# The Parish Visitor June, 2018

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# RESTROOMS AND AIR CONDITIONERS

by Rev. Mark

Have you seen the new restrooms? If not...you should! They are awesome! (I've told you before- I'm a bit of geek! I get excited by such things!) There is now a fully accessible restroom in the back of the sanctuary. The new construction is complete with a new coat rack and a Quiet Room. The restroom is GREAT- automatic door, automatic lights, a baby-changing station and a sink that allows you to wash BOTH hands at once! (If you ever tried to wash your hands in the old bathroom, you know what I'm talking about!)

The Quiet Room has many purposes. It has a TV monitor that lets you see and hear what is going on in the sanctuary. It has comfortable furniture. It is a space where a parent with a crying child can go. (But don't be too quick to leave the sanctuary! A child being heard in worship is a joyful noise!) It is a space where a nursing mother could find some quiet. It is a space where a child who is troubled by the noises and the crowd can step out and find some normalcy. It's great!

Then, there is the new downstairs restroom. It is attached to the dining room. It includes a fully accessible restroom, a fully accessible shower, a fully-functional janitor's closet and a storage room complete with washer and dryer hook-up. Again, it's great!

Now, you will see an article from the Capital Campaign Team in this same publication. I don't want to simply steal their thunder, so I won't go on about what's next. They will tell you in that article. What I WILL tell you is this- thank you. As the pastor of this church, I'm grateful for your support of these projects. Since we started receiving pledges in early October, we have received approximately \$121,000 "cash in hand". NOT simply pledges but actual cash money! We agreed that we would NOT start a phase of the Campaign until we actually had the money IN HAND to pay for that phase. And in basically 8 months, we have raised a little over \$121,000! That is nothing short of miraculous!

We have had a GREAT start to this Campaign. Again- thank you! But we still have a road ahead of us yet to travel. God has seen us this far. He will see us the rest of the way. And I, for one, can't WAIT to see it! I invite you to continue to join me on the journey! God is good, all the time!

#### **SPECIAL DATES:**

- June 1 Rhubarb Fest 11AM-1:30PM
- June 2 Rhubarb Fest 11AM-1:30PM
- June 3 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- June 7 MCSEEF Meeting 7PM
- June 14 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- June 17 Father's Day
- June 18 UM Men 6PM
- June 21 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- June 21 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- June 21 UMW Exec meeting 4:15PM
- June 24 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- June 24 Youth Fellowship 11:30AM
- June 24 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- June 24 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- June 24 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- June 28 Women's Bible Study 5:30PM

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## **NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES**

#### The Gospel of John with Mike Millar

WHAT: Current Tuesday morning Bible Study

**WHEN:** Tuesday mornings at 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: Without the apostle John we would have been left to wonder about the hands-on Jesus. But through John's eyes and pen, we are privileged to witness the ministry of the Savior. John's gift to us is a

record of tender moments and heaven-powered miracles.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$8 and it is not too late to join!

#### Ten Men of the Bible: How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World

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: The men of the Bible aren't depicted there because they were perfect, but to highlight their faithfulness to God! In this 10-session study guide, Max Lucado looks at the stories of some of these Scriptural characters, pointing out key decisions they made - and the good or bad consequences that resulted. Each session includes discussion questions.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$15 and it is NEVER too late to join!

## **AUMC NEWS!**



I am honored and humbled to announce my assignment to the Manito Community United Methodist Church as their pastor beginning July 1. Illinois River District Superintendent Mary Kathryn Pearce and I met with the Manito CUMC PPRC last Sunday evening and now the assignment can be announced publicly. I thank God for leading Bishop Beard and his cabinet in discerning this assignment. The members of this church that I have met appear to be a bunch of Holy Spirit filled, kingdom building, outreach creating, Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis community, Jesus loving huggers. I am definitely feeling blessed and highly favored. They said something about me getting to wear a walking taco or chicken head costume for the Manito Popcorn Festival in September and maybe preaching a community worship service at the Popcorn Festival

tival. You all know I don't mind being a fool for Jesus, but preaching in a walking taco costume might be going a little too far, even for me.

