

The Parish Visitor

May 2019



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SOME DAYS ARE DIAMONDS

by Rev. Mark

Remember John Denver? (Far out!) I LOVED John Denver back in the day! (If I'm honest, I STILL like his music!) On his 1981 album titled *Some Days Are Diamonds*, he included the title song- *Some Days Are Diamonds, Some Days Are Stone*. Written by Dick Feller, this song (while not getting a lot of air play or notoriety), really has some great things to say about perseverance- "Some days are diamonds. Some days are stones. Sometimes the hard times won't leave me alone. Sometimes a cold wind blows a chill in my bones. Some days are diamonds. Some days are stones."

You just have to love perseverance! To paraphrase American humorist Josh Billings, the postage stamp is a great example of perseverance- its usefulness is based solely on its ability to stick to one thing until it gets where it's going! I recently had someone comment on my perseverance. Their comments caused me to remember a quote by author Stephen King- "If you want to be a writer, you must do two things above all others: read a lot and write a lot. There's no way around these two things that I'm aware of, no shortcut." How true! There are some days when I sit down to write and it just POURS out- I can't type fast enough to keep up with my head! But there are other days when I fire the 'ol laptop up, get comfortable, put my fingers on the keyboard, and...I got nothin'! I am so dry, I make the Sahara look like an oasis! On days like that, I simply DON'T. WANT. TO. WRITE! I want to close the laptop and go do something else...ANYTHING else.

Is life closing in around you? Do you feel like giving up? Are you ready to throw in the towel? All I can say is...DON'T. Psalm 30 (as well as the Contemporary Christian song, *Trading My Sorrows*) says, "Though the sorrow may last for the night, the joy comes in the morning." God IS with you, whether your days are diamonds or whether they are stones. (He seems to be with me even more when they are stones!) He will never leave you or forsake you. Hang in there...persevere!

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN MAY

Did you know that May is American Bike Month? It is also Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. What about Asparagus Month? Or Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month (makes sense!)? It is also National Bar-B-Q, Egg, Hamburger, Salad and Strawberry Months! Here are some special days in May- May 1st- Mother Goose Day, May 2nd- Baby Day, May 3rd- Lumpy Rug Day, May 4th- National Teacher Day, May 5th- National Hoagie Day, May 6th- International No Diet Day, May 7th- Space Day, May 8th- National Dance Like a Chicken Day, May 9th- No Socks Day, May 10th- Tulip Day, May 11th- Twilight Zone Day, May 12th- Clean Up Your Room Day, May 12th- Mother's Day, May 14th- Kite Day, May 15th- Be a Millionaire Day, May 16th- Peace Day, May 17th- Pack Rat Day, May 18th- Visit Your Relatives Day, May 19th- Circus Day, May 20th- Armed Forces Day, May 21st- Lindbergh Flight Day, May 22nd- Buy-A-Musical Instrument Day, May 23rd- Penny Day, May 24th- National Escargot Day, May 25th- Hug Your Pet Day, May 26th- Blueberry Cheesecake Day, May 27th- Ham Sandwich Day, May 28th- Memorial Day, May 27th- Sun Screen Day, May 30th- International Jazz Day and May 31st- World No Tobacco Day. Celebrate all that May has to offer!

SPECIAL DATES:

- May 5 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- May 5 Graduation Sunday
- May 6 Relay For Life Survivor's Dinner 6PM
- May 8 Last WNF for the Season
- May 9 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 12 55+ Game Night 6PM
- May 13 Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Banquet 6PM
- May 19 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- May 19 Mission Meeting 5:15PM
- May 19 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- May 19 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- May 19 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- May 20 Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- May 21 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- May 21 Work @ Food Pantry 5:30-7PM
- May 23 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- May 23 Women's Bible Study 5:30PM
- May 24 Work @ Food Pantry 8AM-noon
- May 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day
- May 28 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM

MOTHER'S DAY

Do you have your greeting card picked out? Are the lunch reservations made yet? **Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day!** Those tireless, often thankless women who brought us into this world (and can take us back out if we don't stay in line!) are honored on that day. The women of the church will be recognized that day in all 3 worship services, and the men of the congregation will be giving each of them a special gift as well. If your mother is no longer with us, say a special prayer of thanksgiving for her that day. If she IS with us but lives too far away, make sure you call her to tell her how much she means to you. If she lives nearby, bring her to church to be a part of the celebration. Then, take her to lunch and tell her in person the impact she has had on your life!

