

The Parish Visitor



March 2021

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How Are You Shaping Up?

When I was in high school, I had a poster in my room which featured the cartoon character of a boy contorted into a globe. Circling the globe were the words from Romans 12:2, "Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." The outline of Western continents were superimposed over the boy, leaving no doubt that he was indeed conforming to the shape of the world.

Lately, I've thought a lot about that boy who was scrunched and squeezed into a shape he was never meant to be.

There are so many ways in which we can find ourselves conforming to the shape of the world; some of the obvious ones are listed in the "Thou shalt nots" of the Ten Commandments. But there are other ways in which believers are "conforming to the patterns of this world," as one version translates Romans 12:2. It's a way that was painfully brought to light during the Capital riots on January 6. Among the most disturbing images from that day were those of God-fearing protesters carrying signs declaring, "Jesus is my Savior. Trump is my President."

I've followed various blogs and groups online and I've read the posts published by pastors—many of them friends—who've bashed the Republicans, just as I've read posts by other friends bashing the Democrats. Both sides claim the moral high ground; both sides are convinced they're right and the other is wrong.

In 2005, Bruce Ackerman wrote *The Failure of the Founding Fathers* which maintains that "The ink was barely dry on the Constitution when it was almost destroyed by the rise of political parties in the United States." The Framers had not anticipated the two-party system, which, in the tumultuous election of 1800 were the Democratic Republicans and the Federalists. Today, our two parties are the Democrats and the Republicans. I like to think our Constitution was inspired by God; however, I have no such illusion about the political parties of our land. After all, the Constitution united thirteen colonies; today it unites fifty states. Political parties divide.

It is becomingly increasingly clear to me that each party is simply a "pattern of this world." And scriptures warn us against being shaped by such patterns. Yes, there are some beliefs that I share with the Republican party, and there are some beliefs I share with the Democratic party. However, my beliefs come from my understanding of scripture and morality, not from a political party.

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SPECIAL DATES:

- March 4 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- March 6 Lifeline Screening 8AM-5:30PM
- March 7 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- March 8 Health Department Food Protection Manager Class 8AM-5PM
- March 9 Loving Hands Food Prep 1:30PM
- March 15 United Methodist Men Meeting 6PM
- March 18 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- March 21 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- March 21 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- March 21 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- March 22 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- March 23 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- March 23 Loving Hands Food Prep 1:30PM
- March 25 Women's Bible Study 6pm
- March 28 Palm Sunday

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I love the way *The Message* interprets Romans 12.2: "Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out."

I've noticed how we at Aledo UMC have refrained from partisan politics. That's a good thing. It helps us to maintain our unity as believers, especially in our politically toxic society. But we're not simply trying to keep the peace in our church; rather, we're being attentive to what shapes us. Patterns are used by people to shape things, and rather than being shaped by a political party, we are recognizing that Jesus calls us to be shaped by him. To help us in that shaping process, Jesus gives us the Lord's Prayer. That means we are striving to be shaped by the love of God, by relying on God, by forgiveness, and by purity. And as we continue on our Lenten journey, I invite you to be shaped by the Lord's Prayer.

Connecting People to Christ with you,

Pastor Dave

Connecting with the Word

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In mid-January, I launched into a ten-week series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer; I will be continuing that series throughout most of March. That means my sermon text each week will be Matthew 6:9-13. Here are my sermon titles for this month:

March 7: "And Lead Us Not into Temptation"

March 14: "But Deliver Us from Evil"

March 21: "For Thine Is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory Forever"

March 28: Palm and Passion Sunday

Communion will be served on March 7. 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.

We continue to be shaped by the Word and we will continue to follow the scriptures suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary. I encourage you to read these passages each week before 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.

Sunday, March 7: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; and John 2:13-22.

Sunday, March 14: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107; Ephesians 2:1-10; and John 3:14-21.

Sunday, March 21: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.

Sunday, March 28: Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29. Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We will observe Maundy Thursday a day earlier during our Community Connections service at 6 pm Wednesday, March 31. Scriptures will include Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and John 13:1-17, 31b-35.

Good Friday is on April 2 with details coming in the next issue of the *Parish Visitor*.

Easter is on April 4. Once again, details will be given in the next issue of the *Parish Visitor*.

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Loving Hands Sandwich Ministry

Our Loving Hands Sandwich Ministry was started at AUMC in July 2019 when Vicki Palmer discovered that there are many Mercer County families with food insecurities. She suggested that we provide sandwiches for the newly developed Mercer County Mental Health Program. Our Mercer County Health Department provides many services for their clients, including food for families in need.

