Parish Visit us at myaledoumc.com

TWO YEARS LATER

by Rev. Mark

June 16 marked a major "anniversary" in the life of my family- the 2-year anniversary of my cancer diagnosis. Can you believe that? 2 years. Earlier that week, I went to see Dr. Palmer because it was hard for me to swallow. It felt like a sore throat and was accompanied by swelling under the jaw line- I had this big ol' paunchy jowl. I was sent to have a scan the next day. And then, the following day, which was Thursday of that week, we were called back into the doctor's office to tell us that there was something not good going on. The word "necrotic" was tossed out.

I said to the Dr. Palmer, "Doesn't 'necrotic' mean 'dead'?" He looked at me as if to say, "Shoot! I was hoping you wouldn't know that!" We were told we could either go to Peoria or the University of Iowa, both about 90 minutes away from where we live. We chose the University of Iowa. So, they got on the phone immediately and within about 20 minutes, we had orders to show up at the ER of the University of Iowa hospital as soon as we could get there. (The ER was seen as the fastest way to "get into the system".) It caught our attention that there was a strong sense of urgency involved-never a good thing!

So, we drove to the University of Iowa and checked in at the ER. Over the next few hours, blood was drawn, scopes were done, other tests were ordered, consultations happened. Later that day, they wanted me to check in and stay until they could do biopsies on my neck to see what was going on. This was still Thursday and they were saying the biopsies wouldn't happen until Monday or Tuesday. I questioned why I would want to stay in the hospital from Thursday afternoon to Monday or Tuesday...just waiting for a biopsy to be done. The doctor couldn't really argue that question, so they sent me home.

Then, the next day, Friday morning, we got called bright and early saying that the biopsy was scheduled for 11AM THAT morning and could we make it? So, we got ready in a hurry and headed out. I ended up having, as I recall, 12 separate biopsies taken that day. They used a smaller needle to inject a local anesthetic into the spot where the biopsy needle would go. Then, they would insert that biopsy needle into the correct spot, guided by a tech using Doppler technology, and then "saw" in and out, trying to get some good tissue to analyze. Each time a needle came out, it was immediately handed to a specialist who would evaluate the sample to see if they got what they needed. Then, on to the next needle. In the end, the tissue was SO necrotic that they struggled to get ANY viable sample.

(continued on page 2)

SPECIAL DATES:

- July 4 Office Closed for Independence Day
- July 7 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- July 11 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- July 11 MCSEEF Meeting 7PM
- July 13 Taylor Family Reunion 9AM
- July 13 UMW Fellowship Pork Chops @ Mercer Market 10:30AM-1PM
- July 14-17 VBS Dinner at 5PM
- July 14-17 VBS 5:30-7:30PM
- July 21- All-Church Breakfast 7:15AM-10:15AM.
- July 21 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- July 21 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- July 21 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- July 21 Council Meeting 7:30PM
- July 22 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- July 22 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- July 22 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- July 23 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- July 25 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM

Page 2 The Parish Visitor

CHURCH WEBSITE

Have you looked at your church's website? If not, go to 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!





WELCOME,
PASTOR
DAN WRIGHT!

CALL-EM-ALL

Did you know that your church has a notification service named Call-Em-All? We use it to notify church members, both through automated phone calls and/or text messages, of a variety of things. Do YOU get texts and/or phone calls from Call-Em-All? If not, would you LIKE to? Whether you are a committee member, a member of a group like United Methodist Men or Women or you would like to receive all-church news or prayer requests,

Call-Em-All can help keep you informed. If you are not currently receiving Call-Em-All notifications or would like to receive more of them, simply call the office.





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 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 and let him know.

(Continued from page 1)

We then planned on meeting with the doctor we had hooked up with in the ER the previous day to review the results. That happened about 5PM that same Friday in an empty lobby at the hospital. The news was NOT good, right from the get-go. And the doctor was, thankfully, very up-front and honest, not pulling any punches. We then left the hospital, drove through a Hardee's because none of us (me, my wife and our younger son) had eaten and then started the long journey home. That was a difficult drive.

