

The Parish Visitor



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SEPTEMBER IS COMING!

by Rev. Mark

You read the title of this article and you think to yourself, "Thank you, Capt. Obvious!" But September is an important time in the life of a church. As hard as we push to NOT let there be the ubiquitous decrease in church involvement over the summer, it happens. And so, "Fall Kick-Off" has always been a part of my ministry. Summer is over. School has started. People are falling back into their more "normal" routines. And so, we promote a sense of "Back to Church"!

For YOUR church, there are 2 important dates to take note of regarding the Fall Kick-Off- Wednesday, September 4 and Sunday, September 8 First- the 4th. That will be the night of the FIRST Wednesday Night Fellowship of the season! We start the evening at 5:15PM with an all-church dinner. EVERYONE is invited- period. Various groups within the church cook, serve and clean up each week. The food is ALWAYS good...and the fellowship? Even better! Then, at 6PM, the anthill gets kicked! Our Children's Youth Groups- FUEL- starts. The Youth Bible Study starts. The Adult Bible Study starts. Bell Choir is going full force. AND- the Nursery is open! That all runs until 7PM. Then, it's Choir time! In other words, there is something for everyone...and you are invited to any or all of what Wednesday evenings have to offer during the school year!

The other date I mentioned was Sunday, September 8th. That day, we start a whole new chapter in the life of The Aledo United Methodist Church! I will be pushing hard to get us all to work a bit harder to invite people to church with us thus fall...so be warned! A new sermon series- **Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**, will start that day. That will also be the day when we kick off to BOTH regular Youth/Children's Sunday School AND our Junior and Senior High Youth Groups. I am NOT going to steal our Director of Youth and Children's Ministries Kathleen Basham's thunder, but I WILL say...hang on to your hats!! It's going to be GREAT!

I have seen signs over the past month or so that we are on the verge of another explosion of growth and forward movement here at AUMC. And I believe with all of my heart that it will begin in earnest during that first full week in September! This congregation has been a major force for God in the region for a LONG time. We have had a huge impact on Mercer County for over 100 years. And yet, as great as the history of this congregation is, I feel God saying that we "ain't seen nothin' yet" and I, for one, can't wait!!

SPECIAL DATES:

- August 4 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- August 5 UMW Picnic at Ruth Dulaney's house 6PM
- August 8 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- August 15 UMW Exec Meeting 4:15PM
- August 17 UMW Pork Chops at Mercer Market 1AM-1PM
- August 18 CIA Luncheon 11:45AM
- August 18 Mission Meeting 5:15PM
- August 18 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- August 18 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- August 18 Council Meeting 7:30PM
- August 19 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- August 22 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- August 22 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- August 22 Women's Bible Study 5:30PM
- August 26 Endowment Meeting 6:30PM
- August 26 Relay for Life Meeting 6:30PM



CIA (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS)

**CIA monthly 3rd Sunday meal at 11:45
in the church dining room resumes
August 18th!**

The Summer Fiesta meal will include a taco salad, fresh melons and homemade cookies.

If you are an adult who usually dines alone, please join us and bring a friend!



SEPTEMBER 4TH

**1ST WEDNESDAY NIGHT
FELLOWSHIP OF THE NEW
SEASON**

**A SPECIAL EVENING MEAL TO
OFFICIALLY WELCOME REV.
DAN AND PATTY WRIGHT**



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 Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney.

Where do I fit in?

What can I do?



Dear Endowment Committee,

Thank you for considering and honoring me with a scholarship. Thank you for encouraging me to go above and beyond in my future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Jake Reusch

Dear Aledo United Methodist Women,

Thank you so much for the card. I appreciate your prayers. Thanks again.

Diane Richardson

Dear Endowment Committee, UMW, and Church congregation,

Thank you for paying for part of my summer camp. It was awesome, I really enjoyed it, and made lots of new friends. I also got closer to God. Thank you so much for taking the time and effort to raise the funds needed. I really appreciated my camp experiences, and had one of the best weeks of my life.

