

# The Parish Visitor



# October 2024

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## Mountain of Love

I walked into the sanctuary Sunday morning and was once again amazed at our "Mountain of Love." And I said to myself, "That's what we're here for." With apologies to singer Johnny Rivers, our own Mountain of Love is really a mountain of nonperishable food items to be given to the Mercer County Food Pantry on Monday, September 30. The picture you see above was taken a week earlier and it was built with nearly 600 food items. No doubt by the time you read this, our Mountain of Love will have grown even more, so an updated picture will be posted on our Facebook page.

We begin every service by reciting our mission statement: "*We exist to connect people to Jesus Christ.*" Of course, that means that when we gather for worship, everything we say, sing, or do is intended to connect our 175 worshippers to Jesus Christ, regardless of whether they are long-time members or first-time visitors. Everybody needs to be regularly connected to Christ. But our mission statement also implies that we exist to connect people to Jesus who are beyond the walls of our church.

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### SPECIAL DATES:

- October 3 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- October 3 Service at Brookstone 10AM
- October 3 Homecoming Parade Line up at 5:15PM
- October 4 Starved Rock Day Trip 9AM
- October 5 Trivia Night Doors open at 5PM, Trivia at 6PM
- October 6 Communion Sunday
- October 6 Operation Christmas Child Kick-off
- October 8 Loving Hands Food Prep 1PM
- October 14 Office Closed for Columbus Day
- October 17 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- October 19 Fur-Ever Friends Chili Supper 5PM
- October 20 UMW Sunday at all three Services
- October 20 Youth Bonfire at Taylor Home 4-7PM
- October 20 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- October 20 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- October 20 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- October 20 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- October 21 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- October 21 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- October 22 Loving Hands Food Prep 1PM
- October 24 Chaddock Visit 8AM
- October 26 Stamping Workshop 1-5PM
- October 27 Charge Conference at AUMC 1:30PM
- October 31 Trunk or Treat 5:30-7PM

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Some churches exist for themselves. They have forgotten that Jesus has commanded us to feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the needy, and visit the sick and those in bondage. They have forgotten that we are to make disciples of *all* nations, and that we are to love our enemies.

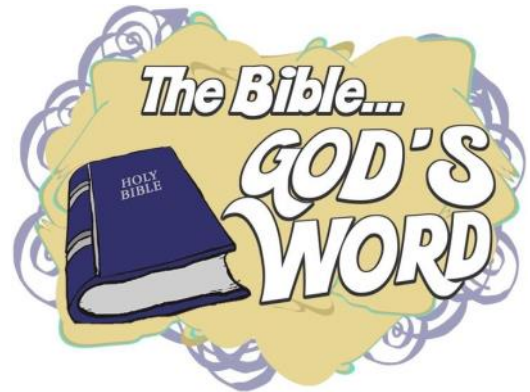
We cannot afford to exist only for ourselves. We cannot be limited by who comes into our building for worship. That's why we stream our services on our website and Facebook page. That's why we broadcast our services on WRMJ radio at 5:10 pm every Sunday evening. That's why we run a bus ministry. That's why we maintain our Hy-Vee bread (and sometimes banana) ministry. That's why our Loving Hands team prepares food to be taken to the Health Department. That's why we stock our shelves and freezer for our Caring Hearts ministry. That's why we weave plastic bags into sleeping mats. And that's why we spent the last month building our Mountain of Love. We don't exist for ourselves alone. We exist for others, and we do so without judgement because we also recognize that we are in sales, not management.

Our Mountain of Love is also one of the many, many reasons why I am so proud to be your pastor. Friends, keep up the good work. God is doing wonderful things in our church because we are connecting people to him.

Yours for the Mission,  
*Pastor Dave*

### Connecting with the Word

As believers in Christ, we are shaped by the Word of God. Following are the scriptures suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary for each week in October. I encourage you to read these passages to prepare your hearts for worship, whether in-person, on the radio, on Facebook, or on our church website, [Myaledoumc.com](http://Myaledoumc.com).



**Sunday, October 6:** Job 1:1,2:1-10; Psalm 25; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; and Mark 10:2-16. Holy Communion will be served.

