

# The Parish Visitor

## April 2021



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### We're Like Noah's Ark

Once again, the spotlight has shined on United Methodism's struggle with LGBTQ issues, thanks to the emergence of two splinter groups. The first group is politically progressive and is open to all gender identities and practices. It has adopted the name "Liberation Methodist Connexion" (LMX) and had an online launch on November 29, the first Sunday of the Christian year. LMX derives its name from *connexion*, which is from the old British spelling of *connection* and was used frequently by John Wesley. Their official website is [thelmx.org](http://thelmx.org).

The second group is made up of traditionists who are coming together under the name of "Global Methodist Church" (GMC). However, that denomination does not plan to launch until after the September 2022 General Conference, where it is widely assumed that a plan for "amicable separation" will be approved. Their official website is [globalmethodist.org](http://globalmethodist.org). While the GMC is not defining itself solely by its refusal to ordain LGBTQ persons, that is certainly one of the driving forces behind its formation.

And that brings up an important point. Our struggle with issues of human sexuality really focuses on two issues, and they're both clergy issues. Under our current polity as stated in *The Book of Discipline*, "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals" are not to be licensed or ordained as pastors. The second issue is that pastors are not to conduct same-sex weddings. There is nothing prohibiting United Methodist pastors from serving communion to LGBTQ persons or extending to an LGBTQ person any of the means of grace or otherwise involving them in the life and ministry of the church.

The creation of two new denominations creates two sects which will be identified by their sexual orientation and beliefs. But that's not how God would have us identified (Matthew 22:30). Rather, God would have us to be identified as followers of Jesus.

Eight years ago, I wrote about our denomination's struggle with LGBTQ issues in our Conference newspaper, *The Current*. I invite you to read my article in the May 2013 issue which is located at <https://www.igrc.org/files/tables/content/198572/fields/files/c24fd238911543a6ad1d4697a0002b1b/2013maycurrent.pdf>. If you cannot copy and paste that link, you may also log onto our Conference website at [igrc.org](http://igrc.org). Look for the "Communications" box and click on it.

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#### SPECIAL DATES:

- April 2 Good Friday Worship Service in Green Space West of Church, then Walk the Cross to Central Park 12PM
- April 4 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- April 4 Easter Sunday
- April 8 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- April 12 Search & Rescue Meeting 6:30PM
- April 13 Loving Hands Food Prep 1:30PM
- April 18 Safety Meeting 5:15PM
- April 18 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- April 18 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- April 18 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- April 19 UM Men Meeting 6PM
- April 21 Health Dept Food Manager Class 8AM-5PM
- April 21 Preschool Screening 2-7PM
- April 22 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- April 22 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- April 22 Women's Bible Study 6pm
- April 27 Loving Hands Food Prep 1:30PM

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Then click on “The Current,” followed by “2013 Archives.” Finally, select the “May” issue. My article begins on page 4. If you still cannot access it, let me know and I will print out a copy for you.

I do not anticipate there will be any great change affecting either our local church or the Illinois Great Rivers Conference as these two splinter groups emerge. And I pray we do not see division in our own congregation as a result of these developments. Our mission remains unchanged: we exist to connect people to Jesus Christ. And in our society where homosexuality has become accepted as an alternate lifestyle, we cannot exclude LGBTQ persons from our mission.

I realize that the United Methodist Church as it currently exists is an imperfect institution. But it’s a lot like Noah’s Ark: there’s a lot of stink on board, but it’s still the best thing afloat.

Connecting People to Christ with you,

*Pastor Dave*

PS: Follow [umnews.org](http://umnews.org) to follow these and other related stories.

## Connecting with the Word

We kick off April with Easter Sunday, April 4. We will be able to sing God’s praises as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because we are still crawling out of the pandemic, Bishop Frank Beard has asked that we wear masks while singing. Also, we will be limiting how much singing we will be doing. Nonetheless, this is still a great improvement over last year’s Easter celebration when we were in the middle of a lockdown.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are shaped by the Word of God, knowing that Christ revealed himself as the Living Word. We will continue to follow the scriptures suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary. Each week, I encourage you to read the passages suggested for each Sunday in order to prepare your hearts for worship, whether in-person, on the radio, or on Facebook. Kathleen’s Children’s Moments will be drawn from each Sunday’s Gospel reading.

