

The Parish Visitor



January 2020

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Dear friends,

The other day, while typing on my laptop, the spell-check function went into alert mode, warning me that I had committed a misspelling. Sure enough, I had incorrectly spelled the word "retirement". I had accidentally inverted the letters "i" and "e", resulting in "retriement". Corrections were made and all is well. However, I could not help but be intrigued. To my amusement I noticed that "retriement" pronounced phonetically sounds like "re-tryment". My new favorite word -- retryment!

Actually, retryment probably describes my current situation better than retirement does. I really meant to retire. I have a lapel pin that says I am retired. I even showed up at my own retirement party. But here I am, right back where I started 45 years ago -- a full time pastor. But I am not unhappy about this. Instead, I am thrilled. I have always loved being a pastor. And I want you to know that I especially love being the pastor at My-AledoUMC. Already I have encountered and participated in new and exciting ways of doing ministry and I have been introduced to imaginative and meaningful ways of experiencing worship which I find to be energetic and spirit-filled. After all those years of full-time pastoral ministry I am now trying new things. Indeed, I have gone from retirement to retryment. This is very exciting to me.

As we are about to begin a new year perhaps we might consider the exciting possibility of retryment. Retirement is not a bad thing, of course. In fact, it is good to put some things to rest and leave them behind -- old grudges, past disappointments, resentments, to name only a few. Retryment, though, is a proactive way of moving ahead. The Biblical word for retryment is repentance, which literally means to turn around. It means more than just leaving something behind. It means trying something new and moving forward. The good news, of course, is that it is never too late to do this -- for anybody. The Bible says so!

Friends, I am looking forward to enjoying my retryment with you these next several months. Good things are going to happen.

One more thing. Patti and I want to thank you all for your gifts and kind expressions of love this Christmas. It means a great deal to us.

God bless,
Dan

SPECIAL DATES:

- January 5 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- January 5 Starts the Period of Prayer and Fasting at AUMC
- January 9 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- January 14 Loving Hands Food Prep 1:30PM
- January 14 Work at Food Pantry 5:30-7PM
- January 17 Work at Food Pantry 8AM-noon
- January 19 Bishop Beard delivers the message at AUMC
- January 19 Reception and Meal with Bishop Beard 11:45AM
- January 19 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- January 19 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- January 19 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- January 19 Council Meeting 7:30PM
- January 20 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- January 23 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- January 23 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1:30PM
- January 23 Women's Bible Study 6PM
- January 27 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- January 27 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- January 28 Loving Hands Food Prep 6:30PM

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

GATHERING INFORMATION

As 2019 turns into 2020, the time is right to update our information for Church attendees. Could you please fill out an attendance sheet in full, so we can check your information, and update if needed? We would like to have your birthday, anniversary date, email address, home address, home and cell phone numbers. If you have discontinued your land-line phone and are using your cell phone exclusively, please let us know that. It is important that we can connect with you with our call-em-all system, as well as by postal mail or email.

Thank you for taking a couple of minutes to keep us up to date!



CONNECTION COINS FOR JANUARY

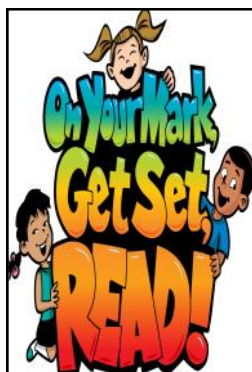
The Connection Coins (the “thinly-veiled Pringles cans”!) are doing great things in the life of the Aledo UMC! On the 2nd Sunday of each month, during the Children’s Moment, the ushers pass around those cans. You are encouraged to drop your change in - although we WILL accept “folding money”! And that change goes toward helping fund a ministry within the church.

This month (January 12th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry. The HyVee Bread Ministry touches so many in our congregation and beyond. Jerry, our bread delivery man, does this as a mission, asking for nothing in return. We help with the fuel expenses of this valuable ministry, giving him \$10 a week for gas. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 12th of January 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, January 12th!



**KIDS, HAVE YOU SEEN
TYSON’S TALES,
OUR CHILDREN’S
LIBRARY IN THE
EDUCATION WING?**

**STEP INTO THE
WORLD
OF READING!**



Thank You!

