

The Parish Visitor

July, 2018



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ONE YEAR LATER

by Rev. Mark

When I prepare to write my articles for each month's newsletter, I start with LAST month's newsletter articles and last year's articles from the month I am starting to write about. I combine them into one document, delete all of the information that doesn't pertain and then proceed. As I did that for this newsletter, I saw that last July's "lead" article was the first time the news of my cancer diagnosis was shared in this particular venue. I read the article I wrote for LAST July and then thought, "Wow! What a year this has been!"

At this time last year, the diagnosis was still WAY too fresh- "raw" would be a better word. And the words "6-8 months to live" were ringing a bit too loudly in my ears. So, where are we...1 year later? First off- STILL ALIVE! When you didn't think you would see Christmas 2017, being about to see our 33rd wedding anniversary on July 6th of THIS year is nothing short of remarkable! Secondly, to still be working is amazing to me. A gift, to be sure- but amazing nonetheless! I can't imagine having gone on disability last year when it was offered to me. To sit home and...wait...would have been WAY too much. But instead, I have been given the gift of continuing to serve God in the midst of...you all!

What HAVE the last 12 months been like? Well, my current diagnosis was "assembled" over the course of a few months. Currently, they are saying Stage 4 Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer, Stage 4 Adenoma Carcinoma of the esophagus and secondary cancer of the lungs. I have been, since a year ago June, through 2 rounds of chemo and two rounds of radiation. I have had 19 needle biopsies, multiple CT scans, countless blood draws, an endoscopy and a colonoscopy. We have logged a BUNCH of miles driving between Aledo and the Quad Cities- which is WAY better than countless trips to Iowa City!

My family has been overwhelmingly supportive. The church has been overwhelmingly supportive. Our United Methodist conference has been overwhelmingly supportive. And God has blessed my family, in the midst of the challenges, in ways we could not have expected or anticipated. The doctors- ALL of them- stick to their original diagnosis and prognosis. And yet, they ALL also marvel at how well I'm doing, all things considered!

So, what I want to say to you at this moment is this, "Thank you!" You have been SO supportive as changes and concessions have needed to be made. MANY of you have stepped up in real and substantive ways to allow us to continue to serve here. You have been the BEST partners a pastor could hope and pray for. So again- thank you. I don't know what tomorrow will bring- none of us do- but I know what the last year has brought. And amazingly, we have seen countless blessings in the middle of all the "crud" that cancer drags along with it. God is good, all the time!

SPECIAL DATES:

- July 1 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- July 4 Office Closed for Independence Day Holiday
- July 5 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- July 5 MCSEEF Meeting 7PM
- July 9 Mercer County Fair lunch 12PM
- July 15 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- July 15 Youth Fellowship 11:30AM
- July 15-18 Vacation Bible School 5-7:30PM
- July 19 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- July 19 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- July 22 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- July 22 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- July 22 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- July 22 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- July 23 UMM Meeting 6PM
- July 23 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- July 23 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM
- July 26 Women's Bible Study 5:30PM
- July 29 All-Church Breakfast 7:15-10:15AM

NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES



Ephesians: "Where You Belong"

WHAT: Current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café next to the Sanctuary

WHY: In the book of Ephesians, Paul reminds us that Jesus longs for the day He will be united with the church - His bride in all her beauty. Paul's letter celebrates the beauty of the church. Ephesians gives us wonderful examples and basic overviews of a Christian life. Paul shows us how to walk worthy of Christ as we live our life for God. Paul's focus on the beauty of the church reminds us that through salvation we become a part of God's family: a place where we can experience true belonging.

WHAT ELSE: Join us as we start this new "Max Lucado Life Lessons Series" study!

Ten Men of the Bible: How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World

WHAT: Current Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study

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

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: The men of the Bible aren't depicted there because they were perfect, but to highlight their faithfulness to God! In this 10-session study guide, Max Lucado looks at the stories of some of these Scriptural characters, pointing out key decisions they made - and the good or bad consequences that resulted. Each session includes discussion questions.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$15 and it is NEVER too late to join!

