

The Parish Visitor



September 2020

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Forty Years as a Professional Pray-er

In the summer of 1980, I accepted a call to serve as the minister of youth at First Assembly of God, Collinsville, Illinois. I began serving in that capacity on September 1. That was the first of 14 congregations I would serve over the next forty years as either youth pastor or senior pastor. The first three were Assemblies of God; the fourth was American Baptist; and the remaining ten have been United Methodist, and the ten have been gathered in just four parishes, including Aledo UMC.

Looking back on my ministry, I can honestly say I don't have a lot of regrets. Sure I have a few, there's no question about that. Perhaps my biggest regret was that I didn't transfer into the United Methodist Church sooner than I did. I should've listened to my wife, but I just wasn't ready any earlier than September 8, 1993 when I began the transfer process into our Connection. That decision stands as one of the best decisions I've ever made. Oops. I mean that *we* made.

I do have one other regret, though: I wish that I were a better pray-er. Throughout my ministry, I've encountered all these great prayer warriors who just seem to have a knack for knocking on heaven's door. They offer their prayers every morning at precisely 5:05 from their private prayer chapels in their homes. And they know how to offer long elegant prayers that shake the heavens and melt the heart of God.

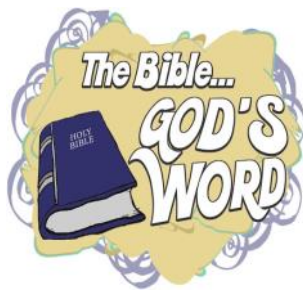
Me? I'm usually up by 7 am. I shower, dress, and walk the dog. I pray, but it's different every day. I don't have a prayer chapel in my home; I just have a chair. I don't use it all the time, though. Sometimes I pray using a prayer app on my phone. Other times I write out my prayers in a journal or use a prop such as a coffee mug to guide my prayers. The other day I received a little book in the mail called, *21 Days of Breakthrough Prayer* by Jim Maxim. I'm sure it's a good book, but title suggests that to be effective in prayer, we have to find the right formula. I'm not so sure about that; there's a pretty effective prayer given to us in Matthew 6:9-13. Besides, I've done some of my most effective praying while walking my dog. It's taken my forty years, (continued on page 3)

SPECIAL DATES:

- September 2 Youth Meeting in Sanctuary 6PM
- September 6 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- September 7 Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 10 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- September 12 Spoon River District Fall Meeting at Bethel/Wesley UMC 1PM
- September 13 Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles 8AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM
- September 15 Loving Hands Food Prep 1:30PM
- September 20 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- September 20 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- September 20 Ad Council Meeting 7:30PM
- September 21 UM Men Dinner/Mtg 6PM
- September 22 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- September 24 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- September 24 Women's Bible Study 6PM
- September 28 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- September 28 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- September 29 Loving Hands Food Prep 6:30PM

BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS

On Sunday, September 13th at all 3 Sunday morning worship services, our United Methodist Women will carry on a proud and long-standing tradition. Children who have just started 3rd Grade will receive a Bible at the service they normally attend. If you have a child who just started 3rd Grade or was in 3rd Grade already but didn't get a Bible, please don't hesitate to contact the office. (We don't want to miss anybody!)



THE BEATITUDES: A STUDY FOR ALL AGES

“When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’ -- Matthew 5:1-3

“In Jesus’ time, to be blessed meant to be happy to the fullest and greatly honored.” – Illustrated Ministry

Join us in the sanctuary or on Facebook Live at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays, right after our Community Connections church service. We will experience the meaning of The Beatitudes as we gain a deeper understanding and practice of this beautiful teaching of Christ from his Sermon on the Mount as told in the Gospel of Matthew. All are welcome to be a part of this study for all ages, child through adult. Please join us for this mid-week connection with Jesus Christ and one another.

Even a Pandemic Can Not Stop Operation Christmas Child



It does not seem possible that autumn is just around the corner. It has been an “atypical” summer to say the least. We have been unable to enjoy many of our usual activities: Rhubarb Fest, County Fair, baseball, or just gathering together to name a few. Nevertheless, even as we continue to deal with the pandemic, we can still connect people to Jesus Christ. Operation Christmas Child is a perfect vehicle to do just that.

Last year was an excellent one for this mission. Our congregation responded in an amazing way with 241 boxes donated. We know that given the challenges we have all faced (and continue to face), that it will be a challenge to come close to that total. There is not going to be a stated goal....we are simply going to go about doing God's work and connect to as many children and their families as possible.

