

# The Parish Visitor

## October, 2017



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### MOVING FORWARD

By Rev. Mark

By the time you read this, a decision will have been made regarding the Capital campaign proposal for upgrading the church building. As I WRITE this, however, we are still more than a week away from that decision. And so, as I helped put together the newsletter, I was left to decide what I would write in this space. Would I GUESS at the outcome? That didn't seem like a good idea. Would I ignore the whole thing? Also, not a good idea. Instead, I will say this- whatever is to BE decided...now HAS been decided! And since that's the case, now what? What does a church do once a major decision is made- a decision that, by its very design, caused people to "choose sides"?

Here's what we do- we move forward. "So, you're assuming the proposal passed, is that it?" No, I'm not. As I've already said, I have NO idea what the proposal "did" as I write this prior to it doing ANYTHING. What I AM saying is this- we move forward- period. If the proposal passed, the hard work now begins! We roll up our sleeves and get at it. If, on the other hand, the proposal didn't pass...the hard work now begins! We roll up our sleeves and get at it!

Here's what I'm getting at- major decisions in the life of a church tend to create an atmosphere of division. People are not only invited but literally forced to "pick a side". I mean, there's a BALLOT involved, for goodness sake! And anytime human beings are asked to vote on something, the outcome caused some strife. It's natural. It's normal. But it doesn't have to be crippling. It doesn't have to "derail the train".

Things like elections cause more and more decisiveness in our country. Every 4 years, it feels like we as a nation draw further and further into two (or more) distinct "camps"- us against them. And that divide seems to A. never heal and B. grow wider and wider.

We have a GREAT opportunity right now to model a different behavior to the world. We are on the "other side" of a vote- a decision that has major impact on who we are as a group of believers moving forward. We can mirror society's knack for division...or we can refuse to give in to that mentality. There is a STRONG bond among those who call them themselves a part of The Aledo United Methodist Church. And our opportunity is to show Aledo, Mercer County and the world that we STILL have that strong bond- regardless of how any of us voted individually and regardless of the outcome.

However October 1 (the day of the vote) ended, the people have spoken. And I have to pray that God has spoken THROUGH the people. And so, we stick together and we move forward. Obviously, the outcome of that vote will dictate HOW we move forward. But it is God Who dictates THAT we move forward...and that we do it TOGETHER. God is good, all the time!

#### SPECIAL DATES:

- Oct 1 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- Oct 1 Capitol Campaign Vote 10:30AM Service
- Oct 5 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- Oct 5 Homecoming Parade 6PM
- October 7 Charge Conference 11AM
- October 10 Work @ Food Pantry 5:30-7:30PM
- Oct 10 Bazaar Craft Work Time 6:30PM
- Oct 12 Bazaar Work Time- Dog Treats 6PM
- Oct 13 Work @ Food Pantry 8AM-noon
- Oct 15 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- Oct 15 Trustees Meet 6PM
- Oct 15 Finance Meet 6:45PM
- Oct 15 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- Oct 16 UM Men Meet 6PM
- Oct 19 Naomi Wesleyan Circle 11:30AM
- Oct 19 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- Oct 19 Canning & Preserving School 5:30-8PM
- Oct 20 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- Oct 22 Youth Fellowship 11:30AM
- Oct 22 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- Oct 23 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- Oct 24 Bazaar Work Time Crafts 6:30PM
- Oct 26 UMW Exec Meeting 4:45PM
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat 5PM

## CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

### **Be Hopeful: A Study of 1Peter**

**WHAT:** Mike Millar's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

**WHEN:** Tuesdays @ 9AM

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Cafe'

**WHY:** Hope isn't a sedative; it's a shot of adrenaline, a spiritual blood transfusion. Best-selling author and former pastor Warren Wiersbe preaches the same message Peter preached so long ago. Turning each enlightening page, believers gain increasing confidence in true Hope, a God in whom they don't just wish for eternal life. In Scripture, hope means the promise of salvation for those who have accepted Him and His Son's death and resurrection.