NOW WHAT?

by Rev. Mark

We're now past the "busyness" of Easter (NEARLY 500 folks worshiped with us between Maundy (Holy) Thursday and Easter Sunday!) It was a marvelous mountaintop experience: great worship, incredible music and an experience of God we won't soon forget. But now we're back in the valley, life is back to "normal", the spiritual high is diminishing, and we ask ourselves, "Now what?"

Here's what! Don't let Easter be the end of anything. Instead, let it be the beginning of a whole new adventure. Let this be the year you turn another corner in your faith journey. Refuse to simply slide back into "business as usual". Instead, reach out- GRAB that brass ring. Embrace all that God has to offer. Live life to the fullest. Don't waste a moment.

The power of Easter is found in an empty tomb. But that power is lost if we don't live our lives recognizing the tomb is empty for our benefit. Like Esther in the Old Testament, The Aledo United Methodist Church was created for "such a time as this". There has never been the potential for ministry in this town as there is right now. How will we respond? God is good, all the time!

Online Bible Study

Do you ever crave a bible study but can't find the time for one? They're never the right time or too long? How about an online bible study? I will be hosting 2 bible studies based off the book of "Grace—More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine" by Max Lucado. One bible study is for the Young Adults and Young Families while the other study is for anyone that doesn't fit those criteria and want a study. All are welcome. I have 12 free gently used books reserved for the first few people that rsvp for the Young Adults and Young Families. If not in the Young Adults and Young Families group, I will have information on where to find the books. The more the merrier, come one come all. The study will be on Facebook where there will be a private group setting and we can all talk freely with each other about questions about the book and joys we have while reading. The beauty of an online study is that you can access the study at any time of the day (or night!). The study is from June 2nd— August 17. Please let me know if you are interested at all!

Director of Young Adults and Young Families & Treasurer

Ashley Schmidt

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!

Wednesday Night Fellowship is winding down! May 8th will be the LAST one of the "season" before we take a little break and then kick it all back off in the fall! The dinners have been spectacular, the rest of the evening has been great and the fellowship has been outstanding! The evening begins with dinner from 5:15-6PM. Then, everything else starts!! At 6PM, your choices include:

Nursery for birth-3 years old

FUEL for kids through 6th Grade

Junior/Senior High Bible Study

Tim Hay's Adult Bible Study class (see accompanying article)

Bell Choir

Choir

See you on Wednesday evenings! Help us finish strong!

Thank You!

I would like to thank my church family for the birthday wishes and cards. Also, thanks to the United Methodist Women for the cor-sage. It was a very special birthday. God's blessings on all of you,
Babe Hyett



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!

CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev Mark

Great heroes, both men and women of faith have been recorded throughout the Bible. However, there are many Biblical characters who can be easily overlooked and yet should be regarded as heroes, not necessarily because of their extraordinary feats but because they simply chose to stand on the right side of history, they chose to align themselves with the promise made to their ancestors and to the spread of the Gospel. With all of that in mind, we will spend a few weeks considering the lives of a handful of these unsung heroes and how significant they were to their time and generation as we look at *Unsung Heroes of the Bible*. Here are the weeks of this series-

Sunday, April 28, 2019- Rahab (Joshua 2)

Living by faith leads to righteous works.

(Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 1:1-6a)

Sunday, May 5, 2019- Jethro (Exodus 18)

Feeling overwhelmed? Seek God's wisdom

(Proverbs 19:20, James 1:5)

Sunday, May 12, 2019- Mother's Day- Naaman's Wife's Maid (2 Kings 5)

Be confident in your faith in God.

(Isaiah 41:10, James 1:6)

Sunday, May 19, 2019- The Thief on the Cross (Luke 23: 32-33, 39-43)

Everyone who calls on God will be saved.

(Micah 6:8, James 2:13)

Sunday, May 26, 2019- Tabitha (Acts 9:36-42)

Faith ends in good works and God's blessing.