Gracie Hevland

CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev. Mark

The purpose of the church is to connect people to Jesus Christ. Through that mission God knits people into community and draws them into relationship with Him. This new series is designed to help us look at who are as a congregation...and who we could be!

The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, based on the book by Bishop Robert Schnase, offers 5 practices that are universal to growing, thriving, healthy congregations- Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission/Service and Extravagant Generosity. These PRACTICES are not phases that, once done, allow us to just move on to something else.

Instead, they are practices that we have to learn from and improve upon constantly. They are so critical to the mission of the church that failure to perform them leads to congregational decline and deterioration. The adjective that is attached to the title of each week is key to understanding what makes a fruitful congregation. The goal of this series is to stretch us and cause us to ask, "How are we doing...and how could we do better?" The weeks of the series look like this:

August 4th, 2019- Radical Hospitality (John 13:1-17)

Choose to serve and be hospitable. (Leviticus 19:34-35, Hebrews 13:1-2)

Sunday, August 11th- Passionate Worship (John 4:21-24)

We should WANT to worship because we are God's beloved. (Psalm 95:6, John 4:24)

Sunday, August 18th- Intentional Faith Development (1Corinthians 9:19-24)

Health, vibrant growing churches are intentional about their faith development. (Proverbs 3:5-6, Hebrews 11:6)

Sunday, August 25rd- Risk-Taking Mission and Service (Matthew 25:14-30)

What Are You Willing to Risk? (Isaiah 58:10, 1Peter 4:10)

Sunday, September 1st- Extravagant Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

Many spend most of their lives losing their health to try and gain wealth, only to then spend the end of their lives losing their wealth trying to gain their health. (Proverbs 11:24-25, Luke 6:38)

Come each week expecting God to move in powerful ways!



RELAY FOR LIFE THANK YOU

Thank you to the many members of our Aledo UMC congregation who gave of their time and contributions for our Aledo UMC Relay Team. Thank you to all who saved coins in prescription bottles, wrote a check, donated food, and helped cook and serve chops at either Mercer Market or at the event. Thanks to all who have prayed without ceasing for the many cancer survivors we have in our congregation. The list goes on and on. Thank You! To God be the Glory! (We achieved “gold status” – awesome!)

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?

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!) And since we are busy connecting people with Jesus Christ, then 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!



NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

Max Lucado's Life Lessons from Romans

WHAT: Mike Millar's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: We've all made poor choices. The early Church did too. They were often sidetracked by pride and distracted by pleasures. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he reviews the wrong turns the Church was making. But he doesn't stop there. He gives them the big picture and shows the one correct solution to help them stop making wrong choices—Jesus Christ. Because even though all have sinned, Jesus is waiting to restore all to grace.

WHAT ELSE: This study started July 2nd, and it is never too late to join! Books are \$7.



"Quiet Strength" by Tony Dungy

WHAT: Current Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study with Gary Heard

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

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: How is it possible for anyone to be successful without compromising faith and family? In this inspiring and reflective memoir Coach Dungy tells the story of a life lived for God and family—and challenges us all to redefine our ideas of what it means to succeed.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$10 and it is NEVER too late to join!



Max Lucado's "Life Lessons from Acts"

WHAT: Current Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Tim Hay

WHEN: This study will pick up again in the Fall. Watch for details!

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: In the book of Acts you'll see that the men you read about in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John have been transformed. They may still look the same and have the same mannerisms, but with the Holy Spirit indwelling them, they are not the same and because they are different, so is the world. They founded the early Church and gave us a legacy of faith.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$10



COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Beloved Disciple: "The Life and Ministry of John" by Beth Moore

WHAT: Next Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study with Gary Heard

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

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: John's legacy was love. Perhaps like no other disciple, John understood that relationship is the point. Every command of Christ and call to obedience is to enhance relationship and place the recipient in a posture the Giver can bless.

WHAT ELSE: Books are \$16

ALL LADIES!