The official “Kick-Off” will be October 4th and collection will run through November 1st, the final collection date. You will be able to pick-up your boxes on the kick-off date along with pencils and a toothbrush to get you started. The postage and handling fee for each box remains at \$9.00. While items like candy, gum, and toothpaste are prohibited, there are still countless items you can select. If you need some ideas, would like to see what other people/churches are doing, or if you have never filled a shoebox before, please go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> and click on “how to pack a shoebox”. Even if you are a “shoebox veteran” (as many of you are), this is an excellent resource for new ideas....in other words, “don't be afraid to think outside the shoebox”. While visiting this website, please take the time to click on the stories and see how God uses these shoeboxes to change lives. It is simply amazing how God can take one box, filled with a few small toys, school supplies, clothing, and/or hygiene items and use it to glorify his name. There will be more information in the days to come, but **NOW...right now....**is the time to start collecting those gift items.

Lastly, please lift up this mission in prayer. Praying that these boxes reach their intended targets is one of the most important things we can do as we continue, one-by-one, to connect people to Jesus.

Aledo United Methodist OCC Committee

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but I'm starting to figure out that it's not *how* you pray. It's *that* you pray. "Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief" was probably not the right formula, but it worked for one dad (Mark 9:24).

Early in this pandemic, I discerned that above everything else, we needed to pray. That's why I launched an online prayer meeting every Thursday morning, first in Orion, now in Aledo. It's not very profound and I may not have the right formula, but we pray anyway and let God do the rest. Effective prayer is, after all, just a conversation with God. It comes from your heart. It comes from your experiences. And it comes from your awareness of the world around you. There's no mysterious secret beyond that.

Yours for the Mission,
Pastor Dave

Connecting with the Word

As a United Methodist Church, our worship is shaped by the Word of God. To that end, we often follow the Revised Common Lectionary which suggests four scripture lessons for each week. Here are the scriptures which are suggested for each Sunday this month. Please read them as part of your devotions in order to prepare your hearts for worship, whether in-person, on the radio, or on Facebook.

Over the course of September and October, Pastor Dave is going to be preaching a series of sermons from the Book of Exodus. His tentative sermon titles are listed below, along with scriptures for each week. Most weeks, Kathleen's Children's Moments will be drawn from Matthew's Gospel.

Sunday, September 6

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 13:8-14; and Matthew 18:15-20. Pastor Dave's sermon will be based on Exodus 3:1-15, "When Bushes Burn." Holy Communion will be served.

Sunday, September 13

Psalm 149; Romans 14:1-12; and Matthew 18:21-35. Pastor Dave's sermon, "Passover for Today," will be drawn from Exodus 12:1-14.

Sunday, September 20

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21, 23-26, 45c; Romans 13:8-14; and Matthew 18:15-20. Pastor Dave will be preaching from Exodus 14:19-31, "Crossover Times in Our Lives."

Sunday, September 27

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; and Matthew 20:1-16. Pastor Dave's will draw his sermon, "Manna Mañana," from Exodus 16:2-15.

2020 Annual Conference

This year's Annual Conference of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church was an historic one because, like so many other events this year, it was held online on Saturday, August 15. You may read or view a summary of Annual Conference and related events by logging onto our Conference website at igrc.org. Click on the "Let's Get Fired Up! On Holy Ground" link for a summary. There are several other easy-to-find links on that homepage which you may want to explore.



Aledo United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS

Wednesday Evenings starting September 9, 2020

- 5:15 PM Free Meal – Individually Served
(Reservations Preferred – Call 309-582-2169)
- 6:00 PM - Community Church Service
- 6:30 PM – The Beatitudes: A Study for All Ages

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Breaking News here at AUMC!

This new program is focusing on connecting our community to Jesus Christ through our Free Meal, Community Church Service and Beatitudes Study for all.

This replaces our Wednesday Night Fellowship: FUEL program and Adult Bible Study.

The light meal will be safely served in individual servings. We will eat outside on our green space, weather permitting. Alternately, the meals will be served in the dining and activity rooms with social distance seating. Bring a lawn chair, invite a friend from the community and enjoy! Please call the office to make a reservation by Tuesday each week. (The meal menus are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Join us in the sanctuary or on Facebook Live at 6:00 PM for our Wednesday Evening Community Church Service. We welcome all to this relaxed, thirty minute service!

The evening will continue with a study of the Beatitudes for all ages. We will gain a deeper understanding of Christ's teaching from His Sermon on the Mount as told in the Gospel of Matthew.

We invite our Community to AUMC's Mid-Week Connection

NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

Beloved Disciple: “The Life and Ministry of John” by Beth Moore

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

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM (Bring your own Breakfast/Snacks. Social distancing will be practiced.)

