

# The Parish Visitor

## November, 2014

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### A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

By Rev. Mark

If you were not in church for either of the morning services on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, you missed the closing sermon of our recent Terra Incognita series. I would like to share a bit of that sermon with you. If you WERE in church that morning...it's worth the "repeat"!

"As a congregation, we stand on a threshold. Behind us is what was, before us...what could be. And we stand right here...in the doorway...making a decision. Every church I've served has reached this moment. They haven't all made the same decision. And based on my experience, here's the reality- if we stand in the doorway too long, or if we openly turn and head BACK the way we came...then we are saying we like things just the way they are. We don't want to be any more than we are right this moment. We are choosing status quo. And if that happens, there are two realities that grow out of that: 1. We will NOT stand still, but instead slide backward. There is NO standing still in the life of a congregation. There is only moving forward or sliding backward. 2. Once that die is cast, it will be at least 10-15 years before this church will get another shot at the brass ring. At least.

That's the downside. BUT...there IS an upside. If we choose instead to step out in faith and step THROUGH the doorway, move forward...oh my! Amazing things can happen! The things that have happened in the last few years that have enabled this congregation to better reach more people for Jesus Christ? As awesome as they are, they will pale in comparison to what could be.

Who do we want to be? Do we want to keep our cards close to our vests, play it safe and not rock the boat? If that's our choice, then we can continue to do good ministry and be a beacon in the community. Or do we want to step boldly out of the boat, knowing that, if and only if we keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus Christ, we...can...walk...on...water? If there's one thing the past 18 months of tumors the size of golf balls and life-threatening surgeries has taught me, it is that I simply cannot waste one more day. Life is TOO short. Life is TOO precious. If you are willing to take this journey with me, then let's do this thing. I am saying, right here and right now, in front of God and everybody, that I'm pushing all of my chips...ALL of them...into the center of the table. I am ALL in. For me, it's "pedal to the metal", "darn the torpedoes, full speed ahead". What about you? Will you join me? If so, then let's buckle up and get ready to enjoy the ride!

#### SPECIAL DATES:

- November 1 Chrysalis Meeting 9AM
- November 2 Communion & Food Pantry Collection /UMW Sunday
- November 2 Golden Age Luncheon 11:30AM
- November 3 Holiday Bazaar Work Time- Soup 5:30PM
- November 3 Finance Meeting 6PM
- November 3 Trustees Meeting 7PM
- November 5 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- November 6 Daniel Plan Meeting 5:30PM
- November 7 Women of Faith Simulcast 6-8PM
- November 8 Women of Faith Simulcast 8AM- 3:30PM
- November 8 UMW Officer's Update @ Galesburg Faith UMC 10AM
- November 10 Holiday Bazaar Work Time- Soup 5:30PM
- November 11 Veteran's Day- Office Closed
- November 11 Miriam Circle Salad Supper 6PM
- November 13 Holiday Bazaar Work Night & Meeting 5:30PM
- November 13 Daniel Plan 5:30PM
- November 16 Administrative Council 7:15PM
- November 17 Relay for Life 4:30PM
- November 17 UMM Meeting 6PM
- November 18 Work @ Food Pantry 5:30-7:30PM
- November 20 Naomi Wesleyan Circle @ T & C 11:30AM
- November 20 Holiday Bazaar Set-Up 9AM-4PM
- November 20 Daniel Plan 5:30PM
- November 21 Follow the Star Holiday Bazaar 3-7PM
- November 22 Follow the Star Holiday Bazaar 8-11AM
- November 23 Charge Conference @ Geneseo UMC 3PM
- November 24 Relay for Life Holiday Party 6:30PM
- November 24 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- November 27 -28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 30 Hanging of the Greens 4-6:30PM

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES(ES)!