We partnered with the Health Department and soon expanded our food services to providing frozen entrees, nutritious food packs to be easily prepared at home as well as sandwiches. We have teamed with Riverbend Food Bank in Davenport to obtain food at reasonable prices to provide some of the supplies needed for our Loving Hands Sandwich Ministry.

This ministry team meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:30 PM to prepare food for these families in need. The food is then picked up by Mercer County Health Department who distribute the food packs.

In 2020 our Loving Hands Sandwich Ministry provided 1730 casseroles, 1175 sandwiches, and 1040 food packs to help feed hungry Mercer County families.

We welcome anyone to join this worthwhile ministry!

Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Coordinator

CONNECTION COINS FOR MARCH

The Connection Coins are doing great things in the life of the Aledo UMC! On the 2nd Sunday of each month you are given an opportunity to put your change in the “thinly veiled Pringle” 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 (March 14), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry. The Greeting Card ministry reaches a WIDE range of people! Many birthday and anniversary 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 14th of March 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, March 14th.



AUMC FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

The Caring Hearts freezer is open for those needing food – one trip a week. Monday – Friday 9 AM – Noon. If you know someone who could use some cheer, pick up a treat from the freezer and/or a food pack to prepare at home.

Special Food Pick-Ups Available During Lent

The Education Wing doors will be open from 4:30 – 6:30 PM on Wednesdays for a special food pick-up. There will be bags of fresh produce and HyVee bread products available in the lobby by the church office that you can come in and pick up what you need. We will also have a take-out entrée available at that time.

This is a good time to pick up food as you attend our Community Connections on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. This Mid-Week Program of Inspirational Stories and Discussions are for our entire community!

Here are our planned Lenten take-home entrees (along with free produce and HyVee products):

March 3 rd :	Beef vegetable soup
March 10 th :	Chicken noodle soup
March 17 th :	Irish potato soup
March 24 th :	Chicken rice soup

During our recent ten-week Winter Curbside and Delivery Food Distribution our volunteers gave out 658 food packs. Thank you to all who made that possible!

Ruth Dulaney, Volunteer Coordinator

Friendship Connection

Hello Church Family! Hope everyone is doing well. I would like to tell you about a new program we are starting in March. We are looking for people who would like to have a friendship check-in with a partner. You and your partner would check-in with each other every week. You may call, text or email each other and find out how you each are doing and what prayer requests you could each pray about for each other. You can feel free to work out the details with your connection partner and how often to check in with each other. We would like you to sign up by March 15th so we can pair you up with someone.

Your connections will run through Memorial Day, May 31. When you sign up we would like you to tell us how you would want to be contacted. Some of you might want phone calls, some may want to text and some of you may want to email like pen pals. You can sign up by contacting the church office or emailing me at skenny57@gmail.com. Please remember to say how you want contacted by your partner.

Love in Christ, Susie Kenney

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

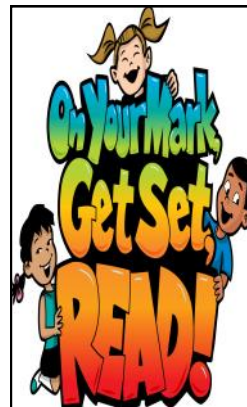
WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

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 TALES,
OUR CHILDREN'S**

**LIBRARY
IN THE
EDUCA-
TION
WING?
STEP INTO
THE
WORLD
OF
READING!**



**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**

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN MARCH

March is Irish American Month. It's also Music in Our Schools Month. And Craft Month. Also Frozen Food Month, Peanut Month, Women's History Month, Poetry Month and Social Workers Month. Here are some special days to celebrate in March: 1st- Frozen Food Day, 2nd- Old Stuff Day, 3rd- If Pets Had Thumbs Day, 4th- Hug a GI Day, 5th- Banana Split Day, 6th- Ash Wednesday, 7th- Crown Roast of Pork Day, 8th- Be Nasty Day, 9th- Panic Day, 10th- Middle Name Pride Day, 11th- Johnny Appleseed Day, 12th- Plant a Flower Day, 13th- Ear Muff Day, 14th- Learn about Butterflies Day, 15th- Everything You Think is Wrong Day, 16th- Everything You Do is Right Day, 17th- Saint Patrick's Day, 18th- Goddess of Fertility Day, 19th- Poultry Day, 20th- Extraterrestrial Abductions Day, 21st- Fragrance Day, 22nd- National Goof Off Day, 23rd- Chip and Dip Day, 24th- Pet Your Pet Day, 25th- Waffle Day, 26th- Make Up Your Own Holiday Day, 27th- "Joe" Day, 28th- Something on a Stick Day, 29th- Smoke and Mirrors Day, 30th- I am in Control Day and 31st- Jelly Donut Day.