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

LABOR DAY

The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. The first proposal of the holiday described it as a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations," followed by a festival for the workers and their families. In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations and on June 28, 1894, Congress made it a federal holiday. It originated as a "day off for the working citizens" and now is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of summer. In addition, Labor Day marks the beginning of the NFL and college football seasons. The NCAA usually plays their first games the week before Labor Day, with the NFL traditionally playing their first game the Thursday following Labor Day. Celebrate the working men and women of our country on Monday the 7th!



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!

Aledo United Methodist Church

"We exist to connect people to Jesus Christ"

Crisscross our Community with Prayer

Join us as we crisscross our community and beyond with prayer for five weeks beginning September 6. Please use the map on the back to guide your prayers. You will find that Aledo has been divided into four quadrants. Each week, one quadrant will be the focus of our prayers. Surrounding areas and communities will be our prayer focus during the fifth week.

You are encouraged to walk along the streets of your quadrant during its focus week. Feel free to walk either alone or with a prayer partner. Alternatively, you may opt to ride a bike, drive a car, or remain at home and use your map as your guide. Maps are available at the church.

You are only asked to pray for residents as you pass by their homes or businesses; this is not an evangelism project and you are not being asked to knock on doors.

Prayer Schedule:

- Sunday, September 6 through Saturday, September 12: Quadrant 1 (Northwest of the Courthouse)
- Sunday, September 13 through Saturday, September 19: Quadrant 2 (Northeast of the Courthouse)
- Sunday, September 20 through Saturday, September 26: Quadrant 3 (Southwest of the Courthouse)
- Sunday, September 7 through Saturday, October 3: Quadrant 4 (Southeast of the Courthouse)
- Sunday, October 4 through Saturday, October 10: Rural areas and outlying communities

Tips for Prayer, or, What might a house say to you?

- Does its appearance suggest children live there? Pray for the children, especially if they're returning to school. Pray for the parents that they might the grace and patience necessary to raise their children.
- Does its appearance suggest that the residents have financial needs? Pray that their needs food, clothing, and work would be met.
- Does the appearance of the house suggest that the residents are financially stable? Pray that they would be wise stewards of God's blessings upon them.
- Does the house have a ramp or anything else which might indicate a health or mobility need? Pray for grace and healing for its residents.
- Does its appearance suggest that someone might live there alone? Pray that they would be blessed with meaningful relationships.
- Is there a "For Sale" sign posted in front of the house? Pray that the sale would proceed quickly and that the new owners might connect with Christ through the ministry of our congregation.
- Do you know who lives in a particular house? Pray for the residents specifically by name.
- Is it a business? Pray for the success of that business. Pray for the employees who work there.
- Is it a school? Lift up its administrators, staff, and student as specifically as you are able.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/01/2001– Robert & Andrea Parker
 09/02/1989– Robert & Amy Adams
 09/07/2007– Brian & Carol Parchert
 09/20/2014– Andy & Jaci Weidner
 09/24/1983– Mark & Brenda Dunn
 09/25/2004– Douglas & Kelsey Huston
 09/26/1992– Rick & Diana Eggen



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

09/10– Janet Hunter
 09/11– Katharine Jones



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Tuesday, September 22@ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan
 Alicia/cancer
 Amelia/breast cancer
 Grant Anderson/healing
 Jason Andress/healing
 Kara B/health
 Phyllis Batson
 Bishop Beard/eyesight
 Daryl Bewley
 Doug Bewley
 Genniene Billiet/cancer
 John & Frances Blick
 Bob Bocox/cancer
 Brenda Brandt family
 Julia Cirks/cancer
 Hurley Crossman/cancer
 Dick & Bev/Lange's friends
 Jimmy Dutton/kidney donor
 Lauren Eggen/cancer
 Rich & Sonjia Fell/health
 Don Franks
 Carol Freeman/cancer
 CJ Friedel
 Paul Allen Fuchs
 Gail/chemo & radiation
 Gloria/cancer
 Terry Grim/cancer

Scott Guyton/health
 Jim Hanson/cancer
 Gerri Harmon/healing
 Gary Heard/pain relief
 Matthew Heard
 Pam Heath
 Heather
 Martha Hillman
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer
 Jackson/CP
 Janet Jenson/cancer
 Darlene Jones
 Terry Jones/cancer
 Bob Judge/heart
 John Karwath/cancer
 Missy Kernan family
 Everett Kerres/3 yrs/health
 Chad King/brain tumor
 Pat Lafferty/heart
 Sandra Lanteau
 Jon Lee/cancer
 Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health
 Nadine Liby
 Lisa/cancer
 Maddie/3yrs old/cancer
 Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia
 Marcia/cancer