(Isaiah 41:13, James 1:17)

Sunday, June 2, 2019- Ananias (Acts 9:10-17)

Obedience grows out of trust.

(Isaiah 1:19, 1Peter 1:14)

Sunday, June 9, 2019- Jael (Judges 4:18-21)

Be brave in the face of adversity.

(Deuteronomy 31-6, Philippians 1:27-28)

Sunday, June 16, 2019- Father's Day- Simon of Cyrene (Matthew 27: 32)

Pick up the cross and follow Me.

(Psalm 51:17, Hebrews 13:16)



LOST AND FOUND

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



MAY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

A big thank you to Stan Nelson, Doyce Hiscocks, Dwight Reynolds who made these cabinets for basement storage that also provides a passageway to the bathroom.

These were used during The Journey by the 53 volunteer ladies and many men who made the Women's Event a huge success!

Our United Methodist Men have gone "above and beyond" this Spring with the many projects they have accomplished-tearing down the Carriage House next door to the North, cleaning up and completing the yard work on our property to the West plus all the usual "behind the scenes" tasks they do for AUMC on a daily basis! Also, a special thank you to Stan Swank for the upgrades in the exterior lighting. **THANK YOU all!**

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May (Monday, May 27th this year). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in military service to their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers from the Civil War (it is celebrated near the day of official reunification after that war), it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action.

On Sunday, May 26th, we will honor those men and women who gave their lives for our country during all three morning worship services. Please remember the ultimate price these brave people paid so that we might have freedom- including to worship as we see fit.

We will also remember those in our church, our families and our community who have died. Names of loved ones who have died in the past year will be read and a bell will be tolled. If you lost a loved one this year, please feel free to submit their name to the church office for inclusion. Also, each family in attendance will have the opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loved one that they have lost. Plan on attending this powerful service...and bring someone with you!



NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES



“Growing Older and Wiser” by Dale & Sandy Larsen

WHAT: Mike Millar’s current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: Whether we consider ourselves "young" or "middle-aged" or "senior citizens" or prefer no age label at all, we will grow wiser as we consider and apply the timeless truths of Scripture. This Life Guide Bible study will cover nine weeks.

WHAT ELSE: This study started April 16th, and it is not too late to join! Books are \$8.

“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 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: Wednesdays at 6PM

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

CONNECTION COINS FOR MAY

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

“SANCTUARY WINDOWS - OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW!!”

As we get closer to our new sanctuary windows being installed, the Capital Campaign Committee would like to find out who might be interested in buying the old windows. Whole window units will be sold by silent auction to church members/friends first. All proceeds from the sale of the old windows will go back to the Capital Campaign fund.

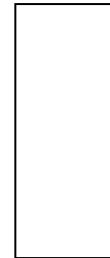
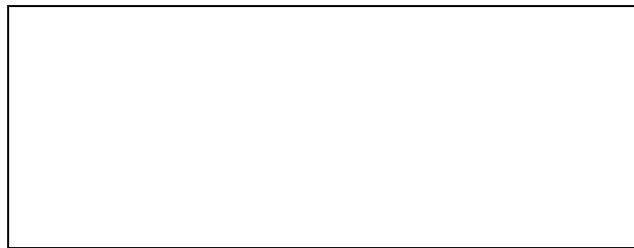
Old Sanctuary Windows

This is only letting the Capital Campaign know of your possible interest and in no way obligates you to any purchase.

Name _____ Phone _____

Please place a check mark below the windows that you may be interested in.

Check all that apply.



#1

#2

#3

#4

#5

Windows are numbered as you face them from inside the sanctuary.

If you are possibly interested in purchasing any of the 5 window units, please leave your name, phone number and which window(s) you might be interested in buying.

