

# The Parish Visitor



## April 2019

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### INVITATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

by Rev. Mark

It's hard going someplace new, isn't it? You feel out of place. You aren't sure what to do. It seems that everybody else is "in the know" and you are...NOT! That is a staple of human nature AND the primary reason so many people aren't terribly willing to try new things- they don't like that feeling of "not belonging".

And if that is true ANYWHERE, it's true in a church. Even in the most welcoming of congregations (I'm looking at YOU, Aledo UMC!), visitors are pretty unwilling to muster the courage necessary to step into a new place and be vulnerable.

You might be thinking just now, "That's not really true, Pastor! We went to a church in Florida while we were on vacation. We didn't know anybody and we had NO problem just walking in and introducing ourselves!" First off- well done! But, you have to remember- you're "church people". You may not know THAT church, but you know CHURCH. And while we certainly welcome anybody who walks in our doors, we are especially reaching out to those people who aren't "church people"- we exist to CONNECT people to Jesus Christ!

So maybe you know someone who has been a "church person" but has drifted from church...for any number of reasons. (And frankly, the reason really shouldn't matter to anyone but them!) Maybe you look around on Sunday morning and realize that so-and-so used to sit near you and has "gotten out of the habit" of coming. Or maybe you know someone who has been saying for some time, "I really ought to go to church." Or maybe you know someone who is facing a major life change- death in the family, devastating diagnosis, new baby, wedding, divorce, whatever. (Statistics show that the majority of people who start going to church do so because of a major life change.)

Regardless of which of those types of folks you know (And it's probably all of them!), they are one invitation away from actually coming (back) to church. The odds of them coming on their own are fairly small. But the odds of them coming if YOU invite them increase dramatically.

Why should we invite people? If the goal is simply more "seats in the seats" and therefore more money in the plate, then we are missing the mark. But if the goal is what is stated on the wall in the sanctuary, the bulletin, the website- "We exist to connect people to Jesus Christ"- then the more the merrier!

Churches don't grow through snappy ad campaigns and TV commercials. They grow through one person inviting one person. That's where YOU come in. Invite people. Seek them out. Tell them about your church. Invite them to try us out. Tell them you'll meet them here. Better- offer to bring them. Sit with them. Introduce them. Show them around. Follow up.

If I do those things, they have a small impact. If we ALL do those things- there is no telling where God might lead us!

#### SPECIAL DATES:

- April 6 The Journey 8:30AM
- April 7 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- April 7 Confirmation Sunday
- April 11 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- April 13 UMW Spring Meeting at Macomb Wesley UMC 9AM
- April 14 Chancel Choir Cantata 8AM, 10:30AM, 6PM
- April 14 Relay For Life Bake Sale Fundraiser in Café -All Morning
- April 14 Spaghetti Luncheon sponsored by UM Men 11:30AM
- April 15 Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- April 18 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- April 18 UMW Exec Meeting 4:15PM
- April 18 Maundy Thursday Service 7PM
- April 21 Easter Sunday Services 6:30AM, 8AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM
- April 22 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- April 25 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- April 25 Women's Bible Study 5:30PM
- April 28 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- April 28 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- April 28 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- April 28 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- April 28 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM

## EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

Without Christmas, there is no Jesus. But without Easter, there is no Christ. Easter is a watershed event in the history of Christianity. We gather together to celebrate an empty tomb...and a risen Savior! Here are the worship opportunities for Easter week:

**Sunday, April 4th- Confirmation Sunday**

Celebrated at the 10:30AM service

**Sunday, April 11th- Palm Sunday**

Choir Easter Cantata at 8AM, 10:30AM & 6PM

Celebration of Palms at all 3 (8AM, 9:15AM and 10:30AM) morning services

All-Church Luncheon at 11:30AM

**Thursday, April 18th- Maundy (Holy) Thursday**

7PM Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service (Communion)

**Friday, April 19th- Good Friday**

Communion available in the Chapel, 6AM-6PM

Carrying the cross- 7AM

**Sunday, April 21st- Easter Sunday**

6:00AM Sunrise Easter Celebration (Communion)

8:00AM Contemporary Easter Celebration (Communion)

9:15AM Sunday School

9:15AM Rock and Worship Easter Celebration (Communion)

10:30AM Blended Easter Celebration (Communion)

Plan on spending time with your church family during Easter week. On Easter morning, look into the tomb for yourself...and see that it is empty!

