

The Parish Visitor

July, 2016



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Dealing With Realities

by Rev. Mark

On Saturday, April 9, our congregation received devastating news. Our beloved organist, Pat Olson, died suddenly. Those of us who were gathering that morning for The Journey came together, prayed and cried. We then cowboied up and did what we needed to do to make sure The Journey was a success...in Pat's memory.

Early on, the leadership of the church agreed that a knee-jerk reaction to Pat's death- rush right out and hire a new musician- would be wrong. So we intentionally waited. During the interim, we have been incredibly blessed to have Molly Joseph and Anita Heard very capably provide music on Sundays.

And now, the next step begins. Over the past few weeks, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (the church committee responsible for paid staff) has been, after much conversation and planning, advertising for a new "organist or pianist". The wording is intentional. The truth of the matter is that, as far back as 2010, there were only about 200 students pursuing college training in organ performance- nationwide. 200- to service the approximately 350,000 Christian congregations in this country. That's ONE organist for every 1,750 congregations. Those are not good odds. So we asked for organists AND pianists. The deadline for application is after this newsletter goes to press.

The other issue we are dealing with is the condition of the organ. Pat made that organ sing- anybody who heard her play knows that. But the truth is that more than one professional has looked at it, as well as a few very capable organists, and they all agree that there are major problems with the instrument. The bottom line, based on the recommendations offered by a specialist in organ repair and installation, is that it would take somewhere between \$70,000 and \$95,000 to fully repair our organ. And if we were to consider a new instrument, *"the range of cost for a pipe organ for a small to medium sized church is in the area of \$200,000-\$850,000"*, according to the Associated Pipe Organ Builders of America. Sadly, those are astronomical figures for an instrument that we may or may not be able to even find someone to play.

On the other hand, a top of the line electronic instrument that can A. do everything we would want, including sound like a full organ, B. be played by anyone who can play the piano and C. connect directly into our sound system would be in the neighborhood of \$7,000-\$9,000. Like we were with the church bus at this time last year, we are at a crossroads with the organ. It has beautifully accompanied our praises to God for MANY decades. But everything has a life span and it seems apparent that our organ has reached the end of that span.

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SPECIAL DATES:

- July 3 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- July 4 Office Closed for Independence Day Holiday
- July 7 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- July 11 Finance Meeting 6PM
- July 11 Trustees Meeting 7PM
- July 16 UMW Pork Chops @ Mercer Market 10:30AM-1PM
- July 17-20 Vacation Bible School 5-7:30PM
- July 21 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- July 21 Naomi Wesleyan Circle @ Doug's T&C 11:30 AM
- July 21 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM
- July 24 CIA Luncheon 11:30 PM
- July 24 Administrative Council 7:15PM
- July 25 UM Men Dinner/Meeting 6PM
- July 25 Relay for Life Meeting
- July 25 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM

CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev. Mark

On Sunday, June 5, we went back to The Psizzlin' Psummer Psalm Psermon Pseries...Psecond Psequal! The last week of the series looks like this:

Sunday, July 3- 4th of July- The Gates of Freedom (Psalm 118)

Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth.

Then, on Sunday, July 10, we start a very interesting and unusual...experiment- **U Pick 'Ems!** Here's the concept- every week, the folks in the pews will get a choice of three Bible characters. They will vote on which one they want to see the next week. And THAT will be the one I preach on! But instead of a normal "sermon", each week's message will be a monologue from the character themselves. Some of the characters that don't get picked will slide down to become choices in later weeks. The weeks of the series look like this:

Sunday, July 10- Week 1, Old Testament

Choices: Jacob wrestles with God

Joshua leads the Hebrews across the Jordan and into the Promised Land

Samson gets a haircut

Sunday, July 17- Week 2, New Testament

Choices: the stoning of Stephen

Matthias is chosen as the new disciple

Joseph of Arimathea comes to Jesus in the night

Sunday, July 24- Week 3, Old Testament

Choices: Absalom rebels against his dad, King David

The suffering of Job

Sunday, August 7- Week 4, New Testament

Choices: Nicodemus' complex relationship with Jesus

Thomas says what we all think

Sunday, August 14- Week 5, Old Testament

Choices: Samuel reflects on his call

Jonah and the big fish

Come each week expecting God to speak to you in powerful ways!



SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN JULY

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

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDIES

His Name is Jesus

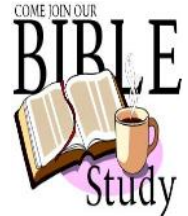
WHAT: Rev. Mark's Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe'

WHY: Get to know Jesus---and discover what it means to follow him as Savior and Lord! This back-to-basics interactive study helps you understand the Gospels chronologically; see how Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecy; and explore how his ministry enacted the saving reign of God.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$10



The Gospel of Luke

WHAT: Rev. Mark's Wednesday morning MEN'S Bible Study

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 6:30AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: With a historian's precision, Luke's Gospel shows painstaking care both in detail and in expression. Of equal distinction is the universal appeal of the Gospel. Dr. William Barclay wrote that this Gospel makes " Christ the open door for all without reserve. " In many areas that were either minimized or neglected by the other Gospel writers, Luke's account is more complete, emphasizing prayer, the dignity of women, and praise of God. Barclay's insightful comments help each of us to see the infinitude of God's love through Luke's eyes.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$15

Fundamentals of the Faith

WHAT: Rev. Mark's Sunday Morning Bible Study

WHEN: Sundays @ 9:15AM

WHERE: In the Dining Room

WHY: Fundamentals of the Faith is a thirteen-lesson study which blend basic biblical truths with personal obedience and service. This study is ideal to disciple new believers or help more mature Christians sharpen their understanding.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship,
FUEL and the Adult Bible Study
will ALL be back on Wednesday,
September 7th! Mark your
calendars!**



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I understand the connection that many of us have to the pipe organ- I sincerely do. I also understand the reality of a ever-dwindling pool of organists and an astronomical cost for repair or replacement. Therefore, after **much** prayer and soul searching, it is my recommendation to both the Administrative Council and the Trustees that we "retire" the organ and replace it with a top-of-the-line electronic instrument that will still provide us with the sound we want, be extremely versatile and be much more in line with our current reality regarding available musicians and funds. I covet your prayers as we move forward.

BORROWING CHURCH PROPERTY

Did you know there is a way for you to borrow tables, chairs, etc. from the church for a family function, yard sale, meeting? If the requested items are available, we ask that you fill out a Use Agreement Form letting us know what you will be using the items for, and when you will be picking up and returning them. Contact the office for more information.



C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON

by Joanne Harris

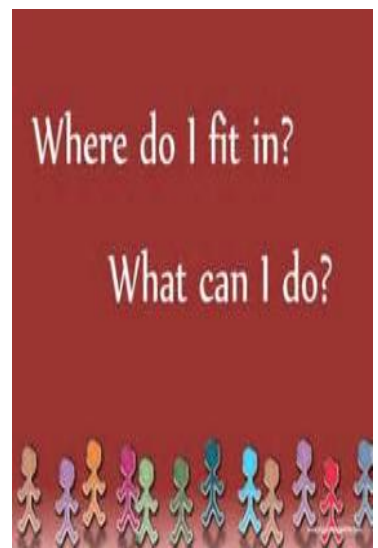
C.I.A. (Caring Individual Adults) continues to flourish! This group is open to both mature men and women who live alone. This includes anyone who has lost their spouse, divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. Once a month, at 11:30AM, the Caring Hearts ministry provides a luncheon for CIA. **The July luncheon is set for Sunday, July 24th.** You don't have to bring anything except yourself. Feel free to invite a friend to share the meal and fellowship. I will look forward to seeing you at the next CIA luncheon!

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!

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 Rev. Mark. Mike Millar or Ruth Dulaney.



Did You Miss Sunday's Sermon?

If you miss church on Sunday, you can STILL experience the sermon. Simply go to 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. Please share these links with your friends and family.



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!



The Fellowship Café Needs YOU!