Dear Church family,
Thank you for the fruit and homemade goodies.
We appreciate you thinking of us.
Jim & Lynn Childs

EPIPHANY

January 6th is Epiphany (Greek for “appearance or manifestation”), also known as the 12th Day of Christmas or Three Kings Day. Epiphany is a Christian feast which celebrates the revelation of God to mankind in the person of Jesus Christ. According to various traditions, it recognizes both the coming of the Wise Men to Jesus and the baptism of Jesus- both revelations of God in their own way.



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!



I HAVE A DREAM

On Monday, January 22th, we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of slain civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For our kids, it's a day off from school. My experience is that for many of them, that's all it is. Why DO we celebrate this man's birthday?

Although he is often labeled as simply an advocate of African-American rights, Dr. King's message truly transcended any notion of merely being a spokesman for a particular group. His was NOT simply a message of race and color; his was a message of hope- grounded in strong Biblical principles. When he delivered what was arguably his most famous speech, he said, "I have a dream." His dream was NOT that we would let ethnicity separate us. His dream was NOT that people of a particular skin color would strike out against those of another color. His dream was NOT that children would learn to hate others because of their physical appearance. His dream was that ALL people could live together in peace and harmony, regardless of the color of their skin. When that glorious day happened, he said, we would be able to quote the old spiritual and exclaim, "Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

We are all unique and we are all different. That's NOT our weakness- it's our strength! Our diversity makes us strong. We are all children of God- made in His image. This month, take a moment and reflect on Dr. King. Tell your kids or grandkids about him. My prayer is his prayer- that one day we will live in a world where people aren't judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their heart.



SPECIAL DAYS IN JANUARY

Where you aware that January is Eye Care Month? How about Hot Tea Month? Braille Literacy Month? Soup Month? Oatmeal Month? In addition, here are some special days in January: the 1st- New Year's Day, the 2nd- Run up the Flagpole and See if Anyone Salutes Day, the 3rd- Fruit-cake Toss Day, the 4th- Trivia Day, the 5th- Bird Day, the 6th- Epiphany, the 7th- Old Rock Day, the 8th - Bubble Bath Day, the 9th- Apricot Day, the 10th- Peculiar People Day, the 11th- Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friends Day, the 12th- Pharmacist Day, the 13th- Make Your Dream Come True Day, the 14th- Dress Up Your Pet Day, the 15th- National Hat Day, the 16th- Nothing Day, the 17th- Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day, the 18th- Winnie the Pooh Day, the 19th- Popcorn Day, the 20th- Penguin Awareness Day, the 21st- National Hugging Day, the 22nd- Blonde Brownie Day, the 23rd- Measure Your Feet Day, the 24th- Compliment Day, the 25th- Opposite Day, the 26th- Spouse's Day, the 27th- Chocolate Cake Day, the 28th- National Kazoo Day, the 29th- Puzzle Day, the 30th- Inane Answering Message Day, and the 31st- Backward Day. This month, celebrate the best, the worst, and the weirdest January has to offer!

United Methodist Men Say “Thank You”!!

On behalf to the Men of our church I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our 1st Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser a huge success.

This new event was a success because we had more than 30 men that volunteered to help. We also had more than 15 that were unable to help but want to help next time. But an event needs more than volunteers to be successful. We had nearly 175 people buy tickets and enjoy those custom-made omelets. That support was unbelievable for a first-time event. Because of this, we raised over \$1300 to be paid toward the expenses associated with the lot purchased east of the education wing and the sink hole project near the parsonage this summer.

The fellowship enjoyed by the men working was something we cannot put a value on, but will be a reason to continue this in the future. We congratulate the Chancel Choir on their Cantata and look forward to working together on the next United Methodist Men's Omelet Breakfast in April 2020.

Doyce Hiscocks, President Aledo United Methodist Men.



Here are some, but not all, who helped with the breakfast.

C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON

The C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) is a group that is open to both mature men and women who often find themselves eating alone. This includes, but isn't limited to, anyone who has lost their spouse, been divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. Once a month, at 11:45AM, the Caring Hearts ministry provides a luncheon for CIA.

There will be no CIA Luncheon in January. Instead, we will have a reception and luncheon at that time to meet Bishop Beard, who will be preaching that day. We will resume our regular CIA Luncheon in February.



NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

“It’s a Wonderful Life” 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 Gospel of It's a Wonderful Life Bible Study* follows the story of George Bailey as you study the biblical principles of Goodness, Godliness, Prayers, and Miracles. The study utilizes film clips from the movie starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed.

WHAT ELSE: Books are \$5.