Communion will be served on Easter Sunday, April 4. If you’re joining us virtually, please have some bread and grape juice ready. The elements may not be properly consecrated, but Christ will be properly remembered.

Scriptures suggested for each Sunday are as follows:

- Easter Sunday, April 4: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18; and Mark 16:1-8.
- Sunday, April 11: Isaiah 12:2-6, Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 4:4-15 and John 20:19-31.
- Sunday, April 18: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; and Luke 24:36b-48.
- Sunday, April 25: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; and John 10:11-18.

Connecting People to Christ with you,

*Pastor Dave*

## Fulfilling our Mission

Mike Millar opens nearly every service by saying, “Welcome to Aledo United Methodist Church where we exist to connect people to Jesus Christ.” It’s not just a welcome; it’s also a reminder of our mission: “We exist to connect people to Jesus Christ.”

But how do we do that? The answer is three-fold.

One: Preaching the gospel is not the only way in which people are connected to Christ. Many find that connection through other expressions of God’s love.

Two: Fulfilling our mission is not just the responsibility of the paid staff; it’s up to all of us.

Three: One of the biggest challenges church leaders face is directing parishioners into meaningful avenues of ministry. God gives each and every one of us gifts for ministry. Unfortunately, we don’t always find the right outlet for the gifts God gives us.

To that end, I’ve brainstormed with my wife and my staff to come up with several different ways in which you might be in ministry in our community to connect people to Jesus Christ. These are all ideas; to my knowledge, we’re not doing any of them at this present time. But the Holy Spirit might challenge you to take on one of these projects. Many of these are one-time events; a few may be ongoing projects. Which one is the Spirit nudging you to lead?

- Organize a group to collect, repair, and give away old bicycles to children who could use them.
- Make wooden school desks (according to specifications) to be taken to the Midwest Distribution Center to be delivered to overseas ministries.
- Teach teenagers to crochet.
- Use Wednesday devotionals in the Upper Room to conduct a Bible discussion group in a public place such as Aledo’s Central Park.
- Edit Sunday services to launch an Aledo UMC channel on YouTube.
- Organize a board game night in the dining hall of the church.
- Collect welcome packet supplies to be given to new mothers.
- Organize a prom/homecoming dress exchange for high school girls.
- Collect simple giveaways to be distributed at a nursing home Bingo activity hosted by you.
- Play Uno with residents at a nearby assisted living facility.
- Organize a motorcycle day trip, a horseback trail ride, or a walking hike that features a short devotional or your testimony of faith.
- Offer a free yoga class on the lawn of the church.
- Organize a block party for your neighborhood.
- Organize a kid’s carnival outside the church utilizing simple homemade games.
- Plan a bike day for kids and help them maintain their bicycles before leading them on a bike ride.
- Offer a “Going Away to College” class with budgeting and cooking tips. (continued on page 4)

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- Host an evening in which you help residents update their résumé.
- Show how to make a craft.
- Host a book club.
- Take a child fishing.
- Organize a grief support event.
- Help others learn how to use their computer or smartphone.
- Help families develop a budget.
- Help seniors navigate their Medicare and other such benefits.
- Organize a prayer gathering or a 24-hour prayer vigil.
- Offer a class on Zoom.
- Make a picnic table for our green space.
- Organize lawn games such as volleyball and badminton to be played on our green space.

These are just a few of the ways in which we might continue to fulfill our mission. These are all ways in which we may join with our neighbors. And as we connect with our neighbors, we help them connect with Christ. Please let me or one of our staff members know if you are interested in any of these or other ideas. We're always open to suggestions.

Connecting People to Christ with you,  
*Pastor Dave*

**For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.  
Jeremiah 29:11**



## Shawna Bunnell to Preach

Shawna Bunnell will be our special guest on Sunday, April 11 at all three services. She is currently under appointment as the Outreach and Church Relations Manager for Chaddock. Located in Quincy, Chaddock is one of our United Methodist social service ministries to children. It is a leader in the treatment of children suffering from the psychological, emotional, and spiritual effects of significant abuse, neglect, and trauma. Chaddock offers full range of preventative, educational and treatment services to children from birth to age 21 and their families. You will be blessed by Shawna's compassion and vision. Please remember that our Connection Coins that Sunday will be directed to Chaddock.

## CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

### Bible Boys Men's Bible Study has resumed!

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

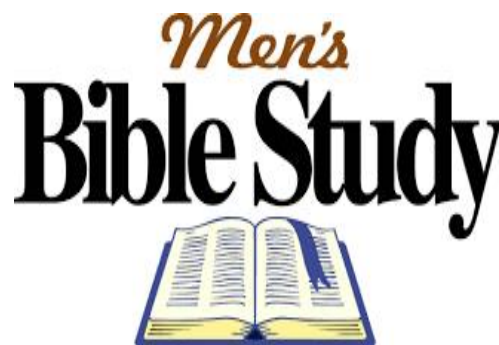
**WHAT:** Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study with Gary Heard

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

**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



**KIDS, HAVE YOU SEEN TYSON'S TALENTS, OUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY IN THE EDUCATION WING? STEP INTO THE WORLD OF READING!**



### Online Prayer Meeting Updates

**There will be no online prayer meeting on Thursday, April 8th. The Thursday, April 15th prayer meeting has been moved to Friday, April 16th.**

### Exciting News from AUMC Kitchen

Our kitchen passed our Mercer County Health County inspection again this year and is a Certified Kitchen! The Mercer County Food Sanitation Ordinance requires that anyone operating a food service establishment have a license. (Thank you all who prepared for that inspection.)

A Person in Charge (PIC) must be present at all times when food is prepared and served. The PIC must be a Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM). Allergen training is also a FDA requirement for the PIC. [This training is available online.]

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Kyle Lloyd, Director of Environmental Health from our local Health Department, presented a day long Certified Food Protection Manager training at AUMC. There were 22 persons present with five participants from Aledo United Methodist Church.

The exciting news is that Wanda Cobert, Ruth Dulaney, Joanne Harris, Kathy Jenkins, and Rhonda Riley all attended and passed the course! They also have their Allergen training certification! Congratulations to all for becoming CFPMs and PICs!

We are very fortunate to also have three other members who have their current Food Protection Manager certifications – Hal Earl, Tami Hevland, and Jean Whitmarsh!

There will be another Certified Food Protection Manager training at our church on April 21<sup>st</sup> given by Kyle Lloyd. Lyn Franks will be taking that course and will become a CFPM!

Submitted by Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Coordinator

## CONNECTION COINS FOR APRIL

The Connection Coins 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 (April 11th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry. Located in Quincy, IL, Chaddock is an internationally recognized leader in the treatment of children suffering from the psychological, emotional, and spiritual effects of significant abuse, neglect and trauma. Founded in 1853, Chaddock has served children from 33 different states and one tribal nation. Licensed, accredited, and nationally respected, Chaddock was established as a ministry of the United Methodist Church and maintains a covenantal relationship with the UMC to this day. The Chaddock team includes 250 highly trained employees who serve thousands of children and families every year through foster care and a full range of preventative, educational, and treatment services. So, 100% of the money that is collected in the cans on the 11th of April will be used to help fund this valuable Ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So, remember to bring your change on Sunday, April 11th.



"... and the  
greatest of these  
is love." ---  
1 Corinthians 13:13



**The United Methodist Men will meet on  
April 19, 2021. There will be a meal, a  
short business meeting, and lots of fellowship.  
All men are welcome!**

## 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. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website, as well as Pastor Dave's sermon transcripts. Stop by and check it out!



# Youth & Children's Page

## HELP US GET TO LOUISVILLE - ODD JOBS LIST

We are getting closer to our fundraising goals for our mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky with YouthWorks in July. Do you have an odd job that needs to be done? Leaf raking? Pet sitting? General Spring cleanup? We may have the solution for you! Our mission kids are available for hire! Services are by donation and arranged through you, the parents and student. Payment is given to Kathleen and credited to the student's account. For a list of available students, please call Deb in the office or Kathleen, 582-2169. Thank you for helping our missionaries get to Louisville!

## CONFIRMATION, 2021

There will be no Confirmation class on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Please pray for our confirmands, Josie Brown, Jaiden La Due, Sophia Latko and Natalie Thomson. They are an amazing group of young women exploring, learning about and strengthening their faith through the confirmation process. Confirmation will be conferred on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 during the 10:30 am service. Thank you!

