

The Parish Visitor



November 2018

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

by Rev. Mark

What does "Thanksgiving" mean to you? Turkey? Dressing? Mashed potatoes? Green bean casserole? Hawaiian Sweet Rolls? Pumpkin cheesecake? All of the above...and more! Something along the lines of what I listed, give or take a few items here and/or there, would describe a typical Harris family Thanksgiving meal. Yes, my wife makes sure the boys and I all get our "favorites". Yes, we work too hard on a meal that takes 15 minutes to eat! Yes, we look forward to the meal and the fellowship.

But, at least for us, Thanksgiving is about SO much more than the menu. We truly see it as a time to more properly focus on being thankful for what we have, who we are and, most importantly, WHOSE we are. And we have SO much to be thankful for this year.

I don't know if you remember, but Joanne and I have set "Milestones" since my cancer diagnosis. Based on the fact that almost 18 months ago, I was given 4-6 months to live, we are grateful to celebrate this Thanksgiving Day together. It was a day we NEVER thought we would see when this journey began. In fact, this Thanksgiving Day is our next milestone. We didn't think it made sense to plan for one 6 months out. So, we look at the next event coming up- graduation, birthday, moving into college, etc.- and that's what we focus on, what we work toward. And then, when we reach it, we set the next one. But not before. One at a time, because we are living life one day at a time. We are NOT trying to look too far ahead, but instead letting Jesus light the path right in front of us.

We will actually have at least TWO Thanksgiving Days this year- we will celebrate with the boys and Joanne's mom on THE day. And then, on the 1st of December, almost all of my extended family (siblings, spouses, grandkids) will be here for a Thanksgiving/Christmas celebration. I pray you have an awesome Thanksgiving this year. I pray, whether it's on the actual day or some other day, that you get to spend time with people you love, breaking bread, sharing fellowship, sharing life. THAT'S what "Thanksgiving" means to me! God is good, all the time!

FUEL- Our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry

by Rev. Mark

Our Wednesday Night Children's ministry- FUEL- is BACK from hiatus! Yes- our Children's Ministry, along with all of our Wednesday Night programming, which has been "on vacation" for the summer is up and running. This season, along with age-appropriate groups for Grade School kids, there will be SEPARATE Bible Studies for Junior and Senior High! (The Senior High is PRETTY doggone excited about that!!) Thanks in advance to all of the adults who make this ministry happen, all of the kids who participate and all of the parents who make sure their kids GET here!

SPECIAL DATES:

- Nov 3 Hunter Baby Shower 1PM
- Nov 4 Communion & Food Pantry Sunday
- Nov 4 UMW Sunday & Golden Age Luncheon 11:45AM
- Nov 5 Charge Conference @ Reynolds UMC 6:30PM
- Nov 6 Holiday Bazaar Pizza Making 6PM
- Nov 8 Caring Hearts Food Prep 9AM
- Nov 12 Office Closed for Veteran's Day
- Nov 12 Holiday Bazaar Sweet Breads 5:30PM
- Nov 14 Holiday Bazaar Set-up 6PM
- Nov 15 Holiday Bazaar Set-up 8AM
- Nov 16 Holiday Bazaar Set-up 8AM
- Nov 16 Follow the Star Holiday Bazaar 3-7PM
- Nov 17 Follow the Star Holiday Bazaar 8-11AM
- Nov 18 CIA Luncheon 11:30AM
- Nov 18 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- Nov 18 Finance Meeting 6:45PM
- Nov 18 Administrative Council Meeting 7:30PM
- Nov 19 Parish Visitor Deadline 8AM
- Nov 19 UM Men's Meeting 6PM
- Nov 22 & 23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 25 Hanging of the Greens 4-6:30PM
- Nov 26 PPRC Meeting 6:30PM
- Nov 26 Endowment Meeting 6:30PM
- Nov 29 Caring Hearts Food Prep 1PM

NEW/CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES



Be Hopeful: A Study of 1Peter

WHAT: Mike Millar's current Tuesday morning Bible Study

WHEN: Tuesdays @ 9AM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Cafe'

WHY: Hope isn't a sedative; it's a shot of adrenaline, a spiritual blood transfusion.

