

# The Parish Visitor



## October 2019

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### THE NEW LIFE...OF FALL!

by Rev. Mark

We all know that Spring is the time of new life. The trees bud. The grass turns that lush shade of green. The flowers bloom. It's awesome! Fields get plowed and planted and the whole "circle of life" thing begins another cycle. So, if this were a math equation, it would be "Spring = New Life". But as much as I love Spring...and I DO love Spring...I would argue that, at least in the life of a church, the equation might look more like "Fall = New Life"!

By now, you're probably thinking, "Come again there, Pastor? How is FALL about new life?" Good question! And outside, there isn't a whole lot of new life this time of year. The grass is turning. The crops are about ready to be brought in. The leaves are falling. The world is pulling into hibernation mode in anticipation of Winter. That's outside. But INSIDE...well...that's another story altogether!

Historically, Fall is when the church kind of comes back to life. Many churches almost completely shut down in the summer. Youth groups, Sunday School, even worship services go on hiatus for the Summer. Then, when Fall comes, they all come back to life. There is a big push for "back to church". I get that. I have actively participated in that approach. I GET it. I have DONE it. But I don't LIKE it!

I have historically been against shutting very many things down for the summer. I mean, there are some ministries (Wednesday Night Fellowship, Choir, Bell Choir) that perhaps need a little time off so that folks can take a little breather, regroup and prepare for the comeback! But God doesn't take a vacation from us, so why would we take one from Him?

With that in mind, this past summer has been one of the best of my 23 years in the ministry. Yes, some ministries took some time off. But for the most part, there was very little "let down" around here this Summer. Instead, we kept right on pushing, focusing on connecting more people to Jesus Christ. And that fact makes this Fall even sweeter!

Even though we didn't really let down over the Summer, we are neck-deep in the "new life" of Fall right now! Wednesday Night Fellowship is back. The Choir is back. The Bell Choir is back. And suddenly, in the midst of a world outside the doors of the church that is beginning to shut down for the Winter, we are experiencing Spring inside the building!

Not only does faith not have to be dull and boring- it SHOULD'N'T be! WE serve a living God. We have been saved by His grace and made new through His salvation. We have the best story ever to share. THE BEST! We should want to share that story with a world that so desperately needs to hear it. Christianity isn't some dull, boring, ancient ritual that we muddle through every Sunday. It is a way of life that leads to NEW life, vitality and a joy that the world cannot replicate. Celebrate the new life of Fall! Celebrate the new life found in Him!

This article was originally in the October 2015 Parish Visitor. It is still (and even more!) relevant now. I hope you feel that way too!

Debbie

### SPECIAL DATES:

- October 3 Homecoming Parade 6PM
- October 6 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- October 10 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- October 14 Office Closed for Columbus Day
- October 15 Loving Hands Sandwich + Food Prep 1:30PM
- October 17 UMW Exec Meeting 4:15PM
- October 20 CIA Luncheon 11:45AM
- October 20 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- October 20 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- October 20 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- October 20 Council Meeting 7:30PM
- October 21 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- October 22 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- October 22 AUMC Works at Food Pantry 5:30-7PM
- October 24 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- October 24 Women's Bible Study 5:30PM
- October 25 AUMC Works at Food Pantry 8AM-noon
- October 28 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- October 31 Trunk or Treat 5-7PM

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

## 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!

**KIDS, HAVE  
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OUR  
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## CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year, Charge Conference (our annual "meeting" to set both the budget and ministry teams for the coming year) is on Sunday, November 3rd at 1:30PM here at Aledo United Methodist Church. Our District Superintendent Rev. Steve Granadosin will be joining us that day. We will host Illinois City-Pine Bluff, Joy-Eliza-New Boston, Reynolds-Taylor Ridge, and Viola-Preemption. Please plan to attend.

October is  
**Pastor Appreciation**  
Month



# TRUNK OR TREAT

by Rev. Mark

On Thursday, October 31, your church will hold its 8th Annual Trunk or Treat event. Starting at 5PM that evening, church members will have their cars parked along the edges of 3rd Street outside the church...trunks open! The children of the community will be invited to come and "trick or treat" among our church members. Along with candy and warm greetings, they will receive a handout that explains our Youth and Children's Ministries. In addition, the United Methodist Men will again be offering FREE hot dogs to everyone! (We will be asking for donations for A. Candy, B. Bottles of Water, and C. Money to cover costs!)

