

The Parish Visitor

June, 2015



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THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

by Rev. Mark

One of the best animated movies of all time is The Lion King. Seriously. My favorite animated movie is probably The Prince of Egypt- good movie, GREAT music! But Lion King is right up there. Again, good movie...GREAT music!

One of my all-time favorite singers is Elton John. Not a huge fan of him personally...at least the "him" that we in the public see...but I have always really enjoyed his music. (Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy, as well as Madman Across the Water, are really good albums! I had both of them...on 8-track!)

So when you put The Lion King and Elton John together, you get good stuff. Namely, The Circle of Life. It may be a bit derivative, but it is a well-written song with a really good message. And that song has been running through my head lately.

I am about to wrap up my 18th year in the ministry. July 1 will be the end of 18 and the start of 19. And in that 18 years, I am only on my 3rd church. That's the interesting thing about the United Methodist Church- from 1997 (the year I entered the ministry) to right now, I have served 3 churches. The first church was a 7-year stay. The 2nd church was an 8-year stay. And the current church has been 3 years so far. During that same time, I have colleagues who have served ONE church the whole time and colleagues who are on their 5th church. You just never know!

But regardless of how many churches you have served, there is one thing that is consistent in the ministry- you are neck-deep in The Circle of Life every day. You are with families as they prepare for and then welcome new life into their midst. You get the extreme honor of baptizing those new lives. (That is one of THE best parts of ministry!) You are with families as their kids start school. You are there when their kids go through Confirmation. Graduations. New jobs. Grandkids. Health issues. Surgeries. And deaths. You are there for it all.

I get to be a part of the highest highs and lowest lows of other people's lives. Is it a great responsibility? You bet! But is it also an immeasurable privilege? Absolutely! Over the past few days alone, I have had a conversation with a family who lost their matriarch, preparing for her funeral. I have sat with family members as they prepare for what seems to be the imminent death of a loved one. I have prayed with 2 people who were heading into major surgeries. I have talked with 2 other people who are in the middle of difficult health issues- either theirs or a loved one's. I have talked with a family wanting to join the church- an event that will include a baptism. I have spent time with someone who is in the midst of marital struggles.

Ministry is all about...as sappy as it may sound...the circle of life. And as hard as it can be some days, it is truly an honor to be invited into people's lives. For me, a mediocre day of ministry is better than a great day of doing any other job I can think of!

SPECIAL DATES:

- June 1 Finance Meeting 6PM
- June 1 Trustees Meeting 7PM
- June 4 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- June 5-6 Rhubarb Fest Luncheon 11AM -1PM
- June 7 Communion & Food Pantry Collection Sunday
- June 9 Miriam Circle 6PM
- June 15 Relay for Life Meeting 6PM
- June 15 UM Men's Meeting 6PM
- June 17 Naomi Wesleyan Circle @ T&C 11:30AM
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 22 Relay SPMS Meeting 4:30PM
- June 22 Caring Hearts Food Prep 5:30PM
- June 23 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- June 28 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- June 28 Administrative Council Meeting 7:15PM
- June 29 Safety Meeting 7PM

CURRENT AND NEW SERMON SERIES(S)!

On Sunday, May 17th, we began not one but TWO new sermon series! For the Sunday morning services, we began a rather...unusual look at faith with **Toy Box Leadership**. Based on a book by Ron Hunter Jr. and Michael E. Waddell, this series invites us to forget the latest trends and theories for a moment and focus on the fact that everything we need to know about showing leadership through faith we learned from the toy box. The remaining weeks of the series look like this

Sunday, June 7- Mr. Potato Head: Communication (Proverbs 12:18, 15:2) Poor communication is the chief cause of many of the problems in the world. (Psalm 141:3-4a, 2Timothy 2:15-16)

Sunday, June 14- Rubik's Cube: Ethics (Exodus 20:1-17) A moral framework within which we choose to live our lives is essential to faith development. (Psalm 25:20-22, Romans 6:1-4)

Sunday, June 21- Weebles: Endurance (1Timothy 4:15-16) In an Instagram generation, the hardest thing to develop can be endurance. (Isaiah 40:28-31, Romans 5:1-5)



On that same day, Sunday, May 17th, we also started a “sequel” to our recent Sunday evening series- 6 Di.N.T.S. (Difficult New Testament Stories). This series looks at 6 passages from the New Testament that seem to tell us things that don’t make sense. The remaining weeks of this series are:

Sunday, June 7- DON'T Pray in Public! (Matthew 5:5-8)
Jesus tells us to NOT pray out loud.