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU! BY KATHLEEN BASHEM

Hello! My name is Kathleen Bashem and I am excited to be part of the Aledo United Methodist Church team as Director of Youth and Children's Ministry. I live in Galesburg with my husband Mark Kelly and we have three children – Evan, Walker and Eleanor. I graduated with honors from Monmouth College with degrees in religious studies, theatre arts and communication arts. I am an avid stitcher (knit and crochet) and on my days off can be found at Alpha Fiberworks in Alpha, IL. I have been a long-time guest teacher for the Galesburg school district, but with our children in college and graduate school, it was time for a change. I look forward to meeting you and the children of the congregation as I work this summer to plan and continue the quality programming for the youth and children of AUMC!

CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev. Mark

On June 24, we started a new sermon Series- **Your Comeback**. Based on the book by Tony Evans, this series will focus on fear- fear that you've fallen too far to be used by God. We will focus on epic comebacks of sports teams with no shot at victory and Biblical heroes with scandalous pasts. God can turn things around for anybody---including you! The weeks of this series look like this:

Sunday, June 24, 2018- Think Different (2Kings 5:1-14)

Before God can give you your complete comeback, He needs you to think different.
(Jeremiah 33:2-3, Romans 12:2)

Sunday, July 1, 2018- Embrace the Unusual (Luke 5:1-11)

When God breaks the nets of your life and gives you your comeback, will you follow Him by helping others who need a comeback?
(Proverbs 22:29, 2Corinthians 5:16-17)

Sunday, July 8, 2018- Don't Stay Down (1Samuel 1:10-20)

Once you cross the finish line and God has restored your strength, give it to the next person God brings your way.
(Isaiah 64:8, Philippians 4:12-13)

Sunday, July 15, 2018- Keep Moving Forward (2Kings 5:19b-27)

If you're tired of living outside of God's blessings of goodness and power, invite God to show you where you've failed and how you can grow.
(Psalm 32:8, Philippians 3:13-14)

Sunday, July 22, 2018- Stare Down the Challenge (2Chronicles 20:14-17)

God rules in spite of the situation you face. The problem isn't yours- the battle is God's.
(Deuteronomy 31:6, John 16:31-33)



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP!

Wednesday Night Fellowship has gone "on vacation" for the summer! We had a GREAT 2017-2018 season. We fed a TON of people and had lots of great fellowship and learning spread over a variety of offerings. Thank you to all who made it happen AND to all who participated! See you back on Wednesday evenings In the Fall!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to greet for Sunday morning Services. This is an IMPORTANT ministry.

Please contact Ruth Dulaney at 309-738-6151 to volunteer one Sunday a month.



Do you want to take some food to a friend who is ill or in need?
Our Caring Hearts freezer, in a new location by the elevator doors in the basement, has a variety of soups, casseroles, fruit, and desserts.

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



KING AND QUEEN OF AUMC RHUBARB LUNCHEON

Mary and Paul Flint volunteered so many hours to make our Rhubarb Fest a huge success! Paul picked enough rhubarb for 140 quarts of rhubarb so our bakers had plenty of rhubarb for pies. Mary planned and led all of our many, many volunteers through the entire event. We appreciate their time and dedication as well as everyone who participated in any way in the Rhubarb Fest! It was a great opportunity to connect people to Jesus Christ.



Another volunteer, Jeannine Kenney, made this beautiful quilt for Rev. Mark. Our church members have love notes hidden in the pockets. Thank you, Jeannine for sharing your God-given talents.



Each month I will be spotlighting our AUMC volunteers. Check out the bulletin board in the Library.
By Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Ministry Director

C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON JULY 22ND

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, July 22nd, immediately following the 10:30AM worship service. You don't have to bring anything except yourself. Feel free to invite a friend to share the meal and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd of July at 11:45AM!

thank you

Aledo United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient of the Gilliland/Simpson/Sandquist Scholarship. I plan to put it towards textbooks and school expenses. Also, thank you for the Bible, and for always making AUMC feel like home.



Hannah DeBlock

FUEL- OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Rev. Mark

Our Wednesday Night Children's ministry- **FUEL**- is on hiatus! Yes- our Children's Ministry, along with all of our Wednesday Night programming, is "on vacation" for the summer. Thanks to all of the adults who made it happen, all of the kids who participated and all of the parents who made sure their kids GOT here! We had a great season and will be back in the Fall!