Many churches struggle with participating in Halloween-related events and I understand that. BUT...it seems to me that the community is going to observe Halloween regardless of what the church does. Therefore, we have a choice to make: we can refuse to be involved and unconsciously widen the gap between the Church and the community. OR...we can choose to be involved and do so in such a way that the community sees us a willing partner.

So, on Halloween night, we will put our best foot forward, invite the community into "our world" and have a GREAT time doing it! If you would like to bring YOUR car and some candy that night and be a part of this fun event, watch for the sign-up on Sunday mornings!

## 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.



## CONNECTION COINS FOR OCTOBER

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 (October 13th), 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 13th of October 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, October 13th!



### Thank You

God shows His love through  
the warmth and kindness of  
special  
people like you.

Thank you and God bless  
for your donation to the VFW  
Post 1571.

## UMW SUNDAY AND GOLDEN AGE LUNCHEON

One of the best events in the life of our church is coming up on Sunday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. United Methodist Women Sunday will be celebrated at all 3 services. Our Golden Agers (age 75 and above) will be honored at each service. UMW Sunday brings with it the annual Golden Age Luncheon. EVERYONE is invited to come for a delicious FREE meal (ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, salads, rolls, and desserts) following the 10:30 service. We look forward to a huge crowd! As I say each and every year, we will need to have two groups of people in attendance that day. One, all the Golden Age women of our church family should be present to be honored. Secondly, EVERYONE of all ages needs to come to show their appreciation for everything these ladies have done for our church over the years. November 3<sup>rd</sup>—mark it on your calendars and plan to attend UMW Sunday and the Golden Age Luncheon.

*UMW co-presidents, Mary Flint and Molly Joseph*

Where do I fit in?

What can I do?



## 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](mailto: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?

## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN OCTOBER



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Bet you didn't know that October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month! How about Apple Jack Month? Or maybe Computer Learning Month? How about Cookie Month? Eat Country Ham Month? Sarcastic Month? These are the special days in October: the 1st- World Vegetarian Day, the 2nd- Name Your Car Day, the 3rd- Virus Appreciation Day, the 4th- Frappe Day, the 5th- Do Something Nice Day, the 6th- Mad Hatter Day, the 7th- Bald and Free Day, the 8th- Columbus Day, the 9th- Touch Tag Day, the 10th- Moldy Cheese Day, the 11th- Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day, the 12th- Angel Food Cake Day, the 13th- International Skeptics Day, the 14th- Dessert Day, the 15th- White Cane Safety Day, the 16th- Dictionary Day, the 17th- Wear Something Gaudy Day, the 18th- No Beard Day, 19th- Evaluate Your Life Day, the 20th- Brandied Fruit Day, the 21st- Count Your Buttons Day, the 22nd- Nut Day, the 23rd- TV Talk Show Host Day, the 24th- Bologna Day, the 25th- Mother-In-Law Day, the 26th- Mincemeat Day, the 27th- Navy Day, the 28th- Plush Animal Lover's Day, the 29th- Hermit Day, the 30th- Candy Corn Day, and the 31st- Halloween (see accompanying article about our Trunk or Treat event). Celebrate the wonderful AND the weird in October!

## NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

### **Decisions: Seeking God's Guidance**

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

**WHEN:** Tuesdays @ 9AM

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

**WHY:** While the Bible cannot give us the answer to every decision that we face, it does teach us how to make decisions. Join with us for 9 studies that seek God's help in our lives.

**WHAT ELSE:** This study starts October 1st. 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

### **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



## WORSHIP TECH OPPORTUNITIES

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 Rev. Mark, Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney.



## ***OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...IT'S MORE THAN JUST A SHOEBOX***

Most of us in this congregation are very familiar with Operation Christmas Child. It has been a part of the AUMC's efforts to connect people to Jesus Christ since 2008 and, in that time, this congregation has managed to provide over 1800 boxes to children all over the world. That is an amazing total. It speaks to the heart and overwhelming desire of this congregation to bring more families to God's "table of grace"...but do we really know how this is accomplished?