by Rev. Mark

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, we began two NEW sermon series! First, for Sunday mornings, we began **Growing Spiritual Redwoods**. This series, based on a book by Bill Easum and Tom Bandy, looks at the two types of churches that exist today--those that are withering and those that are flourishing. We started from the premise that "the way we've always done it" keeps churches from ministering to its members. Putting aside decision-makers for disciple-makers is one of the facets of change that can alter the leadership, worship, and methodology of any church, lending itself to further growth, evangelism, and outreach. This series will help us answer the kinds of questions that confront Christians in this era of rapid and uncertain change. Questions like: are you committed to Jesus Christ...or to a particular doctrine? Do you speak of faith as an experience of Christ...or as a heritage to protect at all costs? Do you believe that the purpose of ministry is to make members...or disciples? Deep spiritual vitality and an openness to the "new thing" that God is doing characterize the "spiritual redwoods" that can emerge from this time of change. The remaining weeks of the series look like this:

- **Sunday, November 2- Vista Two: Beneath, Behind, Beyond** (Luke 10:25-28)  
Passion for the transforming experience of Jesus and the mystery of life brings hope, harmony and joy. (Deuteronomy 3:4-6, John 13:34-35)
- **Sunday, November 9- Vista Three: The Fluid That Flows** (Matthew 4:8-11)  
Worship feeds new life in multiple ways and is indigenous to the cultural forest surrounding the Spiritual Redwood. (Psalm 95:6-7a, Romans 12:1-2)
- **Sunday, November 16- Vista Four: Birthing the Fruits of Life** (2Corinthians 5:14-18)  
Spiritual leadership helps others give birth to the potential which God has created in every person. (Ezekiel 11:19-20, 1John 1:7-9)
- **Sunday, November 23- Vista Five: The Tree of Life** (Revelation 22:1-6)  
The best vision of growth is seen from the tallest of trees. (Proverbs 29:18, Acts 18:9-11)

Also on October 26, we began out next Sunday EVENING sermon series- **Burning Heart: The Unmistakable Fire**. In 2006, heart disease caused 26% of ALL deaths in the United States. It is the leading cause of death for both men and women. In 2009, heart disease cost the United States \$304.6 billion, including the cost of health care services, medications, and lost productivity. Our heart is an incredibly vital organ. And it's NOT just vital from a physical standpoint- it is also central to our spiritual growth. As we walk through the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy, we are experiencing the journey the heart takes as it moves from being lost to being on fire for God. Where will you find YOURSELF on the journey? The remaining weeks of this series look like this:

- **Sunday, November 2- The Turned Heart** (Deuteronomy 29:16-18)  
Are YOU responsible when a fellow Christian turns away from God?
- **Sunday, November 9- The Disciplined Heart** (Deuteronomy 8:1-5)  
How does God provide for you?
- **Sunday, November 16- The Giving Heart** (Deuteronomy 15:7-11)  
Why does God want you to help others?
- **Sunday, November 23- The Burning Heart** (Deuteronomy 6:3-6)  
Do you love God with all your heart?

God's Word has the capacity to change people no matter what the human motivation or program might be. Come to worship each Sunday- expecting God to show up and grow you into a spiritual redwood AND to see what He can do...and wants to do...with your heart!

## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN NOVEMBER

Did you know that November is Child Safety Protection Month? It is also International Drum Month. In addition, it is Adoption Awareness Month, Model Railroad Month and Peanut Butter Lovers Month. Special days include- the 1st- All Saints Day (see accompanying article), the 2nd- Look for Circles Day, the 3rd- Sandwich Day, the 4th- King Tut Day, the 5th- Gunpowder Day, the 6th- Marooned without a Compass Day, the 7th- Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day, the 8th- Dunce Day, the 9th- Chaos Never Dies Day, the 10th- USMC Day, the 11th- Veteran's Day (see accompanying article), the 12th- Chicken Soup for the Soul Day, the 13th- World Kindness Day, the 14th- Operating Room Nurse Day, the 15th- Clean Your Refrigerator Day, the 16th- Have a Party With Your Bear Day, 17th- Take A Hike Day, the 18th- Almond Day, the 19th- Have a Bad Day Day, the 20th- Absurdity Day, the 21st- False Confession Day, the 22nd- Make Your Own Head Day, the 23rd- Square Dance Day, the 24th- What Do You Love About America? Day, the 25th- National Parfait Day, the 26th- Go For a Ride Day, the 27th- Thanksgiving Day (see accompanying article), the 28th- Black Friday, the 29th- Eat a Cranberry Day and the 30th- Stay At Home Because You Are Well Day. Pick a few of these unique, interesting, and odd days and observe them with your family in creative ways!



