Tuesday, May 5th. We need to know a definite count on Tuesday, so that the correct amount of food may be ordered.

**Come and “check out” our Church Library
in the Fellowship Café
area and see what is new!**



C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON

The C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) is a group that is open to both mature men and women who often find themselves eating alone. This includes, but isn’t limited to, anyone who has lost their spouse, been divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. Once a month, at 11:45AM, the Caring Hearts ministry provides a luncheon for CIA.

The next CIA Luncheon will be held on April 19th. Invite someone who fits the criteria, and join them for lunch You DO NOT need to fit the criteria to invite someone and join them!



NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

“The Beatitudes” Bible Study

WHAT: Mike Millar’s current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: *The Beatitudes* reveal to us 8 qualities that bring God’s blessings: meekness and mercy, poorness in spirit and purity of heart, mourning and hunger. Peacemaking and persecution. Join us!

WHAT ELSE: Books are \$8.



Beloved Disciple: “The Life and Ministry of John” by Beth Moore

WHAT: Next Wednesday morning MEN’S Bible Study with Gary Heard

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM (Coffee, breakfast pizza AND donuts EVERY week!)

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: John's legacy was love. Perhaps like no other disciple, John understood that relationship is the point. Every command of Christ and call to obedience is to enhance relationship and place the recipient in a posture the Giver can bless.

WHAT ELSE: Books are \$16



“Unafraid- Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times” by Adam Hamilton

WHAT: Current Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Tim Hay

WHEN: Wednesdays at 6PM.

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions.

WHAT ELSE: The books are free!

Practice Good Hygiene, Especially During this Time of Corona Virus Awareness

Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds often during the day

Don’t touch your face, eyes, or nose

Sanitize hard surfaces that are routinely touched often

Maintain of social distance 3 to 6 feet apart

Stay home if you are sick

Check on friends and neighbors

Stay connected while apart through telephone calls, email, snail mail, social media.

Use good judgement about being around the public

Corona Virus Assistance is Available for Our Church Members

During this changing time of COVID-19 “social distancing” we have all been doing our best to make sure we have the necessities and our families are taken care of. But members of our church family may spend many hours alone, due to cancellations, closings and shut-downs of what we think of as normal activities in our lives. Some of our much loved AUMC members may be at the highest risk for the effects of the COVID-19 virus and cannot, or should not, be going out among the public to purchase groceries, medications or other important necessities.

We have organized a group of fellow church members who are willing to assist when needed to provide these services. If you need someone to do grocery shopping, pick up a medication, or anything else that is within our capacity, call the Church Office at 309-582-2169, Bryce Benson at 309-738-2105 or Ruth Dulaney at 309-738-6151. Assistance will be arranged for you. (If you would like to join the group of members who are volunteering to assist others, please call any of the above listed phone numbers to be added to the assistance volunteers during this time of need.)

Caring Hearts and Loving Hands food groups continue to regularly prepare food, so if you need food our freezer is always available to you.

It is important during this time of “social distancing” that we do not forget what our Community stands for. Even though we may need to distance ourselves physically, we do not need to distance ourselves spiritually.

God Bless,

Bryce Benson



CALL-EM-ALL UPDATE

Call-Em-All now has a way for you to get those messages that only come through partially. It is called Message Replay. If you call the number 844-358-1565, they will play for you the last message sent to your phone number. Be sure to call from the phone that received the original message, and call soon, as you will get only the last message sent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SOON WE WILL BE BACK TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE! DON'T MISS THESE GREAT STUDIES!

Sunday School is a great place to start your learning week! Sunday School is held from 9:15 am – 10:00 am and includes the following groups:

Grades K-1-2	NEW STUDY: The Beginner's Bible – Timeless Children's Stories
Grades 3-6	The Bible in a Year
Grades 7-8	NEW STUDY: Wild Grace (Max Lucado)
Grades 9-12	NEW STUDY: Wild Grace (Max Lucado)

Join us Sunday mornings!