Sunday, June 14- Give It ALL Away (Matthew 5:38-42)
Don't defend yourself and give everything...to everybody.

Sunday, June 21- Hate Your Family! (Luke 14:25-27)
Above all else...despise those closest to you.

Come each week expecting to have God open your eyes!

ONLINE GIVING

by Rev. Mark

Did you know that you can now give your offerings and tithes electronically through the church website? If you go to the 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 checkbook at home one week. It’s also so easy to forget to give your offering when you are out of town. But the truth of the matter is that the financial commitments of the church...the bills, if you will...don’t decrease on those weeks when people forget to tithe. Our financial commitments are steady all year long. Therefore, having a steady, dependable stream of giving helps us better plan for next week, next month and next year!

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?

10 THINGS THE CHURCH PUTS AHEAD OF REACHING PEOPLE

by Josh Daffern

- 1. Location** – Church is an address, a location. Some churches die because their people moved away and they weren't willing to reach the new folks in their neighborhood.
- 2. Buildings/Architecture** – For some, the bricks and mortar are what make the church sacred, not the people. They are more concerned with the architecture than the people that architecture was designed to meet.
- 3. Tradition** – Tradition has killed many a church. When churches pursue the past more than they pursue people, that church will die. The last seven words of many churches are, "We've never done it that way before."
- 4. Music preferences** – We're fine reaching the next generation for Jesus...as long as they like our music our way. That's putting music preferences above people. The question is this- am I willing to put reaching others ahead of my musical preferences?
- 5. Programs** – Church programs are designed to reach people, but we can never let them become more important than people.
- 6. Control** – Some churches are stifled because there's a few families in control, and they simply don't want to give up control. They put control ahead of reaching people.
- 7. Social Status** – The Bible says that in Christ there are no slaves or free or Greeks or Barbarians but we are all one in Christ. However, too many churches aren't willing to reach people outside of their racial, economic, or social status.
- 8. Cleanliness** – Some churches aren't willing to roll up their sleeves and embrace the messiness of the world. If we're not willing to get a little dirty, we'll never reach the world.
- 9. Status Quo** – Some churches simply don't want to change. The light bill is paid, the buildings are paid off, there's enough of a crowd to give the illusion that something is happening.
- 10. Religion** - Some churches put religion above people. They put rituals, observances, routines, beliefs and ministry structures ahead of people. They don't realize that you can't truly love God if you don't love people.

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. 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!



I would like to thank the United Methodist Church for the dinners from the Caring Hearts. They were delicious. Also, thanks for the phone calls and prayers after my recent surgery. God bless,
Gerry Harmon



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!



HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH?

Come, learn more about it. Join the Bible Study “Your Legacy”. It will be a four-week Bible Study beginning Thursday, June 11th at 9AM in the Fellowship Cafe. It will be led by Martha Rittenhouse, and each session will last one hour. For more information, call Martha at 582-7927.



RELAY FOR LIFE



Relay for Life will soon be here - **Saturday, June 27 at Central Park from noon to midnight.** Our Aledo relay team will once again have the grilled pork chop dinner meal as our final fundraiser, beginning at 4:00. Paula Sands will speak at 5 and then lead the Survivor Walk.

We continue to collect loose change in prescription bottles so give us a final boost and fill, fill, fill. A big thank you to the grillers, wrappers, and those that stopped by for a grilled chop at Mercer Market in May. It was a successful fundraiser. We appreciate your support and generosity. See you at Relay!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP CLOSES

A SUCCESSFUL 2014-15 SEASON!

The 2014-2015 edition of Wednesday Night Fellowship is over! And WHAT an edition it was! The dinners were amazing (and delicious!), the classes and groups were great and the fellowship was outstanding! Thank you to ALL the people who helped make WNF a huge success this year! Watch for a triumphant return next fall!

Grilled Pork Chop Dates:

Come on out to Mercer Market for a grilled chop! Miriam Circle will be grilling on **July 18, 10:30 to 1:00** and United Methodist Women on **August 15, 10:30 to 1:00**. We appreciate your support and donations.