## THANKSGIVING

**Thursday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** brings the annual celebration of Thanksgiving. A day originally set aside to give thanks for the things one has at the end of the harvest season, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

We trace this American tradition back to 1623. After the harvest in November that year, Governor William Bradford proclaimed: *Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest...has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and...has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience, I proclaim that all...gather at ye meeting house...between the hours of 9 and 12...on Thursday November 29th, 1623, there to render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all his blessings.*

This year at Thanksgiving, we pray you will be able to break bread with family and/or friends. This Thanksgiving, take time to count your blessings- name them one by one. This Thanksgiving, be sure to give God the thanks He deserves for all of the blessings He gives us.





## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES...



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SHOEBOX DONATIONS!!! We currently have approximately 150 boxes committed for the 2014 collection. We have built a HUGE collection of HAPPINESS in our Fellowship Room! If you remember, **the goal** of the number of shoeboxes to be collected was **200!** YOU still have time to bring joy and happiness to a child somewhere in the world. Let's Reach that Goal!

### Please remember:

- **INCLUDE \$7 POSTAGE** for each shoe box
- **NOVEMBER 9** is the **DEADLINE** for collection of the boxes  
for the Operation Christmas Child Mission.

*Joan Reynolds and Scott Spencer*

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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 just haven't taken the plunge! There is no time like the present! Contact Rev. Mark (582-2169, [revmark@myaledoumc.com](mailto:revmark@myaledoumc.com)) and set up a time to visit with him. This 30-minute meeting will allow you to get to know each other better. 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?

## SCHEDULING EVENTS

The Aledo United Methodist Church is a BUSY place! (Our custodian tells us that he struggles to find time to CLEAN the church because there is always something GOING ON in the church! His exact words are, "You are the dirtiest church I clean!") And since we are busy connecting people with Jesus Christ, it is a VERY good thing that we are busy! But BECAUSE we are so busy, it makes scheduling a bit more of a challenge. Events that never had to be concerned with the calendar before now...have to!

We continue to find creative, collaborative ways to enable multiple events to happen at the same time- which IS our goal- but we can't do that if we don't know an event is scheduled. With that in mind, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible to make sure your date/time/area of the church is available and to get your event on the church calendar.

Is your church a busy place? Yes! Is it busy connecting people to Jesus Christ? Yes! Therefore, we want to do EVERYTHING we can to make sure as many ministries as possible that help further our mission are able to happen!



## GO & TELL...3 REASONS

It's amazing as Christians how easy it is for us to get wrapped up in our own lives. We spend so much time thinking about whom we should date, what we should wear and all the drama going on at school that we forget to focus on telling people about Jesus.

Days can pass and we've never really invited non-Christians into our lives. We haven't spent time thinking about where our friends, family and our neighbors will spend eternity. So with that in mind here are three reasons we should be telling others about Jesus.

### If you don't, who will?

You might be the only person who has a chance to speak into your friend's life. You may be the only chance they get to hear the Gospel. So don't hesitate to speak up about Jesus.

*Romans 10:14 – But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? (NLT)*

You've been strategically placed into the lives of your friends and family. Don't hesitate to tell them the Good News about Jesus.

### Jesus said do it.

Some of Jesus' last words were telling His disciples to share the Gospel with others. If Jesus tells us we should do something, then we should do it!

*Mark 16:15 – And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. (NLT)*

Jesus instructed us to tell the Good News to everyone. So we should be doing it!

### If you don't, they might go to hell.

This should be enough of a reason by itself to tell others about Jesus. If you don't tell the people in your life about Jesus, they might die and go to hell. And hell isn't that great. So be sure to look for opportunities to tell others about Jesus. You could get the chance to save someone from going to hell!

Sharing Jesus isn't always what is popular. It isn't always what it easy. But it is always what is right. Look and pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with others. Ask God to show you people in your life who are ready to hear . Then step out and don't be afraid to share with others. You know enough to bring someone into the kingdom of God.