Much of the reason that was such a difficult drive was that the doctor had said that the average "life span" of someone diagnosed with what I had was...4-8 months. MONTHS! That was hard to hear. There was not a lot of sleep had that first night. That Sunday was the ONLY Sunday I have missed since due to cancer- I simply wasn't emotionally ready to "answer the bell" that day. Within days, we were meeting with doctors galore, talking about tracheotomies and feeding tubes, chemo and radiation. Another, more invasive type of biopsy was scheduled and carried out on my neck. Things unfolded quickly.

4-8 months. And here we are, 2 years later, still kicking. No funeral. No tracheotomy. No feeding tube. Still working. Still eating solid food. 2 different rounds of radiation. More chemo than I have been able to keep track of. And we just keep on pushing. Not gonna lie- it gets harder every month/week/day. Chemo is now the LAST line of medical defense we have to lean on...and it is NOT the most fun thing to lean on! And yet, we are still standing!

Thank you to Joanne, Sam and Hunter for their overwhelming love and support. Thank you to you all for your amazing support. Thank you for our larger family and many friends who continue to support us. And thank you God for walking this journey alongside us!

FUEL- OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Rev. Mark

Our Wednesday Night Children's ministry- FUEL - is on hiatus! Yes, our Children's Ministry, along with all of our Wednesday Night programming, is "on vacation" for the summer. Thanks to all of the adults who made it happen, all of the kids who participated and all of the parents who made sure their kids GOT here! We had a great season and will be back in the Fall!



DID YOU MISS SUN-DAY'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 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. Please share these links with your friends and family.

CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev. Mark

We hear a lot about "The Trinity"- Father. Son and Holy Spirit. But, if we are honest, we wrestle with what that really means. Who IS God? How can Jesus be BOTH His Son...and Him? And what about this whole "Holy Ghost" thing? That is hard to wrap your head around. With that in mind, we will spend the next few weeks focusing on the third member of the Trinity- The Holy Spirit. What exactly IS the Holy Spirit and how does He integrate into our lives? The weeks of that series look like this:

Sunday, June 23, 2019- Author (2Peter 1:20-21)

The Bible is the Holy Spirit-inspired love story between us and God- and it's true.

(Hebrews 4:12, 2Timothy 3:16-17)

Sunday, June 30, 2019- Encourager (John 15:26-27)

Criticize me and I may or may not like you. Ignore me and I may or may not forgive you. But encourage me...and I will absolutely never forget you.

(Isaiah 11:1-2, John 14:16-17)

Sunday, July 7, 2019- Indweller (1Corinthians 6:19-20)

The Holy Spirit resides in the hearts of God's people, and that indwelling is the primary distinguishing characteristic of a regenerated, NEW person.

(Acts 2:38, 1John 2:27)

Sunday, July 14, 2019- Intercessor (Romans 8:25-27)

One of the most encouraging and comforting aspects of the Holy Spirit is His desire to intercede on behalf of those He inhabits...us.

(Luke 24:49, Ephesians 6:18)

Sunday, July 21, 2019- Revealer (1Corinthians 2:12-13)

The Holy Spirit IS the very essence of God, sent down from Heaven to not just live WITH us but to live THROUGH us.

(Acts 2:17-19, 1Corinthians 2:14-15)

Sunday, July 28, 2019- <u>Teacher</u> (John 14:25-26)

God has given us His Spirit to teach us and His Word to serve as our textbook. (2Corinthians 3:17-18, Galatians 4:6-7)





CIA LUNCHEON

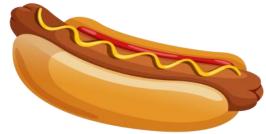
Our CIA Luncheon will be on "hold" for the months of June and July. We will start back up on August 18th. Enjoy your summer, and we will see you in August!

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN JULY

Did you know that July is Blueberry Month? What about Anti-Boredom Month? Hot Dog Month? Ice Cream Month? Picnic month? In addition, here are some of these special "days" in July: the 1st- Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day, the 2nd- Literacy Day, the 3rd- Compliment Your Mirror Day, the 4th- Independence Day (see accompanying article), Country Music Day and Sidewalk Egg Frying Day, the 5th- Build A Scarecrow Day, the 6th - Fried Chicken Day, the 7th- Chocolate Day, the 8th- First Public Reading of Declaration of Independence, (1776), the 9th- Sugar Cookie Day, the 10th- Don't Step on a Bee Day, the 11th- World Population Day, the 12th- Different Colored Eyes Day, the 13th- Embrace Your Geekness Day, the 14th- Pandemonium Day, the 15th- Cow Appreciation Day, the