Connie Midkiff/healing
 Sharon Moffitt's brother Jerry
 Tony N/cancer
 Gene Nelson
 Jody Newton/cancer
 Joel Noe/health
 Perry/cancer
 Debbie R/cancer/good report
 Tony Rechkemmer/healing/
 hip replacement
 Diane Richardson's sister
 Bob Rillie/health
 Barb & Jim Runyon
 Marty Ryan
 Roger S/cancer
 Carole & Ron Schmidt
 Sharon/stem cell transplant
 Lucas Smith/blood disorder
 Diana Spencer/health
 Amy Studer/healing
 Sydney/healing
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma
 Elene Waters/vision
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
 Marsha Whitman/cancer
 Brandy Young/cancer
 Joe Zielke
 Dick Zimmerman/health

Brookstone residents
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
 Military & families
 All ill/in hospitals
 Our world leaders
 Our Church/congregation
 Those suffering from depression
 Marriages
 Coronavirus patients
 Our denomination/peace
 Our country/world
 Equality for all persons
 Safety for our police officers



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

Youth & Children's Page

CHILDREN'S HAND BELL CHOIR (MELODIE BELLS) AND BEGINNING BELLS

Once we are able to meet in larger groups, Nicole Taylor, new Hand Bell Choir Director, is looking forward to establishing a Children's Hand Bell Choir to sing and make some joyful noise! Melodie Bells are color coded hand bells in a single octave that make it easy for kids to learn the basics of bell playing and music reading. By playing the bells in combination, children use teamwork to produce beautiful melodies. The Melodie Bell group is open to kids in kindergarten through 5th grade.

Nicole will also be establishing a beginning bell choir that will be open to EVERYONE in the 6th grade and older who is interested in learning how to play bells. Whether you are 12 or 102 or any age in-between, you are invited to join the Beginning Bells group. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn!

Keep your ears open for the start of this new opportunity at AUMC!

FALL KICK-OFF

Community Connections' Fall Kick-off is right around the corner!

Join us on Wednesday, September 9 for the all-new Wednesday evening schedule, Community Connections!

We begin with a socially distanced meal at 5:15 pm (outside, weather permitting). At 6 pm we will move to the sanctuary for a mid-week church service to uplift us through the rest of the week. At 6:30 we will end the evening with an all ages study of the Beatitudes, also in the sanctuary. The service and study will also be on Facebook Live. All are welcome to join Community Connections!

See you September 9!

MISSION TRIP 2021

We are excited to announce plans to make a youth mission trip in the summer of 2021! We have chosen YouthWorks, out of St. Paul, Minnesota, as our mission trip planner. Currently two trips are under consideration: Indianapolis, Indiana and Lake Traverse, South Dakota (subject to trip site space availability). One trip will be chosen for July 2021. Youth who have completed grades 6-12 are invited to participate. There is an early bird discount for missionaries who register and pay their deposit by September 25, 2020.

For more information, trip brochures and rate sheets, please contact Kathleen Bashem. For an overview of YouthWorks, please visit their website at youthworks.com.

Don't miss your opportunity to join the Summer 2021

AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School packets for at-home study are available. These packets are for children/students pre-school aged through 12th grade. Please email Kathleen at kathleen@myaledoumc.com to get your At-Home Sunday School packets.

IMPORTANT YOUTH MEETING SCHEDULED

Join Kathleen Bashem, Youth Director, for an open meeting regarding youth and the youth program. This meeting will discuss future plans, address concerns and share ideas as we move forward through the pandemic. Topics for consideration include concerns of returning to church and youth activities and adding new programming such as youth special events, Mission Trip 2021 and the new Wednesday night program. Bring your questions and ideas to the meeting!

Youth Meeting: Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 6 pm in the sanctuary (open to youth in grades 6-12)

Thank you for joining us for this important time to share and plan!



Please continue to utilize the Caring Hearts frozen meals and food packs that you can prepare at home. These items are in the freezer and on a shelf in the basement by the elevator. We prepare these for you when you need a meal or take them to someone who needs some cheer. Help yourself Monday through Friday 8 AM – Noon.

Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Coordinator



Follow the Star Holiday Bazaar will be held

November 20th and 21st, 2020

Continue to prepare and make your crafts as we develop a safe manner to have this year's Holiday Bazaar.

Thanks, Ruth Dulaney

Happy Anniversary!