## ARE YOU READY FOR A STORY?

Do you have a young person in your life that loves stories? Do YOU like to listen to stories? Join Kathleen every Tuesday morning at 9 am for "Are You Ready for a Story?" Kathleen shares stories from Franklin, Patricia Polacco, Jan Brett and others with seasonal stories and stories to warm your heart. Set your device notifications to alert you to the live Facebook broadcast on the Aledo United Methodist Church Facebook page. Can't watch it live? Catch the recorded replay on the AUMC Facebook page. You'll find it under the video tab.

## SECOND SUNDAY SPECIAL

Our next "Second Sunday Special" will be held on April 11. We will meet at 4:15 pm in the sanctuary for snacks and a movie! All junior high and high school students are welcome – bring a friend! (Masks required. Social distancing rules followed.)

We need ideas for movies! Please submit your suggestions to Kathleen at [kathleen@myaledoumc.com](mailto:kathleen@myaledoumc.com), or call 309-582-2169.

## AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School packets for at-home study are available. These packets are for children/students pre-school aged through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please email Kathleen at [kathleen@myaledoumc.com](mailto:kathleen@myaledoumc.com) to get your At-Home Sunday School packets.

## VBS – JOIN FRIDA THIS SUMMER!

Yes, Frida, there will be VBS this year!

As COVID-19 restrictions are loosened, we are looking at our options for Vacation Bible School this summer. Online? Hybrid? In-person? We are looking at all possibilities!

If you are interested in helping this summer, please contact Kathleen, and she will put you on the team!

## LOOKING FORWARD TO FALL

We are looking ahead to fall and a (hopeful) return to more normalcy. If we reach Phase 5, WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to join our teachers and nursery team, starting in September!

Teachers – we will need volunteers to teach Sunday School and Wednesday night classes for all age groups. We would love for YOU to join our teaching team!

Nursery – we will need volunteers to help in the Nursery on Sunday mornings, during services. (Natalie works to make sure all staff and volunteers can attend a service in addition to working in the nursery.)

Do you love babies? Children? Jr. High students? High School students? We have a place for you to join our team! Please contact Kathleen or Natalie Nelson if you have questions or want to join us in these most important ministries!

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04/03- Pastor Dave & Candice Schultz  
 04/03/1982- Robert & Rebecca Maynard  
 04/03/2009- Paul & Cara Svoboda  
 04/08/2017- Rick & Jean Hunt  
 04/18/1980- Dale & Cheri Bloomfield  
 04/25/1976- Stan & Paula Nelson  
 04/29/2002- Bryce & Jackie Benson



## UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

04/03- Ann Sedam  
 04/11- Liz Zimmerman  
 04/28- Mary Anderson



The deadline for the next  
 Parish Visitor is  
**Thursday, April 22 @ 8am.**  
 Please have all articles submitted  
 by this date!

## THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Chuck Alexander/health	Parker Hopkins/2yrs/ cancer	Bob & Travis Parker/ caregivers	Dick Zimmermann
Alicia/cancer	Babe Hyett family	Perry/cancer	Brandy Young/cancer
Amelia/breast cancer	Jackson/CP	Clara recknagel/healing	Brookstone residents
Audrey Anderson/health	Janet Jenson/cancer	Judith Redlinger	Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
Bishop Beard/leadership	John	Andy Rutledge/cancer	Military & families
Genniene Billiet/cancer	Terry Jones/cancer	Roger S family	All ill/in hospitals
Sandra Chambers	Molly Joseph/healing	Sharon/stem cell trans- plant	Our world leaders
Julia Cirks/cancer	John Karwath/cancer	Gary Smith/health	Our Church/congregation
Ashley Dewitt/ health	Jeannine Kenney/healing	Sophia/broken leg	Those suffering from depression
Adam Douglas/health	Chad King/brain tumor	Judy Spellious	Marriages
Jim Droste	Jon Lee/cancer	Sydney/healing	Coronavirus patients
Jimmy Dutton/kidney donor	Nadine Liby	Joe Thibedoux/ lymphoma	Our denomination/peace
Lauren Eggen/cancer	Lisa/cancer	Charley Thomas	Our country/world
Carol Freeman/cancer	Kenneth Long family	George Unsworth/health	Equality for all persons
Jeff Friday/surgery	Maddie/3yrs old/cancer	Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor	Safety for our police officers
CJ Friedel	Eric Matich/6yrs/ leukemia	Marsha Whitman/cancer	Victims of storms
Gail/chemo & radiation	Marcia/cancer	Kenneth Whitmire fami- ly	
Gloria/cancer	Mick McDonald family	Kia Winsor/healing	Mercer County Schools
Susie Hall/health	Linda Morrow		Administration, Teachers, Students and Staff
Jim Hanson/cancer	Jody Newton/cancer		National and Local Governmental Leaders
Rita Harrison/health	Joel Noe/health		
Tracy Hennenfent/ chemo	Andrea Parker/healing		



## Reflections About Our AUMC Volunteer Services During the Pandemic

March 2020: Several volunteers sent cards and messages to other AUMC members for a few weeks.

