

# The Parish Visitor

## May, 2016



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### SAVE YOUR FORK- SOMETHING GOOD'S COMING!

by Rev. Mark

A woman was given three months to live. So she invited her pastor to her house to discuss her funeral. They talked about hymns, Scripture readings, even what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the pastor got up to leave. "There's one more thing," the woman blurted out. "What's that?" The woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The pastor was surprised. The woman explained, "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "Keep your fork." It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder, "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork. Something good is coming."

There are 4 primary measuring tools that are important in understanding church growth: 1. Average Worship Attendance, 2. Average Christian Education Attendance, 3. Average Nursery Attendance and 4. Parking. Statistically, if any of those 4...ANY...are over 80% of their capacity, church growth is inhibited. Why? Because once you exceed 80% capacity, human nature says that something is full. Did you know that we are exceeding 80%- at some level- in THREE of those four?! Parking...it's pretty obvious! Christian Education- maxed out! Worship? Room to grow at 8AM...but OVER 80% at 10:15AM.

So what do we do? Back in September, our Sunday morning sermon series focused on where our church was headed. On September 13th, I preached about worship and what was on the horizon. Well...we have reached the horizon! At the April Administrative Council meeting, a new Sunday morning worship service was approved. That service will officially launch on Sunday, September 11- the Sunday after Labor Day! It will feature electric guitar, drums and bass and will be the most contemporary in style of all of our worship opportunities.

The new Sunday schedule will look like this:

8AM-9AM- Current Worship Service- NO changes

9:15AM-10:05AM- NEW Worship Service and Sunday School

10:30AM-11:30AM- Current Worship Service- NO changes except the 15-minute change in start time.

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#### SPECIAL DATES:

- May 1 Communion & Food Pantry Collection Sunday
- May 2 Finance Meeting 6PM
- May 2 Relay for Life
- Survivor Dinner 6PM
- May 2 Trustees Meeting 7PM
- May 5 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- May 9 Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Banquet 6PM
- May 10 Men's Mission Work Day at MMDC in Chatham, IL 7AM
- May 14 Relay for Life Pork Chops @ Mercer Market 10:30AM
- May 15 Graduation Sunday
- May 15 Administrative Council 7:15PM
- May 16 UM Men Meeting 6PM
- May 17 Mission Team Meeting 6PM
- May 18 Last Wednesday Night Fellowship of the season 5:15PM
- May 19 Naomi Wesleyan Circle @ Doug's T&C 11:30AM
- May 19 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- May 22 CIA Luncheon
- May 23 Relay for Life Meeting 6PM
- May 24 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- May 26 Life Line Screening 8AM-5PM
- May 30 Office Closed for Memorial Day

## PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDIES

### The Cross

**WHAT:** Rev. Mark's Wednesday Evening Bible Study

**WHEN:** Wednesdays @ 6PM through May 18th

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Cafe'

**WHY:** The cross transforms everything: our worship, our call to mission, our ability to love our enemies and to face the perplexities of suffering. No theology is genuinely Christian that does not arise from and focus on the cross—the center of the historic biblical faith. Drawing on John Stott's classic book *The Cross of Christ*, the studies in this guide are designed to bring us to the heart of the cross with an understanding of what was accomplished there on our behalf.

**WHAT ELSE:** The books are \$10

### His Name is Jesus

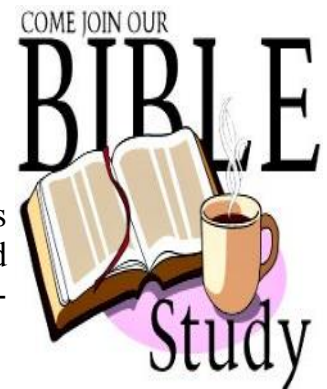
**WHAT:** Rev. Mark's Tuesday morning Bible Study

**WHEN:** Tuesdays @ 9AM

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Cafe'

**WHY:** Get to know Jesus---and discover what it means to follow him as Savior and Lord! This back-to-basics interactive study helps you understand the Gospels chronologically; see how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecy; and explore how his ministry enacted the saving reign of God.