On Sept 6th, 2020, Pastor Dave and Candice celebrate their 40th year in ministry! Please join us in recognizing this milestone anniversary. Because current restrictions and guidelines don't allow for large group gatherings, an Open House to both welcome Pastor Dave and Candice and recognize the anniversary will be planned at a later date. Please stay tuned for more details! If you would like to send a card at this time, please feel free to do so!

Thank you,

Andrea Parker

Chairperson, Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee

CONNECTION COINS FOR SEPTEMBER

The Connection Coins (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 (September 13th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry, Operation Christmas Child. Every Fall, we collect Christmas Shoe Boxes, filled with treasures for children around the world. The items are donated and lovingly packed. But they have to be mailed. And that postage costs money! And while folks are encouraged to include postage with their donated boxes, that can be a financial hardship for some. And that's where YOU come in! 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 13th of September 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, September 13th!





**Aledo United
Methodist Church
301 N. College Ave**

Connections

September Meal Menus for our Community

(Safely Individually Served while Social Distancing)

- September 9th: Ham Sandwich, Chips, Fruit
- September 16th: Chicken Wrap, Cookie
- September 23rd: Chili Dog, Fruit cup
- September 30th: Chef Salad, Cupcake

Reserve a spot for you and a friend -call 309-582-2169

Community Meals at 5:15 PM

Church Services at 6:00 PM

HyVee Bakery Products are Back!!

(Our Manna from Heaven)



The HyVee goodies will be delivered at 10:00 AM on Wednesdays starting September 9th. The baked goods will be available at our “Community Connections” (see another article in this newsletter) at 5:00 PM and then will also be available in the lobby outside the church office until Thursday noon each week.

Come select the “bread of life” for yourself and your neighbors!

Church Committees

Are you interested in serving on one of the committees of the Aledo United Methodist Church? If you are, let the office know at 309-582-2169, or talk to Pastor Dave. Our goal is to have “seasoned” members and “newer” members on each committee. We will need to have the required committees put together before Charge Conference, which is October 22.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet Monday, September 21st at 6PM. There will be a short business meeting, a meal, and lots of fellowship! If you have not joined us before, come and see what we are all about. It will be fun!

Volunteers needed!

Wednesdays: Contact Ruth Dulaney 309-738-6151 or ruth-dulaney@gmail.com

- **10:00 AM** - Help unload and sort HyVee Bakery Items
- **2:00 PM** – Help prepare the individual meals for Community Connections
- **5:00 PM** – Serve meals for Community Connections; Clean-up crew also needed

Sunday Morning Services:

- Tech Booth Volunteers (training will be provided)- contact Mike or Ruth
- Greeters/Registration Volunteers – contact Ruth Dulaney
- Scripture Readers – contact Mike Millar 309-582-4260 or mbmillar70@gmail.com



To those I hold so dear who always bring word of cheer. I've put my God-given talents to work in hopes they are still working well.

I want to thank you so much for your way of keeping in touch.

I've always loved to get card mail, even more since this situation is like being in jail (no bars).

I hope and pray things will soon be alright, but it's hard to win when one can't see how to fight.

So I'll be sitting in my chair; but wishing I was there.

Keep your chin up, and a happy smile on your face. IT HELPS.

Written by Erma Dobbins

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 current church calendar. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!

Website

**PRAYER WALK
THROUGH THE
CHURCH
EVERY
SUNDAY
MORNING
AT 7AM.**

Need a ride to church?

Bus service has been suspended until the Care facilities reopen. Contact Greg Cobert at 309-737-5621, or the office at 309-582-2169 to make arrangements



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

AUMC,

Thank you for awarding me with the Gilliland-Simpson-Sandquist Endowment scholarship! I intend to use it for college expenses. I can't wait to come back and worship with you all again!

Love,

Timmy Thompson

I really appreciate the scholarship. It will definitely help out. The Church always has a way of making me feel loved and cared for.

Sincerely,
Aydin Bennett

Dear Church,

Thank you so so much for the scholarship! I'm so grateful.

Love,
Maggie Harrison

**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 sermons that you missed. Please share this link with your friends and family.



Thank you so much for giving me this scholarship! It means so much to me and will be very helpful for me to pursue an education. My address at college is 318 N. Ninth St, MC # 765, Monmouth, IL. 61462, just in case anything needs to be sent to me.

Thank you again and God bless you,
Mallory Mazzocco

Thank you for the scholarship! I apologize I could not attend due to move-in, but I am very grateful and will not disappoint.

Thank you again,
Rashaun King

FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,993.29)

Date	08/02/2020	08/09/2020	08/16/2020	08/23/2020
Attendance	86	72	71	75
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$9,523.00	\$5,304.38	\$3,124.00	\$2,673.00