We are in need of more people who are willing to serve in our Café. The Café is open **Sundays, 7AM to 11:45AM**. We need people willing to work a shift, or even just an hour a month. . There are 3 shifts (7-8AM, 9-10:15AM, and 11:15-noon). It takes 24-30 people per month to run this, so volunteers are needed! We currently have 8 members on our team, so we need you! If you would like to join us, contact **Ruth Dulaney (309-738-6151) or Deb Swank (309-582-5727 or 309-337-1869)** with your availability. Thank you for helping us to connect people to Jesus Christ!



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!

But First, Let Me Take A Selfie



How many selfies do you think you take a day? A few weeks ago, a friend showed me her iPod and she said that she had taken over 100 selfies one night just because she was bored. That's a lot of selfies! Selfies are a fun way to show all your friends the great hair day you're having or the awesome place you're visiting on social media.

When we take a selfie and post it, we let the world know what we're up to. Whether we've just tried the new coffee shop on the corner, or decided to dye our hair red, the selfie shows who we are and what we are doing to the online world. Selfies are a lot like the Bible should be in our lives. The Bible should be showing us who we are and what we are to be doing.

The Bible shows us who we really are. If we need a self-esteem boost, the Bible shows us our great worth to God. (1 Cor 6:20) If we are afraid, the Bible shows us that we are bold. (Proverbs 28:1) If we feel we can't make it, the Bible shows us we can. (Phil 4:13) Just like a selfie, the Bible shows us who we are. We might not feel like we're worth much, are bold, or that we can make it, but our feelings don't matter. What matters is what is true, and the truth is found in God's word. God's word shows us who we are.

God's word also shows us what we are doing. Reading the Bible can open your eyes to habits that you need to get rid of, or things in your life that need to change. We should be constantly striving to be more like God. So when we see a habit or attitude in our life that doesn't line up with the Bible, we need to change that habit or attitude.

So the next time you snap a selfie or pick up your Bible let it be a reminder of how important the word of God is. God's word is powerful and can change our thoughts and actions if we let it. Challenge yourself today to go deeper into God's word and let His words transform you.

*Melissa Coleman
Director of Youth and
Children's
Ministries*

VBS

July 17-20th

5-7:30pm



What's Coming Up, TAG:

**2/3rd of God: July 16th,
10am-12pm**

**ATTN, 6-8th graders,
Join us on every Tuesday
from 5-6:15pm**

**Senior High (9-12th),
come learn and fellowship
with us every Sunday
from 6:00-7:15pm**

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

07/03/1959– Roger & Linda Tharp
 07/05/1997– Bill & Brooke Fleuette
 07/06/1985– Rev Mark & Joanne Harris
 07/07/1977– Max & Molly Paulsgrove
 07/07/2008– Brian & Dixie Wieskamp
 07/08/2000– Mike & Laurie Hurley
 07/09/1977– Paul & Mary Flint
 07/10/1977– Roger & Cindy Hutchins
 07/12/1959– Tom & JeAnne Balmer
 07/19/1947– Ed & Marian Nesbitt
 07/23/2011– Don & Elizabeth Schroeder
 07/24/1982– Charley & Connie Thomas

Happy Anniversary

UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

07/05– Mildred Harris
 07/08– Carole Schmidt
 07/11– Phyllis Batson
 07/16– Frances Blick
 07/17– Jennievee Maynard
 07/27– Bettie Speer
 07/28– Julia Fairburn



The deadline for the next
Parish Visitor is

Thursday, July 21

at 8am.

Please have all articles submitted
by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Hank & Betty Allan
 Jodie Andress
 Donna Armstrong
 Ella Mae Baker
 Scott Balmer
 Nicole Bell
 Ida Brown
 Cindy Bosold
 Patty Bruner
 Judy Bunnell
 John & Bev Carlin
 Cameron
 Melissa Coleman
 Hurley Crossman
 Joe D
 Karen Dahlstrom
 Donny & Kimberly
 Adam Douglas
 Linda Douglas family
 Brenda Dunbar
 Judy Elliott
 Chris Engstrom
 Ron/Diane Engstrom
 Paul Engwall
 Don & Lyn Franks