Best-selling author and former pastor Warren Wiersbe preaches the same message Peter preached so long ago. Turning each enlightening page, believers gain increasing confidence in true Hope, a God in whom they don't just wish for eternal life. In Scripture, hope means the promise of salvation for those who have accepted Him and His Son's death and resurrection.

WHAT ELSE: The books are \$8

Ten Men of the Bible: How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World

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 Cafe' next to the sanctuary

WHY: The men of the Bible aren't depicted there because they were perfect, but to highlight their faithfulness to God! In this 10-session study guide, Max Lucado looks at the stories of some of these Scriptural characters, pointing out key decisions they made - and the good or bad consequences that resulted. Each session includes discussion questions.

WHAT ELSE: This study is concluding soon. Watch for info on the new upcoming study!

Max Lucado's Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God

WHAT: Current Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Tim Hay

WHEN: Wednesdays at 6PM

WHERE: In the Fellowship Café, next to the Sanctuary

WHY: What feels shaky in your world? Are you overwhelmed by the problems you're facing or the pain you're feeling? Maybe you feel hurt by the past. Disappointed by the present. Worried about the future. If so, you are not alone, but there is hope. You can live with security and purpose.

UMW SUNDAY AND GOLDEN AGE LUNCHEON

One of the best events in the life of our church is coming up on Sunday, Nov 4th. United Methodist Women Sunday will be celebrated at all 3 services. Our Golden Agers (age 75 and above) will be honored at each service. UMW Sunday brings with it the annual Golden Age Luncheon. EVERYONE is invited to come for a delicious FREE meal (ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, salads, rolls, and desserts) following the 10:30 service. We look forward to a huge crowd! As I say each and every year, we will need to have two groups of people in attendance that day. One, all the Golden Age women of our church family should be present to be honored. Secondly, EVERYONE of all ages needs to come to show their appreciation for everything these ladies have done for our church over the years. November 4th—mark it on your calendars and plan to attend UMW Sunday and the Golden Age Luncheon.



UMW co-presidents, Mary Flint and Molly Joseph

CURRENT/NEW SERMON SERIES

by Rev. Mark

Our current sermon series focuses on **John's 3 Letters** found near the tail end of the New Testament. They are rarely read, rarely referenced, but have a lot packed into their short length. Three different letters, written at three different times, to three different people- yet they're all tied together by the same ideas. The remaining weeks of the sermon look like this:

Sunday, November 4, 2018 The Lady and Her Children (2John 1:1-6)

Children are a gift and should be treated as such.

(Proverbs 22:5-6, Ephesians 6:1-4)

Sunday, November 11, 2018 Don't Lose What You've Worked For (2John 1:7-12)

Be careful what you bring into your home.

(Micah 3:5-6, 2Corinthians 11:12-15)

Sunday, November 18, 2018 Gaius the Faithful (3John 1:1-8)

Let no one be a stranger.

(Jeremiah 22:3, Hebrews 13:1-2)

Sunday, November 25, 2018 Diotrephes the Unwelcoming (3John 1:9-14)

What you DO reflects how you see God.

(Psalm 37:1-4, Galatians 3:26-29)

Come each week expecting to hear from God!



YOU'RE INVITED TO...

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

WHEN: Sunday, December 2nd, 3PM-5:30PM

WHAT: Please join us as we prepare our hearts and church for the upcoming Holiday season. There will be fun, activities AND dinner for the entire family. We encourage everyone, young and old, to mark your calendar and take time out of your busy schedules to be a part of something special.

WHAT ELSE: The weekly Junior and Senior High "The Forge" Youth Groups will be included in this event!

C.I.A. (CARING INDIVIDUAL ADULTS) LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 18TH

CIA continues to flourish! This group is aimed folks who often find themselves eating alone. This includes (but is NOT limited to) anyone who has lost their spouse, divorced or separated, or whose loved one is in the nursing home. The CIA luncheon happens once each month. This month, the luncheon will be on Sunday, November 18th, immediately following the 10:30AM worship service. You don't have to bring anything except yourself. Feel free to invite a friend to share the meal and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you on the 18th of November at 11:45AM!

