

The Parish Visitor



October, 2016

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WHAT IS PRAYER?

by Rev. Mark

In a recent Bible Study, we talked about prayer. One of the questions I asked was, "What are some reasons that people pray?" And the answers were many and varied: "for the benefit of others", "to thank God for what we have" and "to confess our sins" were high on the list. But the other side of the "prayer coin" was also claimed- "to ask for what we want". Now, the person who lifted that up didn't present it as if they truly believed that was the real basis of prayer. Instead, they presented it as something we all struggle with in regard to prayer. And I would agree with that.

So what IS prayer? Is it a way to better connect to/with God...or is it a cosmic Christmas Wish List with God as Santa? Hopefully that last sentence made you smile! But prayer IS often seen as "asking God for what we want". So how do we combat that notion? How do we approach prayer in such a way that it stays grounded in the understanding of an ongoing conversation with God? There are MANY approaches to prayer, but one of my favorites is called the ACTS prayer.

Adoration- tell God how much you love Him.

Confession- share your sins with God, and ask His forgiveness.

Thanksgiving- thank God for all of the things He does in your life.

Supplication- ask God...1st on behalf of others, then on your own behalf.

I find this "formula" covers all the bases, if you will. And by the time I get to the end and ask God for things for myself, I realize that many of the things I wanted to ask for/about just aren't all that important! When we pray, we share the longings of our heart while also paying attention to what God's heart desires for our lives. It's NOT the least we can do- but the most! Prayer is a powerful thing. It is when we come to God and pour our heart out TO Him...and have it refilled BY Him.

SPECIAL DATES:

- October 2 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- October 3 Bazaar Work Time/Soup 1PM
- October 3 Finance Meeting 6PM
- October 3 Trustees Meeting 7PM
- October 6 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- October 7 Aledowood Game Night 6PM
- October 8 Charge Conference at AUMC 2:30PM
- October 9 Joseph-Thomson Punkin' Pickin' Party 2PM
- October 10 Office Closed for Columbus Day
- October 11 Work @ Food Pantry 5:30-7:30PM
- October 11 Mission Team Meeting 6:30PM
- October 14 Work @ Food Pantry 8AM-noon
- October 16 Council 7:15PM
- October 17 UM Men 6PM
- October 17 Bazaar Planning Meeting 6:30PM
- October 20 MDMC Work Day 6:30AM
- October 20 Naomi Wesleyan Circle 11:30 AM
- October 20 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- October 21 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- October 22 Bazaar Work Time/Crafts 10AM
- October 23 CIA Luncheon 11:30 PM
- October 24 Bazaar Work Time/ Chicken Bake 6PM
- October 27 UMW Exec Meeting 4:15PM
- October 27 Bazaar Work Time/ Crafts 6PM
- October 31 Trunk-or-Treat 5PM

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. Simply go to www.stickwithjesus.com. Scroll down the main page until you find the date you missed- that day's blog will be a transcript of the sermon! If you would like to subscribe and receive a daily email link, email Rev. Mark at revmark@stickwithjesus.com. Please share these links with your friends and family.

CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev. Mark

On Sunday, September 11th, we began a brand new day! Along with the official launch of the new 9:15AM worship service, we also started a new sermon series- **Living A Red Letter Life**. In certain printings of the Bible, the words actually spoken by Jesus are printed in red- The Red Letter Edition. His words are powerful and life-changing. What if we intentionally built our lives around those red letter sayings? Each week of this 5-week series focuses on just that- what DID Jesus say and HOW does it apply to us? The remaining weeks of the series look like this:

Sunday, October 2- God Values Children! (Matthew 19:13-15)

Be willing to sacrifice today so your children can have a better tomorrow. (Proverbs 22:6, Matthew 18:1-5)

Sunday, October 9- Are You Ready? (Matthew 24:36-44)

Miracles come in moments- be ready and willing. (Proverbs 20:4-5, John 16:33)

Then, on Sunday, October 16, we begin a new series- **Glory Days**. Life has a way of taking the life out of us. Often we go through situations where the challenge seems so much greater than our strength. During such times, we can find hope and inspiration from the story of Joshua. God called him to lead the people from wilderness wandering to promise-believing. The same is true for us today. God is telling us that our best days—our “glory days”—are still ahead of us. We only need to grasp that truth and live in faith to realize this promise. The weeks of the series look like this:

Sunday, October 16- They're Waiting (Joshua 1:10-11)

Prepare yourself and step forward- these are the glory days. (Psalm 23, Philippians 4:4-7)

Sunday, October 23- Accept Your Inheritance (Joshua 1:1-4)

We must open our hearts to freely receive what God freely gives. (Jeremiah 29:13-14, John 1:12-1)

Sunday, October 30- Circle Jericho (Joshua 6:1-5)

The question isn't, "Will I face hard times?" but, "Will I face them alone?" (Genesis 28:15, Ephesians 6:10-13)

Sunday, November 6- Audacious Prayers (Joshua 10:12-14)

Our prayers need to be more frequent, more courageous and more powerful! (Proverbs 3:5-6, John 15:6-8)

Sunday, November 13- No Falling Words (Joshua 21:43-45)

In a world where trust is an endangered species, put your trust in God. (Genesis 12:6-9, Romans 8:31-39)

Sunday, November 20- God Fights for You (Joshua 1:5-9)

When you face challenges, be confident that God is your defender. (Psalm 103:1-5, Hebrews 13:5-6)

Come each week expecting God to speak to you in powerful ways!

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 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 and let him know.



PASTOR'S NEW AND CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

Job: Waiting on God in Difficult Times

WHAT: Rev. Mark's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe'

WHY: The life of Job provides a definitive guide to the problem of pain and explores some of life's biggest questions: Why does God let bad things happen to good people? Can seemingly random pain have a purpose? Can you trust a just God in an unfair world? When will He finally show up? Examine these questions and learn how you can take shelter in your Savior through life's dark storms.

WHAT ELSE: The books are...FREE!

The Gospel of Luke

WHAT: Rev. Mark's current Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: With a historian's precision, Luke's Gospel shows painstaking care both in detail and in expression. Of equal distinction is the universal appeal of the Gospel. Dr. William Barclay wrote that this Gospel makes "Christ the open door for all without reserve." In many areas that were either minimized or neglected by the other Gospel writers, Luke's account is more complete, emphasizing prayer, the dignity of women, and praise of God. Barclay's insightful comments help each of us to see the infinitude of God's love through Luke's eyes.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$15

The Life You've Always Wanted

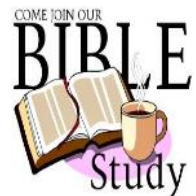
WHAT: Rev. Mark's current Wednesday evening Bible Study

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6PM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: The heart of Christianity is transformation—a relationship with God that impacts not just our "spiritual lives," but every aspect of living. John Ortberg calls readers back to the dynamic heartbeat of Christianity—God's power to bring change and growth—and reveals both the how and why of transformation. This study is a road map toward true transformation that starts not with the individual but with the object of the journey—Jesus Christ. It's an encouraging and challenging approach to a Christian life that's worth living—a life on the edge that fills an ordinary world with new meaning, hope, change, and joy.

WHAT ELSE: The books are...FREE!



And then:

Matthew: A Guide to the New Daily Study Bible

WHAT: Rev. Mark's NEW Wednesday evening Bible Study (starting on Wednesday, October 19)

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6PM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: Responding to the need for fresh, practical, and affordable resources for personal and group study, Westminster John Knox Press is pleased to present a new series of Gospel study guides that will supplement William Barclay's New Daily Study Bible. Each of the slim volumes will be divided into sections offering a page-long excerpt from the New Daily Study Bible followed by questions to encourage group discussion and personal reflection, and suggestions for praying and applying Scripture to our daily lives.

WHAT ELSE: The books are...FREE!

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

by Rev. Mark

As of this writing, 31 folks have joined our church so far this calendar year, with more "in process". 31. In 8 months. 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 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) 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?



THE NURSERY

Perhaps one of the best-kept secrets at AUMC is our Nursery Program. Professionally staffed and lovingly tended, our Nursery is a great place to take your children! The main focus of our nursery is simple...care. Our goal is to provide a loving environment where the youngest among us can feel comfortable and safe. At the Aledo United Methodist Church, we truly believe that the children of our congregation are NOT simply the future of the church- they are very much an active, important part of the PRESENT of the church! We strive to take good care of them while offering them a glimpse of....THE KINGDOM!

