

The Parish Visitor

June 2022



Visit us at myaledoumc.com

Save a Life: Join a Bible Study

It's the feel-good story of spring, and a welcome respite from the usual stories of shootings, shortages, and political schemes. It's the story of Darren Harrison, who safely landed a Cessna 208 airplane when the pilot passed out.

It all happened on Tuesday, May 10. Darren and another passenger were returning to Florida following a fishing trip in the Bahamas when the pilot suffered cardiac arrest, passed out, and slumped against the controls, sending the plane into a nosedive. At first, Harrison and the other passenger tried unsuccessfully to get the pilot to respond. When that didn't work, they quickly pulled the pilot from his seat and Darren took the controls, even though he had no flying experience whatsoever. With the plane plummeting toward the ocean, Darren contacted air traffic control who told him how to pull out of the dive and use the Florida coastline as a guide for staying level until air traffic controllers at Palm Beach International Airport could take over.

That responsibility fell to traffic controller Robert Morgan, an experienced flight instructor who taught him to fly on the fly. With his help, Darren landed the Cessna safely at the airport.

One week later, Darren sat down for an exclusive interview with NBC's Savannah Guthrie; a portion of that interview aired on *The Today Show* on Tuesday, May 17. Noting that he had to remain calm during the crises, Savannah asked, "Is that your temperament? Are you one of those 'cool-in-a-crises' people?"

"Oh, no, I'm not. I used to be one of the hottest-headed persons—fly off the handle, you know, very intense." Darren responded. "I've been working on it for a few years. My dad says I've come a long way. I work with my dad every day, so I said, 'Well, it's probably due to the Bible study I've been attending every Tuesday.'"

That caught my attention. A Bible study helped change Darren's temperament for the better. A changed temperament helped him to remain calm in a crisis so he could save three lives: his own; the other passenger's; and the pilot's, who was taken to the hospital where he was treated and released a week later. But it all began with a Bible study which was conducted in the context of a Christian community, rather than alone.

(continued on page 2)

SPECIAL DATES:

- June 1 Odd Wednesdays Bible Study 6PM
- June 3 Rhubarb Fest Luncheon 11AM-1:30PM
- June 4 Rhubarb Fest Luncheon 11AM-1:30PM
- June 5 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- June 7 Loving Hands Food Prep 1PM
- June 9 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- June 15 Odd Wednesday Study 6PM
- June 16 UMW Exec Meeting 4PM
- June 17 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- June 19 Father's Day
- June 20 Juneteenth Holiday, Office Closed
- June 20 UM Men's Meeting 6PM
- June 21 Loving Hands Food Prep 1PM
- June 23 Women's Bible Study 6PM
- June 26-29 VBS 6-7:30PM
- June 27 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- June 27 Endowment Meeting 7PM
- June 30 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM

(continued from page 1)

We could use more Bible studies—and Bible studiers—at Aledo UMC. More temperaments would be changed and more lives would be saved. We might even learn to fly. Not an airplane, of course, but we would learn to “soar on wings like eagles” (Isaiah 40:31). All we need are some folks who would be willing to help us take off. You don’t need to be a biblical scholar; you just need to be willing to get the conversation started. How? One way is to use *The Upper Room* as a resource. Every Wednesday, *The Upper Room* features not only a devotion, but also questions for discussion which are found at the back of the book. All you need is a Bible and the *Upper Room*.

Another way is to go to our church website (myaledoumc.com) and print copies of my sermon from the previous Sunday and then use it as a springboard for discussion.

Darren Harrison made an impression on NBC’s Al Roker. Following the interview, he observed, “Right now, lots of people are Googling, ‘Bible studies near me.’” It would be so nice if more folks from our community found Aledo UMC when they were looking for meaning in God’s Word.

Connecting People to Christ with you,

Pastor Dave



Let There Be Sound

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the new sound system, please write a separate check to AUMC and designate your gift for “technology”. Your gift will be processed through the Memorial Fund. Thus far, we have raised \$11,507 toward our goal of \$20,000.