Brenda Freeman
 Jeff G
 Larry Grant
 Susie Hall
 Beverly Haney
 Delmar Harmon
 Chris Harper/job
 Rev Harris & family
 Ralph Hill & family
 Ida Hoben
 Dora Mae Howlett
 Linda Hoy
 Noah Huston
 Jenny
 Annabelle Kell
 Alison Kuk
 Nadine Liby
 Katie Leuth
 Nikki Lynch
 Joe Miller & family
 Mick & Janice Miller
 Kelly Moss
 Noah Muske
 Joe & Kristin Ott
 Bev Palmer

Linda Patsche
 Bonnie Peterson
 Suzanne Ramer
 Bryce Rathje
 Sandy Reeves
 Dylan Reid
 Richard Rockhold
 Richard Rutledge family
 Shelby's family/lost grandpa
 Ken Slawinski family
 Irvin Tharp
 Kenny Tharp
 Teresa Thomas
 Robin Vaughn
 Marilyn Wagler
 Ashley White
 Bill Wilson
 Eric Zimmerman
 Spiritual warfare
 Shut Ins/ Nursing Homes
 Military & families
 Law enforcement & families
 All ill/in hospitals
 Our nation & world
 City of Orlando

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



RHUBARB WRAP-UP

Another Rhubarb Fest Luncheon is in the books and all we can say is, "Wow!" 1,042 meals served via the dining room, carry-outs, or deliveries. 316 pies served with the meals or sold whole. Our final profits have not yet been determined, due to the fact that several bills are still coming in, but we should have made enough to cover (or almost) our \$9,244.00 United Methodist Women 2016 budget. Unbelievable, isn't it?

The numbers of our luncheon tell one successful story, but the REAL stories come from the incredible spirits of volunteerism, dedication, generosity, and willingness to help in whatever way possible, that our UMC church family members continue to show every year. Do we take seriously our mission statement of "We exist to connect others to Jesus Christ?" You bet we do! We wish all of you could have heard the wonderful comments attendees said about our friendliness, our elevator, our organization, the number of helpers (we had about 190 total), the great kids we had helping, etc., etc., etc.

We are so proud of our congregation.

THANK YOU and God bless you all.

Aledo UMW co-presidents,

Mary Flint and Molly Joseph



MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY

"Be very careful, then, how you live...making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil."
Ephesians 5:15

Time is a remarkable gift from God. The dates on our calendars represent the moments God has given us. But how do we use them? We can fill those moments in a wide variety of ways. Author E. B. White once said, "When I get up in the morning I am torn between saving the world and enjoying the world. This makes it very difficult to plan my day."

And he's right. Saving the world seems an impossible task. What difference will our little acts of goodness possibly make in the overall scheme of things? No wonder so many people today allow time to run through their fingers like sand.

God challenges us to be good stewards of our time, our talent, our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. We are to make the most of our opportunities. Our efforts to make a difference for the kingdom of God will not be wasted. God will establish our work through the power of his grace.

Connection Coins For July

The Connection Coins (or as Rev. Mark calls them, the “thinly-veiled Pringles cans”!) are doing great things in the life of the Aledo UMC! On the 2nd Sunday of each month, during the Children’s Moment, the ushers pass around those cans. You are encouraged to drop your change in- although we WILL accept “folding money”! And that change goes toward helping fund a ministry within the church.

This month (July 10th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward the HyVee bread ministry, to help cover fuel costs for Jerry, the deliveryman. All proceeds collected from the July 10th Connection Coins will go toward helping fund this ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ. So bring your change on July 10th!



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!



Church Membership

by Rev. Mark

As of this writing, 26 folks have joined our church so far this calendar year. 26. In 6 months. I don't know about you, but I think that's pretty exciting! As a way of wrapping your head around that, more than 50% of the United Methodist Churches across the country won't have ONE new member this year. God is doing GREAT things here. And I, for one, am pretty jazzed to be a part of it!

What about...YOU? 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?

FOR I KNOW
THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU
DECLARES
THE LORD
PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
AND NOT HARM YOU
PLANS TO GIVE YOU
H O P E
AND A FUTURE



United Methodist Women

Fellowship Picnic

August 2nd at 6:00 PM

At Ruth Dulaney's house

705 NW 2nd Ave

Meet and Carpool at the church at 5:45 PM

Pulled Pork Sandwiches provided

Bring a dish to share and your lawn chair

Join us for the food, fun, and fellowship!