**Sunday, October 13:** Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:12-16; and Mark 10:17-31.

**Sunday, October 20:** Job 38:1-7; 34-41; Psalm 104; Hebrew 5:1-10; and Mark 10:35-45.

**Sunday, October 27:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34; Hebrews 7:23-28; and Mark 10:46-52.

Connecting People to Christ with you,  
*Pastor Dave*

# HIGH AND DRY

## Aledo UMC Is About to Get a New Roof



Our Trustees have known for a couple of years that we needed to repair the capstones at the very top of our exterior walls. This summer, we also learned that we need a new roof. In fact, the need is critical and it should be done before winter. Also, we learned that it makes no sense to repair the capstones

unless we also replace the roof. The Trustees have accepted a bid from Riddell Roofing for \$46,850, and work is expected to begin in October. That sounds like a lot, and it is. But in the long run, it will be a bargain as we continue to maintain our hundred-year-old building. Riddell Roofing will be working way up high on the roof to keep us dry inside.

In 2023, we paid for a new sound and video system, and earlier this year, we “Rebuilt the Wall.” Those projects suggest we can take on up to \$20,000 per year. Consequently, our Finance Committee has secured a line of credit at Black Hawk State Bank for \$50,000. A portion of our Endowment will secure the loan and give us a 2.15% interest rate. Our hope is to repay the entire loan in three years. There is no penalty for early payoff.

Beginning in October, your offerings above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings will be accepted. Please designate your gifts **“Building Fund: Roof.”**

# THE FORGE

## WHERE LIVES TAKE SHAPE

**FORGE IS OUR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FOR GRADES 6 THROUGH 12.**

- Forge will meet at 6 pm Sunday, October 6.
- Youth Bonfire and Hayride 4 to 7 pm Sunday, October 20 at the Taylor home.
- Please contact Pastor Dave or Kaitlyn Marceleno to make sure you are receiving text messages about our gatherings and activities.



### **TOBY MAC, MERCYME & ZACH WILLIAMS**

are coming to the Vibrant Arena at the Mark

**Sunday, November 17 at 7 pm.**

Our youth will go together as a group with our youth fund paying a portion of the ticket price. Interested persons should contact Pastor Dave for more information.

## **Trunk or Treat**

We will be hosting our 12th annual Trunk-or-Treat this year on the south side of the church. This event will be held on Thursday October 31, from 5:30 to 7 pm.

You are invited to decorate your car and line it up in the street. Also, the United Methodist Men will be giving out hot dogs and bottled water again this year.



Please let the office know if you will participate or sign up at Sunday Services. We are accepting donations of money, small bottles of water and candy in support of this event. The office will have candy available to supplement what you bring. We usually have 800 plus kids!

## Mercer County Homecoming Parade Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

We will have a float in the Mardi Gras themed parade featuring our version of the famous DuMonde Café. We need volunteers to decorate the float on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at Bob and Andrea Parker's garage at 6:00 pm. The address is 603 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Aledo.

Would you like to walk in the parade and distribute Mardi Gras beads to the kids or AUMC jar openers to the adults? Join the fun and meet at the church at 5:15 PM on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to take the church bus to our assigned starting spot for the parade.

We will also be driving the church bus in the parade behind the float. If you want to ride the bus and wave to the crowd, meet at the church at 5:15 PM.

There is a sign up sheet on the long table in the Fellowship Room.

# HOME COMING PARADE

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## Trivia Night!



Plan now for a night of fun, fellowship, food, and trivia on Saturday, October 5. Doors will open at 5 pm; trivia begins at 6 pm. Cost is \$80 for a table of 8 with all proceeds going to the mission and outreach of Aledo UMC. Once again, Pastor Dave will be Trivia Master, and he says this may be his best trivia night yet! This is a multimedia event with pictures, music, and videos. Best of all, you don't have to know a lot of trivia to have fun!

## Sponsors for our October Radio Broadcasts

October 6– Kathy Jenkins in memory of her parents

October 13– Stan & Debbie Swank in memory of Debbie's mom's birthday Oct 12, and Gary Smith's birthday Oct 14

October 20- Kathy Jenkin's verse is Numbers 6:24 "The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord smile on you and be gracious to you"

October 27-- Anonymous

Aledo UMC has a wonderful ministry partnership with WRMJ Radio 102.3 FM. Our services are now broadcast every Sunday at 5:10 pm, thanks to your sponsorship. We encourage you to download the WRMJ app so you can listen to our broadcast live on your smartphone, tablet, or computer. The app is available free at your app store.