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

04/03/1982– Robert & Rebecca Maynard
 04/03/2009– Paul & Cara Svoboda
 04/08/2017– Rick & Jean Hunt
 04/18/1980- Dale & Cheri Bloomfield
 04/25/1976– Stanley & Paula Nelson
 04/29/2002– Bryce & Jackie Benson

UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

04/03– Ann Sedam
 04/10– Eileen Hyett
 04/11– Liz Zimmerman
 04/28– Mary Anderson



The deadline for the next
Parish Visitor is

Wednesday, April 22nd @ 8am.

Please have all articles submitted
by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Mike Abel
 Betty Allan
 Alicia/cancer
 Amelia/breast cancer
 Pete & Karen Ashton/health
 Kara B/health
 Jerry Baker
 Phyllis Batson
 Bishop Beard/eyesight
 Linda Beguelin family
 Genniene Billiet/cancer
 Bob Bocox/cancer
 Carol Ann Boney
 Brenda Brandt
 Gary Brown/health
 Judy Bunell/health
 Julia Cirks/cancer
 Hurley Crossman/cancer
 Dick & Bev/Lange's friends
 Jimmy Dutton/kidney donor
 Lauren Eggen/cancer
 Ethel/Ruth's sister
 Evelyn/3yr old/cancer
 Rich & Sonjia Fell/health
 Carol Freeman/cancer
 CJ Friedel
 Gail/chemo & radiation

Gildea family/missionaries
 Rodney Glidden/cancer
 Gloria/cancer
 Bailey Greene and boys
 Pete Guyton/health
 Jim Hanson/cancer
 Rev Mark's family, friends,
& church family
 Pam Heath
 Martha Hillman
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer
 Jackson/CP
 Janet Jenson/cancer
 Terry Jones/cancer
 Bob Judge/heart
 John Karwath/cancer
 Verlee Kaufman
 Mary Kenney
 Everett Kerres/3 yrs/health
 Doug Kiddoo
 Roger & Carol Kiddoo
 Chad King/brain tumor
 Martha E King
 Tamia King/health
 Dan Kistler
 Pat Lafferty/heart
 Sandra Lanteau

Jo Lawson
 Jon Lee/cancer
 Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health
 Nadine Liby
 Lisa/cancer
 Donnie Louck
 Joann Love
 Eric Match/6yrs/leukemia
 Marcia/cancer
 Dana Murphy
 Freda Newswander family
 Jody Newton/cancer
 Joel Noe/health
 Bob Parker/health
 Maddie Perry/cancer
 Family of Mary Rillie
 Marty Ryan
 Dustin Schrock/health
 Lucas Smith/blood disorder
 Diana Spencer/health
 Pat Stevens/cancer
 Sydney/healing
 Kris Taylor family
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma
 Todd Greer/health
 Maria Unger/health
 Nena Visser/health

Phil Visser/hip replacement
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
 Marsha Whitman/cancer
 Brandy Young/cancer
 Dick Zimmerman/health
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
 Military & families
 All ill/in hospitals
 Our world leaders
 Our Church/congregation
 Those suffering from depression
 Marriages
 Coronavirus patients
 Our denomination/peace
 Students/no school



Mercer County Schools
 Administration, Teachers, Students
 and Staff
 National and Local Governmental
 Leaders

Youth & Children's Page

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS – CONFIRMATION POSTPONED

Due to the COVID 19 threat and subsequent church suspension of in-person worship and activities, Confirmation Sunday has been POSTPONED. Updates will be made as they are available and the new Confirmation Sunday date will be announced soon. Please keep confirmands Keeghan Benson, Hazel Dennison, Isaiah Earl, Jenna Latko, Violet Meskan, Alexis Taylor, Grayson Thomson and Mia Ward close in prayer as we all navigate through these uncertain times. We could not be more proud of this amazing and faithful Confirmation class! God is good, all the time!