Pets with opposable thumbs, snacks, middle names and little green men- take time this month to step out of your routine- recognize and celebrate the fun, unusual and downright weird days March has to offer!



MARCH 16TH BLOOD DRIVE



You can save a life by donating blood to the American Red Cross. It is our church's turn to host the monthly Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 16th from 11:30-5:30 at the Mercer County VFW.

All COVID precautions will be followed. Giving blood is actually quite safe and is very much needed at this time. The pandemic has not reduced the need for blood each and every day.

Anyone willing to help on March 16th, please contact me. We DO NOT need any food donations this year. Thanks to Tom and JeAnne Balmer for their help with every month's drive.

I encourage you to come on March 16th to give blood and potentially save a life.

2021 Scholarships



It is almost that time again! Time to think about graduation and scholarships. Early in March we will be sending out invitation letters to our seniors, inviting you to apply for our Gilliland Simpson, Sandquist Scholarship. The deadline for returning the application is April 1. Mail or email it in, or bring it to the office by that date. Late applications cannot be honored.

Anyone entering college or a trade school is invited to apply.

Church Website

Have you looked at your church's website? If not, go to www.myaledoumc.com and see what's going on! Not only can you see the "basics" about the Aledo United Methodist Church, you can find the most current church calendar. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!



The United Methodist Men will meet on March 15, 2021. There will be a meal, a short business meeting, and lots of fellowship. All men are welcome!

AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School packets for at-home study are available. These packets are for children/students pre-school aged through 12th grade. Please email Kathleen at kathleen@myaledoumc.com to get your At-Home Sunday School packets.

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? Snow shoveling? Pet sitting? Cake baking? 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!

MISSION TRIP/CAMP STATUS MEETING

The next mission trip/camp status meeting will be Sunday, March 14 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!



SECOND SUNDAY SPECIAL

Our next "Second Sunday Special" will be held on March 14. 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.)

ARE YOU READY FOR A STORY?

Do you have a small 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, under the video tab.

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CONFIRMATION, 2021

We are proud to announce the members of our 2021 Confirmation class. This year's class includes Josie Brown, Jaiden La Due, Sophia Latko and Natalie Thomson. The class meets once a week on Sunday mornings. Confirmation will be conferred on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 during the 10:30 am service. Please pray for our confirmands as they explore, learn about and strengthen their faith. Thank you!



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: **connectmetochrist**.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

03/02/2002– Ron & Carole Schmidt
 03/05/1965– Richard & Sonjia Fell
 03/10/1973– Donald & Barbara Manthe
 03/16/1990– Greg & Wanda Cobert
 03/20/1993– Garrett & Jodi Lindell
 03/21/2009– William & Angie Millar
 03/25/1972– Bruce & Linda Hall
 03/27/1965– Ronald & Sharon Hank
 03/31/1979– James & Lynn Childs



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

03/01- Ruth Dulaney
 03/02– Linda Morrow
 03/09– Darlene Jones
 03/12– Sharon Peterson
 03/16– Carol Hess
 03/26– Shirley Harker
 03/27– Ella Luallen



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Tuesday, March 23 @ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Chuck Alexander/health	Gildea family/ missionaries	Mick McDonald family	Dick Zimmermann
Alicia/cancer	Gloria/cancer	Ron Monroe/health	Brandy Young/cancer
Amelia/breast cancer	Bailey Greene/decisions	Linda Morrow	Brookstone residents
Audrey Anderson/health	Jim Hanson/cancer	Jody Newton/cancer	Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
Mary Etta Baxter/health	Gerri Harmon/healing	Pauline Noble	Military & families
Bishop Beard/leadership	Tracy Hennenfent/chemo	Joel Noe/health	All ill/in hospitals
Genniene Billiet/cancer	Claudette Hogan/health	Perry/cancer	Our world leaders
Karen Buchanan/ healing	Parker Hopkins/2yrs/ cancer	Judith Redlinger	Our Church/congregation
Sandra Chambers	Jackson/CP	Andy Rutledge/cancer	Those suffering from depression
Julia Cirks/cancer	Janet Jenson/cancer	Roger S/cancer	Marriages
Sue Colvin/chemo	John	Joe Schrock/healing	Coronavirus patients
Ashley Dewitt/ health	Terry Jones/cancer	Sharon/stem cell trans- plant	Our denomination/peace
Adam Douglas/health	John Karwath/cancer	Gary Smith/health	Our country/world
Jim Droste	Chad King/brain tumor	Mike Sponsler	Equality for all persons
Jimmy Dutton/kidney donor	Bob & Vivian Kopp	Sydney/healing	Safety for our police officers
Lauren Eggen/cancer	Jon Lee/cancer	Joe Thibedoux/ lymphoma	Victims of fires & storms
Rich & Sonjia Fell/ health	Nadine Liby	Charley Thomas	
Don Franks	Lisa/cancer	George Unsworth/health	Mercer County Schools
Carol Freeman/cancer	Maddie/3yrs old/cancer	Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor	Administration, Teachers, Students and Staff
CJ Friedel	Eric Matich/6yrs/ leukemia	Marsha Whitman/cancer	National and Local Governmental Leaders
Gail/chemo & radiation	Marcia/cancer		