TOWN HALL MEETING/ CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year, Charge Conference (our annual "meeting" to set both the budget and ministry teams for the coming year) is a bit different. It is on Monday, November 5th at 6:30PM at the Reynolds United Methodist Church. Our District Superintendent Rev. Steve Granadosin will be joining us that day. His approach this year is simple- get the "business" out of the way as quickly as possible and spend the rest of the hour sharing what's going on in our church. He wants to hear what we are doing. He wants to hear what our vision for the future is. He wants to learn more about why we are growing and thriving. Join us as we spend an hour with Rev. Granadosin, sharing about what God is doing here at AUMC!

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES IN NOVEMBER

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

VETERAN DAY OBSERVANCE

Veteran's Day is on Sunday, November 11. That day, we will honor veterans at all 3 worship services. And this year, we are continuing an important part of the observance. We are asking you to submit a picture of your veteran(s) to include in a slide show we will run as part of worship that day. If you would like to submit a picture, you can either email it to the church (office@myaledoumc.com) or bring a "hard copy" to the church office. (If you bring a "hard copy", please put it in an envelope or folder and clearly mark both the envelope/folder AND the picture with A. the name of the person in the picture and B. who the picture should be returned to.) The deadline for submission is Sunday, November 4. If you submitted one last year, you do NOT need to submit again.

As a lead-in to our Veteran's Day observance, starting on Sunday, October 15th, everyone will be encouraged to select a plastic figure from a basket in the sanctuary. The figures will represent members of the Armed Forces, along with Police and Fire Personnel. You are encouraged to put your figure in a prominent place, reminding you to pray for our veterans and first responders- those who put themselves in harm's way for our protection!



THANK YOU!

The Power Pack Ministry gratefully acknowledges each person and group who continue to contribute to this ministry. We could not run this program without your generous donations. To date, approximately 45 meals have been shared, making meal time family time.

Thank You!

by Rev. Mark

On behalf of Joanne, Sam and Hunter, I would like to sincerely thank all of you for the amazing outpouring for Pastor Appreciation Month. We were humbled and overwhelmed by your generosity- both in the gifts you gave us and the wonderful things you said. We feel incredibly blessed to serve alongside each of you. God is doing amazing things at The Aledo United Methodist Church and we are excited and honored to be a part of it! God is good, all the time!

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget- in the wee, small hours of the morning of Sunday Nov. 4th, we turn our clocks **BACK** one hour as we end Daylight Savings Time. So, mark your calendars, adjust your clock, and come to worship on the 4th of November ready to experience God in a powerful way!

UMW FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS BASKETS

UMW Fellowship will be having our annual Christmas Basket event on Tuesday, December 4th at 5:30. We will wrap gifts and put together baskets for families in need. We invite all women of AUMC to participate. There will be a light meal provided. We ask for donations of toiletry/hygiene items and laundry detergent/fabric softener. Donations of Christmas wrap and bows are appreciated as well. Please come and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship and help brighten Christmas for these families.

Do you want to take some food to a friend who is ill or in need? Our Caring Hearts freezer, in a new location 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!



Come and "check out" our Church Library in the Fellowship Café

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 up-to-date church current calendar. Also, the monthly newsletter can be found on our website. Stop by and check it out!

WRMJ RADIO BROADCAST

On the 4th Sunday of each month, and now on any 5th Sundays, we broadcast our 10:30AM Worship Service live on WRMJ. Would you like to sponsor this?

It costs \$70 to sponsor a Sunday broadcast, and is a wonderful way to get our Services out to the public and to those who cannot make it to church. If you are interested, let the office know at 582-2169. If you would like to sponsor in memory of a loved one, give us the information and we will acknowledge it in the bulletin and in the announcements.



CONNECTION COINS FOR NOVEMBER

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 (November 11th), the Connection Coin offering will go toward another important ministry, the Fellowship Café. One of the fastest growing and most-used ministries on Sunday mornings, the Fellowship Café offers a place for people to get some gourmet coffee and a bite to eat while they share in some powerful fellowship. As our Sunday morning attendance grows, so does the number of people reached by the Café. 100% of anything you put in those "thinly-veiled Pringles cans" on November 11th will help fund that valuable ministry. What a GREAT way to help connect people to Jesus Christ! So, bring your change on November 11th!