MUSIC MINISTRY

What untapped musical gifts do YOU have? Perhaps you sing or play a musical instrument? If so, perhaps God is calling you to a greater commitment in our worship services. Here is a list of the current music ministry opportunities available:

- Either (or both) of the Praise Bands need a Bass Guitarist
- The Vocal Choir always has room for more singers.
- The Bell Choir is looking for more ringers, including substitutes.
- Do you sing or play an instrument? Special music presentations always have a place for you!

Pray about stepping out in faith. If you feel God calling you to join the music ministry of the church, talk to Rev. Mark- stop him at church, call him at the office or e-mail him at revmark@stickwithjesus.com.



WRMJ RADIO BROADCAST

On the 4th Sunday of each month, and now on any 5th Sundays, we broadcast our 10:30 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.



Dear church family,

I first want to let you all know how the online Bible Study is going! We are about halfway through the Bible now and we are all doing great! We have had some great discussions and some great readings! It's an honor to be the first online study for the church and I can't wait to do it again!

Also, VBS is coming up July 15-18th! Dinner starts at 5pm, and activities start at 5:30 and end at 7:30. There is an adult class that will be led by Bill and Molly Joseph that goes along with what the children are learning for that day.

If you have a child, or know someone who has a child, then come and register them! Registration is easy! You can register with me (Ashley Schmidt) during church, or through email (ashley@myaledoumc.com). You can also register at the church office from 8am-12pm Monday through Friday, or give them a call @ 582-2169. The last way to register is online on our website myaledoumc.com! I would love to see a large group of kids coming to a safe place to learn about God and have fun!



Director of Young Families and Young Adults,
Ashley Schmidt

CONNECTION COINS FOR JULY

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 (July 8th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry. The Greeting Card ministry reaches a WIDE range of people! Birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, weddings, sympathy- dozens and dozens of cards are sent each month, trying to offer an extra "touch" to folks at significant times in their lives. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 8th of July will be used to help fund the cost of the cards and the postage. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on July 8th!



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!



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

07/03/1959– Roger & Linda Tharp
 07/05/1997– Bill & Brooke Fleurette
 07/06/1985– Mark & Joanne Harris
 07/07/1977– Max & Molly Paulsgrove
 07/07/2008– Brian & Dixie Wieskamp
 07/09/1977– Paul & Mary Flint
 07/10/1977– Roger & Cindy Hutchins
 07/12/1959– Tom & JeAnne Balmer
 07/19/1947– Edwin & Marian Nesbitt
 07/24/1982– Charley & Connie Thomas
 07/25– Randy & Laura McGinnis



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

07/05– Mildred Harris
 07/08– Carole Schmidt
 07/11– Phyllis Batson
 07/16– Frances Blick
 07/17– Jennie Maynard
 07/27– Bettie Speer



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

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan
 Sandy Anderson/health
 Sharon Andress
 John Balmer
 Sheri Bieri family
 Bob Bocox/cancer
 Brian Boenkamp/coma
 Renae Brown/baby
 Holden C/heart
 Calvin
 Valerie Carlson family
 Robin Ciccotelli/chemo
 Julia Cirks/cancer
 Tricia/Rory Conway/Lymes
 Hurley Crossman/cancer
 Brian Day/leukemia
 Dee Dellitt
 Stacey DeSpain/6yrs/health
 Dick & Beverly
 Doug/heart
 Jim Droste
 Lauren Eggen/cancer
 Chris Engstrom
 Soni Engstrom
 Evelyn/1yr old/cancer
 Bob Fausett/heart
 Sandi Fausett

Don Franks
 Kensie/adoption
 Jenifer Franks/cancer
 Carol Freeman/cancer
 CJ Friedel
 Gail/chemo & radiation
 Garret Gildea & Jacob/
 missionaries in Nicaragua
 Gavin/healing
 Rodney Glidden/lung cancer
 Will Green/deployed
 Austin Hains
 Rita Haizlip
 Susie Hall/breast cancer
 Roxanne Hanson
 Megan Harbor & family
 Rev Mark and family
 Michael Harris
 Tom Hasson/healing
 Pam Heath
 Shirley Hecker
 Marilyn Hessman/cancer
 Sheryl Hodges
 Parker Hopkins/2yrs old/
 cancer
 Jackson
 Janet Jensen/cancer
 Jeanine