## WRMJ RADIO BROADCAST.

### We need sponsors!



Each Sunday at 5:10PM we broadcast our 8am Worship Service on WRMJ. Would you like to sponsor this? It costs \$30 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 out 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.

## CONNECTION COINS FOR OCTOBER

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, those cans are set out. 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. The HyVee Bread Ministry touches so many in our congregation and beyond. Our bread delivery people do this as a mission, asking for nothing in return. We help with the fuel expenses of this valuable ministry, giving them \$20 a week for gas. So, remember to bring your change on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>! 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October will be used to help fund this valuable Ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So, remember to bring your change on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>!



# Hy-Vee 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 8–9AM for you to select bread products for your neighbors and yourself.



### Aledo UMC offers two Bible Studies for Men

- **Men’s Bible Study every Wednesday Morning at 6:30AM** . Come for breakfast and a time of studying God’s Word. The men are currently studying James.
- **Saturday 8-9:15AM Men’s Bible Study.** Meets once a month; our October meeting is on the 6th.

### United Methodist Women Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> at all 3 Services

**We will be celebrating the women of Aledo United Methodist Church. Be sure to join us for this special day!**

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

You are invited to join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study as we preview, "God Relents," a project by Pastor Dave. Studies begin at 9 am and are open to all who are curious about God.

### Thank you!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
Thank you for your generous gifts! May God bless you as together we work to show His love as the hands, feet, and heart of Christ.  
In His service,  
*Midwest Mission family*

## Membership Opportunity

Have you been attending Aledo UMC regularly but have never joined the church? If you’ve been faithful in your attendance, why not really connect with Christ and our church through church membership? Interested persons should contact Pastor Dave.



The United Methodist Men will meet Monday, October 21st at 6PM. There will be a meal, a short business meeting, and lots of fellowship!  
Join us, and invite a friend!



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/04/2003– Paul & Kendra Crede  
 10/09/2010– Trevon & Sara Dunn  
 10/18/2014– Jeffrey & Kaycee Stine  
 10/23/1976– Lewis & Wava Minter, Jr.



**God Bless You!**

## UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

10/01– Barbara Etheridge  
 10/09– Connie Midkiff  
 10/10– Pauline Schmidt  
 10/15– Barbara Runyon  
 10/25– Christy Bender



The deadline for the next Parish Visitor is  
**Monday, October 21 at 8am.**  
**All articles must be submitted by this date!**

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Alicia/healing  
 Jodie Andress  
 Kirsten Autery & friend  
 Tom Balmer/health  
 Bishop David Bard  
 Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai  
 Bill Breeden/health  
 Renae Brown/mental health  
 Karen Buchanan/health  
 Family of Greg Campbell  
 Neil David/hospice  
 Connie Dellitt/health  
 Jim Droste/health  
 Hal Earl/health  
 Sonjia Fell/healing  
 Amber Fitzsimmons/cancer  
 Jayne Fitzsimmons/healing  
 Renee Forber/healing  
 Don & Lyn Franks  
 Marie Fredrickson/  
 InterVarsity  
 Gabrielle/FMD  
 Scott Guyton/recovery  
 Bruce Hall/health  
 Family of Jim Hansen  
 Andrew Hofer/FCA

Vicki Harrison/recovery  
 Stan Hunt/health  
 Kathy Jenkins/recovery  
 Jodi/health  
 Meyer Johnson/recovery  
 Dave Kozlowski/cancer  
 John and Debbie/health  
 Family of Kenny Landis  
 Greg LeHue/health  
 Family of Kassie Maas  
 Laura McGinnis/health  
 Family of Brett McWhorter  
 Linda Morrow/health  
 Jane Mumm/health  
 Mike Newsom/healing  
 Kathy Newswander/cancer  
 treatment  
 Jennifer Olson/cancer  
 Paul & family/addiction  
 Bob Parker/health  
 Marion Pinkham/health  
 Bill Pollock/health  
 Janice Pollock/cancer  
 Richard Rockhold/health  
 Chrissy Riddell/cancer  
 Don Schroeder/health  
 Derek Schroeder/health