FLAG DAY

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th (a Tuesday 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 69th year in 2021. 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.



JUNE DAILY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

- **June 1:** Dare Day, Flip a Coin Day, International Dinosaur Day, Global Day of Parents
- **June 2:** National Rocky Road Day, National Bubba Day, National Leave the Office Early Day* (unless falling on a weekend, in which case it is the closest working day)
- **June 3:** Repeat Day, World Bicycle Day
- **June 4:** Hug Your Cat Day, National Cheese Day, National Doughnut Day* (first Friday)
- **June 5:** World Environment Day, Hot Air Balloon Day, National Trails Day* (first Saturday)
- **June 6:** World War II D-Day Anniversary, National Yo-Yo Day, Applesauce Cake Day, National Frozen Yogurt Day* (first Sunday)
- **June 7:** Daniel Boone Day, National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- **June 8:** World Ocean Day, Best Friends Day
- **June 9:** Donald Duck Day, National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day
- **June 10:** Ball Point Pen Day, Herbs and Spices Day, Iced Tea Day
- **June 11:** National Corn on the Cob Day
- **June 12:** National Red Rose Day, National Peanut Butter Cookie Day
- **June 13:** National Sewing Machine Day, National Weed Your Garden Day
- **June 14:** The U.S. Army Birthday, Flag Day, Monkey Around Day
- **June 15:** National Nature Photography Day, National Smile Power Day
- **June 16:** Fresh Veggies Day
- **June 17:** National Eat Your Vegetables Day
- **June 18:** International Picnic Day, National Go Fishing Day, National Splurge Day, International Sushi Day, National Flip Flop Day* (third Friday)
- **June 19:** Juneteenth, World Sauntering Day, National Hollerin' Day* (third Saturday)
- **June 20:** Father's Day* (third Sunday), American Bald Eagle Day, Ice Cream Soda Day, National Turkey Lovers Day* (third Sunday)
- **June 21:** Go Skateboarding Day, International Yoga Day, National Seashell Day, National Selfie Day, Summer Solstice/Summer Begins* (varies)
- **June 22:** World Rainforest Day, National Chocolate Eclair Day, National Onion Ring Day
- **June 23:** International Widows' Day, Let It Go Day, National Pink Day
- **June 24:** Celebration of the Senses, Swim a Lap Day, International Fairy Day, National Handshake Day* (last Thursday)
- **June 25:** National Catfish Day, Take Your Dog to Work Day* (Friday after Father's Day)
- **June 26:** National Chocolate Pudding Day, Great American Backyard Campout* (fourth Saturday)
- **June 27:** National Onion Day, Paul Bunyan Day, Log Cabin Day* (last Sunday), Descendants' Day* (last Sunday)
- **June 28:** Insurance Awareness Day, International Body Piercing Day
- **June 29:** Hug Holiday Day, International Mud Day, National Camera Day
- **June 30:** Meteor Day

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. You can go to the church website, myaledoumc.com, to see a transcript of any of Pastor Dave's recent sermons that you missed. Please share this link with your friends and family.

NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

“Paul: Galatians and Thessalonians” by N.T. Wright

WHAT: Wednesday morning MEN’S Bible Study with Gary Heard

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: N.T. Wright is one of the worlds leading Bible scholars. His eye-opening comments on these letters are combined with his fresh and inviting new translation of the text. Making use of his true scholar’s understanding, yet writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Wright captures the tension and excitement of the times as the letters seek to assert Paul’s authority and his teaching against other influences.

WHAT ELSE: We began this study on Wednesday, March 2, so if you’ve been thinking of joining us, now is a good time to do so.

Odd Wednesdays “The Agile Church” by Dwight Zscheile

WHAT: Odd Wednesdays Bible Study with Pastor Dave

WHEN: Odd Wednesday evenings at 6PM (June 1st and 15th)

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: Author Dwight Zscheile maintains that the innovation explored in *The Agile Church* “is not one more quick-fix strategy for the church in order to reclaim some form of institutional success that it has lost.” Rather, we plan to use *The Agile Church* as a springboard for discernment, for our mission is not only to connect people to Jesus Christ; it is also to be connected to the Spirit who is already moving among us.