March 2020: A system was set up to help others with errands as needed.

April 9, 2020 – July 9-2020: Weekly food distributions—13 weeks ending with serving 120 food units each week. During this time for several weeks members included “Love Notes” to those picking up food. Many members shared their food with their friends and neighbors. (AUMC being the Hands and Feet of Jesus!)

In the meantime, Loving Hands Sandwich Ministry shared sandwiches, food packs, and casseroles with the Mercer County Health Department for our Mercer County families with food insecurities twice a month. Our Caring Hearts freezer was kept stocked with frozen food for anyone needing food or taking food to others. In November, 60 Christmas Cheer Boxes were prepared and delivered. Our Visitation Team continued to contact those in need of prayer and/or cheer. Several ladies sent Christmas cards and greeting to those who were isolated due to Covid.

December 3, 2020 – February 10, 2021: Weekly food distributions (curbside and delivery) resumed for 10 weeks. It included food packs, fresh produce, and a frozen food item. It was enjoyed by those who participated, stating “it was always pleasant surprise to see what was included”.

February 17-2021 – March 31, 2021: A Special Lenten Distribution started with pancakes and sausage on Ash Wednesday and was followed by a different soup each week, HyVee bread, and fresh produce on Wednesday evenings. With these 7 weeks, our total pandemic food distributions added up to 30 weeks of serving others.

How is all of this possible? We have amazing dedicated volunteers!! At least 80 members have participated in these Volunteer Ministries! They have notified our members, picked up and delivered food from Riverbend Food Bank, prepared the food packs and the many, many food items, unloaded and sorted the weekly HyVee bread, distributed and delivered food, made phone calls and wrote cards & notes, and picked up and organized supplies. Many, many others have donated monetary gifts for our Outreach Services! Thank you one and all!

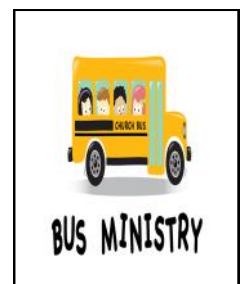
### Moving Forward to Routinely Using Our Caring Hearts Freezer

It has been an honor to be able to serve others during our more isolated times. Now as we are gradually moving toward a more normal season of our lives and more are returning to our in-person services, our food services for others will return to solely utilizing our Caring Hearts Freezer. It will be kept stocked with frozen food for you and those with whom you want to share food. Food packs with easy-to-prepare food are also available. Help yourself during the morning hours Monday through Friday. Caring Hearts food prep is usually the first and third Thursdays of the month. All are welcome to join in continuing to serve others on those days. (Note: Another opportunity to serve is the Loving Hands Sandwich Ministry food prep on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays)

*Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Coordinator*

## Church Bus News

**Our Church bus will again be available to transport you to Church on Easter Sunday and beyond. Please call Greg Cobert at 309-737-5621, or the Church office at 309-582-2169, to arrange to be picked up. Please call at least 2 days ahead.**



## Nursery News

The nursery at AUMC is closed until Fall, but we have made the Quiet Room in the Northeast corner by the Sanctuary available. It will NOT be attended by a Nursery attendant, so an adult needs to remain with any children. You can continue to watch the Service on the monitor that is in the room.



## SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN APRIL

Did you know that April is Autism Awareness Month? It's also Mathematics Education Month, but did you know it's Keep America Beautiful Month? What about Guitar Month? Frog Month? Humor Month? Here are the special days April has to offer: April 1st- Kindergarten Day, April 2nd- Pickles Day, April 3rd- Pet the Dog Day, April 4th- Draw a Picture of a Bird Day, April 5th- Old Horseshoes Day, April 6th- Pizzaburger Day, April 7th- No Housework Day, April 8th- Pudding Day, April 9th- Yo-Yo Day, April 10th- Encourage a Young Writer Day, April 11th- Jackie Robinson Day, April 12th- Big Wind Day, April 13th- Plastic Grass Day, April 14th - Look up at the Sky Day, April 15th- Titanic Remembrance Day, April 16th- Spring Flowers Day, April 17th- Blah, Blah, Blah Day, April 18th- Pet Owner's Day, April 19th- Humorous Day, April 20th- Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Day, April 21st- Easter Sunday, April 22nd- Earth Day, April 23rd- Sing Out Day, April 24th- Pigs-in-a-Blanket Day, April 25th- Telephone Day, April 26th- Administrative Professional's Day, April 27th- Tell a Story Day, April 28th- Hug a Friend Day, April 29th- Zipper Day, and April 30th- Honesty Day!



## Relay for Life News

The Relay for Life Radiothon will be happening on Monday, April 26,. You may call your pledges in to WRMJ between 6AM and 1PM.



## Thank you!

We are grateful to Caring Hearts! A lovely basket was delivered to Lyle & I this afternoon. Homemade soup and fruit salad will definitely warm our stomachs. You, the Caring Hearts group, have a special place in our hearts.

*Lyle & Susie Hall*



Aledo UMC,

A Huge thank you for allowing Relay for Life of Mercer County to host our Spaghetti Dinner at your facility! It was a big success as we raised \$2,345.00! Please know how much we appreciate all your church does for Relay for Life! Cancer does not stop and neither do we!

Thanks again,  
*Sue Hiscocks*



Thank you!

The family of Babe Hyett wishes to thank her church family for all the cards and visits (before Covid). She was very grateful! And thanks for the kind words, cards, and memorials at her passing.

Her journey is complete now that she is in God's loving arms.

Thank you!

Thank you so much for your thoughtful remembrance of my 103rd birthday. Cards are great. I hate to give those up but guess we can't keep them forever.

I just wish it were so I could see you.

Thanks again,  
*Dora Mae Howlett*

### **HYVEE BREAD MOVES BACK TO SUNDAY**

Starting April 4th, HyVee bread products will be in the South area of the Fellowship Room next to the Sanctuary (Chapel area) on Sundays. You are welcome to pick up any bread products that you can use before and after our church services. It will also be available in the church office lobby on Mondays 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Any leftover baked products will then be taken to Vashti.



### **Public Service Announcement Concerning Covid-19 Vaccinations**

Genesis Medical Center-Aledo is one of nine Critical Access Hospitals to have been selected (and the only one in the region) as part of the Illinois's Safety Net Direct Vaccine Allocation Pilot Program.

There will be Saturday Covid Vaccination Clinics held at the GHG Clinic location in Aledo until as many residents that want to be vaccinated receive their doses and vaccine is available. Any resident 18 years and older should **call 309-582-9450** to be scheduled.

This is in addition to the allocated doses Illinois distributes to existing health care partners, local health departments and pharmacies. This is an effective plan to improve access to safe vaccinations in rural communities. (Taken from Genesis Health System Covid-19 Update)

### **MISSION TRIP/CAMP STATUS MEETING**

The next mandatory mission trip status meeting will be Sunday, April 11 at 4 pm (right before the movie). All students going on the mission trip or to camp **NEED** to be in attendance. We will be discussing fundraiser updates and future important dates. Come for the meeting, stay for the movie! Thank you!

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

**Need a ride to church?**

Bus service has been suspended until the Care facilities reopen. Contact Greg Cobert at 309-737-5621, or the office at 309-582-2169 to make arrangements to be picked up.



**OUR USUAL  
WORSHIP  
TIMES:  
Sundays 8AM,  
9:15AM, 10:30AM  
Sunday School  
9:15AM**

**Caring Hearts**

Do you want to take some food to a friend who is ill or in need? Our Caring Hearts freezer, located 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.*

**Please help yourself!**

**DID YOU MISS  
SUNDAY'S  
SERMON?**

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. You can go to the church website, myaledoumc.com, to see a transcript of any of Pastor Dave's sermons that you missed. Please share this link with your friends and family.

**Sponsors for our April Radio Broadcasts**

- April 4– Pauline Schmidt**
- April 11– Available**
- April 18– Available**
- April 25– Available**



**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,993.29)

Date	03/07/2021	03/14/2021	03/21/2021	03/28/2021
Attendance	94	85	87	NA
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$9,080.00	\$3,325.00	\$3,760.00	NA