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

This year, we have a small but awesome Confirmation class. Four youth from the congregation have joined Rev. Mark and Kathleen- our Director of Youth and Children's Ministries- as we walk journey together. They will spend a total of 7 weeks learning about Methodist founder John Wesley, faith in Jesus Christ and, most importantly, where they fit in the grand scheme of all that. Confirmation Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30AM service, where the Confirmands will get the opportunity to confirm the promise made at their baptism and become full members of the church. Please pray for them as they navigate this journey.



## AN OUTREACH IDEA

Here's a low-risk, easy way to introduce others to faith- share Rev. Mark's website with them. Described as "a daily look at life as a shaved-headed, earring-wearing, rock-drumming United Methodist minister", [www.stickwithjesus.com](http://www.stickwithjesus.com) features a "thought for the day", written by Rev. Mark- a new one is literally added daily! There is also a daily Bible verse AND a Prayer Request page, where you can (anonymously if you want) ask for prayer! Check it out- if you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at [revmark@myaledoumc.com](mailto:revmark@myaledoumc.com) and let him know.



## Thank You!

Thank you so very much for your recent gift of \$1550.00 to Heifer International. I hope you know that your generosity does more than simply give food to those in need. It is a solution that gives families the tools they need to lift themselves out of hunger and poverty once and for all. Because of you, they learn to provide for themselves and be successful for generations to come.

Sincerely,  
*Pierre U. Ferrari*  
*President & CEO*

## CHURCH WEBSITE

Have you looked at your church's website? If not, go to [www.myaledoumc.com](http://www.myaledoumc.com) and see what's going on! Not only can you see the "basics" about the Aledo United Methodist Church, you can find the most church current calendar. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!

## CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev Mark

Lent- the season of the church calendar leading up to Easter. Beginning the Sunday AFTER Ash Wednesday, it is a 7-week period of preparation. This Easter season, we started...at Christmas and are walking to the empty tomb. Along the way, we will always keep the image of "the nails" in front of us reminding us that without Christmas there is no Jesus, but without Easter...there is no Christ! The remaining weeks of the series look like this:

**Sunday, April 7, 2019- Confirmation Sunday- Agape Love** (John 3:16-17)

He loves us unconditionally

(Jeremiah 31:3, 1John 4:16)

**Sunday, April 14, 2019- Cantata/Palm Sunday- Palms to Passion** (Matthew 27:15-22)

"Hosanna" on Sunday turned to "Crucify Him" on Friday.

(Isaiah 53:3, James 1:12)

**Sunday, April 21, 2019, Easter Sunday- Victory** (Matthew 28:1-10)

The nails lead to the ultimate victory- over death.



## DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?

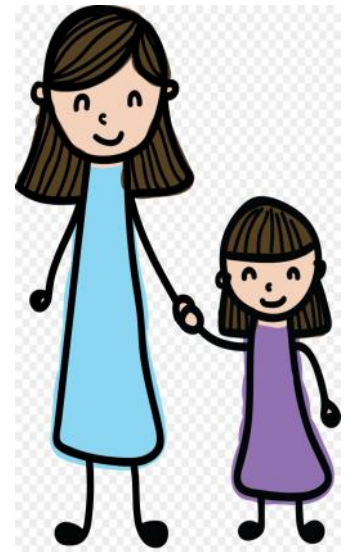
If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. You can go to the church's Facebook page OR the church website to watch a video of any sermon you missed. You can also go to [www.stickwithjesus.com](http://www.stickwithjesus.com) and choose "read my blog" to read a transcript of the sermon! If you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at [revmark@stickwithjesus.com](mailto:revmark@stickwithjesus.com). Please share these links with your friends and family.

## Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Event

Our Church's annual Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend event is Monday, May 13th at 6 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 7th. We need to know a definite count on Tuesday, so that the correct amount of food may be ordered.



## 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!

Reading, writing, and 'rithmetic...as well as zippers, food and fools!  
Enjoy the wonderful, unusual and downright strange this month!



## THE JOURNEY

The 10<sup>th</sup> Journey Women's Retreat, "Be Joyful...Philippians 4:4", is fast approaching. There is still plenty of time to register. The Journey will be held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Call the church office at 582-2169, register online at [myaledoumc.com](http://myaledoumc.com), or email [ruthdulaney@gmail.com](mailto:ruthdulaney@gmail.com). Registration is \$15, where scholarships are available, if needed. The Journey is sure to be a day of praise, inspiration, fellowship, music, and prayer. Four ladies will share their journeys throughout the day and lunch promises to be superb. Bring a friend and a canned good to help our local food pantry. Registration is encouraged, as we are limited to 250 attendees.



## NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES



### Life Lessons With Galatians

**WHAT:** Mike Millar's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

**WHEN:** Tuesdays @ 9AM

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Cafe', next to the Sanctuary

**WHY:** If you are searching for true freedom - from sin, from shame and guilt, from death itself - then look no further than Galatians! In it we find the revelation - truth of God's "grace gospel," which proclaims heaven's freedom for every believer.