Happy Meals & Prayer

Praying can feel overwhelming at times. You may not feel like you know the right words to say or how to go about praying. Here's a few tips to help get you unstuck when praying.

- 1) **Anyone Can Pray** – It's good news to know that you don't have to be a Bible scholar or have a ton of scriptures memorized. You can begin praying right now. James 5:16 (NLT) – "The prayers of those who serve God have great power and produce wonderful results."
- 2) **Prayer Is Just Connecting With God** – You can connect with God just like you would with friends through text, Snapchat, or Twitter. Connect with God by telling him your thoughts, feelings, fears and dreams.
- 3) **Pray The Word** – This is freeing, when you realize that you don't have to always come up with stuff to pray. Use your Bible to help you and pray scriptures out over your life and others.
- 4) **Pray with Authority** – You can know that God hears you when you pray and great things will happen when you pray.

Realize that prayer is a lot like a happy meal. There is no right way to eat a happy meal, just like there is no one right way to pray. Take the pressure off yourself to pray the "right way" and begin simply spending time with God.



What's Coming Up, TAG:

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

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

**Summer Bible Study—Wednesdays,
3-4pm**

Happy Anniversary

JUNE

06/03/1967– Bill & Ila Bertrand
 06/04/2011– John & Nicole Taylor
 06/08/1968– Hal & Linda Earl
 06/08/1974– Ton & 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
 06/14/2003– George & Glenda Foy
 06/18/2005– Neil & Karen Dahlstrom
 06/22/2013– Dan & Cara Magedanz
 06/24/1973– Dan & Linda Schrock
 06/24/2006– Ryan & RaeAnn Latko
 06/27/1970– Gary & Anne Olson
 06/28/1999– Bradly & Janean Ottoson

UM Women

Golden Age Birthdays

6/3– Carole Korn
 6/5– Bonnie Ricketts
 6/11– Carol Ann Boney
 6/27– Evelyn Yerkey
 6/30– Nadine Liby



Therefore everyone who hears
 these words of Mine and
 puts them into practice
 is like the wise man who built
 his house on the rock.
 Matthew 7:24

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

FOR I KNOW
 THE PLANS
 I HAVE FOR YOU
 DECLARES
 THE LORD
 PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
 AND NOT HARM YOU
 PLANS TO GIVE YOU
 HOPE
 AND A FUTURE

Roger Address
 Joanne Beard family
 Joe D
 Dalton & Angie
 Ellie Davis
 Adam Douglas
 Dawn Dowsett
 Kaleb Dowsett
 Lance Dowsett
 Margie & Jim Earl
 Ron Engstrom
 The Fitzsimmons
 Roy French family
 Zach Glenn & family

Delmar Harmon
 Rev Mark & family
 Jim Headley
 Linda Hoy
 Chuck Inman
 Lois Jackson family
 Lyle & Leveta Kenney
 Vickie Korn
 Marsha (hospice)
 Walter Marshall
 Jerry McAlister
 Jan Mueller
 Steven Oaks, Jr

John Petitti
 Bryce Rathje/6 yrs old
 Curt Richardson
 Martha Rittenhouse
 Elizabeth Schroeder
 Jim Schurder
 Janet Smith
 Carmen Techau
 Ashley White
 All in Nursing Homes
 All who are ill/hospitals
 Our world, nation, state
 Families

Mercer County Schools: Administration, Teachers, Students, Staff
 National and Local Governmental Leaders, Military, Security Officers
 FUEL, Bus Ministry, College Students, Shut Ins, the lost

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- Hollerin' Contest Day, June 17th - Fudge Day, June 18th- Panic Day, June 19th- Eat Your Vegetables Day, June 20th- Ice Cream Soda Day, June 21st- Father's Day (see accompanying article), 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!

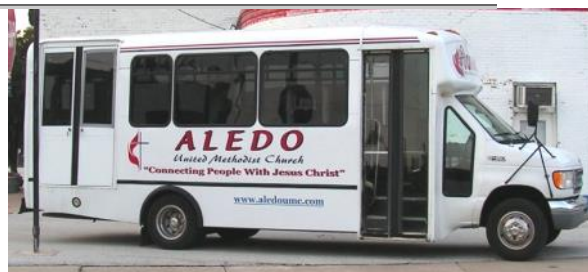


Father's Day

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.