### What's Coming Up, TAG:

**Ornament Making: JR High—October 28th, 5-6:15pm**  
**SR High—Nov. 2nd, 6-7:15pm**

**Trunk or Treat: October 31st—5:30-7:30pm**

**Operation Christmas Child: JR High—Nov. 4th, 5-6:15pm**  
**SR High—Nov. 9th, 6-7:15pm**



Melissa Farrell  
 Director of Youth and  
 Children's  
 Ministries



## ANNIVERSARIES NOVEMBER

11/01/1996— Lee & Grace Terry  
 11/02/1978— Dwight & Joan Reynolds  
 11/03/1990— Kris & Heidi Hess  
 11/06/1965— Richard & Martha Rittenhouse  
 11/08/1980— Michael & Sandra McEwen  
 11/18/1956— Jim & Barbara Runyon  
 11/18/1978— Richard & Nancy Robinson  
 11/19/1955— Donald & Gerry Harmon  
 11/26/2006— Tim & Cathy Hay  
 11/29/1985— David & Laurie Etter



## UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

11/01— Jo Lawson  
 11/20— Phyllis Crawford  
 11/21— Gladys Johnson  
 11/22— Cheryl McCaw  
 11/24— Dorthalene Berry  
 11/26— Maxine Riley



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget- in the wee, small hours of the morning of Sunday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we turn our clocks **BACK** one hour as we end Daylight Savings Time. So mark your calendars, adjust your clock, and come to worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November ready to experience God in a powerful way!

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS



Leslie Baxter  
 Joanne Beard  
 Linda Biebaum  
 Cindy Bosold  
 Brenda Brandt/cancer  
 Bill Breeden  
 Lucy & Tom Ceurvorst  
 Joshua Cosby  
 Chris Engstrom  
 Jenifer Franks/cancer  
 Eilene Genett  
 Abraham Greer family  
 Carolyn Hansen  
 Leanne Helton family

Bill Hoffmann & family  
 Donna Hunt  
 Jenny Johnson  
 Jones family  
 Karen/cancer  
 Fran & Rod Krah  
 Tom Lower family  
 Jeff & Karen Malson  
 Kathy Melton  
 Joanne Moseley  
 Jane Mumm  
 Mike Neeld family  
 Connie Parkinson  
 Bryce Rathje/6 yrs old

Mary Kay Ryan  
 Connor Sutton  
 John Swearingen  
 Charley Thomas  
 Marilyn Wagler  
 Kent Weeks  
 Nitabelle Whitehall family  
 Ebola Crisis  
 All in Nursing Homes  
 All who are ill  
 Family situations/difficulties  
 Homeless veterans/Aledo  
 Ferguson, Missouri  
 Health of congregation

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

## NEW/CURRENT PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDIES

### The Beatitudes: Developing Spiritual Character

**What:** Rev. Mark and Joanne's current Tuesday Bible Study

**When:** Tuesdays @ 9AM or 2PM, Oct. 28 through Dec. 16

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Café next to the sanctuary (9AM) and the Sonrise Coffee House (2PM)

**WHY:** The beatitudes (8 "blessed are..." statements from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount) reveal to us eight qualities that bring God's blessing: meekness and mercy, poorness in spirit and purity of heart, mourning and hunger, peacemaking and persecution. Jesus highlighted these to offer both encouragement and instruction on living distinctly as His followers in a world with values much different from God's.

### Discovering the Joy of Jesus: A Guide to Philippians

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

**WHEN:** Wednesdays @ 6PM, Oct. 29 through Dec. 17

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Café next to the sanctuary

**WHY:** This easy-to-use study for small groups and individuals reveals the Bible's "book of joy". The apostle Paul's words in the book of Philippians share the secret of joy--a life centered in Jesus Christ. Open-ended discussion questions, Bible passages, and helpful explanations and applications will point us to the godly characteristic of joy, which is sharing in God's life--a quality that transcends happiness based on circumstances.