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

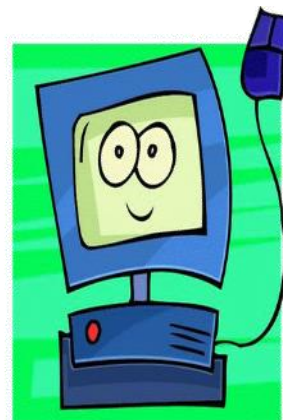
WHY: For anyone struggling with fear, worry, or anxiety, or who wonders how families and communities can live as peacemakers in troubled times, *Unafraid* offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions.

WHAT ELSE: The books are free!

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 Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney.





Save the Date – Friday, February 14, 2020

Join us at the Valentine Gala
*Funding Our Faith with Love –
Support the Capital Campaign*
Enjoy a Gourmet Candlelight
Dinner with Live Music
5:30 PM or 7:00 PM

Youth Christmas Fun!



THE RETURN OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!

Wednesday Night Fellowship is coming BACK from hiatus! On Wednesday, January 8th, everything starts back up! The dinners have been spectacular, the rest of the evening has been great and the fellowship has been outstanding!

The evening starts with dinner from 5:15-6PM. Then, everything else starts!! At 6PM, your choices include:

- Nursery for birth-3 years old
- FUEL for kids through 5th Grade
- Junior/Senior High Bible Study
- An adult Bible Study class
- Bell Choir
- Choir

See you on Wednesday evenings!

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 Ale-do United Methodist Church, you can find the most church current calendar. Also, the monthly news-letter can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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| Grades K-1-2 | Symbols in Christianity |
| Grades 3-6 | The Bible in a Year |
| Grades 7-8 | Proverbs and Devozine |
| Grades 9-12 | Proverbs and Devozine |

Join us Sunday mornings!

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Blair & Sara Blaser— 01/03/1998
 John & Frances Blick— 01/18/1953
 Randy & Jennifer Mattson— 01/30/1988



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

01/01— Jeannine Kenney
 01/10— Gloria Morgan
 01/16— Beverly Norton



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Friday, January 23rd @ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Mike Abel
 Betty Allan
 Alicia/cancer
 Amelia/breast cancer
 Jerry Baker
 Phyllis Batson
 Robbie Beard/lymphoma
 Linda Beguelin/brain bleed
 Bentley/6yrs/cancer
 Kara Berg/health
 Kris Bierbaum
 Genniene Billiet/cancer
 Bob Bocox/cancer
 Carol Ann Boney/health
 Brenda Brandt
 Gary Brown/health
 Rhonda Brown family/loss
 Judy Bunell/health
 Julia Cirks/cancer
 Hurley Crossman/cancer
 Brian Day/leukemia
 Jim Dellitt/health
 Dick & Bev/Lange's friends
 Ronn Dillavou
 Jim Droste
 Jimmy Dutton/kidney donor
 Lauren Eggen/cancer

Evelyn/1yr old/cancer
 Rich Fell/health
 Sonjia Fell/health
 Fleurette family/loss
 Don Franks/heart
 Carol Freeman/cancer
 CJ Friedel
 Gail/chemo & radiation
 Gildea family/missionaries
 Rodney Glidden/cancer
 Gloria/cancer
 Pete Guyton/health
 Jim Hanson/cancer
 Joanne Harris
 Rev Mark's family, friends,
 & church family
 Pam Heath
 Louise Hedrix/cancer
 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

Roger & Carol Kiddoo
 Chad King/brain tumor
 Martha E King
 Pat Lafferty/heart
 Sandra Lanteau
 Jon Lee/cancer
 Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health
 Nadine Liby
 Lisa/cancer
 Kelly Mack/cancer
 Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia
 Andrea Mercier/health
 Dana Murphy
 Fran Murphy/hospice
 Freda Newswander
 Jody Newton/cancer
 Joel Noe/health
 Ember Pappas/cancer
 Karen Parry/health
 Molly Paulsgrove/healing
 Maddie Perry/cancer
 Eugene Rebello
 Mary Rillie
 Larry Selle
 Kevin Shride
 Lucas Smith/blood disorder
 Diana Spencer/health

Pat Stevens/cancer
 Amy Studer/health
 Kris Taylor/health
 Dennis Terrill/heart
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma
 Todd/health
 Todd & Lara
 Neil & Pam Truman/health
 Maria Unger/health
 Nena Visser/health
 Phil Visser/hip replacement
 Nancy Watkins family
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
 Marsha Whitman/cancer
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
 Military & families
 All ill/in hospitals
 Our world leaders
 Our Church/congregation
 Those suffering from depression
 Marriages

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

Youth & Children's Page

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

All 7th graders interested in learning more about their faith as they prepare for Confirmation are invited to join the 2020 Confirmation Class. Confirmation classes begin Sunday, February 9 at 1 pm, and will be held every Sunday at 1 pm for seven weeks (February 9 – March 22). Confirmation Sunday is March 29, 2020. Questions? Contact Rev. Dan Wright or Youth Director Kathleen Bashem.