**WHAT ELSE:** The books are \$8

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

**WHAT:** Current Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study

**WHEN:** Wednesdays @ 6:30AM (Coffee, breakfast pizza AND donuts EVERY week!)

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

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

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

### **The Red Sea Rules**

**WHAT:** Current Wednesday Evening Bible Study

**WHEN:** Wednesdays at 6PM, starting September 6

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

**WHY:** Just as Moses and the Israelites found themselves caught between "the devil and the deep Red Sea," so are we sometimes overwhelmed by life's problems. *The Red Sea Rules reveals that even in the midst of seemingly impossible situations God promises to make a way for us. His loving guidance will protect us through danger, illness, marital strife, financial problems, or whatever challenges Satan places in our path.*

It is certain that we will face difficulties, and that God will allow them, as He allowed the Israelites to become trapped between Pharaoh's rushing armies and the uncrossable Red Sea. But just as certain is the fact that the same God who led us in will lead us out. As *The Red Sea Rules makes comfortingly clear, He is in control.*

**WHAT ELSE:** The books are \$5



## Caring Hearts Food Ministry

Our Caring Hearts Food Ministry is striving! We have a freezer with frozen prepared food for anyone who needs a meal located in the back storage room in the basement. Feel free to visit the freezer and take food for yourself or someone needing some cheer. No questions asked!

Our food ministry team prepares these healthy meals twice a month. Would you like to join this group of dedicated ladies and prepare the meals on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 9:00 AM and/or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1:00 PM? **We need more to share the fun and laughter as we cook.**

## NEW SERMON SERIES: ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

by Rev. Mark

Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Is irrational worry your constant companion? Could you use some calm in your life? If the answer is yes, you are not alone. Stress-related ailments cost the nation \$300 billion every year in medical bills and lost productivity. Chances are, you or someone you know seriously struggles with anxiety. Our new sermon series will address those issues as we walk through **Anxious For Nothing**. Based on the book by New York Times bestselling author, Max Lucado, this series will provide a roadmap for finding peace in the midst of chaos. The weeks of the series look like this:

**Sunday, October 8- Celebrate God's Goodness** (Psalm 31:1-3, 19)

Rejoice in God...always.

(Jeremiah 33:3, Romans 12:9-10)

**Sunday, October 15- Ask God For Help** (Psalm 119:33-37)

Let your requests be made known to God.

(Isaiah 58:8-9, John 14:12-14)

**Sunday, October 22- Leave Your Concerns with Him** (Psalm 28:1-2, 7-8)

Letting go makes us strong.

(Proverbs 3:1-3, John 14:24-27)

**Sunday, October 29- Meditate on Good Things** (Psalm 23)

Focus on what is worthy of praise.

(1 Samuel 16:6-7, 1 Philippians 4:12-13)



Stop letting chaos and anxiety rule the day. Join me on a journey to true freedom and experience more joy, clarity, physical renewal, and contentment by the power of the Holy Spirit. Anxiety comes with life. But it doesn't have to dominate your life.

### 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.**

### VETERAN DAY OBSERVANCE

Veteran's Day is on Saturday, November 11. The next day, Sunday, November 12, we will honor veterans at all 3 worship services. And this year, we are adding a new layer to this important observance. We are asking you to submit a picture of your veteran(s) to include in a slide show we will run as part of worship that day. If you would like to submit a picture, you can either email it to the church ([office@myaledoumc.com](mailto:office@myaledoumc.com)) or bring a "hard copy" to the church office. (If you bring a "hard copy", please put it in an envelope or folder and clearly mark both the envelope/folder AND the picture with A. the name of the person in the picture and B. who the picture should be returned to.) The deadline for submission is Sunday, November 11.

As a lead-in to our Veteran's Day observance, starting on Sunday, October 15th, everyone will be encouraged to select a plastic figure from a basket in the sanctuary. The figures will represent members of the Armed Forces, along with Police and Fire Personnel. You are encouraged to put your figure in a prominent place, reminding you to pray for our veterans and first responders- those who put themselves in harm's way for our protection!

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

by Rev. Mark

As of this writing, 17 folks have joined our church, along with 12 baptisms, so far this calendar year. 17 and 12. I don't know about you, but I think that's pretty exciting! As a way of wrapping your head around that, more than 50% of the United Methodist Churches across the country won't have ONE new member or baptism this year. God is doing GREAT things here. And I, for one, as pretty jazzed to be a part of it!

What about...YOU? Have you felt God tugging at you, urging you to take a leap of faith and become a larger part of something bigger than yourself? Have you been considering joining the church, but don't quite know how? Here's what you do! Simply contact Rev. Mark ([revmark@myaledoumc.com](mailto:revmark@myaledoumc.com)) and set up a time to visit with him. This 30-minute meeting will allow him to get to know you better and talk to you about your faith journey. At the end of the meeting, you'll decide which Sunday you would like to join the church...and the rest, as they say, is history! Pray about it- are YOU ready to step out in faith?