This journey is critical for church leaders, especially those who are already serving on our Administrative Council or other committees or teams of our church. However, it is not restricted to those persons only. Anyone who is interested in the future of Aledo UMC is welcome to participate in this journey. Pastor Dave have purchased 30 copies of *The Agile Church*; we hope that’s not enough, and we hope we have to order more. Registration is \$20 which covers the cost of the book. Please register directly with Pastor Dave.

WHAT ELSE: At the end of our journey of discernment, we will invite the entire church and community to join us for a celebration concert with Jack Carey on Sunday, August 21 at 6 pm. Details are forthcoming, but we believe this will be just the boost we need as we enter into our future.

WIFI AT AUMC

A few months ago, we 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**.



RHUBARB FESTIVAL LUNCHEON

**JUNE 3RD AND 4TH
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM**

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!

MEN, WOMEN, YOUTH – ALL OF AUMC

TUESDAY, MAY 31ST 1 PM: HELP CHOP CHICKEN FOR CHICKEN SALAD

TUESDAY, MAY 31ST 4 PM: PICK UP CRUMB TOPPING PIE KIT

WED, JUNE 1ST 1 PM: PEEL POTATOES, PREP EGGS FOR POTATO SALAD

THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND 8 AM: MAKE POTATO SALAD

THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND 1 PM: MAKE CHICKEN SALAD

THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND 4 PM: SET UP

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD: HELP AT RHUBARB FEST LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH: HELP AT RHUBARB FEST LUNCHEON



BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO ENJOY THE LUNCHEON!!



WORSHIP TECH OPPORTUNITIES

AS we prepare for our Sunday morning worship opportunities, the need for “worship tech” 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 Quinton King or Ruth Dulaney.

2022 CONFIRMANDS

Congratulations Confirmands:

Abby Blaser

Miles Ward

Hailey McRae

Kate Jungmann

**Your AUMC family welcomes you as
new members of Aledo UMC!**



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Fresh Produce from Riverbend

We will have FREE Fresh Produce from Riverbend Food Bank

On the third Wednesday evening of the month this Summer.

There will also be some other items that can be picked up by making a small donation to help purchase more Riverbend food products.

The upcoming dates are:

June 15th, July 20th,

August 17th

So come to the church basement 4:30 – 5:45 PM
and help yourself.

Take some to your friends and neighbors!

HyVee Baked Product Schedule

Our HyVee bread and many other goodies are delivered on Saturday morning. They are available for you to pick up in the Fellowship Café area when you come to Church Services on Sunday morning. The bread is in the lobby outside the church office on Monday morning 8–11AM for you to select bread products for your neighbors and yourself.

Sponsors for our June Radio Broadcasts

June 5– Stan & Debbie Swank

June 12– Available

June 19– Pastor Dave & Candice Schultz in honor of Jordan & Robyn's 10th anniversary, Jordan's birthday, and the upcoming birth of their second child.

June 26– Available



Youth & Children's Page

VBS – DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND

Don't miss this summer's Vacation Bible School! We will be making a "Discovery on Adventure Island" IN PERSON, Sunday through Wednesday, June 26-29, 2022 from 6 pm – 7:15 pm. Join our VBS team as they take young adventurers on a faith journey! We will have music, games, storytelling, crafts and snacks! Registration is open to kids 3 years old to 5th grade. Register now for the fun! (VBS will only be in person this summer.)

Name/Age/2022 Grade Completed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address & Phone Number: _____

MEET THE DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND TEAM!

We have a great team waiting to take kids 3 years old through 5th grade to our VBS Discovery on Adventure Island! As always, we will have music, games, storytelling, crafts and snacks. Registration is open, register now and don't miss this fun!

