

The Parish Visitor

June 2020



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Dear friends,

Thank you.

Thank you for your good friendship. Thank you for your kindness and patience. Thank you for the way you so graciously welcomed Patti and me almost a year ago and the way you have made us feel at home ever since. Thank you for listening and for sharing. Thank you for your thoughtful, provocative questions and for your heartfelt advice. Thank you for your faithful leadership and ministry in the MyAledoUMC and in the wider community. Thank you for the way you have helped me to grow in faith by your example and guidance. Thank you for your encouragement and support. And thank you most of all for making me a better pastor.

Friends, if I had known that being "retired" would be such a joyful and rewarding experience, I would have done so much sooner!

I am deeply grateful.

While I may continue to serve in part-time status in another parish, at the discretion of the bishop, I will no longer be pastor of the Aledo UMC after June 30. My good friend Rev. David Schultz has been appointed to serve this parish beginning July 1. I know that he will be blessed by you in the same way you have blessed me. After all, that's what you do best.

Indeed, God is good!

God bless you all,
Dan



I have told you all this so that you may have **peace** in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

SPECIAL DATES:

- June 7 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- June 11 *Caring Heart* 9-10AM
- June 15 *UM Men Dinner/Mtg* 6PM
- June 16 *Loving Hands* 1:30-2:30PM
- June 18 *UM Women Exe. Board* 4:15PM
- June 19 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 25 *Caring Hearts* 1-2PM
- June 28 *CIA Lunch* 11:30AM
- June 28 *Trustees* 6PM
- June 28 *Finance* 6:45PM
- June 28 *Ad. Council* 7:30PM

All meetings are subject to the "Shelter in Place" order being lifted.

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

WIFI CHANGES AT AUMC

We have updated our wifi here at AUMC. In the past you could log on to AUMC1 in the Education Wing area, and AUMC2 in the Sanctuary area. With the updates, AUMC1 is now for staff, and not available to the public. AUMC2 is our public network, and works in the entire building. You may log into AUMC2 with the password: connectmetochrist.

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.



PPRC Update

Pastor Dan Wright joined us in July 2019 as our Associate Pastor. He was then appointed as our interim minister in November after Rev Mark Harris passed away. It has been wonderful getting to know Pastor Dan, his wife Patti and having him share his vast ministerial experience with Aledo United Methodist Church. We appreciate all the work that Pastor Dan has done in the last year at Aledo UMC. Pastor Dan has chosen not to continue at Aledo UMC now that we have a new ministerial appointment. Because we are saying goodbye to Pastor Dan, the PPRC would like to encourage church members to send cards and well-wishes to him care of the church office. In this time of social distancing, we won't have the ability to hold a reception to thank him personally. We will all miss Pastor Dan, his friendship, his sermons, his stories and his smiles. Let's send him riding into the sunset with cards and notes to read that show our appreciation.

Thank you,
The Aledo UMC Pastor Parish Relations Committee



Assistance is Available for our Church Members during this "Shelter In Place" Time

We have organized a group of eight church members who are willing to assist you when needed to provide grocery shopping, pick up a medication, or anything else that is within our capacity. Just call the church office at 309-582-2169, Bryce Benson at 309-738-2105 or Ruth Dulaney at 309-738-6151 and assistance will be arranged for you.

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 Friday, June 20, 2020 at 4:43PM CDT.



The Lord is my light and my **salvation**— so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

Psalm 27:1

There is **salvation** in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN JUNE