AS SOON AS WE ARE BACK TO A REGULAR SCHEDULE, THE FORGE WILL PLAN THE DATE FOR SPRING PLANTING ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE EDUCATION WING. COME HELP US PLANT FLOWERS THAT WE CAN ENJOY ALL SPRING AND SUMMER!



Summer Camp

Summer camp registration is now open! Don't miss the opportunity to meet new people and learn new things as you experience the fun of summer camp and grow in Jesus Christ. Ask any of last summer's campers – they had a blast!

For more information and to check out the different camps, please visit these websites:

Illinois camps: <https://www.igrc.org/campsessions>

Iowa camps: <https://www.iaumc.org/camps>

THE FORGE

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” ---
Proverbs 27:17

Enter The Forge and burnish yourself into the living Christ! Burn away the old as you grow into the new at The Forge! That's right! You do not want to miss this exciting teen opportunity for fellowship on Sundays!

Schedule:

4 pm – 5:15 pm The Forge (grades 6-8)

5:15 pm – 6:15 pm Study Hour (a quiet place to study or get homework help)

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm The Forge (grades 9-12)

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THE NURSERY NEEDS YOU!

The nursery is in need of another adult staff member. This is a paid position (volunteers also accepted!). The nursery operates on Sunday mornings all year (scheduling allows you to still attend worship) and Wednesday evenings when school is in session. If you love little ones and want to help them grow in Christ in a safe and fun environment, the nursery is the place for you!

Please talk to Natalie Nelson, Nursery Director, or Kathleen Bashem, Youth and Children's Ministries Director, for more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP -TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

We hope to resume our Wednesday Night Fellowship schedule soon! Keep an eye on the church website and be ready for the call 'em all that brings the good news that we can meet again!

We continue our youth programming during Wednesday Night Fellowship with FUEL and Bible study. Join us Wednesdays and enjoy a meal with your church family, then attend one of the following groups:

Grades K-1	Indescribable – 100 Devotions About God and Science
Grades 2-3	Indescribable – 100 Devotions About God and Science
Grades 4-5-6	Indescribable – 100 Devotions About God and Science
Grades 7-8	C.S. Lewis – The Screwtape Letters
Grades 9-12	C.S. Lewis – The Screwtape Letters

Wednesday nights are fun and exciting!

KNIT, CROCHET, PRAY – NEW PROJECT FOCUS

Spring is here! Time to switch from scarves to a new project for Knit, Crochet, Pray.

When we get back to in-person worship services, we will concentrate on making baby blankets for the Mercer County Crisis Center. We are excited to begin this new project focus and help the smallest members of our community.

Do you want to learn how to knit or crochet? See Kathleen and arrange a time for a lesson or two! Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons or Sunday during the Study Hour (5:15 pm - 6:15 pm) are all available times to pick up needles or hook and begin! We can't wait to have you join us!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all knights!

Save the dates! Sunday – Wednesday, July 12-15, 2020 will be the dates for this summer's Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is **Knights of the North Castle**, a Quest for the King's Armor! Join one very special dragon on the quest for the King's armor!

We also need adult team leaders and adult/older youth team members to help us on our quest. Are you up to the challenge? Let Kathleen know and she'll find you a place at the Round Table!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP APRIL 2020 MEALS

- April 1st Sausage, cheese and egg bake, pastries, mixed fruit, juice & milk
 April 8th Ham and cheese sliders, chips, applesauce, brownies and ice cream
 April 15th No WNF if no school due to Easter break
 April 22nd Pizza Boats, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Fluff, Desserts
 April 29th **End of Season Potluck** – Pork chops, hot dogs & chips provided.

Please bring a dish to share with your church family!

If your last name begins with A – G, please bring a Vegetable Salad

If your last name begins with H – O, please bring a Fruit Salad

If your last name begins with P - Z, please bring a Dessert

This is, of course, subject to change as we receive information about the rules concerning the Covid-19 pandemic.



MINISTRY MINUTE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our Aledo United Methodist Women is a strong group who do much good in our church, community and state.