Our VBS team includes:

Leaders: Nicole Taylor and Pete Nelson

Registration/Greeter and Crafts: Joanne Harris

Craft Assistant: Sue Galambos

Music: Mike Millar

Games: Mary Flint and Chris Swanson

Storyteller: Linda Schrock

Snacks: Ruth Dulaney

Decorations: Candice Schultz



Want to get in on the fun by joining the team? We'd love to have you help! Please contact the church office, or one of the team leaders!

Relay for Life Event June 25th at Aledo Central Park

Aledo UMC Relay Team will be serving a meal, from 4-7 pm,
consisting of grilled pork chops, chips, and drink.

(Survivor Lap begins at 6:00.)

Please join us, walk a lap and enjoy a good meal!



JUNE

06/01/2002– Matthew & Krystal Jungmann
 06/03/1967– Bill & Ila Bertrand
 06/04/1994– Tim & Shelly Reusch
 06/04/2011– John & Nicole Taylor
 06/08/1968– Hal & Linda Earl
 06/09/2006– Jayson & Jessie Thomson
 06/11/1994– Cliff & Jenn 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
 06/21/1953– Dick & Liz Zimmerman
 06/24/1973– Dan & Linda Schrock
 06/24/2006– Ryan & RaeAnn Latko
 06/28/1999– Bradly & Janean Ottoson
 06/29/1991– Don & Lyn Franks

UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

06/03– Carole Korns
 06/05– Sharon Hank
 06/11– Carol Ann Boney
 06/19– Sonjia Fell



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Friday, June 17 submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Alicia/healing	Doyce and Sue Hiscocks/new beginnings	Alex Shinn/health
Allan & Nancy/loss	Darlene Jones/health	Charley Thomas
Shelly Atkinson/healing	Jackson/Cerebral Palsy	Timmy Thompson
Aunt Betty/health	Kathleen/new beginnings	Bernie Vipond
Bishop and Melissa Beard	Mark Kimball	Charlotte Whitehall/healing
Christy Bender/healing	Carole Korns/healing	Dick and Liz Zimmerman/health
Shirley Benson/healing	John Lake/preemie baby	Acceptance, Respect, Dignity
Mia Bloomfield & baby	Kristi/divorce	All who are grieving
Family of Ross Booker	Family of Nadine Liby	Brookstone and nursing home residents
Bill Breeden/healing	Jesse Midkiff/stroke	A friend who needs healing
Renae Brown/healing	Sylvia McEwen/healing	Kids Out for the Summer
Barb David/health	Family of Don Myers	New Life
Mickey David/healing	Audrey Nelson/health	. Those who are dealing with pain
Jim Droste/healing	Deb Nichols/health	Restoration of Relationships
Family of Rich Fell	Esther Rechkemmer/hospice	Russia, Ukraine, USA and the world
Sonjia Fell	Don Rice/cancer	
Don Franks/health	Amy Rutledge/caregiver	
Grandma Charlotte	Andy Rutledge/cancer	
Debbie Giles/healing	Gary Schiefelbein/health	
Bill Glenn/health	Mary Schroeder/health	
Gerri Harmon/ health	Pastor Dave and Candice	
Gracie and Tami Hevland		



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

*Maia Mikhaluk– a woman living
 in Ukraine You may follow her
 story on Facebook*

HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

Father's Day

On Sunday, June 19th, 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.

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 Sunday, June 21, 2021 at 4:13AM.



The United Methodist Men will meet on Monday, June 20th . There will be a meal, a short business meeting, and lots of fellowship.

Come and "check out" our Church Library in the Fellowship Café area!



Connection Coins for June

The Connection Coins are doing great things in the life of the Aledo UMC! On the 2nd Sunday of each month, those cans are passed. 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 12), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry, this year's Vacation Bible School (June 26-29). 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 12th of June 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, June 12th.



Come to VBS!

Lenten Buckets Results

The results at this time for our Lenten Bucket Project is \$2008.36! Wow!! All monies will go toward our Connectional Ministries, with 10% going directly to Ukraine. Good job, AUMC!!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Our YouthWorks mission trip to Sisseton, South Dakota is in less than 60 days!