Jeremy
 Debbie Jones/heart
 Terry Jones/cancer
 John Karwath/cancer
 Aubrey King/cancer
 Chad King/brain tumor
 Martha King/heart
 Paul King
 Kristin/healing
 Allison Kuk/remission
 Jon Lee/cancer
 Tiffanee Lloyd
 Mary Louck
 Dick Maynard family
 Violet Meskan/Lyme disease
 Connie Midkiff
 Joel Noe/health
 Donna Oldfather
 Ember Pappas/cancer
 Patrick/surgery
 Bonnie Peterson
 Marilyn Peterson family
 Bryce Rathje
 Robert & Monica/health
 Kris Salmon/cancer
 Neil Seaton/stroke
 Robert & Monica

Rollin Spencer/health
 Stacey
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma
 Charley Thomas
 Connie Thomas/health
 Travis
 Pam & Neil Truman
 Nena Visser/health
 Miles Ward/tests
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
 Joanne Weintraut family
 Gabby Whitehall/Lymes
 AUMC church family
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents
 Military & families
 All ill/in hospitals
 All who mourn
 Gun Violence
 An end to bullying

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

SAVE THE DATE**COMING
UP**

ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST

**Biscuits & Gravy, Ham & Egg Bake, Fruit,
Milk, Juice, Coffee & Tea**

Sponsored by United Methodist Men

Sunday, July 29th

7:15 – 10:15 AM

Your Donations will help fund the Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Fundraiser!

"Whom shall I fear? My god of angel armies is always by my side!" This quilt was inspired by the many people who face fear; whether through illness, grief, or any other circumstance and look to our Lord for comfort.

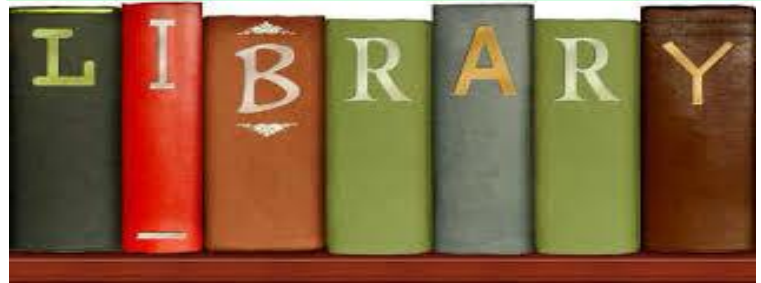
A Silent Auction will be held during the week of July 22 to July 29 (Bidding will close at 12:00 noon on July 29, after the All-Church breakfast) for the quilted wall hanging entitled: Angel Armies. This is a 51" x 39" all cotton wall hanging. It has been machine pieced and machine quilted. It is ready for hanging. Money earned will go toward the Capital Campaign. (Bidding will close at 12:00 noon on July 29).



KIDS, HAVE YOU SEEN TYSON'S TALES? STEP INTO THE WORLD OF READING!



Come and "check out" our Church
Library in the Fellowship Café



Church Membership

Bishop Gregory Palmer, the former Bishop of our Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church, in an e-letter dated December 20, 2008, said this about the decline of our denomination, "...the invitation to discipleship is at the core of our identity and mission as The United Methodist Church. We as an annual conference...have struggled to be invitational...with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 2007, 60 percent of our congregations received ZERO persons by professions of faith. We are simply not bringing new people into the life of the church in a way that outpaces our decline. As Bishop of the Illinois Area, I want to encourage you that, as United Methodists, we have a glorious heritage of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and offering invitation to the transforming relationship with the Savior."

6 out of every 10 United Methodist Churches in our conference are losing ground. This makes AUMC all the more exciting of a place in which to do ministry! New members are joining. Baptisms are happening. If THAT doesn't get you excited...then your wood's all wet!

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?

Thank You!