Jeff Tipton/health  
 Pastor Dave & Candice  
 Family of Gina Shaffer  
 Katherine Shondel/health  
 Patricia Short/peace  
 Ann Simmons/results  
 Family of Dave Stanley  
 Penelope Stine/health  
 Amy Studer  
 Stan Swank/recovery  
 Finn Tatum/health  
 Pam Thorton/health  
 Dale, Debby, Ashley Thomas  
 Family of Cherie Tracy  
 Nena Visser/health  
 Elene Waters/health  
 June Way/transitions  
 David Wheeler/healing  
 Mike Willis/cancer  
 Dick & Liz Zimmerman/health  
 Respect, Dignity, Equality  
 AUMC Family  
 Brookstone, nursing home and  
 Vashti residents  
 Please pray for our church's  
 committees



Peace, Love, and Kindness,  
 Kind Words Kind Hearts  
 Those who are feeling defeat-  
 ed and depressed  
 Those in pain and looking for  
 answers  
 The United Methodist Church  
 Areas affected by tornadoes,  
 Gaza Strip, Haiti, Israel,  
 Maui, Palestine, Russia,  
 Sudan, Syria, Taiwan  
 Ukraine, World Peace

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



## October Volunteers of the Month: Dwight Reynolds

One might assume that Dwight's leadership on our Finance Team has earned him honors as October's Volunteer of the Month. However, that's only half the story. Along with his wife Joan,



Dwight is an active member of our Missions Team; the picture accompanying this article was taken at a missions event initiated by Dwight. A couple of years ago, Dwight suggested that our church make rice meal packets for Midwest Mission. The Mission Team liked that idea, so Dwight drove to Chatham to pick up the supplies. He is pictured with Missions Team Chairman Neil Truman during one of our rice pack days. After church members made all the packets, Dwight took them back to Chatham, giving of his time, energy, and expense.

Dwight's love for missions also takes him and the Missions Team out to the Mercer County Fairgrounds every July to serve a meal to the carnival workers.

When the west lawn at the church needs mowing, Dwight is happy to volunteer. Likewise, when the third floor Christmas room needed a coat of paint, there was Dwight, paint roller in hand and a smile on his face.

Dwight can also be found grilling pork chops, handing out hot dogs to children during Trunk or Treat, and serving meals with the United Methodist Men. Speaking of our Men's group, every month Dwight is mindful to bring cards for the men to sign which he then sends out to those who may need an expression of care.

Dwight's skills with wood and stained glass have contributed to the success of the women's holiday bazaar over the past several years.

With his career in banking, Dwight has been a natural fit on our Finance Team and his assistance to Denise Patterson, our treasurer, as been invaluable. "One of the things I appreciate the most about Dwight is his calm demeanor during finance meetings," said Pastor Dave. "If Denise reports that our income is running behind budget, everyone looks over to Dwight, and if he just sits back and smiles, we know everything's going to be all right by the end of the year."

**Congratulations to Dwight Reynolds, our October Volunteer of the Month.**

## *Your Shoebox Gift Changes Lives*

In 2005, Brad Duke of Star, Idaho won \$220 million in the Powerball Lottery. Just this year, Jordon Love, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers, signed a four-year contract extension worth \$220 million. Two hundred twenty million is a lot....of anything. It is roughly two-thirds the total population of the United States. It's also the number of Operation Christmas Child boxes delivered since 1993. That's 220 million gospel opportunities. It's two hundred twenty million souls who have been introduced to Jesus Christ. This mission is so much more than filling a shoe box with goodies. It is a way to show the love of Jesus Christ to the youngest and most vulnerable of God's children.

These boxes find their way to some of the most desolate and desperate corners of our world. Places where abject poverty, hunger, or war are a part of the daily way of life. These are places where people...especially children....need to see Jesus. You can provide the tools needed to show these children that they are loved. You can help lead them to Jesus Christ.

Please help make this year's mission a huge success by packing a box, or multiple boxes, with gifts of love. We will have boxes available starting **October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please include **\$10 for each box** to cover the costs of shipping, educational materials, and training. Most of all, cover these boxes in prayer. When a box leaves this church, it is only the first step on what is a long and, often, perilous journey to their intended destination. Your prayers will help ensure that they get where they are needed most.

Thank you for being a part of this mission. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of children around the world.