The real reason for this letter is to thank each and every one of you for helping to support and prepare me for this next step in serving our Lord. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I love you all. Please continue to lift me and now add Manito CUMC in your prayers. You all continue to be in mine. May God continue to use us all in bringing glory to His Son, Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,

Steve Oaks

## **CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES**

by Rev. Mark

In 590AD, Pope Gregory defined the 7 Deadly Sins as lust, wrath, gluttony, greed, sloth, envy and pride. At that time, he also included a counter-balancing set of values that we should adopt. They have become known as the 7 Heavenly Virtues. Starting Sunday, May 6, we will be immersing ourselves in these lists in an effort to identify and celebrate our own strengths as well as name areas of our lives that perhaps need more attention. The remaining weeks of the series look like this:

**Sunday, June 3, 2018 <u>Diligence</u>** (Luke 11:9-11)

Persistence, effort and ethics as a counterbalance to sloth.

(Proverbs 13:4, Galatians 6:9-10)

**Sunday, June 10, 2018 Kindness** (Luke 6:32-36)

Satisfaction and compassion as a counterbalance to envy.

(Proverbs 11:16-17, Ephesians 4:31-32)

Sunday, June 17, 2018 Humility (Father's Day) (Luke 14:8-11)

Bravery, modesty and reverence as a counterbalance to pride.

(Proverbs 22:4, James 4:6b-7)



Then, on June 24, we start a new sermon Series- Your Comeback. Based on the book by Tony Evans, this series will focus on fear- fear that you've fallen too far to be used by God. We will focus on epic comebacks of sports teams with no shot at victory and Biblical heroes with scandalous pasts. God can turn things around for anybody---including you! The weeks of this series look like this:

Sunday, June 24, 2018- Think Different (2Kings 5:1-14)

Before God can give you your complete comeback, He needs you to think differently.

(Jeremiah 33:2-3, Romans 12:2)

Sunday, July 1, 2018- Embrace the Unusual (Luke 5:1-11)

When God breaks the nets of your life and gives you your comeback, will you follow Him by helping others who need a comeback?

(Proverbs 22:29, 2Corinthians 5:16-17)

Sunday, July 8, 2018- Don't Stay Down (1Samuel 1:10-20)

Once you cross the finish line and God has restored your strength, give it to the next person God brings your way.

(Isaiah 64:8, Philippians 4:12-13)

Sunday, July 15, 2018- Keep Moving Forward (2Kings 5:19b-27)

If you're tired of living outside of God's blessings of goodness and power, invite God to show you where you've failed and how you can grow.

(Psalm 32:8, Philippians 3:13-14)

Sunday, July 22, 2018- Stare Down the Challenge (2Chronicles 20:14-17)

God rules in spite of the situation you face. The problem isn't yours- the battle is God's.

(Deuteronomy 31:6, John 16:31-33)

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

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

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

#### THE NURSERY

Dear Parents,

Changes are coming to the nursery. We welcome Natalie Nelson as our newest staff member. Our hope is to have 2 adults in the nursery at all times.

Also, we are now using a sticker sign-in program. We will be giving each child a sticker, and a corresponding sticker to you. When you pick up your child, you will need to present the sticker. Without the sticker you may not pick up your child. As we continue to grow, we won't always know all parents as well as we know you. This is a safety measure for your child.

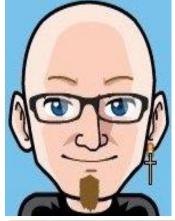
In that same vein, parents are not allowed in the nursery. Please stand at the door and wait for us to bring your child to you. That way the door stays shut and no child runs out into the busyness of the hall. Again, this is a safety measure.

Thank you so much. We have a great group of kids. We love watching them grow and play together.

Tami Hevland, Nursery Coordinator Jessica Thomas, Assistant Natalie Nelson, Assistant



...a fun place to play and learn!