During the first week of November, the last thing we see in our church is a room packed with red and green boxes that are full of toys, games, school supplies, and hygiene items ready to be carted off to the local collection site. What we do not see are the Christian education items placed in these boxes before they leave the regional packaging facilities. We do not see the often-treacherous journey on which these boxes, and their handlers, embark to spread the good news. We can, and often do, view the Samaritan's Purse website to see the bright shining faces of those children who receive our gifts, but we do not see the countless hours spent by

### **DON'T FORGET:**

**\$9 Postage Required/Box**

**Mission Begins: October 6**

**Mission Finishes: November 3**

### **REMEMBER:**

**NO Candy**

**NO Gum**

**NO Toothpaste/Liquids**

thousands of volunteers teaching these same children about a loving God who sent his son to save us all.

So, when you're packing your boxes this year, do not look at it as merely making sure that a child somewhere in the world has a Christmas gift. While that may make us feel good for the moment, it does not really capture the intent of this mission. We are here to be the hands and feet of God and these boxes are excellent evangelical tools that both show and spread the love of Christ. Children, in every

corner of the world, deserve to know there is a God who loves them. Please help us to make that a reality.

Thank you,

Joan Reynolds, Scott Spencer and the

Aledo United Methodist OCC Team

### **C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) Luncheon October 20<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, October 22<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> of October at 11:45AM!

### **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.

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/06/2017– Gary & Renae Brown  
 10/09/2010– Trevon & Sara Dunn  
 10/12/1974– Bill & Molly Joseph  
 10/18/2014– Jeff & Kaycee Stine  
 10/23/1976– Lewis & Wava Minter, Jr  
 10/25/1974– Doyce & Sue Hiscocks



## UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

10/01– Barbara Etheridge  
 10/09– Connie Midkiff  
 10/15– Lois McCormick  
 10/15– Barbara Runyon



The deadline for the next  
 Parish Visitor is  
**Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8am.**  
 Please have all articles submitted  
 by this date!

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan  
 Amelia/breast cancer  
 Anna  
 Kara B  
 Jerry Balsler  
 Jack Bateman & family  
 Phyllis Batson  
 Robbie Beard/lymphoma  
 Linda Beguelin/brain bleed  
 Bentley/6yrs/cancer  
 Lolly Berg  
 Roger Berg  
 Genniene Billiet/cancer  
 Bob Bocox/cancer  
 Brian Boenkamp/coma  
 Brady, Jacob, Camden  
 Brenda Brandt  
 Bill Bruce  
 Patty Brunner  
 Holden C/heart  
 Robin Ciccotelli, husband  
 Gino & family/hospice  
 Julia Cirks/cancer  
 Hurley Crossman/cancer  
 Brian Day/leukemia  
 Dick & Bev/health  
 Jim Droste  
 Dennis Downing

Lauren Eggen/cancer  
 Eric  
 Evelyn/1yr old/cancer  
 Rich Fell/health  
 Lois Fleuette/hospice  
 Carol Freeman/cancer  
 CJ Friedel  
 Liz G  
 Gail/chemo & radiation  
 Rodney Glidden/cancer  
 Tommy Greer family  
 Kathy Haney  
 Joanne Harris  
 Rev Mark  
 Pam Heath  
 Louise Hedrix/cancer  
 Jeff Hiscocks family/move  
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer  
 Jackson/CP  
 Janet Jenson/cancer  
 Jennifer/loss  
 Amy Jones/health  
 Terry Jones/cancer  
 John Karwath/cancer  
 Chad King/brain tumor  
 Martha E King  
 Nathan Kirk/healing  
 LaDue family/loss