**WHAT ELSE:** The books are \$10



### The Gospel of Luke

**WHAT:** Rev. Mark's 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

### Fundamentals of the Faith

**WHAT:** Rev. Mark's Sunday Morning Bible Study

**WHEN:** Sundays @ 9:15AM

**WHERE:** In the Dining Room

**WHY:** Fundamentals of the Faith is a thirteen-lesson study which blend basic biblical truths with personal obedience and service. This study is ideal to disciple new believers or help more mature Christians sharpen their understanding.

**WHAT ELSE:** We would LOVE to have you join this class. Books are \$10.

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES(S)!

by Rev. Mark

On Sunday, April 3, we began a new Sunday morning journey- **The End of Me**. Based on the book by Kyle Idleman (author of Not a Fan), we are spending 8 weeks unpacking several truths that, on the surface...make no sense! Ultimately, we'll discover how Jesus transforms us if we are willing to live out these odd and paradoxical principles. Because only when you come to the end of yourself can you begin to experience the full, blessed, and whole life Jesus offers. The remaining weeks of the series look like this:

**Sunday, May 1- Empty to be Filled** (Psalm 23)

What's in your jar? (Job 14:7-9, Acts 1:3-8)

**Sunday, May 8- Helpless to be Empowered** (1Samuel 1:21-28)

The end of me means the beginning of Him. (Deuteronomy 31:6, 1John 4:1-6a)

**Sunday, May 15- Disqualified to be Chosen** (Luke 19:1-10)

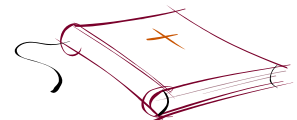
Sometimes, the resume' is a little thin. (Jeremiah 29:10-14a, John 15:13-16a)

**Sunday, May 22- Weak to be Strong** (John 13:34-38, 18:25-27, 21:15-17)

Our weakness creates holes for God's strength to shine through. (Psalm 34:17-20, 2Corinthians 12:7-10)

On that same day, April 3, we started a new 8-week series at The Point- our Sunday evening worship experience, called **Ripped From the Headlines**. Each week, we are talking about something that is currently at or near the top of the front page of the newspaper. We will see how that "current event" impact us - as both humans and Christians- and what the Bible has to say about it.

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



## GRADUATION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will recognize High School and College graduates at both morning services. The Church Scholarship(s) will be awarded at the 10:15AM service. Please encourage your graduates to attend church that day to receive a special gift and so their church family can rejoice with them on this momentous occasion!

### Save Your Fork– Something Good's Coming (continued from page 1)

The Sunday evening Worship Service- The Point- will be "retired".

Amazing things are happening here. We are in the middle of nothing short of a miraculous gift from God. We are truly blessed. How we respond to that blessing will, in large part, dictate how long the blessing will last and how far it will go. Growth means change. And change is hard- let's be honest. But healthy living organisms grow.

As I have said MANY times over the past almost four years, I am all in. I don't have a gear for turning around or backing down. If God is for us, then who can possibly stand against us? I wait with GREAT anticipation to see what He has in store for us! Save your fork...something good's coming!

## LOST DISHES AND PANS

There are many "lost" dishes and pans on the back table in the basement that need to find their homes. Please "find" yours today, so it can return home! Thank

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to our church family for all of the prayers, cards, and visits before, during, and after my surgery. We are truly blessed.

*Steve & Rhonda Brown*



## THANK YOU!

We would like to sincerely thank the men who helped us with our recent move to Brookstone. They were great! We also want to thank our church for your support, love and prayers during this transition! God is good!

*Hank and Betty Allan*

## Thank You!



Thank you to the Journey team and the many women and men who gave of their time, energy, and talents to make this year's Journey such an awesome day. The many hours of preparation helped make this event a way to connect women to Jesus Christ. We humbly thank the speakers as they stepped out in faith to share how they have found "Blessings in the Journey". A huge heartfelt thanks to the men of our church, as we couldn't do it without you. We can always depend on you to work behind the scenes with setup, parking, cleanup, takedown, etc. It was a Spirit-filled, Yay God day. To God be the Glory! We have chosen the Churches of Mercer County Food Pantry, the Mercer County Crisis Center, and the Erika Kate Hope Alliance to be recipients of our worthwhile cause. God is good!