Did you know that June is Dairy Month? Or Great Outdoors Month? How about Adopt-A-Cat Month? It's also Drive Safe Month, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month, Iced Tea Month, Potty Training Awareness Month and Turkey Lovers Month. The 1st week of June is National Fishing Week, while the 2nd week is National Clay Week. Here are some special June days: June 1st- Donut Day, June 2nd- I Love My Dentist Day, June 3rd- Egg Day, June 4th- Cheese Day, June 5th- Gingerbread Day, June 6th- Applesauce Cake Day, June 7th- Daniel Boone Day, June 8th- Jelly-Filled Donut Day, June 9th- Young Eagles Day, June 10th- “Pop Goes the Weasel” Day, June 11th- Hug Day, June 12th- Magic Day, June 13th- Weed Your Garden Day, June 14th- Flag Day, June 15th- Fly A Kite Day, June 16th- Father's Day (see accompanying article) , June 17th- Hollerin' Contest Day, June 18th- Fudge Day, June 19th- Panic Day, June 20th- Ice Cream Soda Day, June 21st- Eat Your Vegetables Day, June 22nd- Chocolate Éclair Day, June 23rd- Pecan Sandies Day, June 24th- Swim a Lap Day, June 25th- Catfish Day, June 26th- Chocolate Pudding Day. June 27th– Sunglasses Day, June 28th- Paul Bunyan Day, June 29th- Camera Day and June 30th- Meteor Day. Celebrate the many strange and wonderful days June has to offer!



Church Website

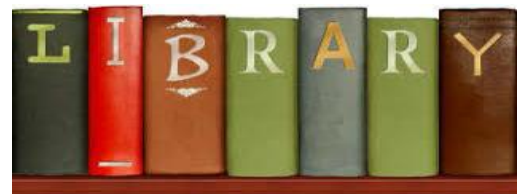
Have you looked at your church's website? If not, go to www.myaledoumc.com and see what's going on! Not only can you see the "basics" about the Aledo United Methodist Church, you can find the most current church calendar. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!



Come and "check out" our Church Library
in the Fellowship Café
area and see what is new!

Relay For Life News

Our Relay for Life Event on June 30th has been cancelled, as the American Cancer Society has suspended all activities through June 30th. We are hoping to have some type of event by the end of the summer, at least a luminaria ceremony. If you'd like to purchase luminarias, please contact Pam Truman. They are \$10 each. Thank you from the Aledo United Methodist Church Relay for Life team.



HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

Father's Day

On Sunday, June 21st, 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.

NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

“The Beatitudes” Bible Study

WHAT: Mike Millar’s current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: *The Beatitudes* reveal to us 8 qualities that bring God’s blessings: meekness and mercy, poorness in spirit and purity of heart, mourning and hunger. Peacemaking and persecution. Join us!

WHAT ELSE: Books are \$8.



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

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

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

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



“Unafraid- Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times” by Adam Hamilton

WHAT: Current Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Tim Hay

WHEN: Wednesdays at 6PM.

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions.

WHAT ELSE: The books are free!

ALL Bible Studies in the Church building have been cancelled at this time.

Practice Good Hygiene, Especially During this Time of Corona Virus Awareness

Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds often during the day

Don’t touch your face, eyes, or nose

Sanitize hard surfaces that are routinely touched often

Maintain of social distance 3 to 6 feet apart

Stay home if you are sick

Check on friends and neighbors

Stay connected while apart through telephone calls, email, snail mail, social media.

Use good judgement about being around the public

Hug Your Mug

We do a lot of ministry at Aledo UMC! We provide easy and efficient ways to do that in the kitchen and café by offering disposable cups, plates and silverware. And yet, God has asked us to be good stewards to this planet. I propose that we continue offering these items for our guests and those who want to use them. I am also proposing that those of us who would like to make a smaller carbon footprint to bring a coffee thermos or just a coffee mug to church. Make sure you take it home with you after church and wash it and bring it back next Sunday! If only 20 people did that every Sunday, we would save about a 1000 cups and lids from ending up in the landfill. That is quite a difference. **Hug Your Mug** means to keep it close to you! Bring it with you to worship and Bible Study and don't *forget* to take it home to wash and reuse!

KNIT, CROCHET, PRAY – NEW PROJECT FOCUS

Spring is here! Time to switch from scarves to a new project for Knit, Crochet, Pray.

When we get back to in-person worship services, we will concentrate on making baby blankets for the Mercer County Crisis Center. We are excited to begin this new project focus and help the smallest members of our community.