## 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.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

What untapped musical gifts do YOU have? Perhaps you sing or play a musical instrument? If so, perhaps God is calling you to a greater commitment in our worship services. Here is a list of the current music ministry opportunities available:

- Either (or both) of the Praise Bands need a Bass Guitarist
- The Vocal Choir always has room for more singers.
- The Bell Choir is looking for more ringers, including substitutes.
- Do you sing or play an instrument? Special music presentations always have a place for you! Pray about stepping out in faith. If you feel God calling you to join the music ministry of the church, talk to Rev. Mark- stop him at church, call him at the office, or email him at <a href="mark@stickwithjesus.com">revmark@stickwithjesus.com</a>.

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## THANK YOU

The family of Kevin Jones want to thank all of you for your cards, concerns, and prayers at the time of Kevin's hospitalization and passing. Thank you for the memorial money donated to "one eighty" in Kevin's name. It was all very much appreciated.

God is good all the time.

Darlene Jones Dian & Randy Slater & family Dale & Amy Jones & family

## **FATHER'S DAY**

On Sunday, June 17th, we celebrate Father's Day. It was first celebrated as a church service at the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South in Fairmont, WV, in 1908. (The first Mother's Day was celebrated 2 months earlier in Grafton, WV, 15 miles away!) Grace Golden Clayton is believed to have suggested the service to her pastor to commemorate 361 local men killed in

a mine explosion. It was not made official until 1966 by President Lyndon Johnson. If you are able... spend some time with your dad that day. If you can't, but can call him...do that! If you are unable to do either of those things, take a moment to say a prayer to God, thanking Him that your dad helped bring you into this world.



## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN JUNE

Did you know that June is Dairy Month? Or Great Outdoors Month? How about Adopt-A-Cat Month? It's also Drive Safe Month, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month, Iced Tea Month, Potty Training Awareness Month and Turkey Lovers Month. The 1st week of June is National Fishing Week, while the 2nd week is National Clay Week. Here are some special June days: June 1st- Donut Day, June 2nd- I Love My Dentist Day, June 3rd- Egg Day, June 4th- Cheese Day, June 5th- Gingerbread Day, June 6th- Applesauce Cake Day, June 7th- Daniel Boone Day, June 8th- Jelly-Filled Donut Day, June 9th- Young Eagles Day, June 10th- "Pop Goes the Weasel" Day, June 11th- Hug Day, June 12th- Magic Day, June 13th- Weed Your Garden Day, June 14th- Flag Day, June 15th- Fly A Kite Day, June 16th- Hollerin' Contest Day, June 17th- Father's Day (see accompanying article), June 18th- Fudge Day, June 19th- Panic Day, June 20th-Ice Cream Soda Day, June 21st- Eat Your Vegetables Day, June 22nd- Chocolate Éclair Day, June 23rd-Pecan Sandies Day, June 24th- Swim a Lap Day, June 25th- Catfish Day, June 26th- Chocolate Pudding Day. June 27th— Sunglasses Day, June 28th- Paul Bunyan Day, June 29th- Camera Day and June 30th-Meteor Day. Celebrate the many strange and wonderful days June has to offer!

## WRMJ RADIO BROADCAST

On the 4th Sunday of each month, and now on any 5th Sundays, we broadcast our 10:30 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.



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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

If you haven't check out the new facilities, I would highly recommend that you poke your head in and take a look at the renovated restrooms at the back of the sanctuary and in the basement off the dining area. God has again paved the way for this project in so many ways! Not only the dollars coming in to make it possible, but also having a hand each step of the way. With any construction project, there is always an element of the "unknowns" that tend to crop up. We virtually had no "unknowns" crop up! What a blessing! A huge thanks to Doyce Hiscocks for being the project manager and to all on the Capital Campaign committee! A special thanks to all who were "disrupted" by the construction for your help and patience.

Now that we have this project in the "bag" we are ready to move on the second project; air conditioning for the education wing. Plans are being drawn up as we speak and hopefully this will also be in the "bag" by mid/late summer. After that we will be getting geared up for the third project; the stained glass windows. This is certainly the biggest piece of our Capital Campaign and money pledged and dollars coming in currently will all go toward the new stained glass windows.