YOU'RE INVITED

To our annual
UMW Fellowship Potluck Picnic

Monday, August 5th at 6:00 PM

Ruth Dulaney's home

705 NW 2nd Ave, Aledo

(Carpool at the church at 5:45 PM)

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Drinks and Dinnerware provided

Bring your favorite food to share

We will eat inside and then enjoy fun and fellowship outside,

Weather permitting



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!

THE NURSERY

Have you ever wondered why churches need good, safe, well-staffed nursery programs? Well, wonder no more! The reason churches need strong nursery programs is that, for folks with young children, the nursery is often THE most important part of the church. If there is a good nursery, they can comfortably leave their kids in capable hands and attend a worship service. If, however, they find a nursery that is poorly or under-staffed with folks who seem unfriendly and stressed, they A. won't leave their kids, and B. won't come back! Your church truly believes that children are NOT simply the future of the church- they Are very much an active, important part of its present!



...a fun place to
play and learn!

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

08/06/1999– Scott & Dianna Spencer
 08/17/1984– Garry & Debra Toops
 08/18/20017– Nick & Miranda Boss
 08/23- Dudley & Rachel Fowler
 08/26/1972– Steve & Rhonda Brown
 08/28/2011– Jacob & Hannah Robinson
 08/29/1965– Stan & Debbie Swank
 08/30- Barry & Denise Algren
 08/31/1969– Bill & Debby Breeden

Happy Anniversary

UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

08/10– Erma Dobbins
 08/28– Audrey Anderson
 08/31– Betty Allan



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Tuesday, August 22nd @ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan	CJ Friedel
Amelia/breast cancer	Gail/chemo & radiation
Sandy Anderson/health	Rodney Glidden/cancer
Anna	Tommy Greer
Kara B	Rev Mark and family
Wayne B	Pam Heath
Jerry Baker	Louise Hedrix/cancer
Jack Bateman & family	Cory Hepker
Phyllis Batson	Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer
Robbie Beard/lymphoma	Jackson/CP
Linda Beguelin/brain bleed	Janet Jenson/cancer
Bentley/6yrs/cancer	Amy Jones
Genniene Billiet/cancer	Terry Jones/cancer
Bob Bocox/cancer	John Karwath/cancer
Brian Boenkamp/coma	Kaycee/pregnancy
Brenda Brandt	Annabell Kell/hospice
Renae Brown/surgery	Chad King/brain tumor
Patty Brunner	Sandra Lanteau
Holden C/heart	Dan & Mary Beth Lawson/fire
Robin Ciccotelli/chemo	Jon Lee/cancer
Julia Cirks/cancer	Nadine Liby/health
Hurley Crossman/cancer	Henry Leichty/9 yrs /health
Brian Day/leukemia	Kelly Mack/cancer
Dick & Bev/health	Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia
Jim Droste	Janet Millett
Lauren Eggen/cancer	Gail Morrow
Evelyn/1yr old/cancer	Fran Murphy/hospice
Carol Freeman/cancer	Jody Newton/cancer

Joel Noc/health
 Ember Pappas/cancer
 Dick Patman family
 Maddie Perry/cancer
 Bill Pollock/health
 Bonnie Ricketts family
 Diane Richardson
 Ashley Schmidt/healing
 Sara Schrock/hospice
 Calvin Smith family
 Joyce Smith/healing
 Lucas Smith/blood disorder
 Pat Stevens/cancer
 Sandra Stinson family
 Amy Studer
 Suzanne/surgery
 Kris Taylor
 Dennis Terrill/heart
 Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma
 Pam Truman/health
 Nena Visser/health
 Alice Wainright
 Wayne
 Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
 Marsha Whitman/cancer
 Shut-ins/Nursing Home resi-
 dents
 Military & families

All ill/in hospitals
 Our world leaders
 Our Church/congregation
 Flooding victims
 Those suffering from depression
 Victims of weather events
 Travel mercies for travelers
 Children held in "camps"
 Marriages



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

Youth & Children's Page

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer's Vacation Bible School was held July 14-17, and we went "To Mars and Beyond!" 41 students enjoyed four nights of crafts, music, stories and activities. Everyone enjoyed delicious dinners and fellowship before the start of VBS and the Adult Bible Study each evening. We served 75-80 meals each night and were able to contribute leftover meals to the Caring Hearts program.