## 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.





## FUEL- OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Rev. Mark

Our Wednesday Night Children's ministry- **FUEL**- is off and running. And the leadership couldn't be more excited! The emphasis is built around "Hands-On Bible". The kids have fun while they learn more about the great stories of the Bible...AND how those stories impact their lives! We are SO excited about the positive impact this ministry has on our children! If you have children or grandchildren, please consider helping them be a part of this exciting new program. If you have friends or neighbors who have kids, please invite them. Let them know that they are welcome to come for dinner at 5:15PM, stay for an adult Bible study while their kids are ministered to from 6PM to 7PM and be home, working on homework and getting everybody ready for bed, by 7:15PM! **FUEL will be "going to bed" for the season after May 18th. It will restart in the Fall.**

## GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS FOR A PASTOR

Good News: The United Methodist Women voted to send you a get-well card.

Bad News: The vote passed by 31-30.

Good News: The Elder Board accepted your job description the way you wrote it.

Bad News: They were so inspired by it, they also formed a search committee to find somebody capable of actually filling the position.

Good News: Your women's softball team finally won a game.

Bad News: They beat your men's softball team.

Good News: The Trustees finally voted to add more church parking.

Bad News: They are going to blacktop the front lawn of your parsonage.

Good News: Church attendance rose dramatically the last three weeks.

Bad News: You were on vacation.

Good News: The youth in your church come to your house for a surprise visit.

Bad News: It's in the middle of the night and they are armed with toilet paper and shaving cream to "decorate" your house.

## 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. In addition, the 2-minute "call to worship" videos that start our 8AM service every week are available. Also, the monthly newsletter AND the weekly bulletin (complete with the current version of the Prayer List) can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!





Duct tape is probably one of the best inventions out there. It serves a variety of purposes, from patching up a pair of ripped pants to keeping some boxes sealed. Duct tape has many uses. It's also great that duct tape comes in a variety of colors. I was in a store the other day and I found Hello Kitty Duct Tape, cheetah print duct tape, neon colored duct tape, and of course the standard grey duct tape. All this duct tape got me thinking about faith and how duct tape and faith have a lot in common.

Duct tape is like faith because it holds things together. Faith is kind of like the foundation that holds our lives together. Faith is like duct tape because faith is what holds the seams of our relationship with God together. Faith is what believes what the Bible says no matter what it looks like around you. Faith will help keep you together when you feel you're falling apart. Faith is trusting in God and knowing you can come out on top no matter what comes your way. So faith is like duct tape because it holds your life together.

Faith, like duct tape, can be used in a variety of situations. You might be facing a problem. You can whip out your roll of faith and patch together that bad situation with what the Bible says. Faith can be used in any time and in any situation. Faith in God is always the answer to whatever situation you're facing.

*"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see." – Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)*

Lastly, faith is like duct tape because you can rely on it. You know that when you need a patch or to hold something together you can trust the duct tape to do its job. Well, that's pretty much what faith is. It's trusting that God is going to go to bat for you. He's going to provide for you no matter what you're facing.

Faith is just choosing to believe what God says in spite of what you see or feel around you. Faith is trusting in and relying on God in every situation that comes to you. I encourage you to begin placing your trust in God, and become a mighty young person of faith.

### **What's Coming Up, YAG:**

**2/3rd of God: May 21th, 10am-12pm**

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

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

*Melissa Coleman  
Director of Youth  
and  
Children's  
Ministries*

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/03/2014– Jose & Kaitlyn Marceleno  
 5/16/1970– Mike & Barb Millar  
 5/17/1980– Roger & Jackie Maynard  
 5/20/1978– Mike & Vicki Peterson  
 5/25/1996– Bill & Jane Stropes  
 5/26/2001– Paul & Louise Engwall  
 5/28/2005– Steven & Renee Lloyd  
 5/29/1993– Jeff & Trisha Hank

*Happy  
Anniversary*

## UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

5/19– Loise Engwall  
 5/28– Alyce Robinson  
 5/30– Clara McCreight



The deadline for the next  
Parish Visitor is

***Tuesday, May 24***  
***at 8am.***

Please have all articles submitted  
by this date!