God is Good!

Capital Campaign Team

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!

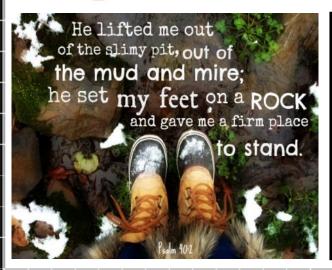
Wednesday Night Fellowship has gone "on vacation" for the summer! We had a GREAT 2017-2018 season. We fed a TON of people and had lots of great fellowship and learning spread over a variety of offerings. Thank you to all who made it happen AND to all who participated! See you back on Wednesday evenings in the Fall!



## **CONNECTION COINS FOR JUNE**

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 (June 10th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward this year's Vacation Bible School (July 15-18). Each summer, dozens and dozens of kids visit us to learn more about their faith. Your coins will help make that happen. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 10th of June will be used to help fund that valuable ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on June 10th!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to greet for Sunday morning Services. This is an IMPORTANT ministry. Please contact Ruth Dulaney at 309-738-6151 to volunteer one Sunday a month.



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/01/2002 – Matt & Krystal Jungmann

06/03/1967- Bill & Ila Bertrand

06/04/2011 – John & Nicole Taylor

06/08/1968- Hal & Linda Earl

06/08/1974— Tom & Barbara King

06/09/2006– Jayson & Jessie Thomson

06/11/1994 Cliff & Jennifer Anderson

06/12/1976- Rick & Kathy Newswander

06/13/1981- Gary & Anita Heard

06/13/2015- Alex & Ashley Stice

06/14/2003 - George & Glenda Foy

06/15/2017- Andy & Laura Mehl

06/20/1992- Clay & Mary Hess

06/21/1953 – Dick & Liz Zimmerman

06/22/2013 - Dan & Cara Magedanz

06/24/1973 – Danny & Linda Schrock

06/28/1999- Bradly & Janean Ottoson

06/29/1991 – Don & Lyn Franks

## UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

06/03 – Carole Korns

06/05 - Bonnie Ricketts

06/11- Carol Ann Boney

06/30- Nadine Liby



#### The deadline for the next Parish Visitor is

Wednesday, June 21st @ 8am.

Please have all articles submitted by this date!

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan Sandy Anderson/health Sharon Andress Jordan Balmer John Blick/health Bob Bocox/cancer Brian Boenkamp/coma Brenda Brandt Renae Brown Holden C/heart

Calvin

Robin Ciccotelli/chemo Tricia/Rory Conway/Lymes Hurley Crossman/cancer

Dee Dellitt

Stacey DeSpain/6yrs/health

Dick & Beverly Erma Dobbins Doug/heart Jim Droste

Lauren Eggen/cancer Chris Engstrom Soni Engstrom Evelyn/1yr old/cancer Bob Fausett/heart Jenifer Franks/cancer Carol Freeman/cancer Connie Freeman CJ Friedel

Gail/chemo & radiation Garret Gildea & Jacob/ missionaries in Nicaragua Rodney Glidden/lung cancer Will Green/deployed

Susie Hall/breast cancer Roxanne Hanson

Megan Harbor & family Rev Mark and family Michael Harris

Pam Heath Marilyn Hessman/cancer Sheryl Hodges

Parker Hopkins/2yrs old/

cancer Jackson

Janet Jenson/cancer

Jeremy Debbie Jones/heart Kevin Jones family/comfort

Olivia Jones/health Terry Jones/cancer John Karwath/cancer Sherrie Kenney/strength Aubrey King/cancer

Chad King/brain tumor

Neil Seaton/stroke Rollin Spencer/health

Damon King Martha King/heart Kristin/healing Allison Kuk/remission Jon Lee/cancer