Please pray for our mission trip team as they prepare for the July 24-29 trip. Team members include adults Pastor Dave Schultz, Kathleen Bashem, and Gena Nelson and youth Abby Blaser, Keaira Grammar, Jaiden LaDue, Hailey McRae, Andrea Noble, Travis Parker, Kyla Sampson and Alexsis Taylor. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

We are ready to connect people to Jesus Christ!



THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the gifts, cards and well wishes! I appreciate each and every one! Thank you for your friendships that are for always. I carry all of you in my heart. Love and blessings to you!

Kathleen



YOUTH MISSION TRIP MONTHLY MEETING

If you are going on the 2022 Mission Trip to South Dakota, please mark your calendar for the next mission trip meeting:

Sunday, June 12

Meetings will be held in the sanctuary, after the 10:30 am service (at approximately 11:45 am).

July is almost here and we have much to discuss to be ready for our trip to Sisseton. See you there!

Paid Nursery Positions Available

We exist to connect **all** people to Jesus Christ, not just adults. If you would like to connect children to Jesus Christ, we have a ministry opportunity for you. Natalie Nelson is in need of new nursery workers as Iliawna and Andrea will be going off to college. This is a paid position for every Sunday for the 9:15AM and 10:30AM Services. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to help, please see Natalie (309-236-1776), Pastor Dave (309-798-9080), or you may contact the office (309-582-2169). Thank you in advance for your ministry in this vital area.





Rhubarb Festival Luncheon

**June 3rd and 4th
11:00 am – 1:30 pm**

***AIR CONDITIONED, HANDI-
CAPPED ACCESSIBLE & CLEAN
RESTROOMS***

ADULT MENU: \$12.00 DONATION

**CHICKEN SALAD ON CROISSANT OR ON LETTUCE LEAF
OR SLOPPY JOE SANDWICH;
POTATO SALAD OR POTATO CHIPS;
HOMEMADE PIE & BEVERAGE**

CHILD'S MENU (10 AND UNDER): \$5.00 DONATION

HOT DOG, POTATO CHIPS, COOKIE & JUICE

DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

FREE DELIVERY & CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE

(IN ALEDO)

**ORDER AHEAD @ WWW.MYALEDOUMC.COM
ON DAY OF EVENT CALL 582-2169**

Need a ride to church?

Contact the office at
309-582-2169 or Jon Swanson at
309-371-9501
to make arrangements
to be picked up.



**OUR USUAL
WORSHIP TIMES:**
Sundays
8AM,
9:15AM,
10:30AM

Connecting with the Word

Recently I conducted a class on “Leading Worship” as part of the Lay Speaking ministry of our Spoon River District. Our resource was *Worshipping with United Methodists* by Hoyt Hickman. And I learned something through teaching the class.

Traditionally, I’ve read my sermon text and then offered a brief prayer before I launch into my sermon. Hickman points to the “Prayer of Illumination” which is found in our hymnal and suggests that it be offered by a layperson before the entire sequence of scripture is read. This emphasizes “the unity of scripture and preaching.” Plus, if it is offered by a layperson or the congregation in unison, “the pastor feels upheld by the prayers of the laity” before preaching (pg. 80).

You may have noticed we’ve followed that pattern for the past few weeks. I’m not sure how long we’ll include it in worship, but for the moment, it’s working.

I invite you to offer the “Prayer of Illumination” as you read these passages in preparation for each Sunday worship experience:

Sunday, June 5: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104; Romans 8:14-17; and John 14:8-17. Communion will be served.

Sunday, June 12: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; and John 16:12-15.

Father’s Day, June 19: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; and Luke 8:26-39.

Sunday, June 26: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; and Luke 9:51-62.

Prayer for Illumination: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and as your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Connecting People to Christ with you,
Pastor Dave

FINANCIAL MATTERS (WEEKLY NEED \$6,993.29)

Date	05/01/2022	05/08/2022	05/15/2022	05/22/2022
Attendance	184	166	159	143
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$7,574.00	\$5,418.00	\$3,946.00	\$4,351.00