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Roger & Jodie Andress  
 Scott Balmer  
 Steve Brown  
 Patty Bruner  
 Buddy & Brittanie  
 John & Bev Carlin  
 Shirley Chrisman  
 Melissa Coleman  
 Hurley Crossman  
 Joe D  
 Larry Diehl  
 Donna  
 Adam Douglas  
 Brenda Dunbar  
 Jim Earl family  
 Judy Elliott  
 Ron/Diane Engstrom  
 Brenda Freeman  
 Jeff G.  
 Beverly Haney  
 Delmar Harmon  
 Rev Harris & family  
 Ralph Hill & family  
 Ida Hoben  
 Linda Hoy

Ethan Huston  
 Noah Huston  
 Chuck & Carmen Inman  
 Judy Inman  
 Carli J.  
 Kevin Jones  
 Kimberly  
 Aubrey King  
 Wayne King  
 Vickie Korns  
 Alison Kuk  
 Les, Kevin, Terrie  
 Leonard  
 Nadine Liby  
 Linda  
 Luann Matlick  
 Jerry McAlister  
 Roger McIntyre  
 Olivia Meskan  
 Joan Miller  
 Joe Miller & family  
 Mick Miller  
 Pat Olson Family  
 Linda Patsche  
 Bonnie Peterson

Chad Peterson  
 Evelyn Pittman  
 Suzanne Ramer  
 Bryce Rathje  
 Samantha  
 Ken Schlotfeld  
 Merri Sedam  
 Don Swanson  
 Ron Taylor  
 Kenny Tharp  
 Teresa Thomas  
 Valerie & Eva  
 Robin Vaughn  
 Marilyn Wagler  
 Wayne  
 Ashley White  
 Jason Woolam  
 Evelyn Yerkey  
 Eric Zimmerman  
 Shut Ins/ Nursing Homes  
 Military & families  
 All ill/in hospitals  
 Our nation & world

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



## C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS ) LUNCHEON- MAY 22ND

by Joanne Harris

Caring Hearts continues to flourish! After Mark's mom passed away, I was on the phone talking to Mark's dad. He shared with me how hard it was adjusting to being alone. One of the most difficult things he said was eating by himself. So with that in mind, The Caring Hearts Ministry decided to form the C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) group. 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 April luncheon is set for Sunday, May 22nd. 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 on May 22nd!

## MOTHER'S DAY

Do you have your greeting card picked out? Are the lunch reservations made yet? **Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day!** Those tireless, often thankless women who brought us into this world (and can take us back out if we don't stay in line!) are honored on that day. The women of the church will be recognized that day in all 3 worship services, and the men of the congregation will be giving each of them a special gift as well. If your mother is no longer with us, say a special prayer of thanksgiving for her that day. If she IS with us but lives too far away, make sure you call her to tell her how much she means to you. If she lives nearby, bring her to church to be a part of the celebration. Then, take her to lunch and tell her in person the impact she has had on your life!



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP WRAPPING UP FOR THE SEASON

The 2015-2016 edition of Wednesday Night Fellowship is drawing to a close! The dinners have been spectacular, the rest of the evening has been great and the fellowship has been outstanding! Here's the schedule for the month:

- Wednesday, May 4: Dinner at 5:15PM- Adonai (Amy Hess) is cooking and the menu is a Taco Bar. FUEL, Rev. Mark's class, Youth Bible Study, Choir and Bell Choir all meet.
- Wednesday, May 11: Dinner at 5:15PM- The United Methodist Women are cooking and the menu is sandwiches and a Salad Bar. FUEL, Rev. Mark's class, Youth Bible Study, Choir and Bell Choir all meet.
- Wednesday, May 18: Dinner at 5:15PM- The members of the Administrative Council are cooking and the menu is a Baked Potato Bar. FUEL, Rev. Mark's class, Youth Bible Study, Choir and Bell Choir all meet. **This will be the LAST WNF event of the spring. We will start things back up in the fall.**

Thank you to ALL the people who helped make WNF a huge success this year! Please come and help the program finish strong! See you on Wednesday evenings!



## DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. Simply go to [www.stickwithjesus.com](http://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](mailto:revmark@stickwithjesus.com). Please share these links with your friends and family.



## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May (Monday, May 30th this year). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in military service to their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers from the Civil War (it is celebrated near the day of official reunification after that war), it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action.

On Sunday, May 30th, we will honor those men and women who gave their lives for our country during both morning worship services. Please remember the ultimate price these brave people paid so that we might have freedom- including to worship as we see fit.