## Operation Christmas Child

Collection of Operation Christmas Child boxes will begin October 1st, and **all boxes are due here at the Church by Sunday, November 5th.** There will be boxes and toothbrushes available at the Shoebox Center in the Café area. More information will be available in the near future.

*Joan Reynolds  
Scott Spencer*



## Town Hall Meeting/Charge Conference

This year, Charge Conference (our annual "meeting" to set both the budget and ministry teams for the coming year) is a bit different. It is on Saturday, October 7 at 11AM. Our new District Superintendent Rev. Steve Granadosin will be joining us that day. His approach this year is simple- get the "business" out of the way as quickly as possible and spend the rest of the hour sharing what's going on in our church. He wants to hear what we are doing. He wants to hear what our vision for the future is. He wants to learn more about why we are growing and thriving. Join us as we spend an hour with Rev. Granadosin, sharing about what God is doing here at AUMC!

## Special Observances in October

Bet you didn't know that October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month! How about Apple Jack Month? Or maybe Computer Learning Month? How about Cookie Month? Eat Country Ham Month? Sarcastic Month? These are the special days in October: the 1st- World Vegetarian Day, the 2nd- Name Your Car Day, the 3rd- Virus Appreciation Day, the 4th- Frappe Day, the 5th- Do Something Nice Day, the 6th- Mad Hatter Day, the 7th- Bald and Free Day, the 8th- Touch Tag Day, the 9th- Columbus Day, the 10th- Moldy Cheese Day, the 11th- Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day, the 12th- Angel Food Cake Day, the 13th- International Skeptics Day, the 14th- Dessert Day, the 15th- White Cane Safety Day, the 16th- Dictionary Day, the 17th- Wear Something Gaudy Day, the 18th- No Beard Day, 19th- Evaluate Your Life Day, the 20th- Brandied Fruit Day, the 21st- Count Your Buttons Day, the 22nd- Nut Day, the 23rd- TV Talk Show Host Day, the 24th- Bologna Day, the 25th- Mother-In-Law Day, the 26th- Mincemeat Day, the 27th- Navy Day, the 28th- Plush Animal Lover's Day, the 29th- Hermit Day, the 30th- Candy Corn Day, and the 31st- Halloween (see accompanying article about our Trunk or Treat event). Celebrate the wonderful AND the weird in October!



## **C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) Luncheon**

### **Re-Starts October 15th**

**C.I.A. is a group that is open to mature men and women who often find themselves eating alone. This includes any single adult or someone who has lost their spouse, been divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. The free luncheon is planned for the third Sunday at 11:30 AM in the church dining room. The menu includes sliders, salad, chips, fruit, dessert.**

**Join the group for good food and friendship. Bring a friend.**



**VISIT THE  
LIBRARY  
TODAY!!**

## **SCHEDULING EVENTS**

The Aledo United Methodist Church is a BUSY place! (Our custodian tells us that he struggles to find time to CLEAN the church because there is always something GOING ON in the church!) And since we are busy connecting people with Jesus Christ, then it is a VERY good thing that we are busy! But BECAUSE we are so busy, it makes scheduling a bit more of a challenge. Events that never had to be concerned with the calendar before now...have to!

We continue to find creative, collaborative ways to enable multiple events to happen at the same time- which IS our goal- but we can't do that if we don't know an event is scheduled. With that in mind, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible to make sure your date/time/area of the church is available and to get your event on the church calendar. Is your church a busy place? Yes! Is it busy connecting people to Jesus Christ? Yes! Therefore, we want to do EVERYTHING we can to make sure as many ministries as possible that help further our mission are able to happen!

**For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.**

**Jeremiah 29:11, NLT**

## **DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?**

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. You can go to the church's Facebook page OR the church website to watch a video of any sermon you missed. You can also go to [www.stickwithjesus.com](http://www.stickwithjesus.com) and choose "read my blog" to read a transcript of the sermon! If you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at [revmark@stickwithjesus.com](mailto:revmark@stickwithjesus.com). Please share these links with your friends and family.





## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual *Follow the Star* *Holiday Bazaar*

**Friday, November 17, 2017 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, November 18, 2017 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**(Advanced Showing for Seniors and other church members needing bus transportation  
at 2:00 PM on Friday.)**

### Our Famous Nativity Collections

Beautiful and unique Nativity set displays will “Connect our community to the birth of Jesus Christ”

### Specialty Booths

Candy Cane Café – Will serve Friday evening meal and Saturday breakfast downstairs

The Country Store – All kinds of freshly baked goods, gifts in a jar, homemade breads.