Operation Christmas Child

Remember:

Your boxes are due by November 4th!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Stuffing mixes
- Peanut butter
- Hamburger Helpers
- Cereals
- Canned chili



- Cream of chicken soup
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Scalloped potato mixes
- Mashed potatoes
- Canned chicken



Bill and Carolyn Pollock invite their church family to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary November 10, 2018 at the Aledo Depot from 1PM to 5PM. The couple requests no gifts.

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Again this year, the “Sonrise” Coffeehouse Sunday School group is sending care packages to individuals from our church that are furthering their education beyond high school. Please supply us with names and addresses. Contact the church office or Ila Bertrand (582-2506). Thanks so much!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is off to a great start! Sunday School is held from 9:15 am – 10:15 am and includes the following groups:

- Grades K-1 Grow, Proclaim and Serve
- Grades 2-3 Grow, Proclaim and Serve
- Grades 4-5-6 Bible Lessons for Kids: Special People in Hebrew History
- Grades 7-8 Adam Hamilton's Unafraid
- Grades 9-12 Adam Hamilton's Unafraid

Join us Sunday mornings!



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/02/1978– Dwight & Joan Reynolds
 11/03/1990– Kris & Heidi Hess
 11/06/1965– Richard & Martha Rittenhouse
 11/08/1980– Michael & Sandra McEwen
 11/10/1969– Bill & Carolyn Pollock
 11/18/1956– Jim & Barbara Runyon
 11/18/1978– Richard & Nancy Robinson
 11/19/1955– Donald & Gerry Harmon
 11/22/1975– John & Christy Bender
 11/26/2006– Tim & Cathy Hay



UM Women Golden Age Birthdays

11/01– Joan Lawson
 11/12– Sarah Brainard
 11/21– Gladys Johnson



The deadline for the next
 Parish Visitor is
Tuesday, November 19th @ 8am.
 Please have all articles submitted
 by this date!

THOSE WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty Allan	CJ Friedel	Martha King/heart	Dick & Martha Rittenhouse
Cindy Allen	Paul Fuchs	Danny Kistler	Joe Thibedoux/lymphoma
Sandy Anderson/health	Gail/chemo & radiation	Allison Kuk/remission	Neil Truman/healing
Sharon Andress	Gavin/healing	Lance Lavine family	Pam Truman/health
Bentley/6yrs/cancer	Bill Glenn	Jon Lee/cancer	Nena Visser/health
Bob Bocox/cancer	Rodney Glidden/lung cancer	Bea Leng	Arlene Walthall/heart
Brian Boenkamp/coma	Angel Goben/health	Matt Leng	Chris Waters
Gary Brown/health	Rita Haizlip	Kelly Mack/cancer	Rebecca Weihler/brain tumor
Holden C/heart	Bruce & Linda Hall/travel	Mary Louck	Gage Welch
Robin Ciccotelli/chemo	Susie Hall/breast cancer	Mary Ann	Dick Zimmerman
Julia Cirks/cancer	Megan Harbor & family	Barb Manthe	Eric Zimmerman family
Tricia/Rory Conway/Lymes	Rev Mark and family	Eric Matich/6yrs/leukemia	AUMC church family
Hurley Crossman/cancer	Michael Harris	Carol McAtee	Shut-ins/Nursing Home residents
Brian Day/leukemia	Gary Heard/healing	Penny Meskan	Military & families
Bob & Marilyn DeClerk	Pam Heath	Violet Meskan/Lyme disease	All ill/in hospitals
Jim & Dee Dellitt	Shirley Harker	Mike Newsom	Our world leaders
Dennis	Marilyn Hessman family	Joel Noe/health	People of Indonesia
Stacey DeSpain/6yrs/health	Sheryl Hodges	Bev Palmer/health	Those suffering depression/substance abuse
Jim Droste	Parker Hopkins/2yrs/cancer	Ember Pappas/cancer	Hurricane Victims
Lauren Eggen/cancer	Janet Jensen/cancer	Connie Parkinson	
Ruth Engle	Carol John	Patrick/surgery	
Chris Engstrom	Debbie Jones/heart	Maddie Perry/cancer	
Soni Engstrom	Terry Jones/cancer	Elizabeth Schroeder	
Evelyn/1yr old/cancer	John Karwath/cancer	Ann Sedam	
Bob Fausett/heart	Missy Kernan	Shondel family/loss	
Janifer Franks family	Aubrey King/cancer	Rich Stirn	
Carol Freeman/cancer	Chad King/brain tumor	Bryce Rathje	
			Mercer County Schools Administration, Teachers, Students and Staff National and Local Governmental Leaders

Youth & Children's Page

CHECK OUT THESE FORGE ACTIVITIES:

Bonfire!