VBS raised \$575 for the Heifer Project. With the funds raised, we will be able to contribute chicks, ducks, geese, bees, a sheep, an alpaca and more to families in need in third world communities. Thank you to all who donated. We are making a difference!

We built a team of over 50 volunteers to help with VBS. Special thanks to Hal and Linda Earl who led the Adult Bible Study of "The Bare Bones Bible Handbook" that was well attended all four evenings.

VBS students were featured as the Special Music for the 10:30 am service on July 21. Everyone enjoyed listening to "To Mars and Beyond" and "Moving On." Thank you to all the performers!

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a success! I could not have run this program without ALL of you. Thanks for going "To Mars and Beyond" with us! *Kathleen*

THE FORGE:

The Forge will resume for the 2019-2020 school year on Sunday, September 8.

SUMMER CAMP

Welcome back, Iliawna Hook and Andrea Noble! They have returned from summer camp at East Bay in Hudson, IL. Next time you see Iliawna or Andrea, ask them about their great adventure!

WNF/FUEL:

FUEL is again recruiting teachers, substitute teachers and teaching assistants for the program's 2019-2020 school year. If you or someone you know is interested, please let Kathleen know. WNF/FUEL resumes on Wednesday, September 4.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As you are shopping for your children's "back-to-school" supplies for their classrooms, why not pick up a few extra items (at SUPER CHEAP PRICES!) to put in your Operation Christmas Child shoebox? The prices can't be beat! There will be more information in the near future.

Also, once again we will be supplying toothbrushes and shoeboxes for this ministry.

Joan Reynolds

Scott Spencer



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.



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.



VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES SPOTLIGHT



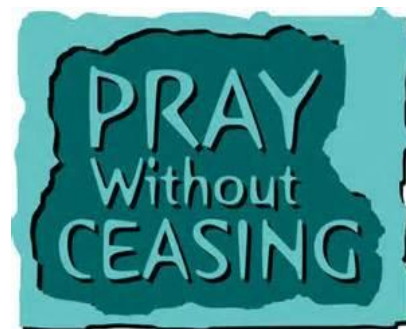
MISSION TEAM FAIR MEAL

Our Mission Team, Neil Truman, chairman, participated in a special event in July. They fed the Mercer County Fair traveling workers a delicious hot meal of two different kinds of pasta, ham and cheese sandwiches, cold drinks, and homemade cookies. The over forty people served were so appreciative of the love and respect shown to them by our AUMC members. A big thank you to Mike Millar and all the 14 + volunteers who organized, prepared, served, and cleaned up the meal!

Way to be the hands and feet of Jesus meeting others right where they are!

WIFI CHANGES AT AUMC

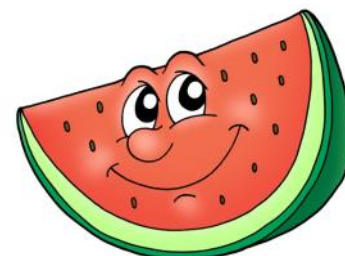
We have updated our wifi here at AUMC. In the past you could log on to AUMC1 in the Education Wing area, and AUMC2 in the Sanctuary area. With the updates, AUMC1 is now for staff, and not available to the public. AUMC2 is our public network, and works in the entire building. You may log into AUMC2 with the password: connectmeto-christ.