16th- International Juggling Day, the 17th- Yellow Pig Day, the 18th-National Caviar Day, the 19th- Ice Cream Day, the 20th- Ugly Truck Day, 21st- Junk Food Day, the 22nd- Ratcatcher's Day, the 23rd- Ice Cream Cone Day, the 24th- Cousins Day, the 25th- Threading the Nee-

dle Day, the 26th- Parent's Day, the 27th-Take Your Pants for a Walk Day, the 28th - National Milk Chocolate Day, the 29th-Lasagna Day, the 30th- Father-in-Law Day, and the 31st- Jump For Jellybeans Day. Take time to celebrate the wonderful, weird and wacky in July!





CONNECTION COINS FOR JULY

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 (July 14th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry. Caring Hearts is a ministry that covers a WIDE range of people and needs. Much of it is built around the basic human needs of food and fellowship. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 14th of July will be used to help fund this vital ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So, bring your change on July 14th!

PAGE 5 THE PARISH VISITOR

NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Romans

WHAT: Mike Millar's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: We've all made poor choices. The early Church did too. They were often sidetracked by pride and distracted by pleasures. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he reviews the wrong turns the Church was making. But he doesn't stop there. He gives them the big picture and shows the one correct solution to help them stop making wrong choices-Jesus Christ. Because even though all have sinned, Jesus is waiting to restore all to grace.

WHAT ELSE: This study starts July 2nd, and it is never too late to join! Books are \$7.

"Quiet Strength" by Tony Dungy

WHAT: Current 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: 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 "Life Lessons from Acts"

WHAT: Current Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Tim Hay

WHEN: This study will pick up again in the Fall. Watch for details!

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: In the book of Acts you'll see that the men you read about in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have been transformed. They may still look the same and have the same mannerisms, but with the Holy Spirit indwelling them, they are not the same and because they are different, so is the world. They founded the early Church and gave us a legacy of faith.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$10

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! That is why we have a caring staff that is always ready to assist you and your children. Try it out!



Page 6 The Parish Visitor



WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH OUR RHUBARB FEST LUNCHEON JUNE 7TH AND 8TH

Did you help plan, organize, make copies, or do publicity for the event? Thank you!

Did you pull rhubarb, clean, cut it and freeze rhubarb for pies? Thank you!

Did you shop and provide food items for Rhubarb Fest luncheon? Thank you!

Did you join in the sit-down crew to prepare the many items for the meal? Thank you!

Were you one of the many who baked pies at home? Thank you!

Did you make phone calls to find workers and food donations? Thank you!

Did you join the pie-making at church, baking and packaging pies? Thank you!

Did you prepare and/or serve the food at the luncheon? Thank you!

Did you deliver meals to the Aledo homes and businesses? Thank you!

Did you prepare the drinks for our thirsty customers? Thank you!

Did you cut the hundreds of pies into slices? Thank you!

Did you greet our guests and take their orders? Thank you!

Did you serve our customers with a smile? Thank you!

Did you help set up and clean up the dining room? Thank you!

Did you work at the luncheon in any of the many areas to make the event a success? Thank you!

Thank you for serving and connecting others to Jesus Christ!

Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Coordinator

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.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

07/03/1959– Roger & Linda Tharp 07/05/1997– Bill & Brooke Fleuette 07/06/1985– Mark & Joanne Harris 07/07/1977– Max & Molly Paulsgrove 07/07/2008– Brian & Dixie Wieskamp 07/09/1977– Paul & Mary Flint

07/10/1977– Roger & Cindy Hutchins 07/12/1959– Tom & JeAnne Balmer 07/24/1982– Charley & Connie Thomas 07/25/1969– Randy & Laura McGinnis UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

07/08– Carole Schmidt 07/11– Phyllis Batson 07/16– Frances Blick 07/17– Jennievee Maynard 07/27– Bettie Speer





The deadline for the next Parish Visitor is

Tuesday July 23rd @ 8am.