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.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/03/2014– Jose & Kaitlyn Marceleno
 05/07/2011– Darren & Kia Winsor
 05/16/1958– George & Carole Korn
 05/16/1970– Mike & Barb Miller
 05/17/1980– Roger & Jackie Maynard
 05/20/1978– Mike & Vicki Peterson
 05/21/2016– Pat & Amy Sage
 05/25/1996– Bill & Jane Stropes
 05/29/1993– Jeff & Trisha Hank



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

05/11– Linda Tharp
 05/19– Louise Engwall
 05/21– Martha Rittenhouse
 05/30– Clara McCreight



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Tuesday, May 21st @ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan	Rodney Glidden/cancer	Nadine Liby/health	Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
Sandy Anderson/health	Gloria/depression	Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health	John Young Family
Phyllis Batson/health	Austin Hains	Kelly Mack/cancer	Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
Robbie Beard/lymphoma	Rita Haizlip	Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia	Military & families
Linda Beguelin/brain bleed	Susie Hall/breast cancer	Ed & Marian Nesbitt family	All ill/in hospitals
Bentley/6yrs/cancer	Delmar Harmon	Mike Newsom/healing	Our world leaders
Holly Blythe	Rev Mark and family	Ruby Nimrick/healing	Our Church/congregation
Bob Bocox/cancer	Pam Heath	Joel Noe/health	Flooding victims
Brian Boenkamp/coma	Carol Hess	Joel Noe's dad	Those suffering from depression
Brenda Brandt	Gracie Hevland	Ember Pappas/cancer	Victims of weather events
Holden C/heart	Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer	Maddie Perry/cancer	Graduates
Robin Ciccotelli/chemo	Jackson/CP	Bryce Rathje	Travel mercies for travelers
Julia Cirks/cancer	Daryl Jackson/health	Tony Rechkemmer/healing	
Tricia/Rory Conway/Lymes	Julie Jarvis	Joyce Robbins	
Hurley Crossman/cancer	Janet Jenson/cancer	Sara Schrock/hospice	
Brian Day/leukemia	Debbie Jones/heart	Elizabeth Schroeder & baby	
Stacey DeSpain/6yrs/health	Terry Jones/cancer	Barb Schustfeldt/healing	
Dick/cancer	John Karwath/cancer	Lucas Smith/blood disorder	
Jim Droste	Kaycee/pregnancy	Pat Stevens/cancer	
Chase Duff/health	Annabell Kell/hospice	Sandy Stinson/health	
Lauren Eggen/cancer	Missy Kernan/heart surgery	Kris Taylor	
Evelyn/1yr old/cancer	Aubrey King/cancer	Dennis Terrill/heart	
Don Franks	Chad King/brain tumor	Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma	
Carol Freeman/cancer	Martha King/heart	Connie Thomas	
CJ Friedel	Jean Kinnamon	George Unsworth	
Gail/chemo & radiation	Jon Lee/cancer	Nena Visser/health	
Gavin/healing	Bud Laubach	Bennett Ward/baby	

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

Youth & Children's Page

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Night Fellowship officially concludes on Wednesday, May 8.

BUT WAIT! We will have a Wednesday night youth celebration on Wednesday, May 15.

NO DINNER will be served that evening, but we will have snacks and treats. We will play games and enjoy fellowship one last time before we take a break for the summer.

WHAT? Wednesday Night Youth Celebration!

WHEN? Wednesday, May 15, 6 pm - 7 pm (NO dinner will be served)

WHY? To celebrate being together one last time before summer break

WHAT WILL WE DO? Play games, eat snacks and treats and enjoy fellowship with one another

Please join us!

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!

CONFIRMATION

Thank you to all who attended the 10:30 am Confirmation Sunday service on April 7. We celebrate our newest members: Jack Jungmann, Luke Jungmann, Keamiah King and Olivia Mesken. Congratulations!

THE FORGE

THERE WILL BE NO FORGE OR STUDY HOUR ON MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12.

LAST MEETING OF THE FORGE AND STUDY HOUR BEFORE SUMMER BREAK IS SUNDAY, MAY 19



STUDY HOUR

THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! 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 or finals? 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! **LAST STUDY HOUR BEFORE SUMMER BREAK WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 19.**

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!

Sunday May 19, 4 pm - 5:15 pm - FORGE CELEBRATION for grades 6-8

Sunday May 19, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm - LAST STUDY HOUR for grades 6-12

Sunday, May 19, 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm - FORGE CELEBRATION for grades 9-12

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. 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.