Blessings,

The AUMC Operation Christmas Child Committee



**Coming soon!**

**Christmas Marketplace**

**November 22nd 4-7PM**

**November 23rd 9-11AM**

**If you are interested in making crafts,**

**or helping in any way,**

**please contact one of the following:**

**Shelly Reusch (309-371-6290)**

**Susie Marston ( 563-260-5998)**

**Sara Blaser (309-738-9799)**

## October 4: Starved Rock Day Trip

Friday, October 4th the church is going to take the bus to Starved Rock for a day of fun and fellowship. If you don't hike, you can visit the museum in the Visitor's Center and walk around the Lodge, or sit and enjoy the view of the river. There are 13 seats available on the bus. Cost is \$10 to cover fuel. You will need to bring a sandwich for you and a side to share with others. Water will be provided but if you want something else to drink, bring it with you. Meet at the church at 9AM. There are sign-up sheets in the Café. Any questions, ask Susie Kenney.



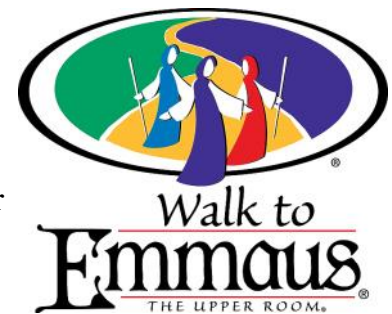
## Walk to Emmaus

There's nothing like setting the world aside for a weekend, going on a retreat, and deepening your walk with Jesus. That's the purpose of Walk to Emmaus, and if you've never participated in a Walk, your opportunity is coming up this fall:

**Men's Walk to Emmaus** is Thursday, October 24 through Sunday, October 27.

**Women's Walk to Emmaus** is Thursday, October 31 through Sunday, November 3.

See Pastor Dave for more information. *Walk to Emmaus* and *Chrysalis* are ministries of The Upper Room.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ  
at Aledo UMC,

You are a lifesaver—literally! Your donation of sleeping mats, flood bucket supplies, and school supplies to Midwest Mission helps us provide life-changing resources to someone in crisis.

Your heartfelt gifts bring hope and empowerment and show God's love in a practical way to those in need. Thank you for "bringing the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief" through Midwest Mission.

Be blessed,  
Chantel Corrie  
Executive Director.

## October is Pastor Appreciation month!

The PSPRC would like to encourage church members to show their appreciation of Pastor Dave and Candice by showering them with cards, notes, words of encouragement, gift cards, etc. A box will be provided in the Fellowship café on Sundays in October for the collection. Cards can also be left in the church office during regular business hours. Let's all show our appreciation of Pastor Dave and Candice by stuffing the box full! Thank you on behalf of the PSPRC.



*Pastor  
Appreciation*

### Need a ride to church?

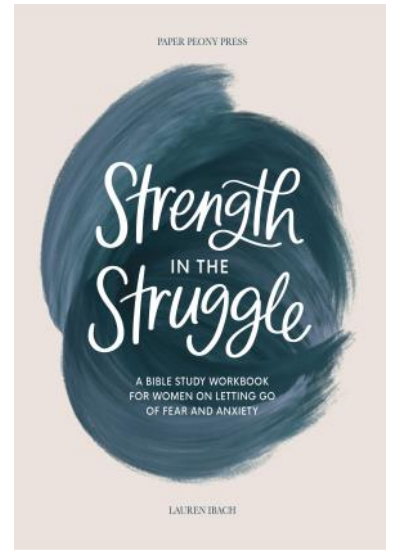
Contact the office at 309-582-2169 or Jon Swanson at 309-371-9501 to make arrangements



### Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study

For our Fall Women's Book Study, we will be reading "Strength in the Struggle". We will meet Sunday evenings at 6pm beginning Sept 8th.

Natalie Nelson leads this study which is held at 6 pm most—but not every—Sunday. Interested persons may contact her for details.



### Church Website

Have you looked at your church's website? If not, go to [www.myaledoumc.com](http://www.myaledoumc.com) and see what's going on! Not only can you see the "basics" about the Aledo United Methodist Church, you can find the most current church calendar. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website, as well as Pastor Dave's sermon transcripts. Stop by and check it out!



### Charge Conference

Charge Conference at Aledo United Methodist Church is Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM. We will be hosting several other area Methodist Churches. Since this is a Charge Conference, all Administrative Council members should attend.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED TO HOLD STEADY \$6,018.00)

Date	09/01/2024	09/08/2024	09/15/2024	09/22/2024
Attendance	128	215	193	165
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$5,965.00	\$3,968.00	\$7,313.00	\$3,635.00