Please have all articles submitted by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sandra Lanteau

Paul Adams family Betty Allan Amelia/breast cancer Sandy Anderson/health Kara B Wayne B Jerry Baker/health Phyllis Batson/health Robbie Beard/lymphoma Ellen & Bob Beguelin Linda Beguelin/brain bleed Bentlev/6vrs/cancer Bob Bocox/cancer Brian Boenkamp/coma Brenda Brandt Holden C/heart Robin Ciccotelli/chemo Julia Cirks/cancer Tricia/Rory Conway/Lymes Hurley Crossman/cancer Keith Coleman Cindy Dawson Brian Day/leukemia Dick & Bev Barry Donald family Jim Droste Chase Duff/health Lauren Eggen/cancer

Evelyn/1yr old/cancer Don Franks/health Carol Freeman/cancer CJ Friedel Gail/chemo & radiation Rodney Glidden/cancer Tommy Greer Ron Hainds Susie Hall/breast cancer Rev Mark and family Pam Heath Cory Hepker/meningitis Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer Kelsey Huston Jackson/CP Janet Jenson/cancer Amy Jones/health Debbie Jones/heart Terry Jones/cancer John Karwath/cancer Kaycee/pregnancy Annabell Kell/hospice Jaime Kernan/loss Missy Kernan/heart surgery Kevin Chad King/brain tumor Martha King/heart Jean Kinnamon

Jon Lee/cancer Nadine Liby/health Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health Kelly Mack/cancer Eric Matich/6vrs/leukemia Charles Midkiff Connie Midkiff Amie Miller family Doug Miller Pat Mueller/healing Jody Newton/cancer Joel Noe/health Tom P Ember Pappas/cancer **Bob Parker** Maddie Perry/cancer Bill Pollock/health Bryce Rathie Susie Rice/surgery Diane Richardson Bonnie Ricketts Maxi Salmon Pauline Schmidt Sara Schrock/hospice Donny & Pat Short Lucas Smith/blood disorder Pat Stevens/cancer

Sandy Stinson/health Kris Taylor Dennis Terrill/heart Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma Travis Vickely family/loss Nena Visser/health Alice Wainright Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor Pamela Wonders/broken ankle Rev Dan & Patty Wright Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents Military & families All ill/in hospitals Our world leaders Our Church/congregation Flooding victims Those suffering from depression Victims of weather events Travel mercies for travelers Children held in "camps" Marriages

Mercer County Schools Administration, Teachers, Students and Staff National and Local Governmental Page 8 The Parish Visitor

Youth & Children's Page



TO MARS AND BEYOND! 2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What: Aledo United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School

When: Sun-Wed, July 14-17; 5 pm - 7:30 pm (dinner 5-5:30 pm)

Blast off with the first VBS to land on the moon! Cokesbury's <u>To Mars and Beyond</u> will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in your assembly area - an outpost on Mars- they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, Who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

The evening starts at 5pm with dinner- EVERYONE is welcome! The rest of the evening is devoted to...FUN! The kids (Ages 3 to 10 yrs old) spend their time singing songs, doing crafts, playing games and listening to stories - ALL built around the theme of experiencing the ride of a lifetime with God TO MARS AND BEYOND!

REGISTRATION

All are welcome!

| | Kegistei by com- |
|--|-------------------|
| Please fill out and submit one for each child. | pleting this form |
| | or online at the |
| Child's Name: | church |
| | website. |
| Gender: Boy Girl (please circle one) | Questions? Want |
| Last Grade Completed | to volunteer? |
| Last Grade Completed | Contact Kathleen, |
| Child's Age | kath- |
| Parent/Guardian's Name: | leen@myaledo |
| | umc.com. |
| Your Email: | Join us! |
| Emergency Contact Phone # | |
| Comments/Special Needs: | |
| | |
| | |

YOU ARE INVITED!

Randy and Laura McGinnis celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on Randy's 20th Birthday, July 25, 1969 in Illinois City.

Randy is a retired telephone lineman and Laura retired from nursing. Randy still enjoys farming and Laura is working part time at Hilltop Greenhouses in Illinois City. After raising their three girls in Aledo, they built a log cabin in Illinois City and also operate Neck in the Woods Bed and Breakfast. They have three daughters Amy Duncan, Abby McAlister (Andy) and Ali Brooks (James), five grandsons Trenton, Rylan, Cael, Rydge, Wesley and one granddaughter Lauryn, ages 1 - 17. Their daughters invite Randy & Laura's friends and family to celebrate both Randy's 70th birthday and their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, August 2 at The Camden Centre in Milan

WORSHIP TECH OPPORTUNITIES

from 6-10pm. Please join us for dinner and entertainment!