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) 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 check-book 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!

In addition to through our website, MANY banks now offer online "bill pay". With that service you can set up your church giving for whenever and however much you want it to be. Either way, it's simple, easy and dependable. Won't you consider electronic giving?





6th Annual *Follow the Star* Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 18, 2016 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 19, 2016 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 – Healthy and fun snacks and hot coffee and tea. Bottled water.

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

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

Bread of Life – **New booth** dedicated to fresh bread, sweet breads, and gluten free breads.

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, walker bags.

Dinner-To-Go – Chicken and noodles in two casserole sizes & pints and quarts of vegetable beef soup.

Hot Chocolate Bar – **New booth** with delicious hot chocolate and all the trimmings

The Cutting Edge – Rada cutlery for your gift giving.

Pampered Pets – Healthy homemade dog and cat treats and gifts

Love Notes – Handmade cards, stationery items and clever handmade gifts.

Appreciation Creations: Small unique gifts for family, friends, teachers, bus drivers.

Deck the Halls – **New booth** with many, many Holiday decorations and gifts.

Fellowship Soup & Breakfast Bar – Soup & pulled pork sandwiches on Friday evening. **Kid's meal.**

Biscuits and gravy on Saturday morning in the Fellowship Room

Christmas Re-Runs – **New booth** for gently used Christmas items

Children Activities – Fun activities and face painting for kids while parents enjoy the Holiday Bazaar.

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

Volunteer to work a booth

Help set up for the Holiday Bazaar

Help clean up

Lend your Nativity set(s) for our Nativity Collection Display

Make unique items at home for the specialty booths

Provide a card table for the Fellowship Room

Donate food supplies for the casserole and soup

Attend the group work times

Invite your friends and family to attend

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

Monday, October 3rd – 1 PM	Vegetable Soup Preparation
Saturday, October 22nd – 10 AM	Craft Work Time
Monday, October 24th – 6 PM	Chicken Noodle Bake Preparation
Thursday, October 27th – 6 PM	Craft Work Time
Thursday, November 3 rd – 9 AM	Apple Butter Preparation
Monday, November 7 th at 5 PM	Pet Treat Preparation
Monday, November 14 th at 5 PM	Make Sweet Breads

After Midnight Gang

This morning I was reading Paul's Divine inspired letters to the people of Colossae. Throughout this New Testament book, Paul urges that Christ is to be kept first, and all we do is for the glory of God. He emphasizes the importance of remembering our completed state in Christ through His full forgiveness. Great Stuff!

My heart was particularly struck by Colossians 4; Paul writes about a man names Epaphras. Epaphras was a servant of Jesus Christ who came to Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome to share the positive progress of the people of Colossae. He remained in Rome as a fellow "prisoner." In verse 12, Paul shares the dedication of Epaphras to his friend as he relays, "He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God and fully assured."

This verse made me think of my "After Midnight Gang." Before your mind starts to wander, let me explain. I am blessed to have three friends that share a pact with me. If any one of the four of us needs a listening ear, loving thought, or moment of prayer even after midnight we are there to offer practical help based on our deep seated love. It's our commitment to each other, just as Epaphras remained faithful to the souls of Colossae. It is a powerful thing to receive bold assurance and spiritual care from people God handpicked for you. They are the hands and feet of Jesus. These acts are something for which we should always be thankful.

How about you? Do you have an after midnight group? If you do, I ask you to give them a word of thanks and to continue to "stand in the gap" through intercessory prayer for them. For all that we do will connect others to Christ.

What's Coming Up, TAG:

**2/3rds of God—
Oct 15th,
10-12pm**

**Trunk or Treat
Oct 31st,
5-7pm**

**ATTN, 6-8th
graders, Join us every
Tuesday,
5-6:15pm**

**Senior High
(9-12th), come learn and fel-
lowship with us every Sun-
day, 6:00-7:15pm**

**Youth Bible Study—
Wednesdays, 6-7pm**



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/04/2003– Robert & Jamie Cash
 10/04/2003– Paul & Kendra Crede
 10/09/2010– Trevon & Sara Dunn
 10/12/1974– Bill & Molly Joseph
 10/18/2014– Jeffrey & Kaycee Stine
 10/22/2005– Jeffrey & Sarah Hiscocks
 10/23/1976– Lewis & Wava Minteer, Jr
 10/25/1974– Doyce & Sue Hiscocks



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

10/01– Barbara Etheridge
 10/09– Connie Midkiff
 10/15– Lois McCormick
 10/15– Beverly Haney
 10/15– Barbara Runyon
 10/27– Mary Hall



The deadline for the next
Parish Visitor is

Friday, October 21

at 8am.