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN AUGUST

Did you know that August is Admit You're Happy Month? How about Catfish Month? Golf Month? Romance Awareness Month? Picnic Month? In addition, here are some of the special "days" in August: the 1st- Mustard Day, the 2nd- Ice Cream Sandwich Day, the 3rd- Watermelon Day, the 4th- Coast Guard Day, the 5th- Work Like a Dog Day, the 6th- Wiggle Your Toes Day, the 7th- Lighthouse Day, the 8th- Sneak Some Zucchini on Your Neighbor's Porch Day, the 9th- Book Lover's Day, the 10th- S'mores Day, the 11th- Son and Daughter Day, the 12th- Middle Child Day, the 13th- Left-Handers Day, the 14th- Creamsicle Day, the 15th- V-J Day, the 16th- Tell a Joke Day, the 17th- Thriftshop Day, the 18th- Bad Poetry Day, the 19th- Aviation Day, the 20th- Radio Day, 21st- Senior Citizen's Day, the 22nd- Be an Angel Day, the 23rd- Ride the Wind Day, the 24th- Vesuvius Day, the 25th- Kiss and Make Up Day, the 26th- Dog Day, the 27th- Just Because Day, the 28th- Race Your Mouse Day, the 29th- More Herbs Less Salt Day, the 30th- Toasted Marshmallow Day, and the 31st- Trail Mix Day.

Take time to celebrate the wonderful, weird and wacky in August!



LOVING HANDS SANDWICH+ MINISTRY

There is a new opportunity for us to minister to those right here in Mercer County. The Mercer County Mental Health Action Program Director, based at Mercer County Health Department, has currently identified at least ten families, with children in their homes, who are in desperate need of food.

Vicki Palmer started a 'Sandwich Ministry' to help ease the hunger. We are supplementing this ministry with "Power Packs" of food which can be prepared by the client. We are also preparing frozen food casseroles.

We will meet in our church dining room and kitchen to prepare sandwiches, Power Packs and food to freeze Tuesdays, July 30th at 6:30 PM, August 13th at 1:30 PM, and August 27th at 6:30 PM. The items prepared will then be taken to the Health Department where they are stored and distributed to those in need by the Health Department employees. Would you like to join our Loving Hands team and help prepare the food items? Just come to one of our listed scheduled prep times or contact Ruth Dulaney.

In August we will have a Food Drive to supply our Loving Hands Power Packs. Food donation lists will be available on a table in the Fellowship Room and as a bulletin insert. Monetary donations are welcomed.

Ruth Dulaney 309-738-6151

AUMC Volunteer Coordinator



Wednesday Night Fellowship, FUEL and the Adult Bible Study will ALL be back on Wednesday, September 4th! Mark your calendars!

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.



YOU ARE INVITED

Gail and Linda Morrow, along with Melinda and Josh Galbreath, their daughter and son-in-law, are celebrating their anniversaries on August

8. Gail and Linda will be 55 yrs, Melinda and Josh will be 10 years. They also share their date with a nephew and wife, Delane and Misty Holmes, 32 years. All were married on the same date. Come to the VFW Basement on Aug 10 from 5-8 for a get-together with light refreshments. Please no gifts.

CONNECTION COINS

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 (August 11th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry. Caring Hearts is a ministry that covers a WIDE range of people and needs. Much of it is built around the basic human needs of food and fellowship. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 11th of August will be used to help fund this valuable ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on August 11th!

**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**



CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Gary and Anita Heard would like to invite you to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Emily Heard and Megan Farnsworth. We will be hosting an Engagement Party at our home, located at 1976 Ridge Road, North of Aledo. Since Emily and Megan are getting married in Arizona, they wanted to make sure they had the opportunity to celebrate with the hometown crowd. Drop by between the hours of 1-5PM on Saturday, September 7th. Gifts appreciated, but not required. Due to travel constraints, monetary/gift cards are preferred.

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.myaledounc.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?

FINANCIAL MATTERS (WEEKLY NEED \$6,689)



Date	07/07/2019	07/14/2019	07/21/2019	07/28/2019
Attendance	263	232	255	223
Receipts				
(Toward Budget)	\$10,308.29	\$4,841.00	\$3,606.34	\$2,938.51