ALEDO UMC BUS MINISTRY

We'd love to come pick you up and bring you to any of our services. Just make arrangements with **Greg Cobert** in advance by **calling (309) 737-5621** and we'll put you on our "Pick Up" list.



C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON JUNE 28TH

by Joanne Harris

CIA continues to flourish! This group is aimed folks who often find themselves eating alone. This includes (but is NOT limited to) anyone who has lost their spouse, divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. The CIA luncheon happens once each month. This month, the luncheon will be on Sunday, June 28th, immediately following the 10:15AM worship service. 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 on the 28th of June at 11:30AM!

CONNECTION COINS FOR JUNE

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 (June 14th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward a very special ministry. Noah Huston, that ball of fire that you see on Sunday mornings, has some pretty intense issues with diabetes. One of the things that would be very helpful in dealing with his physical struggles is a “helper dog” that is trained specifically to assist diabetics. All of the coins (and folding money!) that you put in those cans on the 14th will go directly toward helping Noah get a helper dog. How exciting is it to think that he would have this “buddy” who can help him know when trouble is arising?! What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on June 14th!



Are YOU a Member?

That great theologian Groucho Marx once said, “I refuse to join any club that would have ME as a member!” Fortunately, church membership doesn’t work that way! What does church membership mean? Well, there are no secret handshakes or decoder rings upon joining the church! So...why join? Joining a church is a public declaration of a greater commitment...to the church and more importantly...to God. It’s the next step in a lifelong spiritual journey. It’s a way of becoming a more permanent member of your church family. Is it a requirement? No. Is there anything I can do WITH it that I can’t without it? Other than serving on committees...no. Is it a powerful act that can help other people grow in their faith? Absolutely!

If you have been thinking about joining the church...think no longer! Contact Rev. Mark (582-2169, revmark@myaledoumc.com) to set up a time to meet (about 30 minutes). This get together is designed to allow Rev. Mark to get to know you better while giving you the opportunity to ask any questions you have about the church. Then you will set a date on which to join! Take the plunge...you will be so blessed!

How to Prevent Bug Bites and Stings

From Your AUMC Safety Team



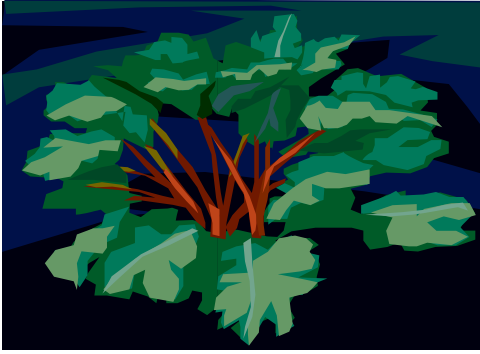
Bug bites and stings can really put a damper on enjoying the summer. The following tips offer advice on keeping the bugs away and making sure you're not an easy target for their stings and bites.

- Obviously, covering up your skin more provides fewer chances for being bitten or stung. Therefore, it is best to wear long pants and long-sleeved tops when bugs will be around.
- Try tucking your pant cuffs into your socks. Ankles are a common site of bug bites and stings, so taking this precaution can help prevent them.
- Wear a full-brimmed hat or a hooded top to help keep bugs away from your neck and head.
- Avoid wearing brightly colored or flowery prints as these tend to attract insects.
- Don't wear cologne or scented lotions, soaps or hair products when you intend to spend time outdoors around bugs.
- Avoid areas with standing water where mosquitoes and other types of insects are likely to be found.
- When dining outdoors, keep food carefully wrapped up and contained until it's time to eat.
- Don't leave sugary drinks out when spending time outdoors.
- Avoid going outdoors at dawn or at dusk when mosquitoes are the most active.
- Be careful when visiting gardens or orchards where flowers are in bloom. There will likely be numerous insects in the area.
- Insect repellent, including sprays, lotions and wipes, can be purchased. Sprays are useful since they can be applied to clothing as well as the skin. Use these products sparingly on infants and small children, and make sure it doesn't get on their hands where they may rub it in their eyes or mouth.
- Those who have allergies to certain insects should carry an epinephrine kit which can help relieve dangerous allergic reactions.