**WHAT ELSE:** This study started January 8th, and it is not too late to join!

### Quiet Strength by Tony Dungy

**WHAT:** Current Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study

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

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

**WHY:** How is it possible for anyone to be successful without compromising faith and family? In this inspiring and reflective memoir Coach Dungy tells the story of a life lived for God and family—and challenges us all to redefine our ideas of what it means to succeed.

**WHAT ELSE:** The books are \$10 and it is NEVER too late to join!

### Max Lucado's Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God

**WHAT:** Current Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Tim Hay

**WHEN:** Wednesdays at 6PM

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

**WHY:** What feels shaky in your world? Are you overwhelmed by the problems you're facing or the pain you're feeling? Maybe you feel hurt by the past. Disappointed by the present. Worried about the future. If so, you are not alone, but there is hope. You can live with security and purpose.

**WHAT ELSE:** The books are \$10



...a fun place to  
play and learn!

## 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!

# Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A special **thank**  
**you** to all the  
WNF Meal  
Volunteers for  
the 2018 – 2019  
Season!

Thanks for the food preparation, set up and serving of the meals,  
and those who have cleaned up  
the kitchen and dining room.  
These free delicious meals would not have  
happened without you!

We still have three homemade April meals and two in May  
before our season ends on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

***Be sure and join us at 5:15 PM on Wednesdays!***

***Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Director***

## **Cooking For Wednesday Night Fellowship**

We all LOVE to eat! But maybe you also love to cook! We could use your help. Ruth Dulaney is scheduling groups to provide Wednesday Night meals for the “Spring semester”. We need individuals, groups, or families to sign up for those 2017 WNFs. There IS a budget, so if covering the cost of the food is a problem...don't let it be! It is a true joy to be able to provide dinner for others. The sign-up board has empty spots just waiting for YOU to be the hands and feet of Jesus!



## APRIL 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 (Babe) Hyett  
 04/11– Liz Zimmerman  
 04/28– Mary Anderson



The deadline for the next  
 Parish Visitor is  
**Thursday, April 18th @ 8am.**  
 Please have all articles submitted  
 by this date!

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Chuck Alexander/health  
 Betty Allan  
 Sandy Anderson/health  
 Julie Balmer  
 Scott Balmer  
 Bentley/6yrs/cancer  
 Bob Bocox/cancer  
 Brian Boenkamp/coma  
 Celina Bolding family  
 Brenda Brandt  
 Steve Brown/knee replacement  
 Holden C/heart  
 Robin Ciccotelli/chemo  
 Julia Cirks/cancer  
 Tricia/Rory Conway/Lymes  
 Hurley Crossman/cancer  
 Brian Day/leukemia  
 Dee Dellitt family  
 Stacey DeSpain/6yrs/health  
 Dick/cancer  
 Jay Doherty  
 Jim Droste  
 Chase Duff/health  
 Linda Earl/recovery  
 Lauren Eggen/cancer  
 Evelyn/1yr old/cancer

Carol Freeman/cancer  
 CJ Friedel  
 Gail/chemo & radiation  
 Gavin/healing  
 Rodney Glidden/lung cancer  
 Ron Gray/stroke  
 Rita Haizlip  
 Susie Hall/breast cancer  
 Rev Mark and family  
 Michael Harris  
 Pam Heath  
 Jeff Hiscocks  
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer  
 Daryl Jackson/health  
 Janet Jenson/cancer  
 Debbie Jones/heart  
 Pearl Jones family  
 Terry Jones/cancer  
 John Karwath/cancer  
 Kaycee/pregnancy  
 Annabell Kell/hospice  
 Gerri Kelly/knee replacement  
 Missy Kernan/heart surgery  
 Aubrey King/cancer  
 Chad King/brain tumor  
 Martha King/heart

Lillie Lampke family  
 Jon Lee/cancer  
 Bud Laubach  
 Henry Leichty/9 yrs old/health  
 Kelly Mack/cancer  
 Makenna/depression  
 Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia  
 Carol McAtee/health  
 Penny Meskan  
 Ed Nesbitt family  
 Mike Newsom/healing  
 Ruby Nimrick/healing  
 Joel Noe/health  
 Ember Pappas/cancer  
 Maddie Perry/cancer  
 Bryce Rathje  
 Angela Rebello/cancer  
 Tony Rechkemmer/healing  
 Roark family/fire  
 Pauline Schmidt/recovery  
 Dan Schrock  
 Sara Schrock/hospice  
 Elizabeth Schroeder & baby  
 Barb Schustfeldt/healing  
 Connie Shaw family  
 Jenna Speer