We will also remember those in our church, our families and our community who have died. Names of loved ones who have died in the past year will be read and a bell will be tolled. Also, each family in attendance will have the opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loved one that they have lost. Plan on attending this powerful service...and bring someone with you!

## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN MAY

Did you know that May Is American Bike Month? It is also Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. What about Asparagus Month? Or Asthma & Allergy Awareness Month (makes sense!)? It is also National Bar-B-Q, Egg, Hamburger, Salad and Strawberry Months! Here are some special days in May- May 1st- Mother Goose Day, May 2nd- Baby Day, May 3rd- Lumpy Rug Day, May 4th- National Teacher Day, May 5th- National Hoagie Day, May 6th- International No Diet Day, May 7th- Space Day, May 8th- Mother's Day, May 9th- No Socks Day, May 10th- Tulip Day, May 11th- Twilight Zone Day, May 12th- Clean Up Your Room Day, May 13th- Kite Day, May 14th- National Dance Like a Chicken Day, May 15th- Armed Forces Day, May 16th- Peace Day, May 17th- Pack Rat Day, May 18th- Visit Your Relatives Day, May 19th- Circus Day, May 20th- Be a Millionaire Day, May 21st- Lindbergh Flight Day, May 22nd- Buy-A-Musical Instrument Day, May 23rd- Penny Day, May 24th- National Escargot Day, May 25th- Hug Your Pet Day, May 26th- Blueberry Cheesecake Day, May 27th- Ham Sandwich Day, May 28th- Sun Screen Day, May 29th- International Jazz Day, May 30th- Memorial Day and May 31st- World No Tobacco Day. Celebrate all that May has to offer!

## Connection Coins For May

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 (May 8th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward the Fellowship Cafe’. One of the fastest growing and most-used ministries on Sunday mornings, the Fellowship Cafe’ offers a place for people to get some gourmet coffee and a bite to eat (chosen from the WIDE variety offered) while they share in some powerful fellowship. As our Sunday morning attendance grows, so does the number of people reached by the Cafe’. So all proceeds collected from the May 8th Connection Coins will go toward helping fund the cost of the Fellowship Cafe’! What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on May 8th!



## Life Line Screening at AUMC

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Aledo United Methodist Church on 5/26/2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

## 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!





## Rhubarb Fest Luncheon June 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup>

We will need your assistance to make this event a success.

We will be soliciting food donations and workers for  
Thursday, June 2nd; Friday, June 3rd; and Saturday, June 4th.

*This is your opportunity to serve!*

**We need 150 rhubarb or fruit homemade pies**

(If you need rhubarb, call Mary Flint at 582-7615)

**Please sign up to donate food and/or work at the luncheon.**

***Look for sign up posters in the Fellowship Room***

The homemade menu includes chicken salad on a croissant or on a lettuce leaf or ham and cheese on wheat hoagie bun; potato salad or chips, fresh fruit, rhubarb or fruit pie and beverage.

A child's meal which includes a hot dog or ham sandwich, chips, cookie and juice box is also available.

**Take-out meals and delivery to Aledo homes and businesses**

**Place orders ahead at the church office.**

**Church Bus Service to and from church**

**Downtown Bus Stop**

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



**WORSHIP TIMES:**  
Sundays 8AM &  
10:15AM  
Sunday School 9:15AM  
"The Point" 6PM

## TOP TEN THINGS YOU NEVER HEAR IN CHURCH

10. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.
9. I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went 25 minutes over time.
8. Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
7. I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.
6. I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.
5. Forget the denominational minimum salary, let's pay our pastor so he can live like we do.
4. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
3. Since we're all here, let's start the service early.
2. Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
1. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!



### Heads Up!

The United Methodist Women are no longer collecting the plastic lids. The school in Atlanta, Georgia appreciates the effort from all groups who have taken extra time to do this for them.  
Thank You!

*Kathy Newswander*

*Cunningham Children's Home & Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House Liaison*

## FINANCIAL MATTERS (WEEKLY NEED \$6,082)



Date	04/03/2016	04/10/2016	04/17/2016	04/24/2016
Attendance	238	458	253	247
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$7,808.00	\$5,212.19	\$4,830.66	\$5,035.25