Do you want to learn how to knit or crochet? Once the church reopens, contact Kathleen and arrange a time for a lesson or two! Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons are all available times to pick up needles or hook and begin! We can't wait to have you join us!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

WE CAN'T WAIT TO BE BACK TOGETHER SO WE CAN SHARE THESE GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDIES:

Sunday School is a great place to start your learning week! Sunday School is held from 9:15 am – 10:00 am and includes the following groups:

Grades K-1-2	NEW STUDY: The Beginner's Bible – Timeless Children's Stories
Grades 3-6	The Bible in a Year
Grades 7-8	NEW STUDY: Wild Grace (Max Lucado)
Grades 9-12	NEW STUDY: Wild Grace (Max Lucado)

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

06/01/2002– Matt & Krystal Jungmann
 06/03/1967– Bill & Ila Bertrand
 06/04/2011– John & Nicole Taylor
 06/08/1968– Hal & Linda Earl
 06/08/1974– Tom & Barbara King
 06/09/2006– Jayson & Jessie Thomson
 06/11/1994– Cliff & Jennifer 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– Danny & 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 Korn
 06/09– Diane McIntyre
 06/11– Carol Ann Boney
 06/19– Sonjia Fell
 06/30– Nadine Liby



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Friday, June 19th @ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Mike Abel
 Betty Allan
 Alicia/cancer
 Amelia/breast cancer
 Pete & Karen Ashton/health
 Kara B/health
 Jerry Baker
 Phyllis Batson
 Bishop Beard/eyesight
 Genniene Billiet/cancer
 Bob Bocox/cancer
 Brenda Brandt
 Gary Brown/health
 Karen Buchanan/health
 Judy Bunell/health
 Julia Cirks/cancer
 Glen Collision family
 Hurley Crossman/cancer
 Dick & Bev/Lange's friends
 David Duncan family
 Jimmy Dutton/kidney donor
 Lauren Eggen/cancer
 Ethel/Ruth's sister
 Rich & Sonjia Fell/health
 Carol Freeman/cancer
 CJ Friedel
 Gail/chemo & radiation

Gildea family/missionaries
 Rodney Glidden/cancer
 Gloria/cancer
 Bailey Greene and boys
 Todd Greer/health
 Pete Guyton/health
 Jim Hanson/cancer
 Gerri Harmon/healing
 Rev Mark's family, friends,
 & church family
 Matthew Heard
 Pam Heath
 Heather
 Martha Hillman
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer
 Jackson/CP
 Janet Jenson/cancer
 Terry Jones/cancer
 Bob Judge/heart
 John Karwath/cancer
 Mary Kenney
 Everett Kerres/3 yrs/health
 Doug Kiddoo
 Roger & Carol Kiddoo
 Chad King/brain tumor
 Martha E King
 Dan Kistler

Pat Lafferty/heart
 Sandra Lanteau
 Jo Lawson
 Jon Lee/cancer
 Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health
 Nadine Liby
 Lisa/cancer
 Donnie Louck
 Joann Love
 Ella Luallen
 Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia
 Marcia/cancer
 Dana Murphy
 Jody Newton/cancer
 Joel Noe/health
 Maddie Perry/cancer
 Esther Reckemmer/health
 Family of Mary Rillie
 Marty Ryan
 Lucas Smith/blood disorder
 Diana Spencer/health
 Pat Stevens/cancer
 Sydney/healing
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma
 Tony
 Maria Unger/health
 Nena Visser/health

Phil Visser/hip replacement
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
 Marsha Whitman/cancer
 Brandy Young/cancer
 Dick Zimmerman/health
 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
 Students/no school



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

Youth & Children's Page

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School packets for at-home study are available. These packets are for children pre-school aged through 5th grade. Please email Kathleen at kathleen@myaledoumc.com to get your At-Home Sunday School packets.

Are you a student in grades 6-12 interested in having an at-home Sunday School? Let's do it! Please contact Kathleen and we will make it happen!

SUMMER CAMP

We are sad to announce that due to the pandemic, summer camps in both Iowa and Illinois are cancelled for 2020. We look forward to next summer and all the fun summer camp brings!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – COMPASSION CAMP: BE LOVED, BE KIND, BE YOU

Vacation Bible School is NOT cancelled, just changed! This summer we will be bringing you VBS on Facebook!