### The Sermon on the Mount

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

**WHEN:** Wednesdays @ 6:30AM

**WHERE:** In the Fellowship Café next to the sanctuary

**WHY:** United Methodist founder John Wesley's desire was to present "plain truth to plain people." Editor Clare Weakley has attempted to help him do just that by updating his original **18th century commentary for the modern reader. As you read *The Sermon on the Mount*, you will see that the Beatitudes are to be the attitude of believers. This study will show you how.**

**WHAT ELSE:** It is NOT too late to join.

### 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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## YOUNG ADULT/COUPLES GROUP GATHERING!

by Rev. Mark

On Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, the Young Adult/Couples Group will have their next get-together! The evening will start out with dinner. Then, we will spend the rest of our time together working on a "Christmas" project designed to reach out to those who won't have quite as "Merry" of a "Christmas" this year. How do you know if you fit in with this group? If you think you do...you DO! Mark your calendar and plan on joining Joanne and me that evening! Nursery will be provided.

The deadline for  
the next Parish  
Visitor is  
**Thursday,  
Nov 20th**  
**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](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.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year, Charge Conference (our annual "meeting" to set both the budget and ministry teams for the coming year) is a bit different. It is on Sunday, November 23 at 3PM. It will NOT be at our church, however. It will be at Geneseo First United Methodist. We will part of a larger group of congregations from our District who will gather together for a "mini-revival"! Our District Superintendent Rev. Sylvester Weatherall will be preaching that afternoon- and he is worth the price of admission all by himself! The necessary "paperwork" will be incorporated into the service, but the emphasis will be on praise, worship and revival! Please plan on attending- a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the beginning of November. We will carpool to the event.

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## 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!

## 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 Rev. Mark or Ruth Dulaney.



## 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.







# Follow the Star Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 21, 2014 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Saturday, November 22, 2014 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

This is an event which you and your family do not want to miss. We pride ourselves in displaying over one hundred Nativity Sets as well as maintaining an old-fashioned, unique and high-quality bazaar for the fourth year. Spread the word and invite your friends to attend.

*It is another great opportunity to connect others to Jesus Christ!*

## Our Ever-Popular Displays & Booths

Beautiful Nativities on display to celebrate the birth of Jesus

Candy Cane Café

The Country Store

Sweet Shoppe

Love Notes

Deck the Halls

Creative Hands

Pampered Pets Razzle Dazzle

Kitchen Korner

Dinner-To-Go Secret Shoppers A Star is Born

Fellowship Café features soups and savory muffins Nov. 21st & Biscuits and gravy Nov. 22nd

This is truly a team effort to plan and prepare for the upcoming Holiday Bazaar.

Thank you to everyone who have helped or will be helping in any way.

Many individuals are donating their time, talents, nativities, and money for this project!

## There are still opportunities to serve!

### Items that are needed:

Cookies and candies

Hand-crafted items

Sweet breads

### Card tables

Low-Fat baked goods

Sugar-free baked goods

Gluten-free items

### Workers needed:

Set up tables in Nativity room Mon. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Set up tables Wed. Nov. 19th after WNF

Set up booths & Nativities Thurs. Nov. 20th 9 AM

Final set up Fri., Nov. 21st 9 AM

Work at the Bazaar Friday and/or Saturday

Clean up Saturday 11:30 AM

Pack up your own Nativity sets by Sunday, Nov. 23rd

*Profits will be used for local missions*

**You're Invited...****Hanging of the Greens****Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>****4:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

Please join us as we prepare our hearts  
and church for the upcoming Holiday season.

There will be fun, food and activities  
for the entire family. We encourage everyone,  
young and old, to mark your calendar and take  
time out of your busy schedules to be a part  
of something special.

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 4PM-6PM, The Point, Senior  
High Youth, and CIA will be "included" in this event!**

**GOLDEN AGE LUNCHEON  
AND UMW SUNDAY**

**Join us Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> for  
UMW Sunday and our "Golden Age"  
Luncheon, where we honor all women  
of our church. We invite EVERYONE  
to join us for this wonderful  
tradition at AUMC!**

**Our luncheon menu includes turkey,  
ham, stuffing, potatoes & gravy, green  
beans, rolls, salad bar, and desserts.**

**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!

**VETERAN'S DAY  
OBSERVANCE**

**Sunday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** is an important day in the life of our church, our nation. Veteran's Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>), when we honor and pay tribute to the men and women among us who have valiantly served their country, will be recognized at all three worship services that day. Take time this (and every) month to thank God for those who have helped protect our freedom. Without them, and countless like them, we would not be able to come to church and worship God.