Sweet Shoppe – Lots and lots of homemade Holiday cookies and candies.

Dinner-To-Go – Pizza – frozen and ready to bake.

Secret Shoppers – Helpers will assist children in selecting and wrapping surprise family gifts.

Creative Hands – Handmade items featuring aprons, doll clothes, pot holders, rice bags.

Grinch's Heart – **New fun booth** with Grinch treats and goodies.

Hot Chocolate Bar – Delicious hot chocolate and all the trimmings

Feathered Nest – **New booth** with bird feeders, bird seed ornaments.

Deck the Halls – Christmas decorations and gifts.

Pampered Pets – Healthy homemade dog and cat treats and gifts.

Thanksgiving Blessings – **New booth** with Thanksgiving décor and gifts.

Homemade With Love – Handmade cards, stationery items, handmade soaps and other clever gifts.

All Things Wooden – **New booth** with many wooden hand crafted items.

(NEED MORE MEN OR WOMEN TO MAKE WOOD ITEMS –CONTACT CAROL BROWN)

The Cutting Edge – *Rada cutlery for your gift giving.*

### **What can you do to participate in this big family event?**

- Volunteer to work a booth - CONTACT RUTH DULANEY 309-738-6151
- Attend the group work times
- Make unique items at home for the specialty booths
- Donate supplies when listed on a donation poster in Fellowship Room
- Lend your Nativity set(s) for our Nativity Collection Display
- Provide a card table.
- Help set up and clean up at the Holiday Bazaar
- Invite your friends and family to attend

### **Holiday Bazaar Group Work Times - Join the fun and fellowship!**

Tuesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM	Craft Work Time	Seeker's Room
Thursday, October 12 <sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM	Pet Treat Preparation	Kitchen
Thursday, October 19 <sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM	Craft Work Time	Seeker's Room
Tuesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM	Craft Work Time	Seeker's Room
Thursday, October 26 <sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM	Planning Meeting	Seeker's Room
Monday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> at 5 PM	Pizza Preparation	Kitchen
Monday, November 13 <sup>th</sup> at 5 PM	Make Sweet Breads	Kitchen

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/04/2003– Paul & Kendra Crede  
 10/09/2010- Trevon & Sara Dunn  
 10/12/1974– Bill & Molly Joseph  
 10/18/2014– Jeffrey & Kaycee Stine  
 10/23/1976– Lewis & Wava Minter  
 10/25/1974– Doyce & Sue Hiscocks

forever & always

## UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

10/01– Barbara Etheridge  
 10/09– Connie Midkiff  
 10/15– Lois McCormick  
 10/15– Barbara Runyon



The deadline for the next  
Parish Visitor is

**Thursday, October 20th, 8am.**

Please have all articles submitted  
by this date!

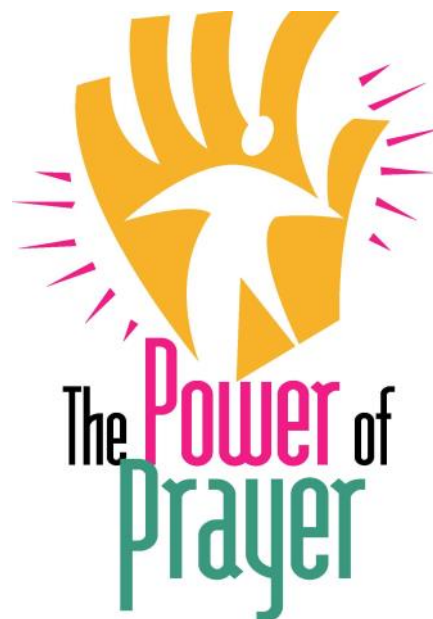
## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Norma Adams  
 Hank & Betty Allan  
 Jamicynn Allen  
 Sandy Anderson/cancer  
 Jan Dunham Aulife  
 Scott Balmer  
 Barbara K/illness  
 Alan Benson  
 Bob Bocox  
 Brady, Jacob, Camden  
 Brenda Brandt  
 Joalice Bressan  
 Calvin  
 Cox family  
 Charlie David  
 Dee Dellitt  
 Noah Dewitt  
 Dick & Beverly  
 Lance & Dawn Dowsett  
 Jim Droste  
 Lauren Eggen/cancer  
 Chris Engstrom  
 Ron Engstrom  
 Soni Engstrom  
 Evelyn/1yr old/cancer  
 Mary Flint  
 Jenifer Franks  
 Carol Freeman/cancer  
 Connie Freeman  
 Gail