Forge members had a bonfire on Sunday, October 7 at the home of Bill and Carolyn Pollock. We roasted hot dogs and made s'mores! We ate cookies and homemade Snickers salad! We had fun playing games, sharing fellowship and getting to know one another better. A big THANK YOU to Bill and Carolyn for opening your home to us! We all had a great time!

Operation Christmas Child

Members of the Forge are collecting items to be put in the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Items needed include hairbrushes, combs, small notebooks or pads of paper, colorful band-aids, hair bows, lip balm sticks, harmonicas, woodwind recorders, wrapped bar soap, washcloths as well as "wow" items like small stuffed animals, jump ropes or small flashlights. For a full list of items see Kathleen. A collection box is located in the Fellowship Cafe. **All items must be donated by November 4.** On November 4 the items will be packed into the Operation Christmas Child boxes and sent to their destinations. **All items must be to church by November 4.** Donations of \$9 postage per box are also gratefully accepted. Thank you for helping us be successful!

Hanging of the Greens

Don't miss the fun of this year's Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 25, starting at 4 pm. All youth are invited to participate! We need helpers, too! You do not want to miss the crafts, dinner, storytime and singing! For more information, see Kathleen.

SERVICE HOURS

Do you, or someone you know, need service hours? Opportunities for service hours exist through participation in the Forge service projects such as Operation Christmas Child Box Packing and volunteering at the Hanging of the Greens. See Kathleen and get signed up for service hours!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

We continue our youth programming during Wednesday Night Fellowship with FUEL and Bible study. Join us Wednesdays and enjoy a meal with your church family, then attend one of the following groups:

Grades K-1	Super Bible Games and Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments
Grades 2-3	Super Bible Games and Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments
Grades 4-5-6	Super Bible Games and Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments
Grades 7-8	Wild Truth Bible Lessons
Grades 9-12	Max Lucado's Ephesians Bible Study
Wednesday nights are fun and exciting!	



THE FORGE

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." ---Proverbs 27:17

Enter The Forge and burnish yourself into the living Christ! Burn away the old as you grow into the new at The Forge! That's right! You do not want to miss this exciting teen opportunity for fellowship on Sundays!

Schedule:

4 pm – 5:15 pm The Forge (grades 6-8)
 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm Study Hour (a quiet place to study or get homework help)
 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm The Forge (grades 9-12)

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES SPOTLIGHT

By Ruth Dulaney

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." William Shakespeare

Thank you to so many who have been sharing their God-given gifts!

Through our Interest surveys and Volunteer Luncheons at the beginning of our "new" season here at AUMC, we have increased our numbers of volunteers in tech booth, greeters, Fellowship Café workers, Sunday School teachers and helpers, WNF and many other areas – **THANK YOU!**

We now have yet another way to connect people to Jesus Christ through our *Follow the Star* Holiday Bazaar on November 16th and 17th. Will you volunteer to help prepare, work at a booth, or clean up?

All of the profits from the Bazaar are distributed to local charities within our community and our church ministries.

So by sharing your talents with this big event, you are directly giving to missions!

Opportunities to Serve at the Holiday Bazaar

Work at the Holiday Bazaar – contact these Team Leaders to help:

Candy Cane Café: Laura McGinnis

The Country Store: Shelly Reusch or Sara Blaser

Sweet Shoppe: Elene Waters or Kathy Jenkins

Creative Hands: Nancy Robinson

Dinner to Go: Ruth Dulaney

Hot Chocolate Bar: Christy Bender

The Cutting Edge: Mary Anderson

Thanksgiving Blessings: Lyn Franks

Deck the Halls: Linda Morrow

Nativity Displays: Molly Joseph

All Things Wooden: Carol Brown or Kay Laubach

Homemade with Love: Carol Brown

Clean Living: Wanda Cobert

Pampered Pets: Janet Hunter or Ruth Dulaney

Food, Crafts or monetary donations needed

Card tables, Greeters, Cashiers, Oasis workers all needed

Share your Nativity Set(s): (Set up and Take down your own) Questions: Ask Molly Joseph