**CALL-EM-ALL**

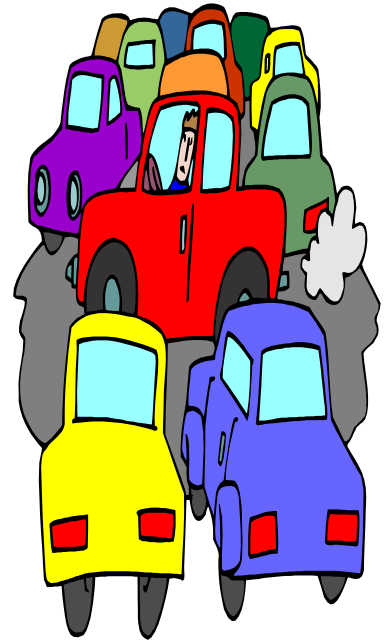
Did you know that your church has a notification service named Call-Em-All? We use it to notify church members, both through automated phone calls and/or text messages, of a variety of things. Do YOU get texts and/or phone calls from Call-Em-All? If not, would you LIKE to? Whether you are a committee 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!

## PARKING

By now, you've probably noticed that the parking area on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street just outside the Church Office has been re-painted. The goals that the Trustees have for that area are:

1. to offer two spots (all the way to the west) that are reserved for vehicles that have lifts which need extra space to load and unload
2. to offer a few parking spots that are designated for people who need to park as close as possible.

The nine spots in that stretch that are to the east ARE marked (on the pavement) as "handicapped" spots. They are, however, not "legal" handicapped spots, due to space requirements. Therefore, what the Trustees ask is that, if you HAVE a handicapped parking designation for your vehicle OR you simply need to park that close...please park there! On the other hand, if you are able/comfortable to park across the street and walk over, then please save the other spots for folks who need them! Parking is CERTAINLY a problem here at AUMC- and what a GREAT problem to have!




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## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday, November 23 at 6:30PM, the Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Catherine's Catholic Church- across the street from the parsonage. Rev. Mark will be preaching at the service. That evening, folks from churches around the community will gather to be in fellowship with each other as they offer thanks to God for all He has done. Our Sunday evening service- The Point- will be replaced by the Community Service that week.

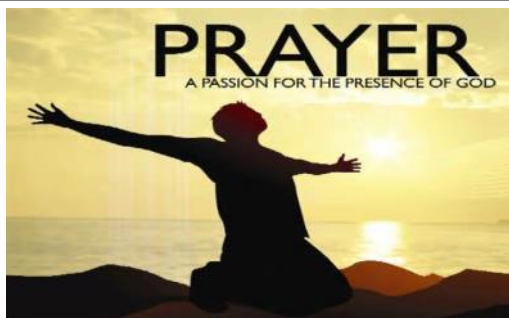
Please join us as we gather together to ask the Lord's blessing!



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP IS GOING STRONG!

Wednesday Night Fellowship kicked off for the fall on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This ministry is offered EVERY Wednesday night! The evening begins with dinner at 5:15PM, with our BRAND NEW Children's Ministries- **FUEL**- for kids Pre-School through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (see accompanying article), a youth Bible study for grades 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, Bell Choir and Chancel Choir rehearsals and a variety of classes for adults (see accompanying article) from 6:PM-7PM. The nursery is also available. Pray about your commitment to Wednesday Night ministries. We would love to have you for dinner...and more!

**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](http://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](mailto:revmark@myaledoumc.com) and let him know.



### FOOD AND KITCHEN SAFETY CLASS

On Tuesday, November 18 from 6pm – 7:30pm, a Food and Kitchen Safety Class will be offered. If you would like to learn more about proper food handling, kitchen safety and food service guidelines, plan on attending!

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“FROM SURVIVAL TO REVIVAL 2014”  
A LIVE SIMULCAST EVENT  
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8AM-3:30PM  
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TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE**

### FINANCIAL MATTERS (WEEKLY NEED \$5,768)

| Date       | 10/5     | 10/12   | 10/19      | 10/26     |
|------------|----------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Attendance | 237      | 204     | 216        | 217       |
| Receipts   | 8,072.00 | \$3,529 | \$5,146.77 | \$3100.10 |