THE FORGE

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” --- Proverbs 27:17

Happy New Year from members of The Forge! The Forge will resume meeting on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Enter The Forge and burnish yourself into the living Christ! Burn away the old as you grow into the new at The Forge! That's right! You do not want to miss this exciting teen opportunity for fellowship on Sundays!

Schedule:

4 pm – 5:15 pm The Forge (grades 6-8)

5:15 pm – 6:15 pm Study Hour (a quiet place to study or get homework help)

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm The Forge (grades 9-12)

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp registration is now open! Don't miss the opportunity to meet new people and learn new things as you experience the fun of summer camp and grow in Jesus Christ. Ask any of last summer's campers – they had a blast!

For more information and to check out the different camps, please visit these websites:

Illinois camps: <https://www.igrc.org/campsessions>

Iowa camps: <https://www.iaumc.org/camps>

We will be planning a fundraiser soon, so contact Kathleen if you are interested in Summer Camp, 2020!

SERVICE HOURS

Do you, or someone you know, need service hours? See Kathleen for volunteer opportunities and get signed up today!

THE NURSERY NEEDS YOU!

The nursery is in need of another adult staff member. This is a paid position (volunteers also accepted!). The nursery operates on Sunday mornings all year (scheduling allows you to still attend worship) and Wednesday evenings when school is in session. If you love little ones and want to help them grow in Christ in a safe and fun environment, the nursery is the place for you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Wednesday Night Fellowship and FUEL classes resume Wednesday, January 8!

We continue our youth programming during Wednesday Night Fellowship with FUEL and Bible study. Join us Wednesdays and enjoy a meal with your church family, then attend one of the following groups:

Grades K-1	Super Bible Games and Kids' Travel Guide to Fruits of the Spirit
Grades 2-3	Super Bible Games and Kids' Travel Guide to Fruits of the Spirit
Grades 4-5-6	Super Bible Games and Kids' Travel Guide to Fruits of the Spirit
Grades 7-8	C.S. Lewis – The Screwtape Letters
Grades 9-12	C.S. Lewis – The Screwtape Letters

Wednesday nights are fun and exciting!



Follow the Star Holiday Bazaar 2019 Follow Up Report

Thank you so much everyone for all of your work and dedication to make the 2019 bazaar a big success again for the 9th year. We connected 250 people to Jesus Christ through our creative crafty booths, great food, 68 nativities beautifully displayed and our AUMC hospitality and fellowship.

The Follow the Star Holiday Bazaar team decided to distribute the \$6000 profits in the following manner:

Community Charities

Food Pantry - \$1000 Family Crisis Center - \$1000

AUMC Ministries

Helping Hands: \$1500 Caring Hearts: \$250

WNF: \$750 Fellowship Café: \$750

Youth: \$250 Campers: \$500

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your thoughtful and very generous Christmas gift. It was greatly appreciated. Blessings to you all.
Thanks again,
Kathleen



Thanks so much for the goodie basket. It was very thoughtful of you. May you all have a joyous Christmas.
Judd McAtee

What love my Church family shows! I appreciate the Christmas basket that was delivered to us.
Thank you again,
Sheryl & Ken Kisting

TO AUMC,

Thank you for the fruit and pastries. Tasted wonderful, and so thoughtful of you. I hope the weather lightens up and I will get around better.
Ann Sedam

Thank you for all the Christmas goodies. Merry Christmas and happy healthy 2020 New Year to all.
God bless,
Kathy Haney

Your generous tray of goodies made my day. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I've always been happy being a Methodist from the country church at Mannon to the mega church in Los Angeles. Methodists are special.
Jo Lawson



All Church Christmas Baskets & Cheer Plates

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our 70
Christmas Baskets & Cheer Plates possible.

Thank you for donating money to buy food, making homemade cookies, baking sweet breads, going to Riverbend Food Bank for food, unloading supplies, organizing and preparing to fill the cheer plates and baskets, filling and wrapping the Christmas plates, and delivering the baskets of Cheer!!