The 2018 Rhubarb Fest Luncheons are over! To say I am proud to be part of our AUMC congregation is an understatement. Each and every one of us...women, youth, and men... participated in making this year's event a tremendous success. Some donated supplies, some donated money, some prepared food or set up, some worked at the church on Friday or Saturday (or both), some baked pies, some delivered meals, some cleaned up, etc., etc., etc. We were the hands and feet of Christ. We were the Christian examples for 815 meals. We sold 380 pies to people from all over Illinois and Iowa.

By having this success, our Aledo United Methodist Women has raised a good majority of our 2018 budget of \$10, 227.00. So, thanks to all of you who are a part of the wonderful church family of AUMC. God has blessed us in so many ways.

UMW co-president,
Mary Flint



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN JULY

Did you know that July is Blueberry Month? What about Anti-Boredom Month? Hot Dog Month? Ice Cream Month? Picnic month? In addition, here are some of these special “days” in July: the 1st- Creative Ice Cream Flavors Day, the 2nd- Literacy Day, the 3rd- Compliment Your Mirror Day, the 4th- Independence Day (see accompanying article), Country Music Day and Sidewalk Egg Frying Day, the 5th- Build A Scarecrow Day, the 6th- Fried Chicken Day, the 7th- Chocolate Day, the 8th- First Public Reading of Declaration of Independence, (1776), the 9th- Sugar Cookie Day, the 10th- Don't Step on a Bee Day, the 11th- World Population Day, the 12th- Different Colored Eyes Day, the 13th- Embrace Your Geekness Day, the 14th- Pandemonium Day, the 15th- Cow Appreciation Day, the 16th- International Juggling Day, the 17th- Yellow Pig Day, the 18th- National Caviar Day, the 19th- Ice Cream Day, the 20th- Ugly Truck Day, 21st- Junk Food Day, the 22nd- Ratcatcher's Day, the 23rd- Ice Cream Cone Day, the 24th- Cousins Day, the 25th- Threading the Needle Day, the 26th- Parent's Day, the 27th- Take Your Pants for a Walk Day, the 28th- National Milk Chocolate Day, the 29th- Lasagna Day, the 30th- Father-in-Law Day, and the 31st- Jump For Jellybeans Day. Take time to celebrate the wonderful, weird and wacky in July!

INDEPENDENCE DAY

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a committee but with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4, 1776. A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail: “The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty...from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.” Adams' prediction was off by two days!

In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become president, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary. President James Monroe died exactly five years later, on July 4, 1831.

We have much to be grateful for in this country. Celebrate our nation's independence- thank God for our freedom!



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 church current calendar. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!



9 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR CHURCH INEFFECTIVE

Most of us in the "church world" like lists about how to be MORE effective. Well, here's the flip side of that coin- 9 ways to lose your effectiveness in ministry.

1. Don't dream- the church should be the place where dreams are born and where dreams soar.
2. Focus on yourself- ineffective churches are almost always self-focused.
3. Try to keep everybody happy- trying to keep everyone happy is a recipe for misery.
4. Squabble- "Everybody LOVES a great church fight", said no one...ever!
5. Make mediocrity your standard- if you're mediocre, you'll never reach your potential.
6. Treat every Sunday like just another Sunday- if you're bored on Sunday, why wouldn't everyone else be?
7. Never articulate a strategy- churches are afraid to articulate a strategy because it's divisive.
8. Avoid all risk- Read the Bible...but live the opposite way. Play it safe.
9. Decide you don't like unchurched people- many churches define themselves by what they're against.

Baby Shower Invitation

What: Baby shower for Andy & Jaci (Staley) Weidner

When: Saturday, August 18 at 1PM

Where: Aledo United Methodist Church dining room

Who: Everyone in our church family!

What Else: Jaci & Andy are registered at Target & Buy Buy Baby



"for this child I have prayed" 1 Samuel 1:27

**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**

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERMON?

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. You can go to the church's Facebook page OR the church website to watch a video of any sermon you missed. You can also go to www.stickwithjesus.com and choose "read my blog" to read 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.

ONLINE GIVING

by Rev. Mark

More and more of you are now making your weekly/monthly/yearly offering to your church online! If you go to the home page of the church website (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 setting it up 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?

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)

Date	06/03	06/10	06/17	06/24
Attendance	277	221	244	241
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$9,575.00	3,875.67	\$7,602.06	\$4,867.00

TITHES