Please have all articles submitted
by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Hank & Betty Allan
 James Allen
 Doug Boemecke family
 Brittanie & baby Lyric
 Bill Baugher family
 April Bowlyou
 Chris Camp
 John & Bev Carlin
 Cindy/back problems
 Jin Droste
 Erma Dobbins
 Brenda Dunbar
 Chris Engstrom
 Diane Engstrom
 Ron Engstrom
 Paul Engwall
 Erika's family
 Gerlaw Church/peace
 Ted Granquist/cancer
 Doug Godke
 Carolyn Hanson
 Rev Mark and family
 Michael Harris
 Pam Heath
 Ralph Hill Family
 Kameron/received new heart/
 donor's family

Kathy Keller/health
 George Kornis
 Dalon Helm
 Keaton Helm
 Ralph & Barb Hill
 Baby Holdyn
 Parker Hopkins
 Kelsey Huston
 Katie
 Kimberly & Donny
 Aubrey King/cancer
 Allison Kuk
 Lenore Kistler family
 Angie Kron & family
 Tiffanee Lloyd
 Moran family
 Robert McRae/car accident
 Baby Merrick/heart surgery
 Mick Miller
 Joyce Mizner
 Monica
 Bonnie Peterson
 Bill Pollock
 Bryce Rathje
 Dylan Reid
 Angela Rebello
 Esther Rechkemmer

Tony Rechkemmer
 Dylan Reid
 Mary Rillie/health
 Troy Russell/broken back &
 neck
 Nick Staves/leukemia
 Ron Schmidt
 Amy Studer & family
 Irvin Tharp/heart
 Kenny Tharp
 Marvin Tharp
 Charley Thomas
 Robyn Vaughn family
 Marilyn Wagler
 Andy Weeks
 Bill Wilson
 Evelyn Yerkey
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home Resi-
 dents
 Military & families
 All ill/in hospitals
 Our nation & world
 AUMC members & families
 Law Enforcement & First
 Responders

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



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

by Joanne Harris

C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) continues to flourish! This group is open to both mature men and women who live alone. This includes anyone who has lost their spouse, divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. Once a month, at 11:30AM, the Caring Hearts ministry provides a luncheon for CIA. **The October luncheon is set for Sunday, October 23rd.** You don't have to bring anything except yourself. Feel free to invite a friend to share the meal and fellowship. I will look forward to seeing you at the next CIA luncheon!

Operation Christmas Child

Collection of Operation Christmas Child boxes will begin October 9th, and **all boxes are due here at the Church by Sunday, November 6th.** There will be boxes, pencils, and toothbrushes available at the Shoebox Center in the Café area. More information will be available in the near future.

Joan Reynolds

Scott Spencer



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!



Trunk or Treat

by Rev. Mark

On Monday, October 31, your church will hold its 5th 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 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!





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 9th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward our Operation Christmas Child ministry. You may know it as "The Shoebox Ministry"! 100% of the money that you put in the cans that day will go toward helping the church send Christmas shoeboxes to kids around the world. From postage to extra shoeboxes, every dime you donate will help reach another child in the name of God! What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on October 9th!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP IS UP AND RUNNING!

Wednesday Night Fellowship is offered EVERY Wednesday night throughout the school year! The evening begins with dinner at 5:15PM, with FUEL Children’s Ministries (for kids Pre-School through 6th Grade), a Youth Bible study (for grades 7th through 12th), an Adult Bible Study (see accompanying article) and Bell Choir rehearsal from 6:PM-7PM. The Chancel Choir rehearses from 7PM-8PM. The nursery is also available. Pray about your commitment to Wednesday Night ministries. If you or your group would be willing to provide a Wednesday Night Fellowship meal, please contact Ruth Dulaney (309-738-6151 or ruthdulaney@gmail.com) We would love to have you for dinner...and more!