Ruth Dulaney

Thanks so much for the Christmas basket! It was so nice of you to think of me.
Merry Christmas
Wendell Harroun

Thank you for the ham and food basket. We enjoyed the visit with Paul and Mary Flint.
Merry Christmas,
Bud & Kay Laubach

Thank you so much, Church family, for the generous Christmas gift. May your new year be filled with joy and peace.
Debbie Swank

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the monetary gifts from the UMM, the UMW, and the congregation during the Christmas season. What a joy it is to serve our Lord at Aledo United Methodist Church! Your love and support are greatly appreciated. Live in the love of Jesus!
Thank you
Mike Millar



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP JANUARY 2020 MEALS

January 8 th	Baked Potato Bar and Tossed Salad, Dessert
January 15 th	Chili & Corn Bread or Chili Dogs and Chips, Fruit
January 22 nd	Pulled pork sandwiches, Chips, Cottage Cheese, Peaches
January 29 th	Chicken and Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Applesauce

Come, Enjoy the Food and Fellowship At 5:15 PM



JANUARY- A SEASON OF PRAYER AND FASTING

A great thing will happen in January! On Sunday, January 5th, we will begin a period of prayer and fasting. Everybody in the church will be encouraged to participate as God leads you.

The time of prayer and fasting will be brought to a close in a powerful way. On Saturday February 1st, 7-10PM, we will host our 7th annual Prayer Vigil. You will be given the opportunity to sign up for a half hour of prayer. There will be leaders who guide us through this time. This will be held in the church.

Then on Sunday, February 2nd, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday. In January each household will receive a packet about committing our time, talent and tithes to God. And on Commitment Sunday, at all three services, we will all have the opportunity to bring our Commitment Card and place it on the altar. Please keep this powerful and important time in the life of our congregation in your prayers!

A SPECIAL DAY AT AUMC

On Sunday, January 19th, we have the honor and privilege of having Bishop Frank J. Beard, the Bishop of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference, present the message at Aledo United Methodist Church. A reception and meal will follow the 10:30 Service. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Bishop Beard and hear him preach.

Thank you very much for donating to the Nursing Home Christmas project. The staff and residents of both nursing homes greatly appreciate being remembered during this Christmas season. I appreciate that your donations helped make this another successful year.

Thanks also to Mary Flint and Sue Hiscocks for their help in sorting, boxing, loading, and delivering the gifts!

Merry Christmas!

Thanks again,

Cathy Griswold,

First Baptist Church

Thank you, AUMC and Rev Dan, for the delivery of the food plate. Also, thanks to the Forge group for their thoughtfulness in sending me a Christmas card. I'm like a little kid about presents, except my joy is mail. It has cheered up special days, making them more cheerful.

Thanks to all involved
A Happy New Year ,
Irma Dobbins

Dear Church Family,

I appreciate very much your generous gift for Christmas.

It's a blessing for me to direct the bell choir, made up of such dedicated and loving members.

Your kindness made a bright spot in my life.

Thank you,
Ila

Dear Church family,

Ron and I thank you so much for our Christmas basket. We are enjoying all the goodies.

Again, thank you for remembering us in this blessed season.

Love,
Ron & Carole Schmidt

Aledo UMC family,

Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas basket. It's so nice to be remembered by those we don't see very often. We appreciate the McGinnis's for taking time out of their busy schedule for bringing the goodies out to us.

God bless all of you and we wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Chuck & Ella Luallen

I am grateful that you thought of me with your beautiful Christmas basket. God is great all the time, and so are the people of our church.
Jeannine Kenney



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**

Reminder:

Sunday, January 12th, is the LAST day we can accept offerings and tithes to be credited to your 2019 giving. Please bring them to the office, or put them in the offering plate. Please mark CLEARLY that they are for 2019. Thank you!

Caring Hearts

Do you want to take some food to a friend who is ill or in need?

Our Caring Hearts freezer, located by the elevator doors in the basement, has a variety of soups, casseroles, fruit, and desserts.

A group of dedicated ladies prepare the delicious home-made food twice a month for anyone who is in need of cheer.

Please help yourself!

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!



*...a fun place to
play and learn!*

FINANCIAL MATTERS (WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)

Date	12/01/2019	12/08/2019	12/15/2019	12/22/2019
Attendance	264	440	242	264
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$9,201.00	\$5,679.00	\$4,508.00	\$9,017.00