Debbie Glenn/surgery  
 Susie Hall/breast cancer  
 Dave Haney family  
 Rev Mark and family  
 Michael Harris  
 Mildred Harris/health  
 Pam Heath  
 Lola Helm/loss  
 Marilyn Hessman  
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs old/cancer  
 Don Howlett  
 Noah Huston  
 Judy Inman  
 Jackson  
 Jeremy  
 Susie Kenney/strength  
 Aubrey King/cancer  
 Chad King/brain tumor  
 Wayne King  
 Kristin  
 Allison Kuk  
 Nadine Liby  
 Tiffanee Lloyd  
 Brent McCurdy  
 Lisa McWhorter  
 Violet Meskan/Lyme disease  
 Mick Miller family  
 Monica  
 Linda Morrow  
 Ember Pappas

Linda Pastche/hospice  
 Bob Patterson  
 Bill & Carolyn Pollock  
 Bryce Rathje  
 Cork Reid  
 Mary Rillie/health  
 Nick & Sarah Riordan  
 Fred Rooth  
 Lisa Rzepecki  
 Kris Salmon/cancer  
 Ron Schmidt/healing  
 Ibrahim Simba/14/badly burned  
 Andrew Smith/praise  
 Charles Smith  
 Dianna Spencer  
 Jim Stites  
 Deb Swank/health  
 Pam Truman  
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor  
 LaRay Wigdall family  
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents  
 Military & families  
 All ill/in hospitals  
 All who battle cancer  
 Hurricane/Flood Victims  
 Our Church  
 All who mourn

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



## WORSHIP TECH OPPORTUNITIES

Do you like electronics? Then your church needs YOU! We need people to help operate the sound system and computer during Sunday morning worship services. What do you need in order to run these things? The list is LONG- a willingness to serve, and...that would be about it! The systems, designed specifically for churches, are quite simple to operate. (Don't let all the knobs and switches intimidate you!) The great part about this ministry is that it happens during worship, when you're in church anyway! Do you feel God calling you to step up and help?

Talk to Rev. Mark, Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney.



## CANNING & PRESERVING SCHOOL

There will be a Canning & Preserving School conducted at Aledo United Methodist Church on October 19th, 5:30-8PM. Watch for more details!



## Thank You!

Katharine Jones would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards sent for her 98th birthday. She enjoyed reading them all. She also would like to thank her family for her party.

October is  
**Pastor Appreciation**  
Month



## AN OUTREACH IDEA

Here's a low-risk, easy way to introduce others to faith- share Rev. Mark's website with them. Described as "a daily look at life as a shaved-headed, earring-wearing, rock-drumming United Methodist minister", [www.stickwithjesus.com](http://www.stickwithjesus.com) features a "thought for the day", written by Rev. Mark - a new one is literally added daily! There is also a daily Bible verse AND a Prayer Request page, where you can (anonymously if you want) ask for prayer! Check it out- if you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at [revmark@myaledoumc.com](mailto:revmark@myaledoumc.com) and let him know.

## CONNECTION COINS FOR OCTOBER

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 (October 8th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward an awesome ministry- the Caring Hearts Food program. 100% of anything you put in those "thinly veiled Pringle cans" on October 8th will help fund this valuable ministry. What a GREAT way to connect people with Christ! So, bring your change on October 8th!



## Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

The WNF meals have been delicious and well attended as we start the 2017-2018 season. Join us at 5:15 PM on Wednesday to enjoy a free meal with your church family.

The schedule is filling up with those who want to prepare the meals. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month provides an open opportunity for individuals to work with new friends to help prepare the already planned meal. **We need volunteers to sign up to assist with part of this meal. Please contact Ruth Dulaney at 309-738-6151.**

October 4, 2017 – Tuesday Am Bible Study group – Taco Haystacks

October 11, 2017 – Open Opportunity for Volunteers – Hot Chicken Salad

October 18, 2017 – Fans in the Stands - Tailgate Party! Grilled Hot Dogs

October 25, 2017 – Connie Alexander and Jennifer Mattson (Part of the WNF Core Group)

## ONLINE GIVING

by Rev. Mark

More people are now making their weekly/monthly/yearly offering to your church online! If you go to our home page ([www.myaledoumc.com](http://www.myaledoumc.com)) and choose “giving” from the Navigation Bar near the top, it will take you to a page that will provide the opportunity for you to give electronically. You can either do a one-time gift or a recurring monthly gift.