Worship Tech Opportunities

AS we prepare to expand our Sunday morning worship opportunities, the need for “worship tech” also increases. Do you like electronics? Then your church needs YOU! We need people to help operate the sound system and computer during Sunday morning worship services. What do you need in order to run these things? The list is LONG- a willingness to serve, and...that would be about it! The systems, designed specifically for churches, are quite simple to operate. (Don’t let all the knobs and switches intimidate you!) The great part about this ministry is that it happens during worship, when you’re in church anyway! Do you feel God calling you to step up and help? Talk to Rev. Mark, Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney.

Thank You

Thank you so much for opening your church to us for the funeral luncheon. Wanda has been a friend for years. All the ladies that helped her and Mrs Palmer are truly blessed to be members there. Thanks again for the generosity and love that was shown to us.

*The family of Betty Struble
Ed & Pam Lawson*

Thank You

The phrase is simple and the words are few, but behind them is a lot of appreciation. Thank you for all the prayers and thoughtfulness.

Bill & Carolyn Pollock

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 8 at 2:30PM. Our District Superintendent Rev. Sylvester Weatherall 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. Weatherall, sharing about what God is doing here at AUMC!



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!

UMW Sunday and Golden Age Luncheon

One of the best events in the life of our church is coming up on Sunday, Nov. 6th. United Methodist Women Sunday will be celebrated at all 3 services. Our Golden Agers (age 75 and above) will be honored at each service. UMW Sunday brings with it the annual Golden Age Luncheon. EVERYONE is invited to come for a **delicious FREE** meal (ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, salads, rolls, and desserts) following the 10:30 service. We look forward to a huge crowd!

As I say each and every year, we will need to have two groups of people in attendance that day. One, all the Golden Age women of our church family should be present to be honored. Secondly, EVERYONE of all ages needs to come to show their appreciation for everything these ladies have done for our church over the years.

November 6th—mark it on your calendars and plan to attend UMW Sunday and the Golden Age Luncheon.

UMW co-presidents,
Mary Flint and Molly Joseph



A special thank you to my Church family, United Methodist Women, and Naomi Wesleyan Circle for the beautiful cards I received for my 97th birthday. I appreciated them very much!

*In Christ's Love,
Katharine Jones*



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.



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- Moldy Cheese Day, the 10th- Columbus 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!



You Are Cordially Invited to Attend the 3rd Annual AledoWood Game Night!

by Rev. Mark

What: The next step in our Younger Adults/Families Ministry

When: Friday, October 7th, 6PM to 8PM

Where: In the AUMC Dining Room

Specifics: The definition of who is in this group is intentionally...vague! We've had people in their 20's and people in their 50's! We've had folks with kids and folks with no kids! We've had married folks and unmarried folks! And we've had...a GREAT time!

It is now time for the 3rd Annual Aledowood Game Night. This year (like last), we will be offering dinner- homemade pizza (GOOD pizza!), salad and dessert- and FUN. The men will take on the women in a series of "team games" like Take a Hint, Cereal Killer, How Do You Do?, TV I.D., Timeline and I Love a Charade. We will have a MARVELOUS time AND...be home by 8:15PM! All we need is...YOU! You can sign up during Sunday morning worship. You can sign up in the church office. You can contact me through Facebook, email, text...whatever! Just make sure you sign up so we know you are coming! Child-care will be provided for children through 4th Grade and there is NO COST for the evening!



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

**Let's
Pray!**

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



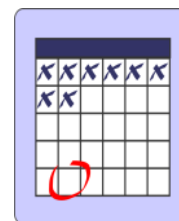
World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 2, is World Communion Sunday. It is the one day of the year that Christians around the world specifically and intentionally schedule Communion together. That day, we will be taking Communion not only with each other but with believers spread across the face of the planet! Plan on coming to participate in this awesome event!

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!



FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,082)

Date	09/4/2016	09/11/2016	09/18/2016	09/25/2016
Attendance	274	307	300	249
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$7,432.80	\$4,392.00	\$5,441.00	\$3,020.00



Tithes and offerings