Pat Stevens/cancer  
 Kris Taylor  
 Dennis Terrill/heart  
 Terry/hit by snowplow/recovery  
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma  
 Neil Truman  
 Nena Visser/health  
 Bennett Ward/baby  
 Susan Washburn/health  
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor  
 John Young/health  
 Dick Zimmerman  
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents  
 Military & families  
 All ill/in hospitals  
 Our world leaders  
 Our Church/congregation  
 The Journey  
 Flu in the schools  
 Flooding victims

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

# Youth & Children's Page

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Youth programming during Wednesday Night Fellowship continues on Wednesday evenings. Check out these great studies:

Grades K-1	Kids' Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit
Grades 2-3	Kids' Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit
Grades 4-5-6	Kids' Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit
Grades 7-8	Wild Truth Bible Lessons
Grades 9-12	Inside Out, a Merge study

Please join us!

## THE FORGE

Jump into the Forge youth group! The Forge meets Sundays (see schedule below) and all students in grades 6-12 are welcomed to attend. We look forward to seeing you Sundays!

**THERE WILL BE NO FORGE OR STUDY HOUR ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21.**

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Sunday will be April 7, with Confirmation taking place at the 10:30 am service. Our 2019 class of confirmation candidates includes Jack Jungmann, Luke Jungmann, Keamiah King and Olivia Mesken. Please continue to keep these students in your prayers and help them celebrate their membership into the church on April 7!

## STUDY HOUR

Do you or someone you know in grades 6-12 need a quiet place to study? Do you or someone you know in grades 6-12 need help with homework, writing a paper or studying for a test? Join us for Study Hour, every Sunday from 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm in the Activity Room. It is a quiet study space and we have teachers and experts available to help with reading, English, math and the sciences. See you Sunday!

## SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

A thank you to everyone who attended the March 31 fundraiser luncheon sponsored by the summer camp students. Taco haystacks and nachos were enjoyed by all as we raised funds for camp tuition. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, campers and friends for their hard work in making the luncheon a success! Thank you all for helping make summer camp dreams come true!



## 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!

## CHECK OUT THESE FORGE ACTIVITIES:

Join us next time for fun and fellowship! We play games, have a lesson and plan special events. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome!

Sundays, 4 pm - 5:15 pm - FORGE for grades 6-8

Sundays, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm - STUDY HOUR for grades 6-12

Sundays, 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm - FORGE for grades 9-12

## SERVICE HOURS

Do you, or someone you know, need service hours? Opportunities for service hours exist through participation in the Forge service projects. See Kathleen and get signed up for service hours!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's not too early to mark your calendars for this summer's Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held July 14-18 and this year's theme is To Mars and Beyond! Make plans to join us this July!



## SIGNATURE MEMORY QUILT

Let's make some memories!!! A signature, or memory, quilt is a great way to record, remember, and preserve our church family. Our signature quilt will be constructed using a single pattern block with each church family or friend having the opportunity to ink signatures and favorite Scriptures onto the quilt block. The blocks will be joined to create a quilt that will be a part of our church history. Look for more information later in March.

*Donations raised from this project will go to Capital Campaign.*

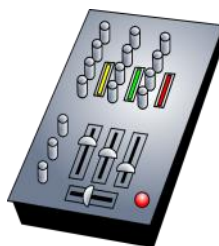


## CALL-EM-ALL UPDATE

**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.**

## 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 minis try 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.



### Thank you!

Thank you to the Aledo Methodist Church ladies for remembering me on Valentines Day with the platter filled with goodies. The cookies, candy, and fruit were all much enjoyed. I am now getting settled in my new home at apartment #188 at Brookstone after living 66 years in my former home here in Aledo. It is a big change but I feel I'll be very happy here.

Thanks again,  
*Gladys Johnson*

### Thank you!

Thank you to the UMW. I enjoyed the Valentine tray so much. It is a joy to be remembered, especially on these winter days.

Love and prayers to each of you!  
*Nadine Liby*



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOW- SHIP APRIL 2019 MEALS

Come join us for FREE homemade meals on Wednesdays at 5:15 PM.

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Egg casserole, Fruit, Pastries <i>Prepared for you by Diana Eggen and Ruth Dulaney</i>
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ham and Cheese Sliders and Salads, Desserts
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	No WNF - Easter Break
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Baked Pasta, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Desserts

Volunteers needed to cook, serve and clean up!