Flag Day

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th (a Sunday this year). It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress, in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, though on June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first (and only) U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday. The longest-running Flag Day parade is held annually in Quincy, Massachusetts, which began 1952 and will celebrate its 59th year in 2009. The largest Flag Day parade is held annually in Troy, New York, which bases its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators. The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. This year, remember the freedom that our flag represents, and thank God for that freedom- including the freedom to worship.





Rhubarb Fest Luncheon

June 5th and 6th

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

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 of a hot dog or ham sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and juice box is also available.

Take-out meals and delivery to Aledo homes and businesses are being offered. Church Bus service to and from church - downtown bus stop.

Invite your family and friends to attend

Thank you for your food and/or monetary donations. This is AUMW's annual fund raiser so we can sponsor the variety of programs and donate to many charities. We appreciate all of the church members participating and helping with this event. This is another way that we can connect people with Jesus Christ.

We still have some areas where additional workers are needed. If you haven't volunteered to serve, please contact Mary Flint or Ruth Dulaney.

All workers should wear a white shirt – aprons will be provided.

Food servers will need to wear a hair covering.

Please take a disposable pie pan from the display table in the Fellowship Room for each homemade rhubarb or fruit pie you are baking. We need at least 150 pies to serve our 750 meals and to sell whole pies in labeled pie boxes.



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 June 21, 2013 at 11:39 AM CDT.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDIES

Revelation: In Christ You Are an Overcomer

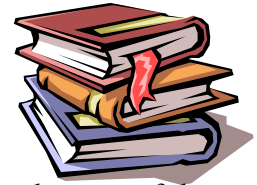
WHAT: Rev. Mark's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe'

WHY: The Book of Revelation is one of the most intriguing books of the Bible. It's also one of the most mysterious. Filled with vivid imagery, rich themes, and deep spiritual insights, it can be challenging to read and understand. Yet woven throughout Revelation's sweeping tapestry is a unifying message: The victory found in Jesus Christ. This Bible study takes an in-depth, yet practical, look at the book of Revelation, and shares how we can experience a victorious life.

WHAT ELSE: It's NOT too late! The books are \$9



The Twelve: The Lives of the Apostles After Calvary

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

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: What did the twelve apostles do after Calvary? Where did they go? Author C. Bernard Ruffin has woven Scripture, tradition, and historical documents to re-create and outline the lives of each of Christ's closest followers.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$12

The Letters of John and Jude

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

WHEN: Sundays @ 9:15AM

WHERE: In the Chapel next to the sanctuary

WHY: New Testament scholar William Barclay walks us through the letters of John and Jude. These books deal with dissenting teachings within the early Church.

WHAT ELSE: We would LOVE to have you join this class.



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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!

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



WORSHIP TIMES:

Sundays 8AM &
10:15AM

Sunday School 9:15AM

“The Point” 6PM

AN OUTREACH IDEA

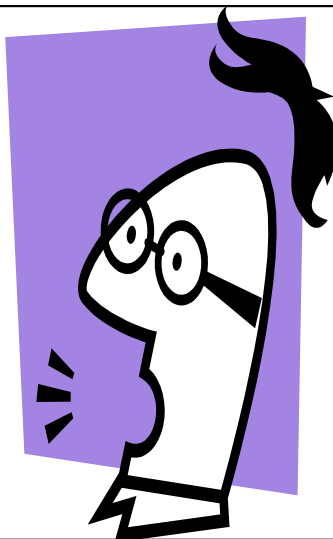
Here's a low-risk, easy way to introduce others to faith- share Rev. Mark's website with them. Described as “a daily look at life as a shaved-headed, earring-wearing, rock-drumming United Methodist minister”, www.stickwithjesus.com features a “thought for the day”, written by Rev. Mark- a new one is 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.



The deadline for the
next Parish Visitor is

***Tuesday
June 23rd
at 8am.***

Please have all
articles
submitted
by this date!



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.

FINANCIAL MATTERS (WEEKLY NEED \$5,833)

Date	05/03	05/10	05/17	05/24
Attendance	212	211	231	235
Receipts	\$8,421.35	\$3,571.00	\$5,254.01	\$4,401.69