Future UMW happenings:

Bibles given to confirmands and graduates

Financial assistance given to church campers

AUMC Relay for Life pork chop sales at Mercer Market

Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Banquet Monday, May 11th

Rhubarb Fest Lunches Fri., June 5th & Sat., June 6th

A GIANT THANK YOU TO ALL OUR LADIES WHO SERVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU



MINISTRY MOMENT

CARING HEARTS

FOOD MINISTRY

Twice a month the Caring Hearts Food Prep Team meets in the kitchen to prepare casseroles, soup or cookies for our Caring Hearts Freezer. It is an hour or so of fellowship while preparing food for anyone who needs a meal or just a little “a bit of cheer”. It is a joy to work together to provide food for others. The team has made 650 casseroles and over 200 quarts of soup this past year.

The freezer is located in the basement by the elevator and is free to anyone who needs a good meal, no questions asked. Feel free to take a container or two to someone who is ill or would just like a friendly visit!

The Food Prep Team meets the 1st or 3rd Thursdays of the month –
Come help us be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Donations

If you need a way to give to the church other than mailing or dropping off your donation, please consider doing bill-pay. It can easily be arranged through your bank, and can be done online. There is no fee, so all the funds come to the church. We have suspended PayPal giving at this time.

Thank you for keeping our church functioning through this difficult time.

God IS good!
ALL the time.

CLOSINGS AT AUMC

As we all know, the Covid 19 Pandemic has changed life as we knew it at AUMC. All events except essential food preparation, such as Caring Hearts and Loving Hands, have been cancelled, and will resume when we get the okay from our government officials. Our Sunday Services will continue to be broadcast on our Facebook page, and on WRMJ the 4th and 5th (if needed) Sunday of the month. Please know that you can email Rev Dan at any time. His email is thewrights62@hotmail.com.



WRMJ RADIO BROADCAST

On the 4th Sunday of each month, and on any 5th Sundays, we broadcast our 10:30AM Worship Service live on WRMJ. Would you like to sponsor this? It costs \$70 to sponsor a Sunday broadcast, and is a wonderful way to get our Services out to the public and to those who cannot make it to church. If you are interested, let the office know at 582-2169. If you would like to sponsor in memory of a loved one, give us the information and we will acknowledge it in the bulletin and in the announcements.

**PRAYER WALK
THROUGH THE
CHURCH
EVERY
SUNDAY
MORNING
AT 7AM.**

Need a ride to church?

Contact Greg Cobert at 309-737-5621, or the office at 309-582-2169 to make arrangements to be picked up.



**WORSHIP
TIMES:
Sundays 8AM,
9:15AM,
10:30AM
Sunday School
9:15AM**

**Please listen and answer me, for I am overwhelmed by my troubles.
Psalm 55:2**

**Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles.
Psalm 119:50**

**For he will conceal me there when troubles come; he will hide me in his sanctuary. He will place me out of reach on a high rock.
Psalm 27:5**

Caring Hearts

Do you want to take some food to a friend who is ill or in need?

Our Caring Hearts freezer, located by the elevator doors in the basement, has a variety of soups, casseroles, fruit, and desserts.

A group of dedicated ladies prepare the delicious home-made food twice a month for anyone who is in need of cheer.

Please help yourself!

THE NURSERY

Have you ever wondered why churches need good, safe, well-staffed nursery programs? Well, wonder no more! The reason churches need strong nursery programs is that, for folks with young children, the nursery is often THE most important part of the church. If there is a good nursery, they can comfortably leave their kids in capable hands and attend a worship service. If, however, they find a nursery that is poorly or under-staffed with folks who seem unfriendly and stressed, they A. won't leave their kids, and B. won't come back! Your church truly believes that children are NOT simply the future of the church- they are very much an active, important part of its present!



...a fun place to play and learn!

FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,993.29)

Date	03/01/2020	03/08/2020	03/15/2020	03/22/2020
Attendance	349	212	168	NA
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$4,897.00	\$8,226.00	\$3,486.05	NA