Save the dates! Sunday – Thursday, July 12-16, 2020 will be the dates for this summer's Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is **Compassion Camp: Be Loved, Be Kind, Be You**. This VBS is geared toward K-5 students, with additional activities included specifically for pre-schoolers. And since this is a virtual camp, EVERYONE is invited to tune in and be a part of it! ALL AGES WELCOME! There will be music, story time, a communal art project, crafts and games! Vacation Bible School will be on Facebook Live in the evenings, and also recorded for viewing any time!



BE LOVED.

How will this work? We will find out soon! Check back in next month's Parish Visitor for the latest information!

BE KIND.

BE YOU.

PRE-REGISTER NOW for Compassion Camp and you won't miss a minute of the fun! Email Kathleen at kathleen@myaledoumc.com and get on the list!

2020 CONFIRMATION – SUNDAY, JUNE 7

It is with great joy that we announce Confirmation Sunday to be June 7, 2020! Please continue to keep Confirmands Keeghan Benson, Hazel Dennison, Isaiah Earl, Jenna Latko, Violet Meskan, Alexsis Taylor, Grayson Thomson and Mia Ward close in prayer as they make final preparations for Confirmation Sunday. What an amazing group of faithful young adults! We look forward to welcoming them into full membership on June 7. Due to restricted access to the church, Confirmation will be limited to the Confirmands and their immediate family members. We will celebrate with cake and congratulations once we can all be together again, in person, to worship! Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of our Confirmands.

Here is what Ruth Dulaney has been doing during our Shelter-In-Place Time:

I enjoy listening to Audio books, listening to Max Lucado's daily devotions, walking my dog two or three times a day, working 20 - 30 hours a week with my remote Genesis job, visiting and playing games with my family on Skype and Zoom, organizing and working with the Outreach AUMC Connections Food Ministry Volunteers and watching a few movies on my Firestick.

Happenings At the Harris House While Quarantined

Busy is the word I would use to describe what is happening at the parsonage these days. Hunter has completed his sophomore year remotely with St. Ambrose University. It was definitely not how either of us wanted his year to end, but Hunter handled it with his usual cheerful attitude. It is hard to believe that he is halfway through his college career. Where does the time go?

By the time this is published, I will have closed on our new house in Aledo. Hunter, Mollie, and I will be living at 302 SW 8th Ave. We are in the midst of packing, sorting, and pitching items from the house in happy anticipation of the move and Rev. Dave and Candice arriving in June.

*You welcomed and loved us as a family 8 years ago. We will never forget the many kindnesses you have shown to us during the time of our ministry and after Mark's death. The words thank you can't begin to describe how much we love and appreciate all of you! The **Aledo United Methodist Church** will continue to be a church that reaches out to connect people with Jesus Christ. We look forward to what is in store for our church while Rev. Dave and Candice are serving here with us!*

In God's love plus ours,

Joanne, Sam, Hunter, and Mollie Harris

Kaelen Johnson is Graduating!

Due to COVID precautions and shelter in place, we are unable to have a party for our graduate but would like to give our address and ask that if someone so wished they would drop Kaelen a line and send him positive wishes. Kaelen has chosen to go into a trade vs heading off to a university or college, so he will be starting a new career within the next 30 days. Kaelen and the Johnson family would appreciate any well wishes from family, friends and our Methodist Church Family.

Our address is,

Kaelen Johnson
304 W Main St
Aledo, IL 61231

Thank you and God bless!
Louise



Connecting our AUMC Members and Friends
With this Outreach Food Ministry each Thursday

*Curbside – no need to get out of your car!
Delivery is also happening!*

**If you want to pick up food for someone who is out of work
or someone who needs some cheer, drive up!
If there is something in your bag of food that you want to share with your neighbor,
then you will both be blessed!**

We provide an AUMC entree, a nice selection of Riverbend Food Bank items including fresh produce, and HyVee bread products. **This is for all AUMC Members & Friends!**
It is always a fun surprise to see what is in your bag of food!

In the seven weeks that we have sponsored this Outreach Ministry, we have provided 723 families with items for 4 meals in the food bags. We now serve 130 families per week. *This would not be possible without Riverbend Food Bank and all of our AUMC Volunteers!*
Also a huge thank you to those who have generously donated money and food to our OUTREACH FUND!