AS we have expanded 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.



The Caring Hearts Food Prep Team prepares homemade food for our Caring Hearts freezer twice a month.

We urge you to pick up a meal and take it to someone who needs some cheer.

Would you like to join our group this summer?

Sometimes the freezer is utilized more during the summer months, and we could use an extra helping hand preparing the food.

Our food prep days are July 11th at 9 AM and July 25th at 1 PM.

In August, you can join the fun on August 8th at 9 AM and August 22nd at 1 PM.

Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Coordinator

INDEPENDENCE DAY

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a committee but with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4, 1776. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail: "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty...from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more." Adams' prediction was off by two days!

In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become president, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary. President James Monroe died exactly five years later, on July 4, 1831.



SUMMER CAMP

Two camps down, one to go!

Welcome home Keeghan Benson, Abby Blaser, Hazel Dennison, Gracie Hevland and Alexsis Taylor! When you see any of these campers, ask them all about camp at East Bay in Hudson, IL and Pictured Rocks in Monticello, IA!

Please keep Iliawna Hook and Andrea Noble in your prayers as they head to summer camp at East Bay in Hudson, IL, later this month. Have fun and be safe, Iliawna and Andrea! We can't wait to hear your stories when you get back!



Page 11 The Parish Visitor

JOIN US FOR AN

ALL- CHURCH BREAKFAST

Ham, Cheese & Egg Bake, Fruit, Pastries Milk, Juice, Coffee & Tea

Sunday, July 21st 7:15 – 10:15 AM

Your Donations will help fund the Capital Campaign



9 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR CHURCH INEFFECTIVE

Most of us in the "church world" like lists about how to be MORE effective. Well, here's the flip side of that coin- 9 ways to lose your effectiveness in ministry.

- 1. Don't dream- the church should be the place where dreams are born and where dreams soar.
- 2. Focus on yourself- ineffective churches are almost always self-focused.
- 3. Try to keep everybody happy- trying to keep everyone happy is a recipe for misery.
- 4. Squabble- "Everybody LOVES a great church fight", said no one...ever!
- 5. Make mediocrity your standard- as you're mediocre, you'll never reach your potential.
- 6. Treat every Sunday like just another Sunday- if you're bored on Sunday, why wouldn't everyone else be?
- 7. Never articulate a strategy- churches are afraid to articulate a strategy because it's divisive.
- 8. Avoid all risk- Read the Bible...but live the opposite way. Play it safe.
- 9. Decide you don't like unchurched people- many churches define themselves by what they're against.

LOST AND FOUND

Assorted pans and dishes are located in the Caring Hearts Storage Room. Please retrieve yours as soon as possible.







KIDS, HAVE
YOU SEEN
TYSON'S TALES,
OUR CHILDREN'S
LIBRARY IN THE
EDUCATION WING?
STEP INTO THE
WORLD OF
READING!

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

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 <u>last</u> message sent to <u>your phone number</u>. Be sure to call from the phone that received the original message, and call soon, as you will get only the <u>last</u> message sent.



ONLINE GIVING

by Rev. Mark

More and more of you are now making your weekly/monthly/yearly offering to your church online! If you go to the home page of the church website (www.myaledoumc.com) and choose "giving" from the Navigation Bar near the top, it will take you to a page that will provide the opportunity for you to give electronically. You can either do a one-time gift or a recurring monthly gift.

"Pastor, why would that be good for the church?" Thanks for asking! It's SO easy to forget your check-book at home one week. It's also so easy to forget to give your offering when you are out of town. But the truth of the matter is that the financial commitments of the church...the bills, if you will...don't decrease on those weeks when people forget to tithe. Our financial commitments are steady all year long. Therefore, having a steady, dependable stream of giving helps us better plan for next week, next month and next year!

In addition to setting it up through our website, MANY banks now offer online "bill pay". With that service you can set up your church giving for whenever and however much you want it to be. Either way, it's simple, easy and dependable. Won't you consider electronic giving?

FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)

| Date | 06/02/2019 | 06/09/2019 | 06/16/2019 | 06/23/2019 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Attendance | 216 | 220 | 225 | 205 |
| Receipts | | | | |
| (Toward Budget) | \$8,890.00 | \$6,419.00 | \$3,407.00 | \$5,489.58 |