Set up or Take down the tables & booths: Questions: Ask Ruth Dulaney 309-738-6151

Holiday Bazaar Work Dates

Sunday, November 4th at 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, November 6th at 10:30 AM

Tuesday, November 6th at 5:30 PM

Sunday, November 11th at 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Monday, November 12th at 5:00 PM

Tuesday, November 13th at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, November 14th after WNF

Thursday, November 15th at 9:00 AM

Friday, November 16th at 9:00 AM

Saturday, November 17th at 11:00 AM

Package Pet Treats

Sit Down Tasks

Assemble Pizza

Assemble Gifts in a Jar

Make Sweet Breads, etc. for Country Store

Make Cookies/Candy for Cookie Walk

Set up tables, Nativities

Set up booths

Complete Set Up

Clean up

Dining Room

Dining Room

Kitchen/Dining Room

Kitchen

Kitchen

Kitchen

Fellowship Rm/Basement

Fellowship Rm/Basement

Fellowship Rm/Basement

Fellowship Rm/Basement



FOLLOW THE STAR HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Friday, Nov. 16th 3 PM to 7 PM

Saturday, Nov. 17th 8 AM to 11 AM

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

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

Our Ever Popular Displays & Booths

Beautiful Nativities on display to celebrate the birth of Jesus

The Country Store
Dinner-To-Go (Pizza)
Pampered Pets
All Things Wooden

Sweet Shoppe (Cookie and Candy Walk)
Hot Chocolate Bar
Deck the Halls
Homemade with Love

Creative Hands
The Cutting Edge
Thanksgiving Blessings
Clean Living

Candy Cane Café

Friday meal: 4:30-6:30 PM Vegetable Soup & pulled pork sandwiches or baked beans and a kid's meal of hot dog and chips

Saturday meal: 8:00-10:30 AM Biscuits and sausage gravy

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

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

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

There are still many opportunities to serve! (See Volunteer Opportunities article)

Profits will be used for local missions

THANKSGIVING

by Rev. Mark

Thursday, Nov. 22nd brings the annual celebration of Thanksgiving- a day originally set aside to give thanks for the things one has at the end of the harvest season, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.

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

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





Wednesday Night Fellowship

November 2018 Meals

Come join us for FREE homemade meals on Wednesdays at 5:15 PM.

November 7th	Chicken and Rice Casserole, California Medley Veggies, Jello Salads, Cottage Cheese, Cookies, Ice Cream Sundaes - <i>WNF Volunteer Group</i>
November 14 th	Goulash, Green Beans, Toss Salad, Garlic Bread, Pumpkin Bars, Texas Cake, Orange Sherbet – Ad Council
November 21 st	No WNF – Thanksgiving Break
November 28 th	BREAKFAST – Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, Baked Oatmeal, Mixed Fruit, Pastries, Milk and Orange Juice - <i>UMM</i>

Enjoy the food and fellowship!

SAVE THE DATES!

- December 2– Children’s Christmas Pageant 10:30AM Service**
- December 9– Christmas Cantata 8AM, 10:30AM, and 6PM Presentations**
- December 9– United Methodist Men Sponsored All–Church Lasagna Luncheon 11:45AM**
- December 16– All Church Caroling 2PM**



CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN’S HOME & LESSIE BATES DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE CHRISTMAS

It is time to gather gift cards for Christmas gifts for the children and families at these two places that the United Methodist Women, (and our entire Church), support throughout the year (and especially at Christmas)! Bring your gift cards for Amazon, Family Dollar, Gordmans, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, Wendy’s, Taco Bell, Burger King, Casey’s, Arby’s, iTunes, Toys R Us, or Walmart to the office by November 26th, and we will make sure they arrive at their destinations by December 1st. They have lots of shopping to do to be ready by Christmas! Thank you for your support !

**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**

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.

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.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 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	10/07/2018	10/14/2018	10/21/2018	10/28/2018
Attendance	247	219	222	254
Receipts (Toward Budget)	\$12,493.02	\$3,990.05	\$4,802.00	\$4,372.00