Thank you all who brought “Love Messages” for your church family and placed them in the bin on the bench outside the church. *They will be placed in the food bags each week when we have cards to share. Please continue to bring your cheer cards. They bring so much love and hope for others!*

Thank you to all who have volunteered to make this ministry possible!

Those who have submitted the Cheer Cards	Molly Joseph	Sue Hiscocks	Jodie Andress	Pam Truman
Mercer County Health Department Van	Tami Hevland	Bill Glenn		
Doyce Hiscocks	Paul Flint	Kathleen Bashem	Vicki Palmer	Joanne Harris
Martha Rittenhouse	Rev. Dan	Mary Flint	Mike Millar	Hal Earl
Adam Douglas	Jennifer Mattson	Susie Harlan	Kathy Newswander	Marge Lloyd
Wanda Cobert	Rhonda Riley	Dwight Reynolds	Hunter Harris	Deb Swank
Susie Kenney	Elene Waters	Mary Anderson	Dick Norton	Denise Patterson
Quinton King	Keamiah King	Connie Alexander	Sonjia Fell	
Barb King	Greg Engwall	Cindy Hutchins	Rick Newswander	
			for keeping the elevator running	

If you would be like to help with this ministry, please call me. I need to schedule the workers so we only have 10 in the building at a time. Each week we need 20+ volunteers!
Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Ministry Coordinator 309-738-6151 or ruthdulaney@gmail.com

Aydin Bennett Graduation

Due to the events of 2020, my fellow graduates and I are unable to celebrate accordingly. I would have loved for you to attend but with these circumstances I am asking you to help celebrate with a card party. I would enjoy any words of encouragement or advise you may have for me as I begin my next chapter!

Aydin Bennett

Hi All!

We have such a great Church family! Thank you for all the food—much appreciated! We enjoy the Sunday Service—so great to be able to join together with Communion. Thanks to Kathleen and the Coberts for cards and visits! And also thanks to the Methodist Men for the Mother's Day flowers!

We are grateful and blessed!

George & Carole Korns



CLOSINGS AT AUMC

As we all know, the Covid 19 Pandemic has changed life as we knew it at AUMC. All events except essential food preparation, such as Caring Hearts and Loving Hands, have been cancelled, and will resume when we get the okay from our Bishop and government officials. Our Sunday Services will continue to be broadcast live at 10:30AM on our Facebook page every Sunday, and on WRMJ the 4th and 5th (if needed) Sundays of the month. On the first, second, and third Sundays of the month, our Service will be rebroadcast on WRMJ at 5:10PM.

Please know that you can email Rev Dan at any time.

His email is thewrights62@hotmail.com.

Donations

If you need a way to give to the church other than mailing or dropping off your donation, please consider doing bill-pay. It can easily be arranged through your bank, and can be done online. There is no fee, so all the funds come to the church. We have suspended Paypal giving at this time.

Thank you for keeping our church functioning through this difficult time.

God IS good!



WRMJ RADIO BROADCAST

On the 4th Sunday of each month, and on any 5th Sundays, we broadcast our 10:30AM Worship Service live on WRMJ. Would you like to sponsor this? It costs \$70 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 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.

**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**



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the United Methodist Men for the Mother's Day flowers!
They are beautiful and happily in my garden!
Thanks again for your thoughtfulness,
Kathleen Bashem

**So be strong and
courageous, you who
put your hope in the
Lord.
Psalm 31:24**

Thank you for the food gift and the messages to encourage our faith that we will conquer this together with God's help and prayers.
Thanks again,
Rita & Otis Eggen

I would like to thank my Church family and others who have remembered me with food, cards, and calls. I enjoy seeing the Services and stories on Facebook and WRMJ.
Thanks so much,
Janet Hunter

Dear Church family,
Your thoughtfulness means so much, more than words can say. Thanks so very much for the plant. We will enjoy it a lot. God bless and hugs.
Barb Runyon

I am so glad you are my friends. The world is a much better place with you in it! God loves us all.
Jeannine Kenney

**FINANCIAL MATTERS
(WEEKLY NEED \$6,993.29)**



Date	05/03/2020	05/10/2020	05/17/2020	05/24/2020
Attendance				
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$7,405.00	\$6,586.18	\$2,435.00	NA