Fearless- An Adult Bible Study For Vacation Bible School

by Rev. Mark

For the 3rd year in a row, Vacation Bible School will offer an Adult Bible Study! In addition to the "normal" VBS programming, dinner AND an adult Bible study class are being offered to make it more of a family event. I will be leading the Adult Bible Study and here's what it looks like:

WHAT: Fearless- Rev. Mark's Adult VBS Class

WHEN: Sunday, July 17 through Wednesday, July 20, 6PM-7:30PM (after dinner)

WHERE: In the Seeker's Room in the Education Wing

WHY: Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turnovers at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, up-swings in global warming. The plague of our day- terrorism- even begins with the word "terror". Fear, it seems, has taken up a hundred-year lease on the building next door and set up shop. Oversized and rude, fear herds us into a prison of unlocked doors. Wouldn't it be great to walk out on fear?

Imagine your life, wholly untouched by fear and anxiety. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain? Envision a day, just one day, where you could trust more and fear less. Can you imagine your life without fear? Join me and find out.

WRMJ Thought For the Day

On the week of Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29, Rev. Mark will be offering up the daily Thought For the Day on radio station WRMJ. Be sure to tune in and listen! But also invite your friends who don't have a church home to listen in as well!

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.



What Musical Gifts Do YOU Have?

With a new, third Sunday morning worship service starting in the Fall, the need for musicians and singers increases. What untapped musical gifts do YOU have? Perhaps you sing or play a musical instrument? If so, maybe God is calling you to a greater commitment in our worship services. Here is a list of the current music ministry opportunities available: [The new 9:15AM Worship Service needs a pianist, an acoustic guitarist and singers. See Rev. Mark for details.](#)

[The Vocal Choir always has room for more singers. See Molly Joseph for more info.](#)
[The Bell Choir is looking for more ringers, including substitutes. See Ila Bertrand for details.](#)

[Do you play the piano? We could use your gifts! See Mike Millar to find out more.](#)

Pray about stepping out in faith. If you feel God calling you to join the music ministry of the church...answer that call!



Independence Day



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

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

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

Rock and Worship

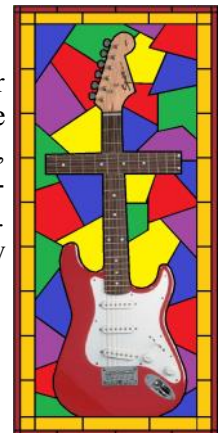
On Sunday, September 11, a new day dawns at The Aledo United Methodist Church. Our new morning worship service- Rock and Worship- officially kicks off that day. This new service will be built around electric guitar, drums and bass. It will be a slightly shorter (50 minutes), more casual service. It will feature weekly Communion and a new original video Call to Worship each week that is based on the message for the day and built around a classic rock song. Both Sunday School (K-12th Grade) and Nursery (Birth-4 years old) are available. The new worship schedule will be:

8AM- Contemporary Worship

9:15AM- Rock and Worship

Sunday School for all ages

10:30AM- Blended Worship



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



WORSHIP TIMES:
Sundays 8AM &
10:15AM
Sunday School 9:15AM

Online Giving

by Rev. Mark

More people are now making their weekly/monthly/yearly offering to your church online! If you go to our home page (www.myaledoumc.com) and choose “giving” from the Navigation Bar near the top, it will take you to a page that will provide the opportunity for you to give electronically. You can either do a one-time gift or a recurring monthly gift.

“Pastor, why would that be good for the church?” Thanks for asking! It’s SO easy to forget your checkbook at home one week. It’s also so easy to forget to give your offering when you are out of town. But the truth of the matter is that the financial commitments of the church...the bills, if you will...don’t decrease on those weeks when people forget to tithe. Our financial commitments are steady all year long. Therefore, having a steady, dependable stream of giving helps us better plan for next week, next month and next year!

In addition to 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?

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.



FINANCIAL MATTERS

(WEEKLY NEED \$6,082)

Date	06/05/2016	06/12/2016	06/19/2016	06/26/2016
Attendance	217	183	210	219
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$8,149.20	\$3,661.00	\$4,958.25	\$4,103.11