SIMPLE LENT ACTIVITIES FOR ALL CHRISTIAN KIDS

BY TARA ZIEGMONT

<https://feelslikehomeblog.com/2016/02/16-simple-lent-activities-for-kids-for-all-christians/>

I have often written through the years about Advent. It is the season of waiting immediately before Christmas, a joyful and expectant time when Christians prepare for the birth of Christ. Lent is a similar time of waiting immediately before Easter, but it is a solemn and expectant time as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made in giving his life for all humanity.

Lent is observed as the six weeks before Good Friday. It is preceded by Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, the day on which observers eat the last of their fatty, rich foods so that they don't go to waste during the fasting season of Lent. The first official day of Lent is Ash Wednesday (February 17 this year), then there are 40 days of fasting and 6 celebration days (Sundays). The timing reflects the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, hungry and tempted by Satan.

Any family can talk about Jesus' sacrifice and celebrate his resurrection, no matter what they choose to eat on Fridays or whether they fast during Lent. It doesn't have to be an all or nothing proposition.

With that in mind, I want to start observing Lent with my kids. I want to talk about Jesus more. We will still have Easter baskets and Easter egg hunts and the Easter bunny, but I want them to know that this whole Easter deal is to celebrate our risen savior who conquered death.

1. Learn to pray. Let's be honest. Most Christians do not have an active prayer life, and those that do often neglect to let their kids see and hear them pray. (I'm not saying that's you, friend, but it is me, and I know that there are many others like me!) If you aren't sure that your kids know how to pray, try out [my 40 prayers in 40 days cards](#). Just right for Lent, each card will prompt your kids to pray for a certain thing or person – and they will learn how to talk to God along the way.

2. Give up something as a family. Jesus fasted for 40 days. That is a very long time! It would be meaningful to teach your children about fasting by giving up something for the entire Lenten season or on Fridays during Lent. It could be giving up desserts, not going out to eat, or drinking only water. The key is that it has to be something you enjoy and want to do/eat/have. If you hate brussels sprouts and decide to give them up during Lent, you may need to reevaluate.

3. Build a [Lenten Cross](#). Similar to an Advent wreath, you light one or more candles each night during dinner for the entire Lenten season. I want to get this going with my family this year.

4. Observe Passover with a [Christian Passover Dinner](#).

5. Read Easter books. Some of our favorites are [The Parable of the Lily](#) and [The Jesus Calling Bible Story-book](#). [One Spring Lamb](#) is really precious for littler kids.

6. Read the Bible together every day. I think this is a given, but it's worth mentioning. You need to be reading the Bible with your kids every day, and this would be a great opportunity to focus on the ministry of Jesus.

7. Make and study as set of [Resurrection Eggs](#). I just love these eggs. They are a set of 12 plastic Easter eggs, each containing a trinket related to the Easter story. Using the eggs, children can tell the whole story of the crucifixion and resurrection. We have used them for a lot of years now.
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UMW SPRING HOPE GIFTS FOR CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME

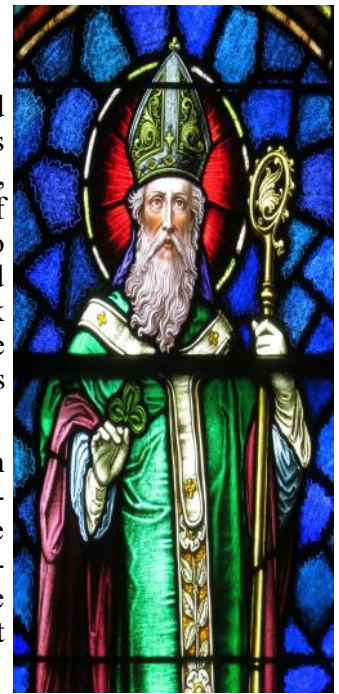
The Spoon River District is asked to provide full-sized toothpaste tubes for the Spring Hope Gifts. Cunningham also always appreciates gift cards. The most requested are Amazon, McDonalds, Visa, and Walmart. Single cards in larger amounts are preferred, as one card for \$25 is easier for the youth to use than 5 cards for \$5 each.