Kirsten Leeper & baby Tiffanee Lloyd

Mary Louck Dick & Jenny Maynard Violet Meskan/Lyme disease

Connie Midkiff Steve Morss family Kayla/Jamie Mugford/baby

Joel Noe/health Donna Oldfather Ember Pappas/cancer

Bryce Rathje Angela Rebello & girls Robert & Monica/health

Fred Rooth Lisa Rzepecki Kris Salmon/cancer Ron Schmidt/healing

Stacev Jim Stites

Bob Swank/broken leg Vernon Swearingen/health Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma Charley Thomas Pam & Neil Truman Nena Visser/health

Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor Gabby Whitehall/Lymes Irven Young family Dick Zimmerman/recovery AUMC church family

Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents Military & families All ill/in hospitals

Graduates All who mourn Gun Violence

High school & college graduates

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

Leaders

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# JUNE 1ST AND 2ND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

The homemade menu includes chicken salad on a croissant or on a lettuce leaf or ham and cheese on wheat bun; potato salad or chips, fresh fruit, rhubarb or fruit pie and beverage.

A child's meal which includes a hot dog or ham sandwich, chips, cookie and juice box is also available.

Church Bus Service to and from church on Friday Downtown Bus Stop

### Take-out meals and delivery to Aledo homes and businesses

Place orders AHEAD online or at the church office

This is your opportunity to connect – thank you for serving! WE NEED WORKERS Thursday, Friday and Saturday!

Workers on Friday & Saturday – Wear pink, green, or white shirt and a cap

Bring perishable food for potato & chicken salad by Thursday 8 AM

Bring lots and lots of pies by 8 AM Friday or Saturday

#### **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!

# "CHECK OUT" OUR CHURCH LIBRARY! COME AND SEE WHAT'S NEW!



#### **SUMMER SOLSTICE**

Have you ever heard of the Summer Solstice and wondered what exactly that was? The word "solstice" derives from a combination of two Latin words: "sol" meaning "sun" and "sistere" meaning "to stand still." As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice marks the longest day (and the shortest night) of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere, Summer Solstice begins on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 5:07 AM CDT.

#### **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 BE-CAUSE 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 goalbut 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!

#### **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 <a href="www.stickwithjesus.com">www.stickwithjesus.com</a> 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.





## JUNE 2018 VOLUN-Celebrating TEER MINISTRIES **SPOTLIGHT**

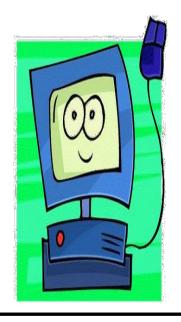
Doyce Hiscocks has used his creativity recycling materials to build several much needed shelving units for different church storage areas.

Thank you, Doyce, for your many volunteer hours donated for this project as well as supervising the new bathroom projects!!

Ruth Dulaney Volunteer Ministries Director







## **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 Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney.

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# FUEL- OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Rev. Mark

Our Wednesday Night Children's ministry- FUEL- is on hiatus! Yesour 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!





#### **FLAG DAY**

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th (a Thursday this year). It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress, in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, though on June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first (and only) U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday. The longest-running Flag Day parade is held annually in Quincy, Massachusetts, which began 1952 and will celebrate its 59th year in 2009. The largest Flag Day parade is held annually in Troy, New York, which bases its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators. The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. This year, remember the freedom that our flag represents, and thank God for that freedom- including the freedom to worship.

#### **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.

### C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON JUNE 24TH

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, June 24th, 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 24th of June at 11:45AM!

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

### RELAY FOR LIFE

Join us in Aledo Central Park June 23rd
1-10PM for the 2018 Relay for Life
Enjoy a grilled pork chop sandwich meal
4PM until they are gone.
Luminarias are available, with all proceeds
for advance purchases going
to our local Relay Team. Contact Pam Truman



## 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 (<a href="www.myaledoumc.com">www.myaledoumc.com</a>) 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?

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)

278Date	05/06/2018	05/13/2018	05/20/2018	05/27/2018
Attendance	228	281	278	250
Receipts				
(Toward				
Budget)	\$8,351.00	\$2,704.00	\$5,031.00	9,373.30