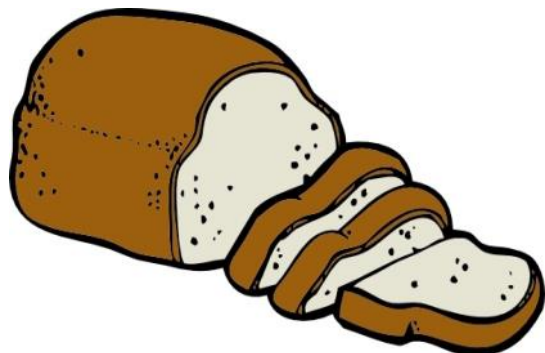
*Please Contact Ruth Dulaney 309-738-6151*

*Enjoy the food and fellowship!*

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## CONNECTION COINS FOR APRIL

The Connection Coins (or as Rev. Mark calls them, 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 8th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry. The HyVee Bread Ministry touches so many in our congregation and beyond. Jerry, our bread delivery man, does this as a mission, asking for nothing in return. We help with the fuel expenses of this valuable ministry, giving him \$10 a week for gas. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 8th of April will be used to help fund the cost of this powerful ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on April 8th!

## WIFI CHANGES AT AUMC

We have updated our wifi here at AUMC. In the past you could log on to AUMC1 in the Education Wing area, and AUMC2 in the Sanctuary area. With the updates, AUMC1 is now for staff, and not available to the public. AUMC2 is our public network, and works in the entire building. You may log into AUMC2 with the password connectmetochrist.



## SCHEDULING EVENTS

The Aledo United Methodist Church is a BUSY place! (Our custodian tells us that he struggles to find time to CLEAN the church because there is always something GOING ON in the church!) And since we are busy connecting people with Jesus Christ, then it is a VERY good thing that we are busy! But BECAUSE we are so busy, it makes scheduling a bit more of a challenge. Events that never had to be concerned with the calendar before now...have to!

We continue to find creative, collaborative ways to enable multiple events to happen at the same time- which IS our goal- but we can't do that if we don't know an event is scheduled. With that in mind, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible to make sure your date/time/area of the church is available and to get your event on the church calendar. Is your church a busy place? Yes! Is it busy connecting people to Jesus Christ? Yes! Therefore, we want to do EVERYTHING we can to make sure as many ministries as possible that help further our mission are able to happen!

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Matt & Krystal Jungmann \* Scott & Lisa Campbell \*

Nick & Miranda Boss

Forms are available  
in the Café or  
Church  
office



## Fill Your Freezer & Fund your Faith!

We're offering our farm raised beef to you and will give part of your payment back to the Aledo United Methodist Church to assist with the capital campaign. All orders are due Sunday, April 7, and will be picked up at the church. Beef will come frozen and wrapped in butcher paper.

**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**

## C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) Luncheon April 28<sup>th</sup>

CIA continues to flourish! This group is aimed folks who often find themselves eating alone. This includes (but is NOT limited to) anyone who has lost their spouse, divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. The CIA luncheon happens once each month. This month, the luncheon will be on Sunday, April 28th, immediately following the 10:30AM worship service. You don't have to bring anything except yourself. Feel free to invite a friend to share the meal and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you on the 28th of April at 11:45AM!

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Bishop Gregory Palmer, the former Bishop of our Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church, in an e-letter dated December 20, 2008, said this about the decline of our denomination, "...the invitation to discipleship is at the core of our identity and mission as The United Methodist Church. We as an annual conference...have struggled to be invitational...with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 2007, 60 percent of our congregations received ZERO persons by professions of faith. We are simply not bringing new people into the life of the church in a way that outpaces our decline. As Bishop of the Illinois Area, I want to encourage you that, as United Methodists, we have a glorious heritage of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and offering invitation to the transforming relationship with the Savior."

6 out of every 10 United Methodist Churches in our conference are losing ground. This makes AUMC all the more exciting of a place in which to do ministry! New members are joining. Baptisms are happening. If THAT doesn't get you excited...then your wood's all wet!

Have you felt God tugging at you, urging you to take a leap of faith and become a larger part of something bigger than yourself? Have you been considering joining the church, but don't quite know how? Here's what you do! Simply contact Rev. Mark (revmark@myaledoumc.com) and set up a time to visit with him. This 30-minute meeting will allow him to get to know you better and talk to you about your faith journey. At the end of the meeting, you'll decide which Sunday you would like to join the church...and the rest, as they say, is history! Pray about it—are YOU ready to step out in faith?

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)

Date	03/03/2019	03/10/2019	03/17/2019	03/24/2019
Attendance	215	388	241	257
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$11,684.00	\$3,636.00	\$5,635.28	\$5,833.00