If the Spring Meeting ends up being virtual, gift cards are the best option. We would need to mail the toothpaste, and the postage cost would be better spent on gift cards. Please have your donations in the office by April 16.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Most of what is known about him comes from his two works; The Confessio, a spiritual autobiography, and his Epistola, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians. He described himself as a "most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous paean of thanks to my Maker for having chosen me as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped idols and unclean things had become the people of God." St. Patrick is also widely known for driving the snakes out of Ireland. And while it's true there are no snakes in Ireland, there probably never have been- the island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the Ice Age.

Although it's not known for sure why we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, one theory is that it's the day St. Patrick died. It is a religious holiday in Ireland, with many businesses closed. Have you ever wondered why the shamrock is so closely tied to St. Patrick's Day? Well, none other than St. Patrick himself used it to explain the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) to the pagans. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day...but don't forget the strong religious ties it bears!



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8. Make a prayer chain. Write a person or situation on each of 40 strips of paper. Assemble them into a paper chain. Remove one link per day, and pray for that thing with your kids.

9. Grow something. Make sure you get [The Parable of the Lily](#) which is a wonderful explanation of how something wonderful can grow from something dead and ugly. There are lots of spring bulbs and seeds in stores already, so you should be able to get some inexpensively.

10. Write a thank you note to your pastor. Help your kids to thank him or her for teaching them about Jesus's death and resurrection.

11. Bake pretzels. Pretzels were first baked during Lent because they can be made with only water, flour, and salt. The shape came from a posture of prayer, with arms crossed and hands on opposite shoulders. A monk made dough into this criss-crossed shape, and the pretzel was born! You can get a simple recipe for [homemade pretzels at Catholic Icing](#).

No matter how you choose to observe Lent with your kids, the key is that *you actually do it*. Talk to your kids about Jesus, about His sacrifice, about their Savior. Start today.

*****Safety Alert*****

Aggressive scammers are calling Medicare beneficiaries asking people if they have received their new Medicare Card and would like to go over personal information so that they can be sent a new medical ID bracelet. Hang up immediately!

This is just one of many scams where you are asked to disclose financial information.

You should never give your personal information over the phone to anyone!



Thank You!

Thank you to Sumner Point Beef for donating and providing ground beef for our many food distributions, both Outreach and Loving Hands!

A Special Thank You

Aledo United Methodist Church,

Thank you to all your "Loving Hands" that help with the meals and food supplies for our Emergency Food Pantry at the Health Department. We are so thankful for all you do and provide for our clients and community.

Mercer County Health Department Mental Health Action Program

Dear Aledo Methodist Church,

Please accept this gift from Genesis Medical Center Aledo Admin for your Loving Hands Ministry. As we all strive to care for our community during the pandemic, it is comforting to know that we are in this together! Thank you for all that you do for our community!

God bless,
Heidi Hess
CNO

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

On Sunday, March 14th, at 2AM, you need to turn that clock ahead! (OK, if you REALLY want, you can do it Saturday the 13th before you go to bed!) If you DON'T change your clock before you go to bed, you might be LATE FOR CHURCH! And we would NOT want that! So...make sure you "spring forward" on March 14th!



Dear Ruth and Committee,

We would like to thank you for being so generous with the food donation ministry. Bud and I, along with the other families in Keithsburg, have truly been blessed.

Bud & Kay Laubach

**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



**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 March Radio Broadcasts

March 7– A friend of AUMC– to God be the glory!

March 14– Stan & Paula Nelson in memory of Linda Beguelin on the 1 year anniversary of her death

March 21– Available

March 28– Pastor Dave and Candice in memory of Candice's father, Leigh Leach



FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,993.29)

Date	02/07/2021	02/14/2021	02/21/2021	02/28/2021
Attendance	66	48	77	NA
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$12,245.00	\$8,802.00	\$3,849.00	NA