“Pastor, why would that be good for the church?” Thanks for asking! It’s SO easy to forget your checkbook at home one week. It’s also so easy to forget to give your offering when you are out of town. But the truth of the matter is that the financial commitments of the church...the bills, if you will...don’t decrease on those weeks when people forget to tithe. Our financial commitments are steady all year long. Therefore, having a steady, dependable stream of giving helps us better plan for next week, next month and next year!



## THE NURSERY

Have you ever wondered why churches need good, safe, well-staffed nursery programs? Well, wonder no more! The reason churches need strong nursery programs is that, for folks with young children, the nursery is often THE most important part of the church. If there is a good nursery, they can comfortably leave their kids in capable hands and attend a worship service. If, however, they find a nursery that is poorly or under-staffed with folks who seem unfriendly and stressed, they A. won’t leave their kids, and B. won’t come back! Your church truly believes that children are NOT simply the future of the church- they are very much an active, important part of its present!



# Youth & Children's Page

## What's Coming Up, TAG:

2/3rds of God— Oct 21st,  
10-1pm

Youth Fellowship—Oct  
29th, 11:30-12:30pm

Truck or Treat—Oct 31st,  
5-7pm

ATTN, 6-8th graders,  
Join us on every Tues-  
day, 5-6:15pm

Senior High (9-12th),  
come learn and fellowship  
with us every Sunday,  
6:00-7:15pm

Youth Bible Study—  
Wednesdays, 6-7pm

The holiday season is nearly here, starting with Halloween on October 31. This time of the year provides you, TAG Family, with multiply opportunities to let God shine through you much like the way a candle illuminates the face of a pumpkin. Let us apply Matthew 5:16 to our everyday lives..."*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" Now is the time!



## DRIVE TO THRIVE

\*Runs September-  
May

\*4 Points Possible for  
Attendance to any  
Youth or Children's  
Event: Yourself,  
Brought A Friend,  
Brought Your Bible,  
Want To Teach A  
Lesson

\*Quarterly Prizes

## We LOVE our TAG Football Players!



I am so PROUD to serve and worship with a Youth Group who shows their passion for Jesus and each other. These Teens Among God not only look for ways reach out to other ministries but also choose to stay informed (recently by attending the Capital Campaign Meeting) to better their Church through their vote. They desire to make a difference NOW, and believe me, they have changed my life in so many ways!



## TIMES OF PRAYER

With the need for prayer being great at this time, for our church and for Rev Mark and his family, we have 3 prayer group meeting times.

We will have the Sanctuary open for prayer on Wednesday mornings at 7:30AM, after the Men's Bible Study. Come and go as needed, stay as long as you need. It will be an unstructured, personal time of prayer.

Tuesdays at 4:30PM, we will meet in the Café area for a time of prayer. It will last about 30 minutes, and those of us who gather will pray together.

On Thursdays at 5PM, Wanda Cobert will lead a prayer group in the Seeker's room. It will be a structured prayer time that will last as long as it needs to for the people involved.

Please feel free to come to any or all of these prayer times.

## 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. Stop by and check it out!



## TRUNK OR TREAT

by Rev. Mark

On Tuesday, October 31, your church will hold its 6th Annual Trunk or Treat event. Starting at 5PM that evening, church members will have their cars parked along the edges of 3rd Street outside the church...trunks open! The children of the community will be invited to come and "trick or treat" among our church members. Along with candy and warm greetings, they will receive a handout that explains our Youth and Children's Ministries. In addition, the United Methodist Men will again be offering FREE hot dogs and bottled water to everyone! (We will be asking for donations for A. Candy, B. Hot Dogs/Buns, C. Small Bottles of Water and D. Money to cover costs!)

Many churches struggle with participating in Halloween-related events and I understand that. BUT...it seems to me that the community is going to observe Halloween regardless of what the church does. Therefore, we have a choice to make: we can refuse to be involved and unconsciously widen the gap between the Church and the community. OR...we can choose to be involved and do so in such a way that the community sees us as a willing partner.

So, on Halloween night, we will put our best foot forward, invite the community into "our world" and have a GREAT time doing it! If you would like to bring YOUR car and some candy that night and be a part of this fun event, watch for the sign-up on Sunday mornings!





**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**

## **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!



### **Luke 6:38, New Living Translation**

**<sup>38</sup> Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.**

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)**

Date	09/03/2017	09/10/2017	09/17/2017	09/24/2017
Attendance	246	268	240	270
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$7,846.00	\$4,465.95	\$4,403.01	\$5,093.87