Sandra Lanteau  
 Jon Lee/cancer  
 Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health  
 Kelly Mack/cancer  
 Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia  
 Fran Murphy/hospice  
 Jody Newton/cancer  
 Joel Noe/health  
 Ember Pappas/cancer  
 Brian Parchert family/loss  
 Maddie Perry/cancer  
 Bill Pollock/health  
 Pauline Schmidt  
 Sara Schrock/hospice  
 Lucas Smith/blood disorder  
 Diana Spencer  
 Pat Stevens/cancer  
 Amy Studer  
 Suzanne/surgery  
 Kris Taylor  
 Dennis Terrill/heart  
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma  
 Neil Truman/health  
 Pam Truman/health  
 Nena Visser/health  
 Alice Wainright/health  
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor  
 Marsha Whitman/cancer

Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents  
 Military & families  
 All ill/in hospitals  
 Our world leaders  
 Our Church/congregation  
 Flooding victims  
 Those suffering from depression  
 Travel mercies for travelers  
 Marriages



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

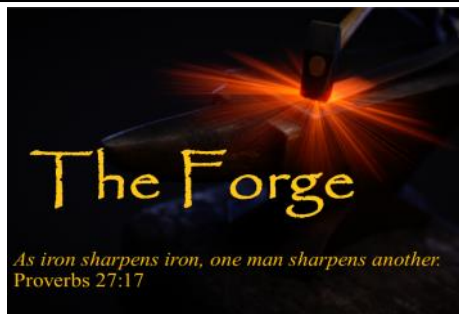
# Youth & Children's Page

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: COME JOIN US!

Come for dinner, stay for the fun!

Youth Programming on Wednesday nights has begun and YOU are invited! FUEL and Bible studies are open to students in grades K/1, 2/3, 4/5/6, 7/8 and 9-12. Dinner begins at 5:15 pm, FUEL/studies are from 6 pm – 7 pm. All students, kindergarten through senior in high school are welcome!

Won't you join us? YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



## GAMES WANTED

Are you “fall cleaning” and need a new home for old games or outdoor equipment? The Forge is looking to adopt your gently used puzzles, board games, card games, yard games, kick balls, and volleyball or badminton sets. Please bring them to the church office, or let Kathleen know if you'd like her to make a pickup at your house. Thank you from everyone at the Forge

## THANK YOU!

We are grateful for the generosity of Laura Patterson and Barb King for the donations of yarn. These donations will be used in our Knit, Crochet Pray ministry of knitting and crocheting scarves in the sanctuary during worship services. Thank you, Laura and Barb!

Thank you, Sheila Spencer and Darlene Jones for your donations to the Forge! Sheila has donated a monopoly game and Darlene gave a domino game! We've enjoyed playing games during our Forge meetings. Thank you, ladies!

## THE FORGE:

The Forge has begun meeting for the 2019-2020 school year! Here's the schedule:

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| 4 pm – 5:15 pm    | Forge, grades 6, 7, 8  |
| 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm | Study Hour, grades 6-12 (Quiet study space, homework help available) |
| 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm | Forge, grades 9-12   |

The Forge is our youth group and is open to all students in grades 6-12. We have snacks, social time, a lesson and game time. We will be planning special events, service projects and continuing our Power Pack program. What's missing? YOU! All are welcome! Bring a friend! See you Sundays!

## NURSERY HELP NEEDED

We have an amazing nursery and staff! We also need a little help on Wednesday evenings. We need a volunteer (or volunteers on a rotating basis) to help our two Wednesday night staff members during Bell Choir and Chancel Choir rehearsals (6pm – 8 pm). Do you have one Wednesday night a month to help with our youngest church members? Please contact Natalie Nelson, Nursery Director, or Kathleen Bashem, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries for more information.





## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual *Follow the Star* Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 22, 2019 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 23, 2019 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### Our Famous Nativity Collections

Beautiful and unique nativity set displays will “Connect our community to the birth of Jesus Christ”

### Specialty Booths

- Candy Cane Café** – Delicious Friday evening meal and Saturday breakfast served downstairs
- Sparkle & Co.** – **New name, new items!** Fun washer necklaces, Home baked sweet breads, pastries, pies
- Sweet Shoppe** – Homemade Holiday cookies and candies – “Cookie/Candy Walk”
- Creative Hands** – A large variety of useful handmade items.
- All Wrapped Up** – **New!** Gift wrap bundles for sale and **we will wrap your purchases for you!**
- Hot Chocolate Bar** – **Stop by for your free hot chocolate!** Purchase our famous hot chocolate mix.
- The Cutting Edge** – *Rada* cutlery for your gift giving.
- All Things Wooden** – Many neat and creative wooden hand crafted items.
- Homemade With Love** – Handmade cards, stationery items, and lots of other clever gifts.
- Holiday Shoppe** – Thanksgiving and Christmas decorative items featuring handcrafted ornaments
- Clean Living** - Homemade soaps, lotions, and more.
- Razzle Dazzle** – Beautiful jewelry for you and your gift giving.