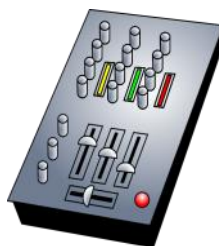


CALL-EM-ALL UPDATE

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 continue to expand our Sunday morning worship opportunities, the need for "worship tech" also increases. Also, we have tech team members who are graduating so replacements are needed to be trained as soon as possible. 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.



THANK YOU!

From Gwen Bartoluzzi, account manager, American Red Cross Blood Services:

At our March 19 Blood Drive, sponsored by Aledo United Methodist Church, we collected 31 units of blood on a goal of 31! What an amazing drive! You helped save up to 93 lives by hosting this drive, and I greatly thank you for that.





WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MAY 2019 MEALS

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

- May 1st Pulled Pork Sandwiches – Provided by Dave & Dawn Noble
Cheesy Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Chips, Peaches, Cookies
- May 8th **Last WNF of the Season Potluck** – Grilled pork chops and hot dogs provided – everyone bring a dish to share
- If your last name begins with A – C, please bring a fruit salad
If your last name begins with D – H, please bring a vegetable salad
If your last name begins with I – R, please bring a bag of chips
If your last name begins with S – Z, please bring a dessert

Donations are accepted for our AUMC missions.

Enjoy the food and fellowship!

Thank you for your participation this season –

Join us again in September!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Aledo UMC volunteers will be working at the Churches of Mercer County Food Pantry on Tuesday, May 21st, 5:30-7PM, and Friday, May 24, 8AM-noon. If you can help, please contact Mary Flint.

C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON MAY 19TH

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, May 19th, 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 19th of May at 11:45AM!

RHUBARB FEST LUNCHEON

JUNE 7TH AND 8TH

We will need your assistance to make this all-church event a success.

We will be soliciting food donations and workers for
Thursday, June 6th; Friday, June 7th; and Saturday, June 8th.

*This is your opportunity to serve
Join the fun and fellowship!*

Sit Down Crew & Pie Baking Times will be announced.



We need 350 rhubarb or fruit homemade pies

(If you need or have rhubarb, call Mary Flint at 582-7615)

**Please sign up to donate food and/or work at the luncheon.
Look for sign up posters in the Sanctuary & Fellowship Room**

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 for \$8.50

A child's meal includes a hot dog or ham sandwich, chips,
cookie and juice box is also available for \$4.00

Take-out meals and delivery to Aledo homes and businesses

**Place orders ahead at the church office at 309-582-2169
and on our website myaledoumc.com.**

GRADUATION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 5th**, we will recognize High School and College graduates at all morning services. The Church Scholarship(s) will be awarded at the 10:30AM service. Please encourage your graduates to attend church that day to receive a special gift and so their church family can rejoice with them on this momentous occasion!



**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.



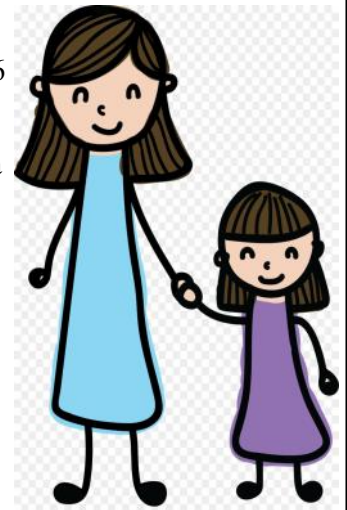
**WORSHIP
TIMES:
Sundays 8AM,
9:15AM,
10:30AM
Sunday School
9:15AM**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We are overwhelmed by the generosity, kindness, talent, and love we witnessed at our mother Dee Dellitt's funeral. Rev. Mark's attentive nature guided us through the entire process and surpassed our expectations for a beautiful, meaningful service. We can't thank you enough for the wonderful food and hospitality you provided at the luncheon. It was perfect and so comforting. My heartfelt thanks to Katie and the choir for sharing their time and talent to honor our mom. She loved all of you.
Many, many thanks!
God bless,
Denise Kelly



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 1/2 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.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)

Date	04/07/2019	04/14/2019	04/21/2019	04/28/2019
Attendance	406	376	473	Pending
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$9,332.00	\$7,563.50	\$8,067.10	Pending