New this year – instead of asking for specific food ingredients, we will give you the opportunity to make a monetary donation to help with expenses – Remember all profits are given to local missions..

### *What can you do to participate in this big family event?*

- Volunteer to work a booth - CONTACT RUTH DULANEY 309-738-6151 or CAROL BROWN 309-582-3644
- Attend the group work times
- Make unique items at home for the specialty booths
- Lend your nativity set(s) for our Nativity Collection Display
- Provide a card table. Donate fabric (sports or kids prints, plain colors in one yard segments).
- Help set up and clean up at the Holiday Bazaar
- Invite your friends and family to attend

### **Holiday Bazaar Group Work Times - Join the fun and fellowship!**

Thursday, October 10th – 9 AM – 3 PM	Sewing Day	Basement Activity Room
Thursday, October 17 <sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM	Group Work Time	Basement Activity Room
Tuesday, October 29th – 6:00 PM	Craft Work Time	Basement Activity Room
Tuesday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> – 9 AM - Noon	Make Cookies/Candy	Kitchen
Tuesday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM	Sweet Breads Baking	Kitchen
Tuesday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM	Set up tables	Basement Activity Room
Wednesday, November 20 <sup>th</sup> – 9 AM - Noon	Make Cookies/Candy	Kitchen
Wednesday, November 20th after WNF	Set up booths, nativities	Basement/Fellowship Rm
Thursday, November 21st at 9 AM	Set up booths	Fellowship Rm/Basement
Friday, November 22nd at 9:00 AM	Complete set up	Fellowship Rm/Basement



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER 2019 MEALS

### October 2019 Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pasta Night, Tossed Salad, French Bread, Applesauce, Cupcakes
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chicken Pot Pie, Relish Tray, Jello Salads, Angel Food Cake & Blueberries
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Open Opportunity</b> for Individuals or a Group to Plan and Prepare the Meal – <i>Contact Ruth Dulaney</i>
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pizza Boats, Toss Salad, Apples & Dip, Dessert
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Egg Casseroles, Fruit, Pastries, Juice, Milk

**Come join us for the delicious homemade meals at 5:15 PM!**

**Donations are accepted for our AUMC missions.**

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## ONLINE GIVING

by Rev. Mark

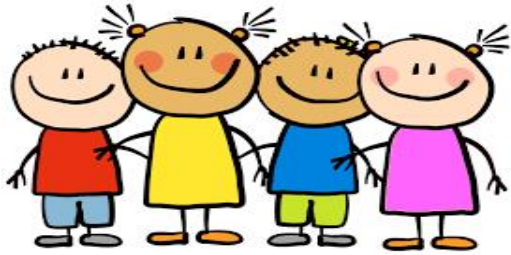
More and more of you are now making your weekly/monthly/yearly offering to your church online! If you go to the home page of the church website ([www.myaledoumc.com](http://www.myaledoumc.com)) and choose “giving” from the Navigation Bar near the top, it will take you to a page that will provide the 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 checkbook 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?

## 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!

## 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. We can help!



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MADE IN CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI

**Back by Popular Demand!**

These high quality, personalized pans, mugs, utensils, cutting boards, and much more will be available to purchase in October in the Fellowship Room or order online. They make great gifts with many different options of designs. You will also want a personalized pan for yourself so you don't have to worry about "whose pan is it" when you bring food to the church.

Profits will be given to the Capital Campaign Fund.

**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 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.

**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.

**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!

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)



Date	09/01/2019	09/08/2019	09/15/2019	09/22/2019
Attendance	233	273	246	231
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$7,706.50	\$4,657.10	\$4,994.00	\$3,923.00